



2017 CONGRESSIONAL CUP

Official Stage of the World Match Racing Tour

March 28-April 2, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

EVENT SPECIFIC ITEMS

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Long Beach Yacht Club.

2 VENUE

The venue will be LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

3 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

3.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from March 28 at 0900.
- (b) Registration open March 28 from 0900 to 1100.
- (c) Crew weighing March 28 0900 to 1100.
- (d) Practice March 28 1100 to 1700. Each team will be notified of their time.
- (e) First briefing on March 29 at 1000.
- (f) First meeting with umpires immediately following First Briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony on March 28 at 1800.
- (h) Racing days from March 29-April 2
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1130 or as announced at the daily briefing
- (j) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (k) Prize giving will be immediately after racing on the final day.

3.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory :

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Photo shoot with the whole team in team clothing after weighing in.
- (d) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (e) Sponsor Appreciation Dinner 1800 on March 27. (Skippers)
- (f) Club 100 Meet the Skippers Cocktail Reception at 1800 on March 28. (Skippers)
- (g) Meet the Skippers Dinner – March 28 at 1900 (Skippers and Crew).
- (h) Club 100 Poolside Cocktail Reception – March 30 at 1800 (Skippers and Crew).
- (i) Jr. Congressional Cup after racing on March 31 (Skippers).
- (j) Sponsor rally race after racing on April 1.
- (k) Finals day Fleet Race for teams placed 5 – 10 overall.
- (l) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

4 INVITES AND WITHDRAWAL

4.1 12 skippers will be invited.

4.2 2 skippers will be invited from the 2017 Ficker Cup. 1 skipper will be invited from the 2016 USA Grand Slam Series.



4.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within one month of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by the WS. (WS Regulation 27.2.2d)

5 DAMAGE AND INSURANCE

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$2500 US shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6 BOATS AND SAILS

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in Catalina 37 type boats.
- 6.2 11 boats will be provided.
- 6.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 6.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each stage as decided by the RC.

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

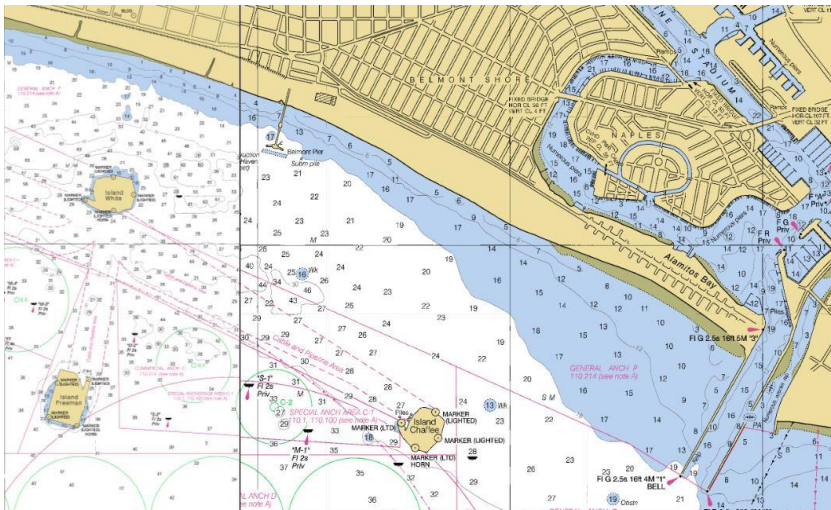
- 7.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be a maximum of 7.
- 7.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 525kg (1156 lbs), when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

8 EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 Event Format 2 as described in STR Attachment A will be used.
- 8.2 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The intended course area will be off the Belmont Pier on the Congressional Cup Stadium Course.





10 PRIZES

- 10.1 The principal prize for first place will be the winner's name engraved on the Congressional Cup and a Crimson blazer. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams. Total prize purse will be \$75,000. Prize money will be awarded to the top 8 teams (\$73,000) and the winner of the Fleet Race (\$2,000).
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| First prize - | \$16,000 | Fifth prize - | \$6,500 |
| Second prize - | \$14,000 | Sixth prize - | \$6,000 |
| Third prize - | \$11,000 | Seventh prize - | \$5,000 |
| Fourth prize - | \$10,000 | Eighth prize - | \$4,500 |
- 10.3 These prizes have been approved by the national authority.
- 10.4 WS has been notified of these Prizes.
- 10.5 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

11 COACH BOATS

- 11.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.
- 11.2 The OA will provide berths for coach boats on a limited basis.
- 11.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ to the associated skipper or team

- 12 **ASSUMPTION OF RISK; WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:** By entering this event, all competitors agree to the following statement: " I understand and agree that yacht racing involves the use and operation of marine equipment in extremely close proximity to other vessels, marks, buoys, and the shoreline in varied weather conditions and differing sea states, and further, that the captains and crews aboard other vessels may not be proficient in the operation of their respective vessels. I further understand and agree that this event is organized by volunteers who are not maritime professionals and who may or may not have formal training in vessel operation or race organization, all of which involves a substantial element of risk, including the risk of property damage or of personal injury or death. Notwithstanding these and other elements of risk and inconvenience, I wish to participate in this event because of my interest in yacht racing and the enjoyment and fulfilment that I derive from yacht racing. Therefore, in consideration of the Race Organizers (as defined below) allowing me and my crew to compete in the event described in this Race Entry Form and/or Notice of Race (the "Event"), I, of and for myself and my Vessel, and my crew, my heirs, assigns, crewmembers, partners, and agents (collectively "We"), hereby agree to accept any and all risks associated with this Event with the knowledge of the dangers and risks involved. We further agree to release Long Beach Yacht Club, including their respective owners, affiliates, officers, directors, members, employees, agents, committee persons, and race officials (collectively, the "Race Organizers"), and hold them harmless and indemnify them, from any and all disputes, actions, claims, demands, liabilities (collectively, "Incidents"), judgments, and attorneys fees which are related to or arise directly or indirectly from the activities associated with this Event (to the extent that We are involved in or participated in, or are alleged to have been involved in or participated in such Incidents), **including,**



without limitation, those due to the negligence, fault or other act or omission of the Race Organizers.” US Sailing Prescription Rule 82 shall not apply to this Event.

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