LBYC
MATCH RACE SAIL-OFF
ISAF GRADE 4

Long Beach Yacht Club
Long Beach, CA
February 20-21, 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

The Match Race Sail-Off (MRSO) will be hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC). LBYC is located at 6201 Appian Way, Long Beach CA 90803. Phone number is (562) 598-9401. Club and Event information are available at www.lbyc.org.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC)

2. VENUE

The venue will be Long Beach, California USA

3. EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF GRADE 4. The grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Racing Rankings Sub-Committee and can be re-graded if there is clear reason to do so.

4. SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)

4.1 Schedule

(a) Race office opens Saturday, February 20th at 800 hrs.
(b) Registration is available 0800-1000 on Saturday February 20th
(c) Crew weighing is available from 1700-1800 on Friday February 19th and from 0800-1000 on Saturday February 20th.
(d) Sailing practice is available from 1200 to 1600 on Friday February 19th.
(e) First skipper's briefing shall be Saturday February 20th at 1000 hrs.
(f) First meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first skipper's briefing
(g) Daily briefing shall be at 1000 hrs.
(h) Racing days are February 20th and 21st.
(i) Time of first race each day will be announced at the daily briefing
(j) There will be an umpire debrief approximately 30 minutes after the RC boat arrives at the dock after racing
(k) No attention signal shall be made after 1700 hrs on Sunday February 21st.
(l) Spare

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

(a) Initial briefing for skippers
(b) Daily briefing for skippers
(c) Spare

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

5.1 MRSO is open to skippers who are a member of LBYC. Skippers shall have adequate match race experience in Catalina 37 type boats as determined by the OA. After 8 paid entries are received, a waiting list will be established.

5.2 All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Eligibility Code 19.2

5.3 All competitors shall provide the OA with an ISAF Sailor ID code for the skipper.

5.4 Registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing unless excused by the OA.

5.5 Entries shall be submitted to www.regattanetwork.com NO LATER THAN February 10, 2016.

5.6 Confirmed Skippers who withdraw their entry less than sixty (60) days prior to the event may have ISAF Ranking points deducted per guidelines.

6. ENTRIES

6.1 The Skipper shall be entered upon completion of registration and the payment of the damage deposit. All payments shall be in US Dollars or by Credit Card. Final competitor list will be noted in SI APPENDIX A.

6.2 The entry fee is $900.

6.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their ranking points for that event by ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage Deposit - $2500 US

(a) An initial deposit of $2500 US shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. The deposit represents the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.

(b) In the event of 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 30 days after the event, minus the costs of any yacht damage or other costs incurred and left unpaid, for which the OA deems the skipper to be responsible for.

7. RULES

7.1

(a) The event will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix C, except as amended by this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI).

(b) The Rules for Handling of Boats (APPENDIX C of SI), and will also apply to any practice sailing and clinic. Class rules will not apply.

(c) US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 67 and 76.1 shall apply and shall be posted on the Official Notice Board. US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

(a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

(b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the SI.

(c) Under RRS 86.3 this event is authorized to test a package of test rules proposed for match racing. The Sailing Instructions will provide details on the use of these rules and state if the test rules will be used. More information on the Test Package can be found in NOR Addendum A at the end of this document.

7.3 Spare

7.4 The OA may place a sponsor or observer on each boat in a match.

7.5 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. **This changes RRS 63.7.**

7.6 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted at http://www.lbyc.org.

7.7 Errors or omissions by the RC will NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. In the event of an error or omission, the Match or Chief Umpire may notify the RC of the incident and request postponement or abandonment. **This changes RRS 62.1 (a).**

7.8 If the trailing boat has an outstanding penalty and the leading boat finishes, the umpires may signal that the penalty need not be taken. **This changes RRS C 7.2(d)**

8. BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in Catalina 37 type boats, provided by the OA.

8.2 8 boats will be provided.

8.3 Boats shall be assigned at registration. Boats may also be assigned during any stage by the OA or RC.

8.4 Boats shall be supplied with a mainsail, a genoa, a jib and a spinnaker. Sails shall remain with the boats.

8.5 The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**

9. CREW

9.1 The crew shall be a maximum of seven (7). All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 The crew, including skipper shall be a maximum weight of 1156 lbs or 525 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirt.

9.3 Crew shall complete weigh-in at registration. No further weigh-in shall be required, except for substitute crew.
9.4 If a registered Skipper is unable to continue the event, the OA may assign another crewmember to substitute.
9.5 If a crewmember is unable to continue the event, the OA may authorize a temporary or permanent replacement.
9.6 The OA may require a skipper to carry a sponsor or representative on board during practice or racing.

10. EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 - Single Round Robin
Stage 2 – Semi Finals/Finals Knockout

10.2 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when conditions do not allow completion of the intended format.

11. COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward-leeward with starboard roundings finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area is the Congressional Cup Stadium Course, located off the Belmont Pier in Long Beach Harbor.

12. ADVERTISING

12.1 All boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA. ISAF Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2 Competitors will not be required to wear clothing or a logo of an event sponsor while racing or at an official function.

12.3 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organizing Authority

12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising. **This changes RRS 60.1.**

13 PRIZES

13.1 The principal prize will be an invitation to WMRT Grade 2 Ficker Cup.

13.2 The OA may reduce or eliminate a prize in the case of misconduct, refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at the official functions.

14. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require television personnel (or dummies) and/or sponsor representatives and equipment to be carried on board while racing or practice and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall have the right to use any and all images and sound recorded during the event free of charge.

15. COACH BOATS

15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

15.2 The OA will provide limited berthing for coach boats during the event, subject to availability.

15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ or PC to the associated skipper or team.

16. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

None

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By Participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the OA and any related parties from any and all Liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. MEALS

No meals or beverages will be provided to competitors. No Host cocktails and bar appetizers after Sailing each day.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Chairman	Randy Smith	randy@smithREgroup.com	(562) 547-8256
Waterfront Director	Rick Roberts	raceoffice@lbyc.org	(562) 493-5173
Principal Race Officer	TBD		

NoR ADDENDUM A – PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES Version 2

These rules will all be in the 2017 - 2020 rulebook!

Marginal markings indicate changes from the 2015 test rules.

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

A. Add new RRS 8 to Part 1:

8 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

18 MARK ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,

(1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.

(2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.

(b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.

(c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must tack or gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she tacks or gybes she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a finishing *mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room *Room* for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side. If *room* includes a change of *tack*, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her *proper course*.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.