



LBYC
MATCH RACE SAIL-OFF
WS GRADE 4
Long Beach Yacht Club
Long Beach, CA
February 11-12, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE
AMENDED 1/25/2017 (NOR 13)

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

4. SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)

NOTE: In the event that 5 or less entries enter, the OA may shorten the schedule to racing only on February 11th. This will be determined and posted after the entry deadline has closed on February 1st.

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office opens Saturday, February 11th at 0800.
- (b) Registration is available 0800-1000 on Saturday February 11th
- (c) Crew weighing is available from 0800-0915 on Saturday February 11th.
- (d) Sailing practice is available from 1200 to 1600 on Friday February 10th.
- (e) First skipper's briefing shall be Saturday February 11th at 0930
- (f) First meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first skipper's briefing
- (g) Daily briefing shall be at 0930
- (h) Racing days are February 11th and 12th, **unless changed as noted above.**
- (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 12th.
- (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 WS Eligibility Code 19.2

5.3 All competitors shall provide the OA with an WS 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 1, 2017.

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5.6 Confirmed Skippers who withdraw their entry less than sixty (60) days prior to the event may have WS Ranking points deducted per WS 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. **Entry Fee will be reduced to \$500 if schedule is changed to 1 day of racing.**

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 WS. (WS 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 WS 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 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.

7.3 An International Jury (IJ) or Protest Committee (PC) shall be appointed by the OA.

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 six (6) or 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

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- 10.1 The event format will be determined based on the number of entries.
- 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. WS 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 **In the event the principal prize cannot be accepted, the next highest finishing skipper will be awarded the prize.**
- 13.3 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

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 fulfillment 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.*

18. MEALS

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

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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