2018 FICKER CUP
13-15 April

NOTICE OF RACE
Amended March 21, 2018

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2 VENUE

The venue will be Long Beach, California, USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event will be a World Sailing Grade 2.
This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

(a) Race office open from 0900 on 12 April.
(b) Registration from 0900 to 1100 on 12 April.
(c) Crew weighing from 0900 to 1100 on 12 April.
(d) Practice from 1100 to 1700 on 12 April. Teams will be notified of their time slot.
(e) First briefing at 1000 on 13 April.
(f) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
(g) Spare
(h) Racing days from 13 to 15 April.
(i) Time of the first race each day will be 1130 or as announced at the daily briefing.
(j) Spare
(k) Prize giving immediately after racing on 15 April.

4.2 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) Prize giving for the top three skippers and crews.
(e) Post-Race Debrief with umpires

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 8 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
5.4 A non-refundable entry bond in the amount of $300 US shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid.
5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
5.6 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made in US Dollars by credit card.

6.2 The entry fee is $750 for the event (including the $300 entry bond in 5.4 above.

6.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months 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 World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of $2500 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.

7 RULES

7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.

(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

(c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

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 sailing instructions.

7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, and approved by the National Authority (NA) if required, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

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

8.2 9 boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee (RC).

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 6 or 7. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 **Crew Weighing**

The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 525kg (1156 lbs), determined at the time of registration.

9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

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10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on current WS ranking as of April 1, 2018.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

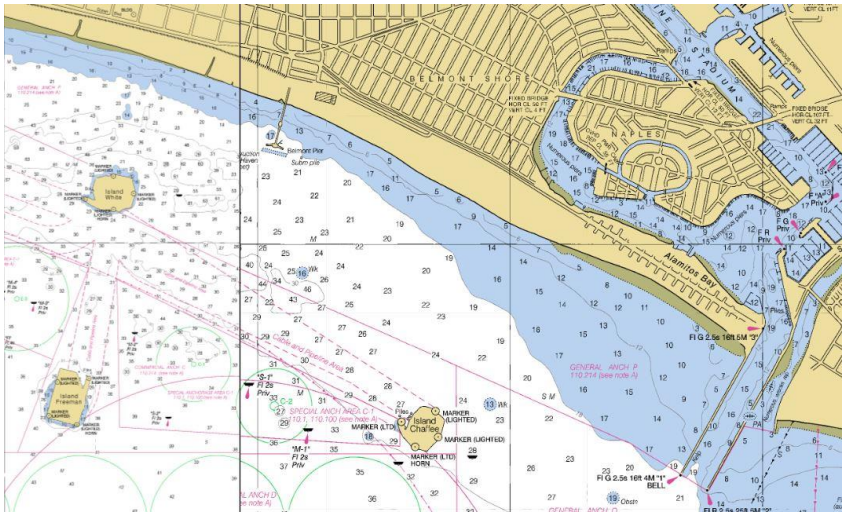
Stage 1 - a double round robin.
Stage 2 - Semi Finals
Stage 3 – Petit Final
Stage 4 – Final

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

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

11.2 The intended course area will be off Belmont Memorial Pier on the Congressional Cup Stadium Course as shown on the diagram below.



12 ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2 The OA intends to supply the following equipment: Boats and Sails. Advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.

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

12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

13.1 The principal prize for first place will be the winner's name engraved on the Ficker Cup. The first and second place finishers will receive invitations to the 2018 Congressional Cup. If either invitation is declined, the OA may invite a lower ranked finisher at its discretion. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA:

(a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.

(b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.

(c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

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

15.2 The OA may provide berths for coach boats.

15.3 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

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

17 RISK STATEMENT

17.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Racing this event is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport (and these events in particular) and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and any boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

(d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that any supplied boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of safety boat support is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

(g) They have considered their own personal insurance position and are satisfied they have adequate cover for the event.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA.

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