



Long Beach Yacht Club

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LBYC is seeking Expressions of Interest for the 2021 Seawanhaka International Challenge Cup

The Long Beach Yacht Club is excited to announce its intent to host the Seawanhaka International Challenge Cup, June 2nd - 5th, in the waters off Long Beach, California.

The Seawanhaka Cup is an historic international challenge for the purpose of promoting small yacht racing and developing the Corinthian spirit among competing yachtsmen. It is considered to be the oldest yachting trophy originated in the United States that is still in active competition. The first challenge was sailed in Oyster Bay, New York in 1895. The Seawanhaka Cup is a match racing event open to international teams who are all regular members of the yacht club they are representing and a national of the country where the club resides.



The Long Beach Yacht Club won the 47th challenge for the Seawanhaka Cup in 2019, sailed in Match 40s in Oyster Bay. Remarkably, among all of the competing yacht clubs, the finals came down to Long Beach Yacht Club and the host, Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club. The LBYC team consisted of Scotty Dickson and fellow teammates John Busch, Ben Wheatley, Daniel Gorman, and Trent Turigliatto.

Previous winners include the Royal Yacht Squadron, which is one of the most famous yacht clubs in the world and the host of the original challenge of what is now the America's Cup. Other international winners came from Scotland, Tasmania, Norway, and Quebec. More information about the event's history can be found on the Seawanhaka website at this location: https://www.seawanhaka.org/Upcoming_Regattas/2019_Seawanhaka_Cup

The Long Beach Yacht Club now has the tremendous honor as the current holders of the Cup to defend it on our home waters. With the race management skills and



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hospitality that the Long Beach Yacht Club has enshrined by hosting the Congressional Cup for 54 years, it is expected that we will provide another international calibre match race event in 2021.

More details will be forthcoming when the Notice of Race is posted. This is not a solicitation for challenges at this time, but your club's expression of interest is welcome and encouraged.

For more information on the 2021 Seawanhaka International Challenge Cup please contact:

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LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

Established in 1929, Long Beach Yacht Club is recognized as a leading club in the international yachting community for its commitment to excellence in yacht racing and innovation in race management. Congressional Cup, the club's signature event, now in its 56th year, is the preeminent match racing regatta in the United States and considered the *Gateway to the America's Cup*. In addition to hosting numerous local, national and international yachting events, the Club's member families enjoy a year-round calendar of social, yachting, and junior activities at its beautiful clubhouse on the shore of Alamitos Bay.