



Long Beach Yacht Club

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SEAWANHAKA CUP JUNE 2nd – 5th, 2021: NOTICE OF RACE NOW AVAILABLE!

The Long Beach Yacht Club is excited to announce that the Notice of Race has been posted for the Seawanhaka International Challenge Cup, which will take place June 2nd - 5th 2021, in the waters off Long Beach, California. Any qualifying yacht club wishing to participate should complete a Request for Invitation and return it to LBYC as soon as possible, the entries are limited.

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. Previous winners include the Royal Yacht Squadron (UK), 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.

The Long Beach Yacht Club now has the tremendous honor, as the current holder of the Cup to defend it on its home waters. With the race management skills and hospitality that the Long Beach Yacht Club has enshrined by hosting the Congressional Cup for 55 years, it is expected that it will provide another international caliber match race event in 2021.



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The Notice of Race, Request for Invitation form, and more details can be found on the 2021 Seawanhaka Cup web page which can be found on the Long Beach Yacht Club web site at <https://www.lbyc.org>.

For any questions regarding invitation to the 2021 Seawanhaka International Challenge Cup please contact:

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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. LBYC hosts numerous local, national and international yachting events such as the Congressional Cup - the club's signature event and the preeminent match racing regatta in the United States and considered the Gateway to the America's Cup. 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.