



# 2020 CONGRESSIONAL CUP April 28 - May 3, 2020

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be 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 1 and part of the World Match Racing Tour (WMRT) Championship.

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 PROGRAM

#### 4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 0900 on April 28.
- (b) Registration from 0900 to 1100 on April 28.
- (c) Crew weighing from 0900 to 1100 on April 28.
- (d) Practice from 1100 to 1700 on April 28.
- (e) Opening Ceremony at 1800 on April 28.
- (f) First briefing at 1000 on April 29.
- (g) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
- (h) Racing days from April 29 through May 3.
- (i) Intended time of the first race each day will be 1130.
- (j) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (k) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1700.
- (l) Prize giving immediately after racing on May 3.

#### 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) Daily press conferences.
- (e) Sponsor Appreciation Dinner at 1800 on April 27 for (Skippers).
- (f) Club 100 Cocktail Reception (prior to CC Kickoff) 1800 on April 28 for (Skippers and Crew).
- (g) Congressional Cup Kickoff Dinner at 1900 on April 28 for (Skippers and Crew).
- (h) Club 100 Cocktail Reception at 1800 on May 1 (Skippers and Crew).
- (i) Junior Congressional Cup after racing on May 1 (Skippers).
- (j) Sponsor rally race after racing on May 2.
- (k) Fleet Race prior to Semi Finals for teams placed 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> overall.
- (l) Prize giving for the top eight skippers and crews.

### 5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 10 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Two skippers will be invited from the 2020 Ficker Cup and one skipper will be invited from the 2019 USA Grand Slam Series.
- 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 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of [World Sailing regulation 19.2](#).



- 5.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/isafsailor> Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

## 6 ENTRIES

### 6.1 Entering

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/local currency.

### 6.2 Withdrawal

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)

### 6.3 Damage deposit

- An initial damage deposit of \$3,000(US) shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This amount is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- If a deduction from initial deposit is decided by the OA, the skipper will be informed in a timely manner and the OA may require that the deposit amount be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- It is also the responsibility of each skipper to report any damage to the OA. Damage incurred by a skipper without notice to the OA may result in a penalty.
- Any remaining deposit will be refunded within 15 days after the event.

## 7 RULES

- The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- 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.
- Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- As of the date of publication of this NOR, the WMRT has not released a Standard Tour Rules document. In the event that a STR document is published by WMRT, that document shall apply to this event, except that if a conflict between the STR document and this event NOR and SI, the event NOR and SI shall prevail.

### 7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- 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.
- RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

## 8 BOATS AND SAILS

- The event will be sailed in Catalina 37 type boats, provided by the OA.
- 11 boats will be provided.
- The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Spinnaker.
- Boats will be initially allocated by draw and then rotated per the schedule provided in the Sailing Instructions. The OA may modify as the event requires.

## 9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be a maximum of 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/1157lbs, determined at the time of registration.

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

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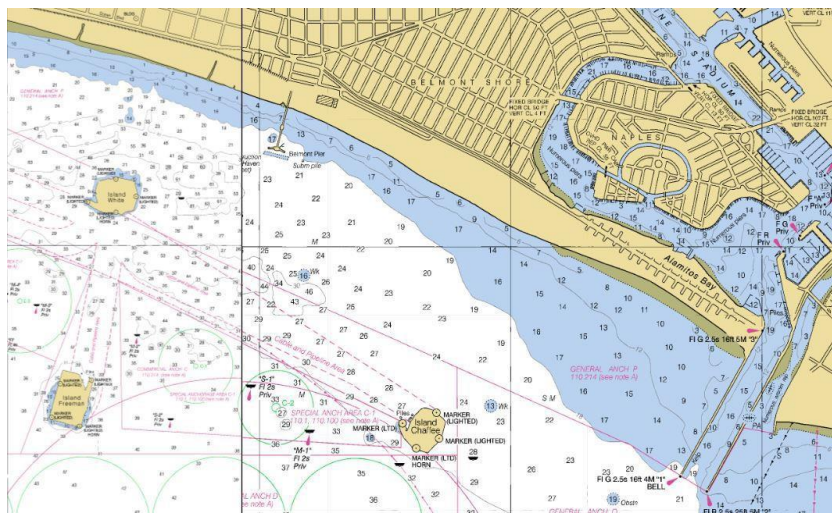


**10 EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:
  - Stage 1 – Double Round Robin
  - Stage 2 – Semi Finals
  - Stage 3 – Petite Finals / Finals
- 10.2 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 favor of later stages.

**11 COURSE**

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding's, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be off Belmont Veterans 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 OA, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 The OA may supply media related equipment: (a list will be supplied with the Sailing Instructions). 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 Congressional Cup and a Crimson Blazer. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams. Total prize purse will be \$75,000. Prize money will be awarded to the top 8 teams (\$73,000) and the winner of the fleet race (\$2,000).
- 13.2
 

First prize - \$16,000	Fifth prize - \$6,500
Second prize - \$14,000	Sixth prize - \$6,000
Third prize - \$11,000	Seventh prize - \$5,000
Fourth prize - \$10,000	Eighth prize - \$4,500
- 13.3 World Sailing has been notified of these prizes.
- 13.4 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.



**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 will not provide berths for coach boats.

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

**16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

**17 RISK STATEMENT**

17.1 Competitors participate in Congressional Cup entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Racing 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 organizer 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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