



2024 Mayor's Cup
Women's Match Race Invitational
Long Beach Yacht Club – OA
World Sailing Grade 4
Long Beach, CA

September 28-29, 2024
Registration and Practice September 27

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury
NOR: Notice of Race
OA: Organizing Authority
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
SI: Sailing Instruction
RC: Race Committee
TD: Technical Delegate
ONB: Official Notice Board
[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NOR 1.3
[DP]: Discretionary Penalty

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 **Major Alterations to the RRS**
 - (a) RRS C6.3 and C8.6 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
 - (b) Any prescriptions of the national authority that apply will be posted on the ONB.
- 1.5 The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 4. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1800 on September 26, 2024 on the ONB.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](http://www.lbyc.org) (ONB), which is located online at www.lbyc.org.
- 3.2 As a courtesy, documents and notices may also be posted on a physical notice board located on the north-facing window of the Regatta Room.

3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the east deck.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Up to eight (8) skippers will be invited. The winning skipper from the previous year receives an automatic berth. Skippers wishing to receive an invitation may submit their request with the OA by submitting the [RFI form](#) posted on the ONB by September 1, 2024.

4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event. Submission of the entry form and payment of the entry bond in the amount of \$300 USD shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation.

4.3 All competitors shall be female and meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.

4.4 All skippers shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/our-family/world-sailing-profile/>. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

4.5 The skipper shall complete registration, pay the entry fee in the amount of \$750 USD (inclusive of entry bond and \$200 charter fee for provided boats), arrange the damage deposit of \$2000 USD and ensure that all crew members complete crew weighing on September 27 between 1000 to 1200 or September 28 between 0900 to 1000 unless extended by the OA. To be considered an entry in the event, the skipper shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees in USD.

4.6 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 27.2.2(d)).

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance.

5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The \$2000 damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.

5.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 30 days after the event.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

6.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be 3 or 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.

6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

6.3 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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6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 272 kg (599.7 lbs), determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

6.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg (22.0 lbs). Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

7 EVENT FORMAT

7.1 The OA intends to provide Soling type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.

7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats initially by draw, then rotated per the schedule provided in the sailing instructions. The OA or Race Committee (RC) may modify the rotation schedule as needed.

7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.

7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC, with the intention to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight. The RC may initiate the attention signal procedure while a match is still racing.

7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. A leeward gate may be used.

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- 7.7 The intended racing area is the Long Beach Outer Harbor, shown in the diagram below. The racing area is dependent on conditions and will be determined by the RC.



- 7.8 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin. The current World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event may be used. If the World Sailing Ranking list is not current, the OA will use its discretion to accomplish the seeding.
- 7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:
- (a) First Stage – Double Round Robin
 - (1) All skippers will sail a double round robin.
 - (2) Skippers will be ranked in accordance with RRS C10 and C11.
 - (b) Second Stage – Knock-Out Semi-Finals
 - (1) The four highest placing skippers from Stage 1 will race to determine the Stage 4 finalists. The skipper finishing first in Stage 1 shall select their opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
 - (2) The first skipper of each series to score at least two points shall proceed to Stage 4. The losing skippers shall proceed to Stage 3.
 - (c) Third Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place
 - (1) The losing skippers from Stage 2 shall race to determine third and fourth place.
 - (2) The first skipper to score at least two points shall be awarded third place. The losing skipper shall be awarded fourth place.
 - (d) Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Final
 - (1) The winning skippers from Stage 2 shall race to determine first and second place.
 - (2) The first skipper to score at least two points shall be awarded first place. The losing skipper shall be awarded second place.
- 7.10 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.

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office opens at 0900 daily.
- (b) Registration from 1000 to 1200 on September 27 or 0900 to 1000 on September 28.
- (c) Crew weighing from 1000 to 1200 on September 27 or 0900 to 1000 on September 28.
- (d) Practice from 1100 to 1600 on September 27.
- (e) First skippers briefing at 1000 on September 28. Daily briefings at 1000.
- (f) First meeting with the umpires will immediately follow the first skipper's briefing.
- (g) Optional tow line will depart at approximately 1100 on racing days.
- (h) Racing days are September 28 and September 29.
- (i) The intended time of first warning each day will be announced at the daily skipper's briefing.
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600.
- (k) Competitors debrief will be held approximately thirty minutes after the last boat returns to the dock on racing days.
- (l) Prize giving will be held approximately forty-five minutes after the last boat returns to the dock on the final day of racing.

- 8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

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- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- (c) Meeting with the umpires.
- (d) Prize giving for the top three skippers and crews.

9 ADVERTISING

[NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS

- 11.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing and comply with reasonable requests from the officials.
- 11.3 [DP] Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper.
- 11.4 The OA may provide berths for support person vessels.

12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

- 12.1 The OA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
- 12.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA-supplied media equipment.

13 DATA PROTECTION

There are no specific data requirements at this event or venue.

14 RISK ASSUMPTION OF RISK; WAIVER AND RELEASE

All participants in this event, including but not limited to skippers, crew and support personnel, must review and sign and return to the LBYC Race Office, a copy of the Long Beach Yacht Club [Regatta Waiver and Release of Liability](#), available at the LBYC Race Office, or online at the time of entry, or on the Official Notice Board.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 The principal prize for first place will be the skipper's name engraved on the Mayor's Cup Perpetual Trophy.
- 15.2 Medals will be awarded to the top three teams.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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