



2022 BUTLER CUP

World Sailing Grade 4
Long Beach Yacht Club

November 5-6, 2022

Registration and Practice November 4

NOTICE OF RACE

Amended 10/04/2022 (9.2)

Amended 10/26/2022 (6.2)

Amended 11/3/2022 (5.5)

The Butler Cup will be hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC). LBYC is located at 6201 Appian Way, Long Beach CA 90803. Phone number is (562) 598-9401. Club and Event information are available at www.lbyc.org.

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC).

2 VENUE

The venue will be Long Beach, California USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) Grade 4. The grading is subject to review by the WS Match Racing Rankings Sub-Committee and may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office opens Friday November 4 at 1000.
- (b) Registration November 4 from 1000 to 1200 or November 5 from 0900 to 1000.
- (c) Boats will be assigned at registration. The same boat will be used for practice and first race day.
- (d) Sailing practice is available November 4 from 1100 to 1700 hours upon completion of registration.
- (e) First skipper's briefing shall be Saturday November 5 at 1000.
- (f) First meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first skipper's briefing.
- (g) Daily briefing shall be at 1000.
- (h) Racing days are November 5-6.
- (i) Time of first race each day will be 1130 or as announced at daily briefing.
- (j) There will be an umpire debrief approximately 30 minutes after the RC signal vessel arrives at the dock after racing.
- (k) No attention signal shall be made after 1600 on the final day of racing.
- (l) Prize giving immediately after racing on the final day.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers
- (c) Prize giving for final skippers and crews

5 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 5.1 The event is open to skippers who are a member of a yacht club or sailing association recognized by US Sailing. After eight (8) paid entries are received, a waiting list will be established.
- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

- 5.4 All skippers shall obtain a WS Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.5 Entries shall be submitted using the [Entry Form](#) posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) and must be received no later than November 3, 2022 at 2200 hours. Entries received after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

The Skipper shall be entered upon completion of registration and the payment of all fees and damage deposit. All payments shall be made in US dollars by credit card.

6.2 Entry Fee

The entry fee is ~~\$750~~ \$400.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper registers and later withdraws within thirty (30) days 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 WS (WS Regulation 27.2).

6.4 Damage Deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1500 US shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit represents 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 15 days after the event.

7 RULES

7.1 Rules

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The Rules for Handling of Boats (SI Addendum C) will apply to any practice sailing and races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

RRS C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3 A protest committee (PC) will be appointed by the OA.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in Soling type boats.

8.2 Eight (8) boats will be provided.

8.3 Boats will be assigned at registration. Boats may also be assigned during any stage by the OA or RC.

8.4 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker. Sails shall remain with the boats.

8.5 The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**

9 CREW

9.1 The total number of crew, including skipper, shall be a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4). All registered crew shall sail all races.

~~9.2 There is no weight limit.~~ **Maximum crew weight is 350 kg (771.6 lbs).**

9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crewmember to substitute.

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10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on seeding/draw/results in previous competition and/or World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 – Double Round Robin

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any stage 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.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. Leeward gates may be used.

11.2 The intended course area is the Congressional Cup Stadium Course in Long Beach Harbor.

12 ADVERTISING

12.1 All boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA. WS 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 Organizing Authority.

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 will be the winner's name engraved on the Butler Cup perpetual trophy.

13.2 Take-home trophies will be awarded to the top finishing teams based on the number of entries.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA has 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 Any interference by a coach boat or Support Person with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ or PC to the associated skipper or team.

15.3 The OA may provide limited berthing for coach boats during the event, subject to availability.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the OA and any related parties from any and all liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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