

## 2024 FICKER CUP

APRIL 19 - 21  
LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

Chairman – Stephen Meyer  
PRO – Wendy Corzine  
Chief Umpire – Kathy Lingren

### Thursday, April 18th

0900 Race office Open  
0900-1100 Registration and crew weigh in (Regatta Patio)  
0930 Breakfast Burritos, Orange Juice, and Coffee (Regatta Patio)  
1100-1700 Sail Practice

### Friday, April 19th

0800-0930 Coffee (Regatta Patio)  
0900-1000 Additional completion of Registration, Crew Weigh-in  
1000 Skippers briefing following meeting with Umpires  
1130 Intended first warning or as announced at daily briefing  
12:00 Viewing from the Pier, no host food & beverages @ Bouys  
Post-race Competitors debrief, appetizers, no host bar (Regatta Patio)

### Saturday, April 20th

800-0930 Coffee (Regatta Patio)  
1000 Skippers briefing following meeting with Umpires  
1130 Intended first warning or as announced at daily briefing  
12:00 Viewing from the Pier, no host food & beverages @ Bouys  
Post-race Competitors debrief, appetizers, no host bar (Regatta Patio)

### Sunday, April 21st

0800-0930 Coffee (Regatta Patio)  
1000 Skippers briefing following meeting with Umpires  
1130 Intended first warning or as announced at daily briefing  
12:00 Viewing from the Pier, no host food & beverages @ Bouys  
Post-race Trophy Presentation,  
Regatta Reception with heavy appetizers, no host bar

### Prize Giving:

**Approximately 30 minutes after last boat returns to dock.**



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The Long Beach Yacht Club Ficker Cup has a long history and is an important event related to Congressional Cup.

Ficker Cup was established in 1980 to honor Bill Ficker, a distinguished lifetime sailor and competitor. Bill Ficker grew up in Pomona, but spent summers and every possible moment on the water in Newport. Bill Ficker went on to become a world champion in Stars, then to match racing in Congressional Cup and finally to win America's Cup.

Ficker's name lent itself to a catchy slogan, "Ficker is quicker," that Ted Turner – the media mogul and accomplished mariner – printed on buttons for the 1970 America's Cup. Jackie Kennedy Onassis wore one.

After downsizing to a sailboard, Bill Ficker started his long career as a Congressional Cup Judge.

As documented by S/C Bob Graham, in the early Congressional Cup, LBYC's Sail Off winner received the Jonah Jones trophy and was awarded a spot in Congressional Cup. Several other Sail Offs were held throughout the year and around the country by other Yacht Clubs, sending a representative to Congressional Cup from Seattle, San Diego, Marina Del Rey and the Long Beach and Los Angeles harbor area. As we became more internationally recognized, Sail Offs were sending skippers from around the world, so a "Pacific Coast Championship" was established in 1980. The LBYC Board decided to name that race after Bill Ficker. He donated the beautiful trophy, and to this day it sits at LBYC and is presented to our annual winner of Ficker Cup. Presently, the top two ranking skippers and teams are awarded slots in Congressional Cup, this year it will be three. Ficker Cup remains an important step for top Match Racers, for LBYC skippers and teams as well as skippers from around the world!