

April 1, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve a fee waiver for the Long Beach Yacht Club, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for use of dock space in Alamitos Bay Marina for visiting/participating vessels during the 2025 Congressional Cup for the period of April 28 through May 5, 2025, and the Long Beach Olympic Class Regatta for the period of July 11 through 21, 2025. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

The Congressional Cup is a World Match Racing Tour (WMRT) sailing race event hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC). The head-to-head duels require tactical strategy and the ability to maneuver a vessel to take advantage of wind and sea conditions. WMRT draws global competitors, many of whom go on to race in the America's Cup and/or become Olympic champions.

These prestigious annual sailing regattas for keelboat match racing and youth sailing are considered national and global race competitions, and in the case of the Congressional Cup, only surpassed in stature by the America's Cup. LBYC has requested that dock fees, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, be waived for these events from April 28, 2025, through July 21, 2025. Events scheduled between April and August include:

- Congressional Cup: April 28 through May 5, 2025
- Long Beach Olympic Classes Regatta: July 11 through 21, 2025

These regatta events spotlight boating and sailboat racing in our marinas. They also generate additional tourism revenue for local businesses such as hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, boating supply stores and other retail establishments. These benefits outweigh the revenue loss resulting from the waived dock fees. These events are consistent with the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department's partnering policy to support organizations that provide a service to the community and its residents by promoting the Long Beach marinas.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on March 17, 2025, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 12, 2025.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 1, 2025, to reserve required dock space in Alamitos Bay Marina for the events.

FISCAL IMPACT

The value of the fee waiver will not exceed \$5,000. Additional revenue specifically related to dock fees for these events is not anticipated as part of the current budget. Therefore, the fiscal impact associated with the fee waiver is minimal. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Brent Dennis
Director
Parks, Recreation and Marine

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER