



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB  
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## **New York Yacht Club American Magic Competes for 2018 Ficker Cup**

New York Yacht Club American Magic is thrilled to be racing in the Ficker Cup at the Long Beach Yacht Club against some of the best match racing sailors in the world on April 13th-15th, 2018.

While our design team is hard at work developing our AC75 class boats, our sailors are taking advantage of this opportunity to continue the development of our team's afterguard as we compete in the Ficker Cup with the potential to qualify for the Congressional Cup. Raced on uniform boats, these regattas are match racing at its best, where anything can happen, and we look forward to this great opportunity to continue building our team's chemistry as we go head-to-head with tough competition.

Over the years, the LBYC has been the 'home away from home' for many sailors, and especially for the American Magic Team. We've been especially appreciative of the LBYC and its members' support and enthusiasm during this 2018 winter season as we chartered racing boats from the club and started our campaign for the 36th America's Cup. The LBYC and its members are extraordinary and their spirit for racing is incredible – it's exactly the kind of energy and excitement we seek to bring back to the America's Cup and competitive sailing in the U.S.

"The long-term focus of NYYC American Magic is on 2021 in New Zealand, but there is no better place than Long Beach to focus on the development of our team," said New York Yacht Club American Magic, Executive Director and Skipper, Terry Hutchinson. "We are committed to getting better and growing as a team, and the Ficker Cup is a great opportunity for American Magic to take our first steps on this long journey ahead of us."

The team competing in the Ficker Cup includes: Terry Hutchinson, Dean Barker, Sean Clarkson, James Baxter, James Dagg and Greg Gendell.

The Ficker Cup Match Race was established by Long Beach Yacht Club to honor Bill Ficker, world class Star champion in the 50s and winner of the 1970 America's Cup as skipper of the 12-meter class yacht Intrepid.

For more information on the Ficker Cup, please visit:

<http://www.lbyc.org/default.aspx?p=v35ArticleView&itemID=50047>

