

The Governor's Cup

International Junior Match Racing Championship

July 16-21, 2013

Balboa Yacht Club

Newport Beach, California USA



The America's Cup and James Spithill Visit the 2012 Governor's Cup Regatta

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“Pathway for Champions”

The 47th Annual Governor’s Cup International Junior Match Race Championship is the oldest such series in the world for younger sailors. It has earned the title “Pathway for Champions” as many of its alumni have gone on to sail and succeed in the America’s Cup, the World Match Race Tour and even in very different non-match race events such as the Volvo Round the World Race.

The “Pathway” was never more illustrated and acknowledged than

in the 2012 Governor’s Cup when not only did the America’s Cup itself pay a visit to the Balboa Yacht Club on Friday evening of the event, but 2010 America’s Cup winning helmsman and “Gov Cup” alum James Spithill joined the competitors for the pre-race briefing on Saturday morning. Thank you to Oracle Racing and the Golden Gate YC!

This year, the Governor’s Cup will again feature a 12 boat fleet roughly evenly split between international and US competitors which will compete in a round robin series, followed by quarter finals, semi-finals and *petit* and final matches. A consolation series with separate trophies will also be held for those not qualifying for the quarter finals.

The 12 competitors and 3 alternates will be chosen by the Governor’s Cup Selection Committee based on a Request for Invitation which includes a sailing resume. The winner of the Rose Cup, a national youth match racing event for US competitors will receive an automatic invitation. (For more information on the Rose Cup which will be held June 19-23, 2013 in Sheboygan, WI, go to <http://sailsheboygan.org/Rose-Cup-2013.php>.



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James Spithill greets Gov Cup Sailors at pre-race briefing in 2012

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Artemis Racing

Gov Cup alumni are playing a prominent role in this year’s America’s Cup in San Francisco. In addition to James Spithill and John Kostecki who will try to repeat their 2010 America’s Cup victory as helmsman and tactician of Oracle Racing, Gov Cup alum Paul Cayard heads the Swedish Artemis Racing Team”. Another more recent alum, Johnny Heineken, was honored as US Sailing’s 2012 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year—although admittedly mainly for a discipline somewhat different than the Gov Cup—kite boarding! He joins fellow Gov Cup alums Terry Hutchinson, Paul Cayard and John Kostecki (twice) in receiving that honor.

Keeping Up With Gov Cup Alumni



Oracle USA

Other more recent Gov Cuppers have distinguished themselves in other events like last fall’s 2012 Intercollegiate Sailing Association (“ICSA”) where all the semi-finalists were Gov Cup alums with Will Haeger edging out Chris Segerblom and 2011 Gov Cup winner Nevin Snow and Jake LaDow who sailed with Nevin in the 2011 Cup.

2009 and 2010 Governor’s Cup winner William Tiller continues his incredible success on the World Match Race Tour and other international match race events. At only 23, he is already ranked #5 in the ISAF world rankings and most recently beat fellow Gov Cup alum Gavin Brady for the New Zealand Match Race Championship.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday,

July 16

Registration; Practice Sailing; Opening Dinner

Wednesday,

July 17

First Race Day; Barbecue Dinner

Thursday,

July 18

Second Race Day; Big Boat “Beer Can” Race; Barbecue Dinner

Friday,

July 19

Third Race Day; Crew and Member Reception

Saturday,

July 20

Fourth Race Day; Crew, Hostesses Party

Sunday,

July 21

Final Race Day; Semi-Final & Final Races; Gala Trophy Reception

Schedule Venue Events



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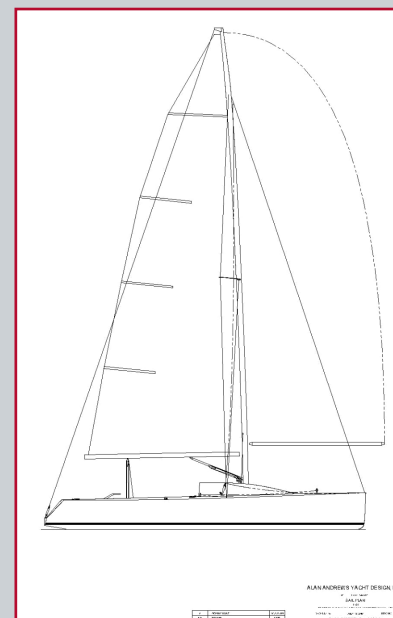
The Governor’s Cup was founded and is hosted by the Balboa Yacht Club in the village of Corona del Mar in the city of Newport Beach, California. BYC members provide housing for all competitors and coaches and have again planned a series of special events which will complement the racing program (tentative schedule shown at left). These special events include an opening dinner on Tuesday night which usually provides considerable entertainment as crews are introduced and respond to questions from the master of ceremonies.

Thursday evening, crews are invited to sail in the Club’s “Beer Can Regatta” on larger boats in the bay and on Friday, there is a reception with Club members honoring the crews. On Saturday, there will be a special event for crews and boat hostesses only. In other words, teams will be kept busy both on and off the water in a regatta that many competitors have called the most fun youth event they have ever sailed in.

Conditions for racing generally feature 5-13 knots of breeze from the west-southwest with a light chop. Outside temperature will range from the low to high 70’s (22-25.5 °C) with water temperature in the high 60’s (19.5-20.5 °C).

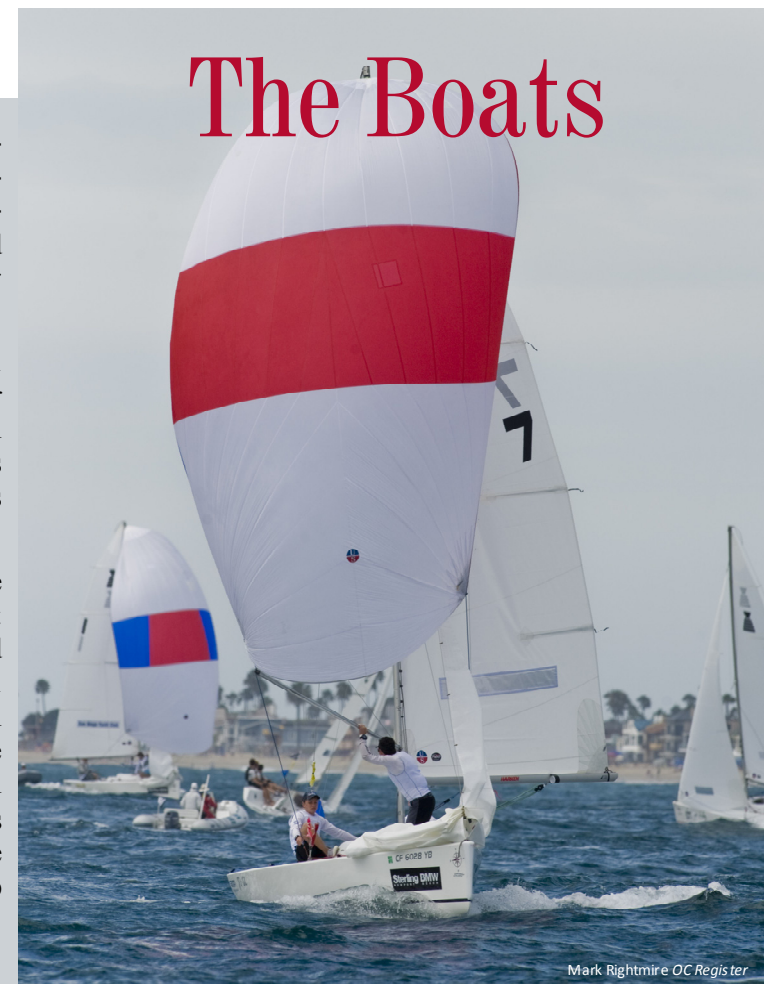
The Boats

Competitors in the Governor’s Cup use 12 identical purpose-built “Governor’s Cup 21’s” provided by the Newport Balboa Sailing & Seamanship Association. Construction of the boats was funded by BYC members and they were designed by renowned yacht designer and BYC member Alan Andrews.



Sails are by Ullman Sails which was founded by BYC member and renowned international sailor Dave Ullman. The boats feature non-overlapping jibs and large masthead spinnakers.

They are high performance boats with modern high aspect ratio foils. They are fast and responsive but like all modern designs, a challenge to sail well. Those that can keep the boats moving through typical match race starting maneuvers and on the course itself will be the most likely sailors at the top of the leader board.



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- Teams will consist of a skipper and two crew. No competitor may have reached his or her twenty first birthday before the first day of the regatta, July 16, 2013.
- The Governor's Cup is an invitational event based on Requests for Invitation submitted by teams representing yacht clubs (or sailing associations) worldwide. All members of each team must be members of the club or association authorizing submittal of the Request for Invitation. Balboa Yacht Club's Selection Committee will select final invitees from among clubs submitting a complete Request for Invitation package by Friday, May 10, 2013. The selection will be based on information and resumes contained in the completed teams' Request for Invitation packages and other factors which may be considered by the Selection Committee and which are designed to produce a diverse fleet of the best junior match racing talent worldwide. Invited teams will be notified no later than Friday, May 24, 2013.
- If your club plans to have a sail-off to choose its candidate team after the deadline for submittal of Requests for Invitation, the Committee will nevertheless make an invitation decision based on the team resume submitted. If your club plans a sail-off, please notify the Selection Committee with your Request for Invitation. Subsequent crew changes will be subject to approval by the Selection Committee.
- Subsidies to assist with travel expense and provided through the generosity of some of our sponsors *may* be granted at the discretion of the Selection Committee which may be in part based on need. Teams eligible to be considered for subsidy must come from at least 1,500 miles away from Newport Beach, California unless otherwise decided by the Selection Committee. See application materials for details.
- All information necessary to prepare a Governor's Cup Request for Invitation including forms is available for downloading by following the link on the Club's website at www.balboayachtclub.com. Potential entrants may also obtain a Request package by telephoning the club at 949-673-3515 or sending an email to sailing@balboayachtclub.com.
- The event will include international competitors, but Balboa Yacht Club also wishes to encourage the highest level of competition from across the United States so teams from all parts of the country are encouraged to submit Requests for Invitation. (Note also description of automatic invite for Rose Cup winner for US teams in this brochure. However, because of timing of both events, and since only the Rose Cup winner will automatically be invited, US teams are encouraged to apply to both events in order to maximize their chance of a Gov Cup invitation.) For information:

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