



Invitation Selection Criteria

The Governor's Cup is an invitational regatta. The Governor's Cup Selection Committee intends to invite twelve skippers and two to four alternates (who will be invited in order of ranking if an invited skipper cannot attend) from among all skippers submitting a Request for Invitation. The following is additional information on Selection Committee Procedure and Criteria:

FOR ALL POTENTIAL SKIPPERS

1. Past winning skippers of the Governor's Cup who are still age-eligible will also receive an invitation if they have filed an RFI by the April 11, 2025 deadline..
2. The top skipper from the 2024 U.S. Intercollegiate Match Racing Championship will also receive an invitation if such skipper has indicated an intent to participate in the Governor's Cup by filing an RFI by the deadline therefor. If the top skipper in that event cannot attend the Governor's Cup or receives an automatic invitation pursuant to other criteria described, no further automatic invitations will be extended to the second-place finisher. However, the Selection Committee may, in its sole discretion, choose to invite the second or lower placed skipper or make such skipper an alternate selection for Governor's Cup.
3. The top skipper from the 2025 United States Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup ("USYMRC") will receive an invitation if he or she has indicated an intent to participate in the Governor's Cup by filing a Governor's Cup RFI by the deadline therefor. If the top skipper at that event does not wish to or cannot attend the Governor's Cup or receives an automatic invitation otherwise pursuant to this criterion, no further automatic invitations will be extended to the second-place finisher. However, the Selection Committee may, in its sole discretion, choose to invite the second or lower placed USYMRC skipper or make such skipper an alternate selection.
4. The Selection Committee may invite skippers filing RFI's *at any time* after submission of an RFI whose World Sailing Open or Youth Match Race Ranking or racing record is of a level which would warrant selection.
5. The committee will select skippers not receiving automatic invitations pursuant to one of the above methods based on the "score" each skipper receives using the following criteria based on a maximum total score of 100:
 - general race experience (15 points)
 - best match racing finishes (30 points)
 - size, nature of regatta and number of entrants
 - International or National Championship finishes (if any)
 - finish position in events relative to other applicants (if applicable)
 - best fleet racing finishes (15 points)
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 - experience on boats similar to the Governor's Cup 22 and the likelihood of being able to assemble a crew with experience in similar boats (20 points)
 - encouragement of geographic diversity of entrants (20 points)
 - applicants' ages and resulting ability to apply in the future (tie breaker)

All decisions of the Selection Committee will be final. BYC asks teams requesting an invitation to understand that such decisions are difficult from among teams from all over the world with diverse resumes and yet seemingly similar qualifications. **Comments and records used in the selection process will be kept confidential.**

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6. A single skipper from Balboa Yacht Club, representing the Organizing Authority and host yacht club, may receive an invitation pursuant to this paragraph but only as provided in this paragraph.
 - a. If a BYC skipper qualifies under paragraphs 1, or 2, or shall be invited by the Selection Committee based on resume without regard to club affiliation, no further BYC skipper will be invited pursuant to this paragraph 4.
 - b. If no BYC skipper shall qualify as described in paragraph 4.a, above. a BYC skipper may qualify if he or she wins the USYMRC. If so, no further BYC skipper shall be invited.
 - c. If one or more BYC skippers are entered in the USYMRC and no BYC skipper has qualified as described in paragraphs 4.a, or 4.b, then no other BYC skipper will be invited until the end of racing at the USYMRC. At that point, then BYC may select one skipper to receive the OA/Host Club invitation in its sole discretion. In such cases, if BYC wishes, it may request that the GovCup Selection Committee reconvene to pick the BYC entry. In the event that BYC makes such request, and if, in the Selection Committee's judgment, two BYC skippers are equally qualified, the Committee may request the identity of proposed crew members and will give preference to the skipper whose team has more BYC members. If a BYC skipper shall receive an automatic invitation pursuant to paragraphs 1 or 3 above, or selected through this paragraph 4, no further BYC skipper will receive an *automatic* invitation.
 - d. If no BYC skippers have entered the USYMRC or have otherwise received an invitation pursuant to paragraph 4.a, then BYC may make its choice at any time.