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Governor's Cup

International Youth Match
Racing Championship

July 25-30, 2022

Balboa Yacht Club
Newport Beach, California

The 55th Annual Governor's Cup

The Governor's Cup is the oldest and most prestigious youth match racing event in the world and is the first age-limited event to achieve Grade 1 status from World Sailing, granted for the 2018 Cup. Its "alumni" include many of the greatest sailors in the world. "GovCup" alums have won the America's Cup, Congressional Cup, are regulars on the World Match Racing Tour—including two Championships—Olympic medals, and are consistently ranked at or near the top of the World Match Racing Open Rankings.

In the last few years, Governor's Cup competitors have quickly moved into the top ranks of world match racing, garnering invitations to WMRT and other events which, of course, are not age limited. The strength of recent GovCup veterans is reminiscent of similar success decades ago. In 1970 and 1972, Argyle Campbell, winner of the first two GovCups, and Andy Rose, winner of the third and fourth Cups, combined as skipper and tactician, respectively, to win two Congressional Cups.

Campbell and Rose were 20 and 19 when they won their first "ConCup" and this year, 2021 Governor's Cup winner Jeffrey Petersen was not only one of only four 19-year-olds ever to steer in the 57-year-old ConCup, but finished only one half point from a semi-final slot. 2021 Governor's Cup skippers Emil Kjaer and David Wood (who won the World Youth MR Championships in 2021) also competed in the Congressional Cup last year. In other words, the "youth movement" is back.

The 200+ volunteers, staff, members and flag officers urge all qualified sailors to file a Request for Invitation and look forward to a great event in 2022 in celebration of BYC's 100th anniversary.



The Governor's Cup is sailed in identical 22 foot high performance sloops designed by noted yacht designer and BYC Staff Commodore, Alan Andrews.

The Governor's Cup 22s

They were designed specifically for Newport Beach conditions and allow great racing in light wind and in windier conditions like the 15-19 knot breezes that prevailed in the 2021 Cup. They feature a bulb keel, fractional rig with flat topped mainsail and masthead spinnakers.

The boats can be sailed by three or four crew and so far, there seems little advantage either way. At left, 2018 winner Nevin Snow goes upwind with four crew. The only other boat that sailed with four in that Cup was the boat that finished 12th.

How do I get Invited to the Governor's Cup?

The Governor's Cup Selection Committee will select up to 12 skippers—including automatic invitations to past age-eligible former Governor's Cup winners & the 2021 Youth MR World Champion and the winner of the 2021 U.S. Intercollegiate Match Racing Championship' as well as the winner of the U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup. However, each such skipper must file a Request for Invitation ("RFI") for the GovCup on or before the deadline for ALL RFIs. On April 8, 2022. Invitations will be issued by April 22, 2022. Skippers and crews must not have reached their 23rd birthday by July 30, 2022, the last day of the regatta. Crews will be 3 or 4 sailors with a combined weight of no more than 579lbs/262.5kg. All information is posted on the Governor's Cup website (govcupracing.com). The Selection Committee at any time after receipt of an RFI, may choose to invite sailors whose records clearly indicate that they are among the world's top match racers so early RFI submittal is encouraged.

Note RFI Deadline is April 8, 2022 — For more information, see back page.

We'll make you famous (or "famouser") "GovCup TV" will live broadcast much of the Cup to a worldwide audience. Programs include morning pre-race shows and pre-regatta "Road to the GovCup" skipper interviews on Tom Ehman's *Sailing Illustrated* shows. Friday and Saturday will feature multi-camera live, on the water coverage of the racing as well as post-race press conferences and prize giving.

Social events are pretty fun, too! The traditional Monday night dinner opens the week followed by barbecues Wednesday and Thursday, and receptions Friday and Saturday. Competitors will also be welcome to join the Thursday evening "BeerCan Regatta" in the Bay on larger boats.

Media and Other Details

Balboa Yacht Club & Newport Beach

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Balboa Yacht Club's centennial anniversary in 2022 commenced with a gala dinner and fireworks show (above), and while special events are planned for the whole year, the Governor's Cup is—as described in a *Sailing World* article in 2016—the "beating heart of the Balboa Yacht Club".

The Club is located in the Corona del Mar "village" within the City of Newport Beach, California, at the "jetty" end of Newport Harbor. Its 900 some members have won Olympic medals, world championships, sailed in the America's Cup, and twice have been named Rolex U.S. Yachtsman of the Year. The city's harbor holds some 9,000 boats and attracts a large summer crowd of visitors from all over the world. The Governor's Cup racing will be held in the Pacific Ocean off one of the two ocean piers and miles of white sand beaches.

Sailing conditions generally start with light winds from the south in the morning, gradually shifting to a prevailing sea breeze from the southwest to west. The GovCup 22's generous sail area allows racing in as little as 4 knots, but conditions should be in the 6-15 knot range. 2021, however, featured strong southwest to west breezes of up to 18-19 knots as pictured on the cover. BYC's "Weather Chair" is already working on conditions for this year!



Want to sail with some GovCup Alumni "Rock Stars".

In honor of its 100th anniversary, BYC is tentatively planning a one-day Alumni Regatta on Sunday, July 31. If it does happen, this year's GovCup crews will be invited to crew for the rock stars. There are ample flights late in the evening for most competitors. Let us know your availability in your RFI.

Monday, July 25

- 1100-1200 Registration
- Lunch for Crews
- Practice sailing in Governor's Cup 22s
- Opening Dinner

Tuesday, July 26

- 1st Race Day
- Selected Crew Interview Availability
- Taco Truck Dinner

2022 Schedule

Wednesday, July 27

- 2nd Race Day
- Crews invited to barbecue dinner

Thursday, July 28

- 3rd Race Day
- Crews invited on big boat "BeerCan" race
- Barbecue dinner

Friday, July 29

- 4th Race Day; Semi-Final Races;
- Crew & Member Reception & Press Conference

Saturday, July 30

- Final Race Day; Semi-Finals continue; Petit Final and Final Matches
- Trophy Reception

NOTE ABOUT YOUTH MATCH RACING WORLDS AND TRAVEL

In 2022, the Youth Match Racing World Championship will be held at Yacht Club Apcc Voile Sportive in Pornichet, France, from July 17-23, 2022. Undoubtedly, some GovCup invitees will also be invited to the Worlds. Note that while the schedule is tight, teams that fly from France to Los Angeles on the 24th of July should have no problem sailing in both events. To the extent that teams travel on the same flights we can better plan airport transportation. (And the flight might be more fun or at least more interesting!)





- The Governor's Cup is an invitational event. Twelve or more teams will be selected and invited by the Governor's Cup Selection Committee.
- Crews may be composed of three or four persons with a maximum weight of 579 lbs/262.5kg.
- Skippers and crew must be under the age of 23 on July 30, 2022.
- The event will apply for Grade 3 status from World Sailing. However, the Cup received retroactive grading to Grade 1 in 2018 and would have been qualified in 2019. World Sailing may re-grade an event "when there is a clear reason to do so". All skippers must have a World Sailing number in order to earn ranking points for the regatta. To register go to www.sailing.org/isafsailor

Regatta Information & Requesting an Invitation

- The Committee may invite skippers whose records clearly indicate that they are among the world's top match racers (including former age-eligible GovCup winners) at any time after such skipper files an RFI.
- The winner of the 2022 U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup will also receive an invitation if he or she has indicated a desire to sail in the Governor's Cup by filing a Request for Invitation ("RFI") by the deadline. The GovCup Selection Committee may choose to invite other Rose Cup competitors and indeed did so in 2021. So, we urge all age eligible sailors to also file an RFI for Rose Cup. For more information, please go to:

www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2022-u-s-youth-match-racing-championship/

- The great majority of invitees will be selected from among skippers submitting a complete RFI by the deadline of **Friday, April 8, 2022**. The selection will be designed to produce a diverse fleet of the best youth match racing talent worldwide. Invited skippers will be notified no later than **Friday, April 22, 2022**. Criteria considered by the Selection Committee are available on the Governor's Cup website listed below.
- All information necessary to prepare a Governor's Cup RFI, including the NoR, and a link to the RFI form, is available at www.govcupracing.com under "Race Documents". Potential entrants may also obtain a Request for Invitation package by telephoning the Club or sending an email to the address listed in the contact information below.
- The entry fee is \$1,000 but covers almost all meals during the event. Housing is provided by BYC families.

For More Information:

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Alumni Regatta

BYC is tentatively planning an Alumni Regatta in honor of the Club's 100th anniversary. There is a question on the RFI form as to whether you would like to sail with Alumni "Rock Stars" on Sunday, July 31. We expect to make a decision on the event by May 1, 2022..