



# World Youth Match Racing Championship

July 30-August 5, 2017

Balboa Yacht Club  
Corona del Mar, California, U.S.A.



- *The world's best youth match racers*
- *12 purpose-built "Governor's Cup 22's" built in 2016 for use by competitors*
- *Summer in southern California*







**The 4th World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship will be held from July 30 - August 5, 2017 in the waters of the Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach, California, U.S.A.**

12 skippers will be invited by World Sailing to compete in the Championship. World Sailing Member National Authorities ("MNA") may request an invitation for a skipper of their nationality by submitting a completed entry form to World Sailing no later than March 1, 2017. World Sailing will issue invitations no later than March 15, 2017. After that date, World Sailing may issue wild card invitations for any remaining places at its discretion without MNA endorsement. The event is a World Sailing Grade W event.

One skipper will be invited from the United States as host nation. All competitors must be under 23 years of age on December 31, 2017 and have a World Sailing ID. (Register online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor)) Crews will consist of 3 or 4 sailors whose combined weight cannot exceed 262.5 kg.

For more information:

<http://www.sailing.org/events/youthmatchworlds/index.php>



## Championship Schedule

### Sunday, July 30

- 1000-1300 Registration
- Lunch for Crews
- Boat & Spinnaker Draws
- Practice sailing in Governor's Cup 22's

### Monday, July 31

- Practice sailing in Governor's Cup 22's
- Competitors Meeting
- Briefing with Umpires
- Opening Ceremony

### Tuesday, August 1

- Competitors Breakfast
- Competitors Meeting
- 1st Race Day

### Wednesday, August 2

- Competitors Breakfast
- 2nd Race Day

### Thursday, August 3

- Competitors Breakfast
- 3rd Race Day

### Friday, August 4

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

### Saturday, August 5

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



**Governor's Cup International Youth Match Racing Event to be Held Before World Championships**

**See back page for more information**

Cover photos — West Australian Lachy Gilmour leads 2016 World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Champion and fellow Australian Will Dargaville at a start during 2016 Governor's Cup regatta. Lower right is an aerial view of the Balboa Yacht Club.



## The Venue



has had members sail in the Olympics, the America's Cup, and virtually every major ocean race in the world, and two members have been named Rolex U.S. Yachtsman of the Year. Many senior and junior club members compete actively in dinghies and ocean racing, and team racing has become a relatively new addition to club racing.

Sailing conditions normally feature light to moderate breezes of 5-15 knots in the afternoons from the south to southwest direction. Outside temperatures will generally be in the mid to high 70's (22°-25.5°C) but seldom exceed 80° (~27°C). Sea conditions in the racing areas off Newport Beach generally include a light chop and light to moderate swells from the west.

During the World Championship, club members will provide housing to the competitors and coaches just as they have for Governor's Cup competitors for fifty years. During those years, many families have developed long term relationships with "their" teams, including BYC's Stoughton family which has hosted both James Spithill in 1994 and 1996 and James' younger brother Thomas from 2004-2006. We hope that some of the families and World Championship competitors can build similar relationships. Balboa Yacht Club looks forward to welcoming competitors to the United States and to Newport Beach.

**The Youth Match Racing World Championship** will be hosted by Balboa Yacht Club which is located in the village of Corona del Mar in the City of Newport Beach, California. Located approximately 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles, the city is both a business center in Orange County and a resort community with approximately 90,000 full time residents. Its harbor is home to almost 10,000 boats. The area is served by the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) with extensive international service which is about 45 miles from the city, and locally by the John Wayne Orange County Airport (SNA) which is adjacent to the city and features a variety of U.S. domestic flights as well as some flights to Canada and Mexico.

The club is the home to the Governor's Cup International Youth Match Racing Championship, which in 2016 celebrated its 50th anniversary as the oldest such series in the world. (See back page). In BYC's 95 years, it

***"Teams and Coaches are housed with BYC members... the entry fee covers many meals..."***

## New Boats Ready for World Championship

**July, 2016 saw the launch of new "Governor's Cup 22's"** which were designed by Alan Andrews with events like the Youth Match Racing World Championship in mind. They are high performance sloops well suited to a range of wind conditions. Dimensions are:

	Metric	Imperial
<b>LOA</b>	6.84 m.	22.4 ft.
<b>LWL (empty)</b>	6.12 m.	20.0 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	2.33 m.	7.6 ft.
<b>Draft</b>	1.52 m.	5.0 ft.
<b>Displacement</b>	745 Kg.	1644 Lbs.
<b>Ballast</b>	318 Kg	700 Lbs.

They are lighter, longer and have more sail area than boats used in similar events and when first used in the 2016 Governor's Cup, were universally praised by the competitors. They feature carbon fiber masts, booms and spinnaker poles by Hall Spars; a modern, high aspect ratio "T" keel and hiking straps. North Sails provided all the sails which include a "flat top" mainsail, jib and large, masthead symmetrical spinnaker. They were built by Westerly Marine locally in Santa Ana, California.







## 2017 Governor's Cup May Present Additional Opportunity for World Championship Competitors

In addition to hosting the Youth Match Racing World Championship in the summer of 2017, Balboa Yacht Club will also host its 51st Annual Governor's Cup International Youth Match Racing Regatta from July 17-22. 12 skippers will be invited by the BYC Governor's Cup selection committee to compete in the "Gov Cup" just two weeks before the World Championship. Competitors must be no more than 22 years of age through the last day of the regatta.

If interested in participating, World Championship competitors are welcome to file a Request for Invitation ("RFI") for the Governor's Cup with the committee by the deadline of May 12, 2017 and invitations will be issued to the selected skippers no later than May 26, 2017. The committee may invite certain skippers at any time who are either ranked highly in the World Sailing Open Match Racing Rankings, or are former winners of the Governor's Cup, or both. Note that Gov Cup invitations (which are not limited by MNA) cannot be guaranteed to World Championship skippers.

The event is expected to be at least a World Sailing Grade 3 event although the 2016 Governor's Cup was granted retroactive Grade 2 status and *may* again receive that grading. It may provide an opportunity for those World Championship skippers who actually receive Gov Cup invitations to sail in the same boats in the same waters but winning the Governor's Cup is prestigious in itself. Past competitors include America's Cup, World Match Racing Tour, national champions and Olympic skippers such as James Spithill, Taylor Canfield, Paul Cayard, Morgan Larson, John Kosteki, Sam Gilmour and Nevin Snow.

All information necessary to prepare a Governor's Cup RFI, including forms, will be available by no later than January 15, 2017 for download at [www.govcupracing.com](http://www.govcupracing.com) under "Race Documents". Potential entrants may also obtain a Request for Invitation package by telephoning the club at 949-673-3515 after January 15 or sending an email to BYC.

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Above, reception during 2016 Governor's Cup included a first ever joint appearance of three iconic match racing trophies: the Governor's Cup, the America's Cup and the Congressional Cup. Many Gov Cup competitors have competed in all those events but no skipper has won all three.