

**United States Youth Match
Racing Championship
For the Rose Cup**



**June 27—July 1, 2018
Oakcliff Sailing &
Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club
Oyster Bay, New York**



**The Rose Cup
Returns To Oyster Bay...
But This Time as a
National Championship!**



The Championship, Rose Cup and Nick Scandone Trophy

The Rose Cup started as an invitational youth match racing event in 2010. It was founded by members of Balboa Yacht Club in Newport Beach, California, and the Newport-Balboa Sailing & Seamanship Association ("NBSSA"). Its mission is to assist in the promotion of youth match racing in the United States and improve the quality of US competitors in national and international competition.

Past Winners:

- 2017 David Wood*
- 2016 Romain Screve*
- 2015 Christophe Killian*
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- 2013 Scott Buckstaff
- 2012 Will Holz
- 2011 Nevin Snow
- 2010 Chris Segerblom

*USYMRC



Thanks primarily to the efforts of US Sailing Match Racing Committee Vice-Chair and five-time US Match Racing Champion, Dave Perry, US Sailing made the event one of its three match racing championships, and it officially became the U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship in 2015.

At each USYMRC, the presentation of the Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Award is always a highlight. This trophy, named for the late US Paralympic Gold Medalist Nick Scandone who, in addition to winning the Gold Medal at the Beijing Olympics in 2008, was beating both able bodied and physically challenged competitors throughout the last year of his life as he fought ALS or "Lou Gehrig's Disease". Nick's persistence against seemingly insurmountable odds provides inspiration to winners of the Scandone Sportsmanship Trophy and to all sailors.

The Rose Cup was named by NBSSA for America's Cup, Congressional Cup and offshore tactician Andy Rose, for his contributions to youth match racing for the Governor's and Rose Cups.

Wood & Team Win 2017 Championship

David Wood and his Balboa Yacht Club (Newport Beach, CA) team of Catherine Reynolds, Max Brennan, and Jeffrey Petersen won the 2017 U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship and the Rose Cup in decisive fashion by beating Connecticut's Jack Parkin 3-0 in the final series on Fort Worth Boat Club's Eagle Mountain Lake.

Wood, who had limited match race experience before the event, started off slowly, losing his first four races and ending up the round robin series fifth of the ten competitors. His improvement continued in the all important "knock out" rounds, and in the semi-finals he beat his fellow BYC member Porter Killian, 3-0 before sweeping the final.

Wood would be the first to admit that the North U clinic held by 5-time U.S. Match Racing Champion Dave Perry, BYC coach Mike Pinkney and 2-time Rose Cup and Governor's Cup winner Christophe Killian was a huge help in getting him and his crew up to speed.

At 16 years of age, Wood has a few more years to sail in the USYMRC as well as the Governor's Cup which will continue to issue an invitation to the 2018 Rose Cup winner.

Wood's fellow BYC member Killian and his crew John Horton, Robert Garrett and Victoria Thompson received the coveted Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Trophy which was voted on by their competitors and the umpires.

Traditional Swim for David Wood and team in Eagle Mountain Lake



Below l to r, Catherine Reynolds, Max Brennan, Jeffrey Petersen, and skipper David Wood



Below, wipeouts are bigger in Texas



Requesting an Invitation

The USYMRC is an invitational event based on resumes submitted to US Sailing. Information on how to submit your RFI and other details about qualification and selection are found on the back page of this brochure.



The Hosts

This year's USYMRC will be hosted by Oakcliff Sailing and the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, both located in Oyster Bay, NY. These two groups hosted the 2014 Rose Cup before it became a national championship and US Sailing is pleased to bring the event back to Oyster Bay in 2018.

Oakcliff Sailing is a non-profit training center dedicated to raising the level of sailors and sailing in the United States. It is a match race training center, a high-level racing school and a center dedicated to training sailors, boat workers, owners and teams.

Before Oakcliff, there was no clear route from dinghy sailing and college sailing to high-level keelboat racing. Oakcliff's Acorn program for teenaged students and their Sapling program for young adults are filling a gap in the growth path of sailors by providing training in every aspect of the game. The New York Yacht Club challenge for the America's Cup recently announced a partnership with Oakcliff who will identify and help to train young sailors as potential America's Cup crew members.

The Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club was founded in 1871 and its founders adopted a threefold statement of purpose: Becoming proficient in navigation; the personal management, control and handling of their yachts; and all matters pertaining to seamanship. Current members continue an extensive program of team, fleet and match racing. The Seawanhaka Corinthian Junior Yacht Club with a separate clubhouse was founded in 1936 and has a long tradition of producing great junior sailors including, most recently, the Silver Medalist in the boys doublehanded class at the 2017 Youth Worlds.



"Gov Cup" Awaits Winner

The Governor's Cup International Youth Match Racing Championship will invite the winner of the USYMRC to its 52nd Annual Regatta to be held at Balboa Yacht Club, Newport Beach, California, from July 16-21, 2018. The "Gov Cup" is the oldest and most prestigious



youth match racing event in the world and past winners include America's Cup winner James Spithill, John Koscheck and, as of this writing, five of the top ten ranked skippers in the World Sailing Open Match Racing Rankings. For details, see back page.

Event Schedule

Wednesday, June 27

Registration, practice and informal coaching by Dave Perry and other match racing experts.

Thursday, June 28

North U Advanced Racing Clinic coached by Dave Perry and his instructors —Catch up on the latest match racing tactics including both classroom and on the water coaching.

Friday, June 29

First day of round robin series. All teams will sail against each other team at least once.

Saturday, June 30

Round robin series continues. Depending on weather, semi-final series begins.

Sunday, July 1

Semi-final and final races. After racing, awarding of Rose Cup and Scandone Sportsmanship trophies.



Requesting an Invitation

- ◆ Skipper and crew members must have reached at least their 16th birthday but not have reached their 21st birthday during 2018 and be members of US Sailing.
- ◆ The event is expected to be a World Sailing Grade 3 Event.
- ◆ *Teams will consist of crews of four (4) with a maximum crew weight of 680 pounds with at least one female and one male in each crew. All sailors must be members of US Sailing.*
- ◆ The U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship (“USYMRC”) for the Rose Cup is an invitational event based on Requests for Invitation from qualified skippers.
- ◆ If there are more Requests for Invitation than places available, the USYMRC Selection Committee, organized by the US Sailing Match Racing Championships Committee as organizing authority (“OA”), *in its sole discretion*, will select the invitees from among qualified requests. **Requests for Invitations received by April 1, 2018 will receive preference.** Selected invitees will be notified by April 7, 2017.
- ◆ The Selection Committee will base its selection on a number of factors including experience in match racing as well as fleet racing in dinghies and larger boats. Those requesting invitations should have sufficient experience to handle the Sonar sloops including experience with spinnakers of this size. If the Committee determines that two or more of those skippers requesting invitations are equal in experience and ability, it may favor the older applicant over the younger given that it is an age-limited event.
- ◆ Teams need not be composed of members of the same yacht club or sailing association.
- ◆ The NoR, Request for Invitation (“RFI”) and all the information necessary to prepare an RFI are available on the US Sailing website:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/usymrc/>

For more information, please contact:

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NOTE ON THE GOVERNOR’S CUP: The USYMRC winning skipper will receive an invitation to the Governor’s Cup International Youth Match Racing Event July 16-21, 2018, *provided he or she has filed an RFI with the Governor’s Cup by the May 11, 2018, deadline.* If the winning skipper cannot attend, no additional *automatic* invitations will be issued. However, at its meetings in May, 2018, the Governor’s Cup Selection Committee may choose to invite additional place winners in the USYMRC from among skippers filing a “Gov Cup” RFI by the deadline (for example, the 2nd placed skipper, whomever that may be). However, other than the automatic invitation to the winner described above, the Selection Committee in its sole discretion may choose to invite additional skippers filing a Gov Cup RFI without regard to the USYMRC results.

To request an invitation, go to govcupracing.com or balboayachtclub.com and click on the Gov Cup logo.