

## **2014 Youth Match Racing Opportunities in the U.S.**

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Match Racing is one of the fastest growing disciplines in the sport of Sailing. It is fast-paced, very combative tactically, and it demands you to be pushing the boat, your team and yourself to the highest limits of boat handling and boat speed at all times.

Some of the very best U.S. sailors in our sport are former or current match racers, such as Ed Baird, Anna Tunnicliffe, Terry Hutchinson, Sally Barkow, John KostECKI and many many others.

And Match Racing is both an end to itself if one chooses to go that route, or a tool to sharpen one's fleet and team racing skills and to help a sailor get to the next level in their sailing career.

The US Sailing Match Racing Committee is actively working on ways to get the more advanced 16-22 year old U.S. sailors into match racing, and this letter will let you know some of the opportunities that are available. You will find introductory clinics and regattas where you can first learn about match racing, then regional, national and international youth events, such as the Rose and Governor's Cup. Match Racing is also done in college sailing, with its own college National Match Racing Championship. And finally there is the ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship for sailors ages 22 and under.

### **1) The Rose Cup, a National Youth Match Racing Event – which is a qualifier for The Governor's Cup (an international youth match racing event), the Women's Match Racing National Championship, and the Halloween event at Oakcliff.**

The Rose Cup will be co-hosted by Oakcliff Sailing and the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club on Oyster Bay, New York (near New York City), June 18-22. The event is for sailors aged 16-20 and will be in Sonars with 3 or 4 to a team. This is the boat and the host for the 2014 Intercollegiate National Match Racing Championship. Ten skippers from around the country will be invited based on requests for invitation; and **requests received by April 15 will receive preference**. The Request for Invitation form, the Notice of Race, and a four-color brochure with all the details are available on the Oakcliff website: [www.oakcliffsailing.org](http://www.oakcliffsailing.org) (go to Calendar > June 18 > Rose Cup), and on the US Sailing website at: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/small-boat-racing/match/>.

The top three finishing skippers at the Rose Cup will receive automatic invitations to the prestigious 2014 Governor's Cup, a premier international youth match racing event, held at the Balboa Yacht Club in Newport Beach, Calif. on July 14-19. The top finishing female skipper will qualify for the 2014 US Womens Match Racing National Championship, held at Oakcliff in their Match 40's, July 10-14. The top finishing skipper will qualify for the Oakcliff Halloween Invitational, October 31-November 2, 2014, also in their Match 40's.

### **2) The inaugural ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship, July 21-27, 2014, in Finland**

The US Sailing Match Racing Committee will select a skipper to represent the U.S. from among those applying for the Worlds. Sailors must be 22 or under in 2014. The NOR and other information is located on the US Sailing website at: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/small-boat-racing/match/>.

### **3) The Governor's Cup, an international Youth Match Racing event, July 14-19, 2014, Newport Beach, California**

Sailors can request an invitation through the Balboa Yacht Club website (<http://www.balboayachtclub.com/>) then select Youth Sailing), or by requesting an invitation to the Rose Cup (see above).

#### 4) Some Regional Youth and other Match Racing Clinics & Regattas

*NOTE: this is not a complete schedule; go to the US Sailing Calendar for a more complete listing:*  
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/small-boat-racing/match/us-sailing-match-racing-calendar/>.

##### **February 21-23, 2014**

North U Varsity Match Racing Clinic (geared to high school and college sailors)  
Titusville, Florida (near Orlando) - Geary 18's  
\$50 a person for Dave Perry coaching including video debriefs, use of boats, dinner and all course materials capped at first 8 teams to sign up! Coaches can come free.  
for more information or to sign up, go to [www.NorthU.com](http://www.NorthU.com) (and click on "All Things Match Racing")

##### **March 21-23, 2014**

North U Varsity Match Racing Clinic (geared to high school and college sailors)  
San Diego Yacht Club, California - J/22's  
\$50 a person for Dave Perry coaching including video debriefs, use of boats, dinner and all course materials capped at first 36 sailors to sign up! Coaches can come free.  
for more information or to sign up, go to: [www.sdyc.org/varsityclinic](http://www.sdyc.org/varsityclinic)

##### **May 15-18, 2014**

Oakcliff Sailing, Oyster Bay, New York (on Long Island) - Match 40's (with wheels)  
two days of clinic with Dave Perry coaching; two days of racing  
for more information or to request an invitation, contact: Bill Simon at [BSimon@Oakcliffsailing.org](mailto:BSimon@Oakcliffsailing.org)

##### **May 17-18, 2014**

Chicago Match Race Center Spring Invitational, Chicago, IL – Tom 28's  
For more information go to: <http://chicagomatchrace.com/>

##### **May 30-June 1, 2014**

Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland - J/22's – Dave Perry coaching  
\$50 a person for coaching including video debriefs, use of boats, dinner and all course materials  
There is a cap, so sign up now! Coaches can come free.  
for more information or to sign up, contact: [juniorfleet@annapolisyc.org](mailto:juniorfleet@annapolisyc.org)

##### **May 30-June 1, 2014**

North U Youth Match Racing Clinic, in J/22's  
San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego, California  
There is a cap, so sign up now! Coaches can come free.  
for more information , go to: [www.sdyc.org/juniors](http://www.sdyc.org/juniors) or call: (619) 758-6320

##### **June 12-15, 2014**

Rochester Yacht Club, New York - Sonars  
Great Lakes International Championship  
two days of clinic with Dave Perry coaching; two days of racing  
for more information or to request an invitation, contact Doc Sullivan at [rsulliv1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rsulliv1@rochester.rr.com)

##### **June 24-27, 2014**

North U Youth Match Racing Clinic & Regatta (geared to high school and college sailors)  
Chicago Match Race Center, Chicago - Tom 28's  
three days of clinic with Dave Perry coaching; one day regatta  
For more information or to sign up, contact: [Maggie@chicagomatchrace.com](mailto:Maggie@chicagomatchrace.com)

## 5) Intercollegiate (ICSA) Match Racing (<http://collegesailing.org/>)

The intercollegiate national sloop championship is done in match racing. Sailors in college interested in match racing should alert their coach, or look at the ICSA schedule for match racing events and qualifiers. The 2014 Intercollegiate Match Racing Championships will be held in Sonars. Several of the above-listed events are in Sonars, including the Rose Cup which will be at the same venue as the ICSA Match Racing Nationals.

Nov 14-16 - Intercollegiate National Match Racing Championship, Oakcliff Sailing, Oyster Bay, NY, in Sonars

## 6) Information and Resources for Match Racing, including Dave Perry's *Match Racing Playbook* and free DVD *Welcome to Match Racing*, which explains how match racing works and what the tactics are

### Go to...

US Sailing Match Racing website: [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) > Racing > Small Boat Racing > Match Racing  
(or go directly to: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/small-boat-racing/match/>)

- *Welcome to Match Racing* DVD can be viewed for free on line (scroll down on the MR page)
- Calendar of match racing events in U.S.
- Much information on Match Racing

North U Match Racing website: [www.northu.com](http://www.northu.com) > All Things Match Racing!

- Dave Perry's *Match Racing Playbook*; a comprehensive book on how to match race, and drills to do
- *Match Racing* – a CD with video shots, by Henry Menin and John Cutler
- Dave Perry's *Welcome to Match Racing* DVD – free other than the cost of shipping