

## 2017 Youth Match Racing Opportunities



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The US Sailing Match Racing Committee is actively working on ways to get the more advanced 16-24 year old U.S. sailors into match racing. Match racing makes sailors better... better at keelboat boat handling and making a keelboat go fast, better at making tactical and strategic decisions under pressure, better at the rules, and better at communicating on a team. And it is a great way to transition into keelboat racing where much of adult racing is done.

### Two Good Resources...

[The US Sailing Match Racing webpage](http://www.ussailing.org) ([www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) > Racing > Match Racing)

Here you'll find tons of useful information on match racing including links to the master calendar, resources for how to match race better and how to organize your team and funding, a free DVD about match racing, news and much more.

### [The Dial Up](#)

This is the link to our free e-newsletter which we have been sending out about once a month or so. Be sure to sign up for it. It contains the latest calendar of regattas and clinics, racing tips, links to useful videos, insights from the umpires and race committees, and current news. You can also sign up for *The Dial Up* on the US Sailing Match Racing webpage.

**In *The Dial Up* you will find the 2017 master calendar of all the regattas and clinics in North America in 2017.**

- There are 8 Qualifier events for the U.S. Match Racing Championships between April 1 and August 15 around the U.S. You are encouraged to apply to the ones you can attend (you must be invited – act on this right away!). Several of them have clinics beforehand. Those will be especially beneficial to you.
- Women can skipper in all the Qualifiers. So any woman interested in match racing should definitely apply to some of the Qualifiers!
- Look for some woman-only clinics and regattas in 2017 (dates to be announced).
- [Oakcliff Sailing](#) (Oyster Bay, NY) has a full calendar of clinics and regattas (usually held together in four day events), running from April through October. You get to sail the Match 40's, which are slender 40' keelboats with wheels, designed for match racing.
- The Intercollegiate Sailing Association has a match racing national championship, with qualifiers in the Fall. Discuss this with your coach if you are a college sailor, or a prospective college sailor.





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## **Some Youth Match Racing Opportunities in 2017...**

*This is a work-in-progress, and not a complete list of every event in 2017.*

*Check the master calendars in **The Dial Up** for the most complete and current information.*

**January 29 – February 3** - The Warren Jones International Youth Regatta (Under 25)  
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Perth, Australia; Foundation 36's

For more information and to request an invitation: <http://www.warrenjonesregatta.org.au/>

### **February 10-12**

North U S.O.D.A. Match Racing Clinic (geared primarily to high school sailors)

San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego, California - J/22's

\$75 a person for Dave Perry coaching including video debriefs, use of boats, dinner and all course materials

Coaches can come free. For more information or to register, go to: [www.sdyc.org/soda](http://www.sdyc.org/soda)

**February 5-9** - The Hardy Cup (Under 25)

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Sydney, Australia; Elliott 7's

For more information or to request an invitation: <http://www.rsys.com.au/sailing/hardy-cup>

**March 31-April 2** (site of the 2017 USYMRC for the Rose Cup)

North U Match Racing Clinic (high school and college sailors welcomed)

Fort Worth Boat Club, Fort Worth, Texas (on Eagle Mountain Lake) – J/22's

\$75 a person for Dave Perry coaching including video debriefs, use of boats, dinner and all course materials. Coaches can come free.

To register, go here: [North U Match Racing clinics](#)

Contact Dave Perry for more information: [davperry@optonline.net](mailto:davperry@optonline.net)

**June 14-18** – The U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup (Under 21)

Fort Worth Boat Club, Fort Worth, Texas (on Eagle Mountain Lake) – J/22's

must Request an Invitation by April 1, 2017. Go to: [USYMRC for the Rose Cup](#)

([www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) > Racing > Championships > U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship)

**July 17-22** – The Governor's Cup (Under 23 before July 23, 2017)

Balboa Yacht Club, Corona del Mar, California in the new Governor's Cup 22

must Request an Invitation by May 12, 2017

[The Governor's Cup](#)

([www.balboayachtclub.com](http://www.balboayachtclub.com) > Youth Sailing > Governor's Cup)

**July 30 – August 5** - The 2017 World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship  
(Under 23 in 2017)

Balboa Yacht Club, Corona del Mar, California in the new Governor's Cup 22

U.S. skipper selected by resume. Applications due by February 15, 2017.

Application will be available on the [US Sailing Match Racing webpage](#)

([www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) > Racing > Match Racing) under "Youth Match Racing" by January 1, 2017.

