



# TRY MATCH RACING

*This is way more FUN than fleet racing!*





# What is match racing?





# Why match racing?



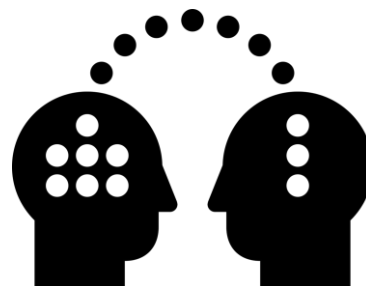
Fun!



Inexpensive



Teamwork



Cross Training



# Why match racing?

“I started match racing in college and was instantly hooked on the game. I love how it requires you to come up with a game plan to knock out the opponent based on the wind, current, position, course strategy and racing rules of sailing. The team dynamic is crucial to success, as everyone has to think on their toes and act in the moment to adapt to constant changes. There is a physical and mental component to this type of sailing that is unlike any other sailing I have done and for that reason I am totally hooked!”

— **Stephanie Roble,**  
**ranked #5 in World Sailing's**  
**Women's World Rankings in 2017**



# Why match racing?

2013 America's Cup winning skipper Jimmy Spithill (Oracle Team USA) was asked: How did you get on to the path towards professional sailing and ultimately the America's Cup?

“We started doing youth match racing around the age of 16, and the reason for that was we couldn't really afford a boat to do the Olympics or to take it too seriously, but with this match racing route the boats are provided and they are all the same, and when you did the circuit all the boats were provided a gain. So you just had to really come up with the money for the flights.”



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# I'm interested, how do I start?







# How do I learn to match race?



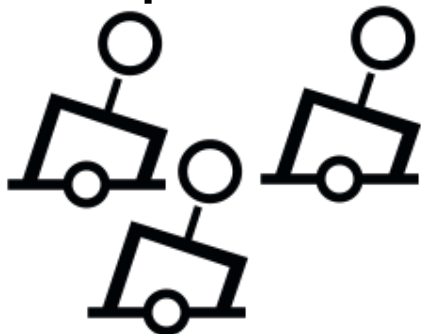
Attend a clinic with Dave “the Godfather” Perry!  
Go to US Sailing Match Racing webpage > Calendars >  
Match Racing Clinics



# What do I need to race?



2 Equal Boats



3 Buoys



1 motorboat



1 Set of Flags



# Other resources?

The US Sailing Match Racing webpage has information on

- Regattas & Clinics in North America
- The special match racing rules
- *The Dial Up* (free match racing newsletter),
- US Match racing rankings for Open & Women
- Coaching papers
- “How to run match races” manuals
- “Why & How to get involved in match racing” manual



# What about women specifically?



**U.S. WOMEN'S  
MATCH RACING  
CHAMPIONSHIP**



# How do I enter events?

1. Establish a goal!
2. Plan which events to sail (Grade 5's easiest, Grade 1's toughest)
3. Request invitations for those events
4. Assemble your team
5. Coordinate logistics (housing, budgeting, food)





# How do I formulate a team?

- A team needs a pool of 3-12 people with varying skills and weights from...
  - Yacht Clubs
  - College teams
  - Friends
  - US Sailing Match Racing Crew Finder



# What are the people like?



## **Match racers want to...**

Stick around

Talk sailing

Figure out what happened

Think about next time

## **Match racing encourages...**

communication

sharing of knowledge

community building



# How do I host an event?

- Use fleet of one design keelboats (4-8)
- Formulate a budget
- Organize early and research best practices
- Information on the US Sailing Match Racing webpage:

Go to US Sailing > Competition > Adult > Match racing > Racing Promotion > Running a Race



# Now, go match racing!





# Resources

- US Sailing Match Racing webpage includes racing tips, calendars, rankings, *The Dial Up* newsletter, racing promotion, rule interpretations and much more.

Go to US Sailing > Competition > Adult > Match racing

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/small-boat-racing/match-racing/>

- All North American Match Racing Events
  - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/1GHTqNJJu-GLiPGHtGO-QkDviJtGIQOIlf9rnwEnGl6k/edit?usp=sharing>
- Crew Finder Form and Responses
  - Form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeexJReGhB0Obr0G6WKZ7npCEoXUezQAKmiJ6fFI8Wkp0\\_F6w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeexJReGhB0Obr0G6WKZ7npCEoXUezQAKmiJ6fFI8Wkp0_F6w/viewform)
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- World Sailing Match Racing Page: <https://www.sailing.org/new-to-sailing/match-racing.php>