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**U.S. YOUTH  
MATCH RACING  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
FOR THE ROSE CUP**



**June 15-19, 2022**

**Long Beach Yacht Club  
Long Beach,  
California**





The Rose Cup started as an invitational youth match race event in 2010 and 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.

Thanks primarily to the efforts of US Sailing Match Racing Committee Chair and five-time U.S. 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.

## The Championship, the Rose Cup & Nick Scandone Trophy

At each USYMRC, the presentation of the Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Award is always a highlight. This trophy, named for the late U.S. Paralympic Gold Medalist Nick Scandone who, in addition to winning the Gold Medal at the Beijing Paralympics 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 in many ways including his support for the Governor’s and Rose Cups.

## Home of Congressional Cup to Host Rose Cup

Long Beach Yacht Club can truly be said to have started modern, regularly scheduled premier match racing in the United States and the world when it held its first Congressional Cup in 1965. Now a World Match Racing Tour event, the “ConCup” has featured a “who’s who” of the world’s great sailors that continues today with its 57th Cup to be held in spring, 2022.

It is only fitting that the Club now hosts the U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup. This is perhaps even more true today as Rose Cup winners are starting to qualify for the Ficker and Congressional Cups, marking the first sustained participation by very young skippers and crews since early in ConCup history.

The cover of this brochure illustrates the possibilities as the Governor’s, Congressional, and America’s Cup are shown at the 50th Anniversary of the “GovCup” in 2016. LBYC was gracious enough to allow the Congressional Cup to make its first appearance out of Long Beach in honor of the GovCup which itself was patterned after the ConCup and started two years later.

A number of sailors have sailed in the three cups pictured although no one to our knowledge has ever won all three. Perhaps a future Rose Cup winner can be the first to win all four!

The Club was formed in 1929 and the current clubhouse and facilities dedicated in 1960. US Sailing thanks Long Beach Yacht Club and its members for hosting the 2022 Rose Cup!



### Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 15

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

Thursday, June 16

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 17

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

Saturday, June 18

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

Sunday, June 19

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

### We’ll Make You Famous!

For the second time, the GovCup TV team will provide live, on the water video coverage of the Rose Cup racing Saturday and Sunday with multiple fixed and drone cameras and expert commentary and interviews with teams. Broadcast information will be available closer to the event.



At top, Jeffrey Petersen and crew in Rose Cup 2021. Below left, Wood and team adopt a GovCup tradition to their win in the Youth World MR Championship. Below right, Petersen and crew celebrate the Governor’s Cup win.

## Rose Cup Veterans Shine In World Match Racing

Jeffrey Petersen of Balboa Yacht Club (Newport Beach, CA) had a summer to remember in 2021, winning the U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup at Rochester YC (New York) and then going on to win the Governor’s Cup at his own club.

In the Rose Cup, Petersen was second in the round robin stages to San Diegan Jack Egan who had a perfect 14-0 record. But Petersen peaked at the right time, beating his fellow BYC clubmate, friend and 2017 Rose Cup winner David Wood 3-1 in the semi-finals and then beating Egan by the same score in the finals.

Egan and Wood had what for them must have been a disappointing Governor’s Cup in July with Wood finishing 5th to Egan’s 6th. Petersen maintained his winning ways with a Governor’s Cup victory in a tough 3-2 final against top Danish skipper Emil Kjaer.

A week after the Gov Cup ended, Petersen and Wood matched up again in the Youth Match Racing World Championship but this time

Wood exacted some revenge with a 3-1 victory in the Finals over Petersen, earning them Gold and Silver medals. In 2020, another Rose Cup winner, Jack Parkin, also won the Silver medal at the Youth Match Racing Worlds in New Zealand.

Although neither Wood nor Petersen competed, Jack Egan, sailing for Yale University, won the last major match racing event in the United States in 2021 with a victory in the U.S. Intercollegiate Match Raing Championship beating, among others, 2019 Intercollegiate champ Stanford’s Jack Parkin. Petersen and Wood were invited to the Congressional Cup and Petersen missed the semi-finals by one half of a point.

In other words, the Rose Cup is now achieving the goals of its founders, which was to help raise the quality of U.S. youth match racers so they can compete with anyone in the world.

### 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 event requires some experience with 3-4 person keelboats with spinnakers and match racing experience will, of course, be a major factor in selection. But, good sailors without such experience can still be competitive.

This was shown again in 2021 as then 16-year old Morgan Pinckney (Newport Beach, California) placed fifth in the Rose Cup, his first major match racing competition.

His learning curve was obviously steep as he accepted an invitation to the Governor’s Cup and to the surprise of most observers—and perhaps to Morgan himself—he placed third, beating most of the more experienced teams.

So, if you are a good sailor with a crew that can handle the boats, you might want to file an RFI!

### GovCup Invite on the Line

The Governor’s Cup International Youth Match Racing Championship will invite the winner of the USYMRC to its 55th Annual Regatta to be held at Balboa Yacht Club, Newport Beach, California, from July 26-31, 2022. 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, World Match Race Tour Champions Phil Robertson and Taylor Canfield, and many others.

More information on the Governor’s Cup and its 55 year history can be found on the event website [govcupracing.com](http://govcupracing.com). The automatic invitation to the “GovCup” is only for the winner of the 2022 USYMRC for the Rose Cup. However, the Governor’s Cup Selection Committee may choose to invite additional Rose Cup competitors or make such competitors alternate selections **if they file an RFI for the Governor’s Cup by the April 8, 2022 deadline** (see back page). Note that a number of 2021 Rose Cup competitors were invited to the 2021 Governor’s Cup due to COVID international travel issues faced by some invitees.



### BREAKING NEWS!

#### 4 Rose Cup Alumni in Top 10 U.S. Match Racing Rankings

Jeffrey Petersen and Jack Parkin are 4th and 5th in the December rankings with David Wood and Chris Weis close behind in 7th & 8th.



## Requesting an Invitation

- ◆ Skipper and crew members must have reached at least their 16th birthday but not have reached their 21st birthday during 2022 and be members of US Sailing.
- ◆ The event is expected to be a World Sailing Grade 3 Event.
- ◆ The Rose Cup will be sailed in Soling class sloops provided by the Long Beach Yacht Club. The Soling is an international class and was used in the Olympics in 1972 through 2000 with medals in the 1992, 1996, and 2000 Games decided by match racing.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship ("USYMRC") for the Rose Cup is an invitational event based on Requests for Invitations ("RFI") from qualified skippers.
- ◆ If there are more Requests for Invitations 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, 2022 will receive preference.** Selected invitees will be notified by April 7, 2022.
- ◆ 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 Soling 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.
- ◆ This event will be held in compliance with all applicable regulations for the Novel Virus COVID SARS2 set forth by local, state or federal health departments which may be in effect at the time of the event. The COVID protocols in effect in April, 2022 will be included in invitations to selected skippers and will be periodically updated as appropriate.
- ◆ The NoR, and all the information necessary to prepare an RFI are available on the US Sailing website. To request an invitation or learn more about the event, copy and paste the following into your browser:

**[www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2022-u-s-youth-match-racing-championship/](http://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2022-u-s-youth-match-racing-championship/)**

**Or go to US Sailing > Competition > Youth > US Sailing Championships > USYMRC**

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**NOTE FOR GOVERNOR'S CUP:** All Rose Cup skippers filing an RFI for Rose Cup who wish to also request an invitation to the Governor's Cup either through receiving an automatic invitation as the Rose Cup winner, or wish to be considered for an additional invitation issued by the GovCup Selection Committee (see page 3), must file a Governor's Cup Request for Invitation with the Balboa Yacht Club by **the April 8 deadline** for Governor's Cup RFIs. RFI filing and other information will be found at [www.govcupracing.com](http://www.govcupracing.com) by January 15, 2022.