



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



Sheboygan Yacht Club



Sheboygan, Wisconsin

June 21-25, 2023

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 former US Sailing Match Racing Committee Chair and five-time U.S. Match Racing Champion, Dave Perry, US Sailing made the event

The Rose Cup

“The way to the top!”

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 last two Youth MR World Champions are also Rose Cup winners!

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.

In only 13 years since its founding, veterans of the U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship are making a name for themselves at the top of the world stage. The two most recent Youth Match Racing World Champions are former Rose Cup winners, David Wood and Jeffrey Petersen, winning their gold medals in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

If you are invited to the Rose Cup, you will find the entry list filled with some of the top sailors in the country including match racers with some experience. But experience has never proved to be the deciding factor in the Rose Cup. Neither Wood nor Petersen had any extensive experience in skippering a match racing team before their wins and look where they ended up!



Cup Returns To Sheboygan



which values its members for their efforts rather than for their wealth or social standing.

The USYMRC returns to Wisconsin and Sheboygan Yacht Club for the third time after very successful events in 2013 & 2016. Teams will again experience some of the best hospitality offered in the Rose Cup from the Club’s members.

The Club boasts one of the finest facilities on the Great Lakes. It is a history of a group of people from all walks of life who have lent their time and their skills to the creation of an organization

The first yacht club in Sheboygan was informally established as early as 1887, when a group of boat owners and amateur boat builders banded together to enjoy their sport. That group incorporated and received a charter from the State of Wisconsin in 1901. Membership numbered approximately twenty, and a clubhouse was erected on stilts near the fish hatchery located on the site of the present YMCA.

While that Club was disbanded, its successor, the current Sheboygan YC was formed in 1931, in part to berth some larger yachts owned by some of the founders.

The competitors will see the modern version of the Club with clubhouse and marina and both small and larger boats actively using the Club and the fresh waters of Lake Michigan. A brief description of expected weather conditions is on the next page.



Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 21

Registration, weigh in, and practice with informal coaching by Dave Perry and other instructors.

Thursday, June 22

Final chance for registration & weigh in (0830-0900); Advanced Match Racing Clinic coached by Dave Perry and his instructors; Opening Ceremony (1900)

Friday, June 23 & Saturday, June 24

First & second days of racing. Racing format will include a single round robin series where each team will sail against each other team once. This will be followed by quarter finals, semi and final knockout series & consolation rounds through Sunday, June 25.

Sunday, June 25

Racing continues. Awarding of Rose Cup and Scandone Sportsmanship trophies immediately after racing ends. No attention signal after 1400.

Pinckney Wins ‘22 Rose Cup



In the view of most spectators, as well as 5-time US Match Racing Champion Dave Perry, and the “GovCupTV” team providing live video coverage of the event, the final matches of the 2022 U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship were among the closest and best that they had ever seen.

Rose and Governor’s Cup veteran Morgan Pinckney of Newport Harbor YC eked out a 3-2 victory over Justin Callahan of Biscayne Bay YC. Callahan may have fallen victim to the “match racing curse” of being undefeated in the round robin, and in this case, also in the quarter and semi-final races.

The two skippers are good friends and both are multiple national champions in various dinghies. While Pinckney had only been match racing for a year, that experience was enough to edge Callahan. The latter started perhaps an even more rapid rise through the match racing ranks in placing second in his first MR event. Both are eligible again this year.

Governor’s Cup Will Invite Rose Cup Winner to 2023 Regatta in July

The winner of the USYMRC will receive an invitation to the Governor’s Cup International Youth Match Racing Championship provided he or she has filed an RFI for the Governor’s Cup by **Friday, April 7, 2023.**

The “GovCup” is the oldest, and arguably the most prestigious, youth match racing event in the world and will be sailed this year for the 56th time at the Balboa Yacht Club, Newport Beach, California from July 24-29, 2023.



world championships. That group includes 2-time America’s Cup winner James Spithill among *many* others.

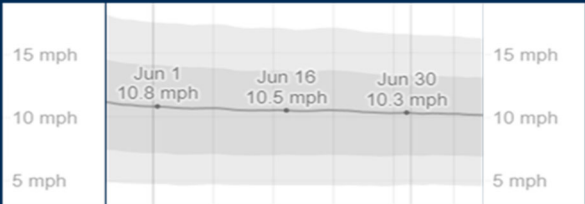
The Rose Cup winner will be “thrown into the deep end” this year as Governor’s and Youth World MR Champion, Jeffrey Petersen will again compete. Two-time U.S. Intercollegiate MR Champion, Jack Egan is also eligible and hopefully will attend. And, the usual contingent of the best young European, Australian and New Zealand teams will be on hand.

This may be your chance to become part of the incredible Governor’s Cup “alumni” who have won the America’s Cup, Olympics, World Match Racing Tour, Volvo Round the World Race (and predecessors) and other national and

If the winner cannot or does not wish to sail in the Governor’s Cup, no other *automatic* invitation will be issued. But, Rose Cup sailors who file an RFI will be considered for invitations which will be issued no later than **April 21, 2023.**

Boats and Weather

Eight Sonar sloops will be provided to competitors for the event. Most will be familiar with this popular class for similar events.



Average June wind conditions

Weather conditions in June are excellent but include some changeable Great Lakes conditions. Wind will be expected to be predominantly in the 6.5-12.5 knot range with an average speed of just over 10 knots.

The wind direction the majority of the time is from the south to west quadrants. This does not mean that it doesn’t blow occasionally, just ask the 2016 sailors! Some precipitation is likely with a reasonable chance of some thunderstorm activity later in the day.

Getting Invited

Competitors must have reached their 16th birthday in 2023 but cannot have reached their 21st birthday by December 31, 2023. Four crew will be required with at least one male and one female. US Sailing requires eligible skippers to complete a **Request for Invitation (“RFI”)** as described on the back page. A US Sailing Selection Committee will select up to eight skippers from among those submitting RFI’s.

While match racing experience is a component of the selection criteria, success in dinghies or other small keelboats is also a major factor in selection decisions.

Requests for invitation received by **April 1, 2023** will be given preference, and selected skippers will be notified by **April 7, 2023.**



Requesting an Invitation

- ◆ Skipper and crew members must reach their 16th birthday in 2023, but not have reached their 21st birthday during this year.
- ◆ The event is expected to be an ISAF Grade 3 Event.
- ◆ The U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship ("USYMRC") for the Rose Cup is an invitational event based on Requests for Invitation from qualified skippers. Teams will consist of crews of 4 with a maximum crew weight of 680 pounds. Crews must consist of at least one female and one male. All sailors must be members of US Sailing.
- ◆ The USYMRC Selection Committee, organized by the US Sailing Match Racing Championships Committee as organizing authority ("OA"), in its sole discretion, will select up to eight skippers. If there are more RFIs filed than available spots in the Championship, the Selection Committee will choose the invitees from among qualified requests in its sole discretion. **Requests for Invitations received by April 1, 2023 will receive preference.** Selected invitees will be notified by April 7, 2023.
- ◆ 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, with some consideration for geographic diversity among the entrants in order to attract a nationally representative entry list. Those requesting invitations should have sufficient experience to handle 3-4 person small keelboats including experience with spinnakers of this size. If the Committee deems two or more of those skippers requesting invitations 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:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2023-u-s-youth-match-racing-championship/>

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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 Championship, June 23-29, 2023, **but only if the skipper has filed a Request for Invitation with the Governor's Cup by the deadline therefor, April 7, 2023.** If the winning skipper cannot attend, no additional *automatic* invitations will be issued although the Governor's Cup Selection Committee may choose to invite USYMRC skippers filing RFIs at any time without regard to the USYMRC results. Therefore, in addition to your Rose Cup RFI, we encourage you to file the "GovCup" RFI as well. For RFI link, event brochure and NoR, please go to

govcupracing.com



Above, the facilities of the Sheboygan YC and Sail Sheboygan; sailing the Sonars on Lake Michigan. YC.