

2023 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.

Three Good Resources...

The US Sailing Match Racing webpage

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

(You can also link to it through the US Sailing Match Racing page)

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.

Why & How to Get Involved in Match Racing

(You can also link to it through the US Sailing Match Racing page)

This excellent document tells you everything you need to know to put together a team and enter some match racing events, and get on your way to building your World Sailing ranking.

On the US Sailing Match Racing webpage and in *The Dial Up* you will find the 2020 Master Calendar of all the Regattas and Clinics in North America in 2023, with contact information on each.

- There are 8 Qualifier events for the U.S. Match Racing Championships (USMRC) between April and July around the U.S. You are encouraged to apply to the ones you can attend (you must be invited – act on this right away!). Some have clinics beforehand. Those will be especially beneficial to you. The 2023 USMRC will be September 21-24 at the Rochester Yacht Club in Rochester, NY in Sonars.
- Women can skipper in all the USMRC Qualifiers. Plus there are Qualifiers for the US Women's Match Racing Championship, and some of those permit coed teams (woman skipper). So any woman interested in match racing should definitely apply to some of the Qualifiers! This will help your resume when you apply for an invitation to the 2023 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship (USWMRC) which is August 17-20 at the Annapolis Yacht Club in Annapolis, MD in J/22's.





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(Oyster Bay, NY) has a full calendar of clinics and regattas (usually held together in three day events), running from April through October, plus a two week match racing camp designed for teenagers (August 1 – 16). 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.

Some Youth Match Racing Opportunities in 2023...

This is a work-in-progress, and not a complete list of every event in 2023.

*Check the master calendars on the US Sailing Match Racing webpage or in **The Dial Up** for the most complete and current information.*

Be aware that you must request an invitation to most of these events, and there are deadlines!

January 20-22

North U Match Racing Clinic (geared primarily to high school and college-aged sailors)

Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX (near Houston) – RS 21's

\$100 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

[North U Youth MR Clinic LYC 2023 Notice of Clinic rev1 - Google Docs](#)

February 17-19

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

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

\$150 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:

[San Diego Yacht Club \(sdyc.org\)](http://San Diego Yacht Club (sdyc.org))





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March 17-19

Bay Area Youth Match Racing Clinic (geared primarily to high school sailors)
San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California – RS 21's
For more information on the event: contact Forrest Gay at forrest@sfyc.org

March 31 – April 2

S.O.D.A. Match Racing Clinic (geared primarily to high school sailors)
Long Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach, California - Soling's
\$150 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:
[SODA Youth Match Racing Clinic - Long Beach Yacht Club \(lbyc.org\)](http://SODA Youth Match Racing Clinic - Long Beach Yacht Club (lbyc.org))

May 12-14

Open Match Racing Clinic (with a large number of high school sailors)
Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, MI – Ultimate 20s
For more information on the event, contact Lance Smotherman at Springlnv@byc.com

June 10-12

Long Beach Yacht Club Dickson Junior Match Race Invitational
Long Beach, CA – Solings
For more information or to register, go to:
[Dickson Cup - Long Beach Yacht Club \(lbyc.org\)](http://Dickson Cup - Long Beach Yacht Club (lbyc.org))

June 20-25 – The U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup (16-20 yrs old in 2023)
Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan, WI in Sonars
must Request an Invitation by April 1, 2023. Go to:
2023 U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship - US Sailing

July 24 - 29 – The Governor's Cup (under 23 before July 30, 2023)
Balboa Yacht Club, Corona del Mar, California in Governor's Cup 22
must Request an Invitation by early April, 2023
Governor's Cup - Balboa Yacht Club - Corona del Mar, CA
For more information: Becky Lenhart at: sailing@balboayachtclub.com





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August 1 - 16

Oakcliff World Match Racing Tour Match Racing Camp
Oyster Bay, NY

Includes match race coaching in the Match 40's and participation in two Match Racing Regattas

This camp fills quickly so don't delay requesting a spot.

Contact Patrice Rachlin: regatta@oakcliffsailing.org

Oakcliff Sailing website: <https://www.oakcliffsailing.org/>

