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

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The Rose Cup has become a “pathway for champions” and veterans are now in the top ranks of young match racers and fleet racers worldwide. The Cup was founded as an invitational youth match race event in 2010 and was an official US Sailing Championship in 2015 as an invitational youth match race event in 2010 and was an official US Sailing Championship in 2015 and 2022, respectively. Meanwhile, 2023 Rose Cup champ Chapman Petersen is a contender to represent the United States in the 2024 Olympics!

Mission Accomplished!

If you are invited, 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 either Petersen (no relation), had any extensive experience in skippering a match racing team before their wins and look where they ended up!

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.

Governor’s Cup Invitation on the Line at Rose Cup

The Rose Cup winner will face some of the best match racers in the world—who just happen to be under 23 years of age. Two-time Governor’s Cup Champ as well as the 2022 Youth MR World Champion, Jeffrey Petersen will lead the field against such likely competitors as Youth Worlds runner-up Cole Tapper (AUS). Last year, eight countries were represented and a similar number are expected to be selected this year. All Rose Cup competitors must file an RFI with the Governor’s Cup by April 12, 2024 in order to be eligible for the automatic invitation or be eligible for independent selection by the GovCup Selection Committee. Also, feel free to go to govcupracing.com for more information on the Cup, the regatta, famous alumni, and the RFI, NoR and Selection process.

Past Winners

- 2022: Newport Harbor Yacht Club: Morgan Pickney, skipper, Peter Sangmeister, Will Glasson, Ashley Highland
- 2021: Balboa Yacht Club: Jeffrey Petersen, skipper, Max Brennan, Reade Delhagen, and Samantha Hemans
- 2020: Event not sailed
- 2019: Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club: Cameron Feves, skipper, Lukas Kraak, Justin Zmina, and Taylor Milfehlt
- 2018: Riverside Yacht Club: Jack Parkin, skipper, Ashton Borcharding, Bram Brakman, Riley Rogers
- 2017: Balboa Yacht Club: David Wood, skipper, Max Brennan, Catherine Reynolds and Jeffrey Petersen
- 2016: San Francisco Yacht Club: Romain Schave, skipper, Jackson Ritter, Sammy Shea
- 2015: Balboa Yacht Club: Christophe Killian, skipper, Jack Martin, Harrison Vandervort
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- 2013: San Francisco Yacht Club: Scott Buckstaff, skipper, Corey Lynch, Sammy Shea
- 2012: Chicago Yacht Club: Will Holz, skipper, Wheeler Morris, Madeleine Conney, Alex Woloszyn
- 2011: San Diego Yacht Club: Nevin Snow, skipper, Jake LaDow, Jake Reynolds
- 2010: Newport Harbor Yacht Club: Chris Segerblom, skipper, Connor Bathen, Kieron Chung
Requesting an Invitation

- Skipper and crew members must reach their 16th birthday in 2024, but not have reached their 21st birthday during this year.
- The event is expected to be a World Sailing 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 660 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 ten 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, 2024 will receive preference. Selected invitees will be notified by April 7, 2024.
- 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/2024-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, July 22-27, 2024, but only if the skipper has filed a Request for Invitation with the Governor’s Cup by the event deadline, April 12, 2024. If the winning skipper cannot attend, no additional “automatic” invitations will be issued although given the recent quality of Rose Cup sailors, the “GovCup” Selection Committee may again choose to invite other 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
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