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2014 Rose Cup

A National Youth Match Racing Event
June 18-22, 2014
Oakcliff Sailing &
Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club
Oyster Bay, New York

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The Venue/Hosts

OAKCLIFF Sailing is a non-profit training center dedicated to raising the level of sailors and sailing in the United States. It is located on Long Island Sound's Oyster Bay.

It is a match race training center, a high-level racing school and a center dedicated to training sailors, boat workers, owners and teams and—unlike any other such facility in the world—a facility where a participant can become a better sailor, and also learn to run a business in the marine industry.

The Acorn and Saplings programs for younger students and the other Oakcliff programs are filling a gap in the growth path of sailors: before Oakcliff, there was no clear route from dinghy sailing and college sailing to high-level keelboat racing. It trains young, promising sailors in every aspect of the game, from seeking sponsorship to offshore navigation. Read more at http://www.oakcliffsailing.org.

The Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club is located on Centre Island in Oyster Bay, New York on the shores of Long Island Sound. Its name is derived from a tribe of Indians who made their home on Centre Island and it was founded in 1871.

The founders of the Club adopted a threefold statement of purpose: Becoming proficient in navigation; the personal management, control and handling of their yachts; and all matters pertaining to seamanship. These remain today a valid statement of its goals. In particular, they emphasized participation in the sport of sailing by amateur "Corinthian" members and that word was added to the name of the Club in 1881. The Clubhouse was completed in 1892.

Current members continue an extensive program of team, fleet and match racing. The Seawanhaka Corinthian Junior Yacht Club with a separate clubhouse was founded in 1936 and has a long tradition of producing great junior sailors. More at: www.seawanhaka.org

The Rose Cup

and the Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Trophy

The Rose Cup started as an invitational youth match race event in 2010 and including that regatta, it will celebrate its fifth anniversary this year by bringing the event to the East Coast for the first time. It 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.

The founders, NBSSA, and the Rose Cup committee under the direction of US Sailing Match Racing Committee Chair and four time US Match Racing Champion, Dave Perry, has applied to US Sailing to make the Rose Cup an official US Sailing Youth Match Racing Championship, perhaps as early as 2015. Dave and the founders' objective is simple—provide opportunities for young US sailors to develop their skills in this most exciting of racing disciplines.

The Rose Cup event begins with an intensive match racing clinic which this year will be led by Dave Perry who brings a unique combination of world class match racing success and teaching experience to the competitors.

At each Rose Cup, the presentation of the Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Award is always a highlight. This trophy, named for the late US Paralympic Gold Medalist Nick Scandone who, in addition to winning the Gold Medal at the Beijing Olympics 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 founders, sponsors and Rose Cup Committee would sum up the success of the Rose Cup in meeting its objective as "so far, so good". As can be seen by the article in this brochure, Rose Cup veterans have already been moving up the ladder with many rated highly in the ISAF Open Match Race Rankings which are not age limited. In other words, some of these sailors are already reaching for the top levels of the sport despite the fact that they are much younger than most of their fellow ranked sailors.

This year, we are fortunate to have Oakcliff Sailing Center and the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club as hosts. Both look forward to the most competitive Rose Cup ever!

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Buckstaff Wins in 2013; Rose Cup Alumni Dominate Other Championships

In the most competitive Rose Cup to date, Scott Buckstaff of San Francisco YC beat 2012 winner Will Holz of the Chicago YC in the finals in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Third and fourth places were taken by Ryan Davidson and Christophe Killian of Balboa Yacht Club. Christophe and his team also won the coveted Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Trophy.

The 2013 saw virtually every condition from 25 knot squalls to 0 knot raft ups. But sufficient time was available for some great racing which followed the clinic run by US Olympian Sally Barkow.

"Why sail… Quite simply because you'll sail against the best…"

"What impressed me the most," said Barkow, "was the tremendous improvement in the match racing and small keelboat racing skill of all eight teams. By the last day, it looked like a Grade 3 match racing regatta with multiple lead changes and boats overlapped at the finishing line."

Meanwhile, other Rose Cup alumni (some who are probable 2014 entrants) have continued their match racing success. In the US Intercollegiate Match Race Championship held in late 2013, the top four finishers are all Rose Cup alumni led by 2012 Rose Cup winner Nevin Snow from San Diego. Also in 2013, Rose Cup third place finisher Ryan Davidson placed third in the Governor's Cup and first in the Royal Vancouver YC open match race event by beating the two skippers that finished ahead of him in the Gov Cup. Nevin also was a crew member in the "Youth America's Cup" held in conjunction with the 2013 America's Cup as were other Rose and Governor's Cup competitors.

Meanwhile, one of the younger 2013 Rose Cup competitors and fourth place finisher, Christophe Killian, placed second in the prestigious Musto youth match race series in Sydney, Australia over Thanksgiving, losing only to now-professional match racer Chris Steele from New Zealand, who is ranked 22nd in the ISAF Open Match Race Rankings.

So, why sail in the Rose Cup? Quite simply because you'll sail against the best young match racers the US has to offer and these days, the "best" in the US again means something on the international stage.

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2014 Event Format & Schedule

The Rose Cup begins on Wednesday, June 18 with registration and practice sailing and coaching sessions. Thursday, June 19 will feature a full day match racing clinic run by Dave Perry. Racing commences on Friday, June 20 and continues on Saturday with round robin races with semi-final races based on round robin finishes beginning as early as Saturday afternoon. Sunday, June 22 will complete the semi-final races and the regatta will end with final and petit final matches. The presentation of the Rose and Scandone trophies will follow. Races will be windward-leeward with on-the-water umpiring. While competitors are urged to participate in the whole event, the committee is aware that school related activities in some parts of the country may only allow certain sailors to participate only in the actual racing.

Racing will be in 23' Sonar Class boats provided by the co-host, Seawanhaka CYC, which feature fractional rigs and spinnakers. Crews will be three or four including skipper with a maximum weight of 578 pounds.

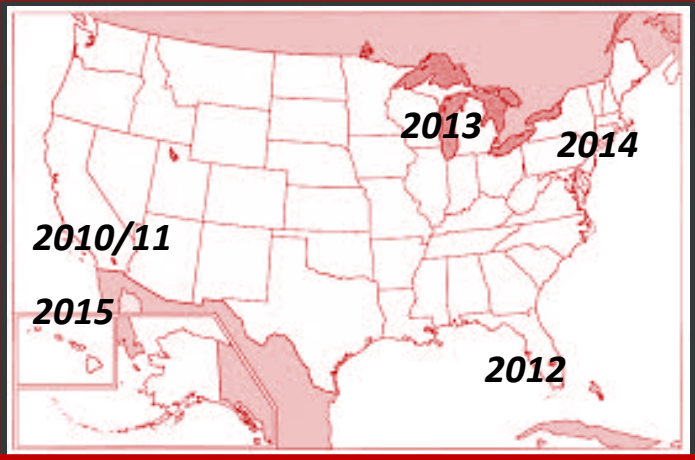
Gov Cup to Invite Top Three

Due to the success of the 2012 and 2013 Rose Cups, the Governor's Cup Committee of Balboa Yacht Club will invite the top three Rose Cup finishers to the 48th Annual Governor's Cup International Junior Match Race Championship to be held in Newport Beach, California, from July 14-19, 2014. The "Gov Cup" is known as the "Pathway for Champions" as its alumni of young match racers have gone on to excel in the America's Cup, the World Match Race Tour and other elite international match and fleet racing events. Currently Gov Cup alumni comprise 7 of the top 40 on the ISAF Open Match Race Rankings including number 1, Taylor Canfield.

The relationship between the Governor's Cup and the America's Cup was never more apparent than in 2012 when Oracle Sailing and the Golden Gate YC, brought the America's Cup itself to Balboa Yacht Club for the Gov Cup Regatta that summer. Gov Cup alumnus James Spithill then went on to win his second America's Cup in 2013 in the greatest comeback in sports history.

The Gov Cup features match racing between 12 crews of United States and international teams in "Governor's Cup 21's", a high performance modern keelboat designed specifically for the event. Note that unlike the Rose Cup, all members of a crew must be a member of the same yacht club or sailing association.

Rose Cup competitors are encouraged to also apply for an invitation to the Governor's Cup, and the Rose and Governor's Cup committees have made this easier by making the Rose Cup Request for Invitation also an RFI for the Gov Cup if a skipper wishes. More information on the Gov Cup at: balboayachtclub.com (go to Youth Sailing > Governor's Cup). *Note that Gov Cup crews are limited to 3 including skipper.*



Requesting an Invitation

- Skipper and crew members must have reached at least their 16th birthday but not have reached their 21st birthday during 2014.
- The event is expected to be an ISAF Grade 3 Event.
- The Rose Cup is an invitational event based on Requests for Invitation from qualified skippers. Teams will consist of crews of 3 or 4 members with a maximum crew weight of 578 pounds. All sailors must be members of US Sailing. If there are more Requests for Invitation than the 10 places available, the Rose Cup Selection Committee, organized by the US Sailing Match Racing Committee as organizing authority ("OA"), in its sole discretion will select the invitees from among qualified requests. ***Requests for Invitations received by April 15, 2014 will receive preference.*** Selected invitees will be notified by April 22, 2014.
- 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 the 23 foot Sonar boats used in the event. 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, but see "Governor's Cup" below.
- The NOR, Request for Invitation ("RFI") and all the information necessary to prepare an RFI will be available by January 15, 2014, on the Oakcliff Sailing website at http://www.oakcliffsailing.org (go to Calendar > June 18 > Rose Cup) and on the US Sailing website at: http://racing.ussailing.org/Match_Racing.htm.

Qualifying for the Governor's Cup

- The top three skippers in the Rose Cup will receive an automatic invitation to the 48th Annual Governor's Cup to be held at Balboa Yacht Club, Newport Beach, California from July 14-19, 2014. If a skipper so indicates on his Rose Cup RFI, his RFI will also be considered an RFI for the Governor's Cup (and it is possible a skipper may receive a "Gov Cup" invitation before the Rose Cup). Only the top three finishers will be automatically invited. If for example, a skipper finishing in the top three at Rose Cup cannot attend the Governor's Cup, then only the top two Rose Cup finishers will be *automatically* invited.
- The Governor's Cup is a club/association based event so a skipper invited to the Governor's Cup must enter a team composed entirely of members of the same club or association, so teams with such common membership are encouraged for Rose Cup.

2013 Entrants

For More Information on the 2014 Rose Cup:

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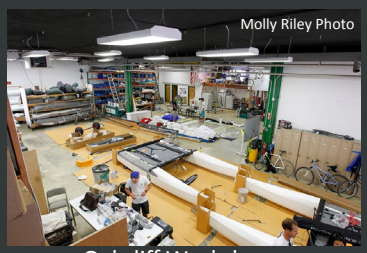

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