

**Breaking News, GovCup 2018 ReGraded to Grade 1:
Becomes First Age Limited (U23) MR Grade 1 Event Ever**



Photo Mary Longpre



Governor's Cup

**International Youth Match
Racing Championship**

July 15-20, 2019

Balboa Yacht Club

Corona del Mar, California, U.S.A.





The 53rd Governor's Cup

The Governor's Cup is the oldest and most prestigious youth match racing event in the world as has been noted by its unrivaled alumni including Australia's James Spithill, Harry Price and Sam Gilmour, New Zealand's Chris Steele and Phil Robertson, and Americans Taylor Canfield, Paul Cayard, Johnnie Heineken, John Kosteki, and literally dozens more great sailors from 5 continents over 52 years. In January, 2019, the 2018 Governor's Cup was regraded to Grade 1 by World Sailing—we believe the first ever such grading for an age-limited event using the prevalent worldwide youth regatta standard for competitors who must be under 23 years of age. It is likely that the 2019 event will ultimately receive Grade 2 status, dependant upon the final entry list.

Getting Invited

The Governor's Cup Selection Committee will select 12 skippers from sailors who will not have reached their 23rd birthday by July 20, 2019 and who submit a Request for Invitation ("RFI") by April 12, 2019. Decisions of the Selection Committee will be announced no later than April 26, 2019. Crews, also subject to the age limit, will be 3 or 4 sailors with a combined weight of no more than 579lbs/262.5kg. The NOR, event brochure and RFI forms are posted on the Governor's Cup website (govcupracing.com). The selection committee *may* choose to invite highly ranked sailors who file an RFI at any time after receipt so early RFI submittal is encouraged.

Note RFI Deadline is one month earlier than in past years

For more information, see back page.

"GovCup Week" Schedule

Balboa Yacht Club members put on quite a show for GovCup competitors, sponsors and fans. Below is a schedule of just a few of the week's events. From housing the competitors with Club families, to providing most meals with the cost covered by the entry fee, the GovCup "re-earns" its reputation each year as a "must do" event for youth match racers from around the world. We look forward to welcoming all the 2019 teams and supporters.

Monday, July 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none">1100-1200 RegistrationLunch for CrewsPractice sailing in Governor's Cup 22sOpening Dinner	Thursday, July 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none">3rd Race DayCrews invited on big boat "BeerCan" raceBeerCan Barbecue
Tuesday, July 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Race Day	Friday, July 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">4th Race Day; Semi-Final Races;Crew & Member Reception & Press Conference
Wednesday, July 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none">2nd Race DayCrews invited to barbecue dinner	Saturday, July 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Final Race Day; Semi-Finals continue; Petit Final and Final MatchesTrophy Reception



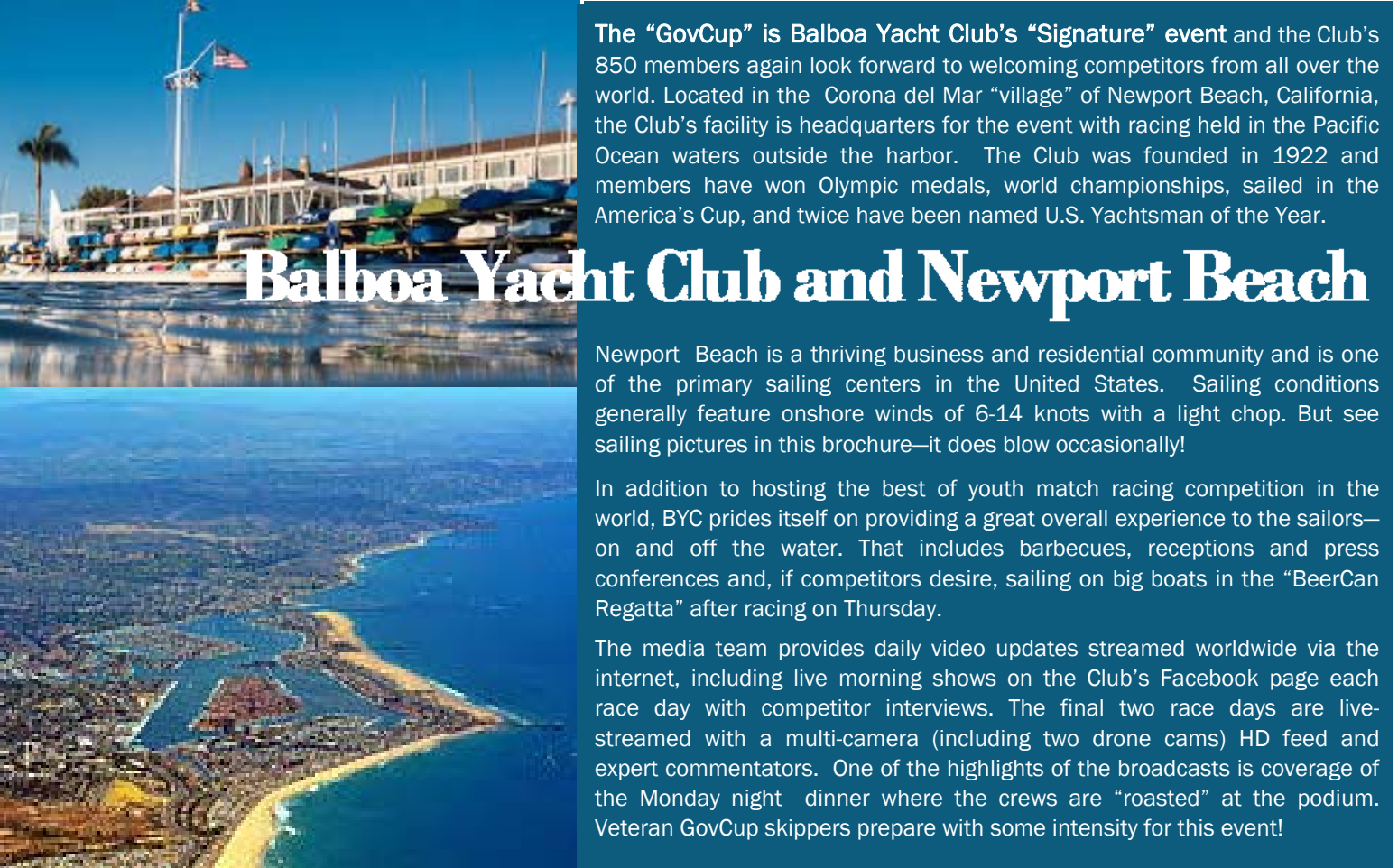
Photo Tom Walker

The Governor's Cup 22s

2019 will be the third year in which the purpose-built Governor's Cup 22s will be provided to all competitors. They have proven to be the best boats of their type used in similar regattas worldwide.

They were designed by Balboa Yacht Club member and noted international yacht designer, Alan Andrews, specifically for the Governor's Cup with an emphasis on optimizing the performance of the boat for typical summer conditions in Newport Beach. However, Alan also designed them to do well in a breeze, which was fortunate given the final day's conditions in last year's GovCup, in about 18+ knots of breeze, as can be seen in the pictures in this brochure, their performance was truly remarkable.

The boats feature flat top mains, masthead spinnakers and an "all up" weight of 1470lbs/667kg. Stability is provided by a modern "T" bulb keel with a narrow chord depth requiring skippers to keep the boat moving in light winds. With a large open cockpit, they are designed to sail with either three of four total crew. So far, no clear advantage has been found either way.



Balboa Yacht Club and Newport Beach

The "GovCup" is Balboa Yacht Club's "Signature" event and the Club's 850 members again look forward to welcoming competitors from all over the world. Located in the Corona del Mar "village" of Newport Beach, California, the Club's facility is headquarters for the event with racing held in the Pacific Ocean waters outside the harbor. The Club was founded in 1922 and members have won Olympic medals, world championships, sailed in the America's Cup, and twice have been named U.S. Yachtsman of the Year.

Newport Beach is a thriving business and residential community and is one of the primary sailing centers in the United States. Sailing conditions generally feature onshore winds of 6-14 knots with a light chop. But see sailing pictures in this brochure—it does blow occasionally!

In addition to hosting the best of youth match racing competition in the world, BYC prides itself on providing a great overall experience to the sailors—on and off the water. That includes barbecues, receptions and press conferences and, if competitors desire, sailing on big boats in the "BeerCan Regatta" after racing on Thursday.

The media team provides daily video updates streamed worldwide via the internet, including live morning shows on the Club's Facebook page each race day with competitor interviews. The final two race days are live-streamed with a multi-camera (including two drone cams) HD feed and expert commentators. One of the highlights of the broadcasts is coverage of the Monday night dinner where the crews are "roasted" at the podium. Veteran GovCup skippers prepare with some intensity for this event!



- The Governor's Cup is an invitational event. Twelve or more teams will be selected and invited by the Governor's Cup Selection Committee.
- Crews may be composed of three or four persons with a maximum weight of 579 lbs/262.5kg.
- No member of a crew may reach their 23rd birthday before July 20, 2019.
- The event is expected to be at least a World Sailing Grade 3 event with Grade 2 much more likely given past experience, pending the final skipper selection. All skippers must have a World Sailing number in order to earn ranking points for the regatta. To register go to www.sailing.org/isafsailor
- The Committee may invite certain skippers at any time who are either ranked highly in the World Sailing Open or Women's Match Racing Rankings, or are former winners of the Governor's Cup, or both.
- The winner of the U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup will also receive an invitation if he or she has indicated a desire to sail in the Governor's Cup by filing a Request for Invitation ("RFI") by the deadline. For information on the U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup, please go to: www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/usymrc/

Regatta Information & Requesting an Invitation

- The winner of the 2018 ICSA Intercollegiate (U.S.) Match Racing Championship will also be invited, if age eligible, **and** he or she has filed a Governor's Cup RFI.
- The great majority of invitees will be selected from among skippers submitting a complete RFI by the deadline of **Friday, April 12, 2019**. The selection will be designed to produce a diverse fleet of the best youth match racing talent worldwide. Invited skippers will be notified no later than **Friday, April 26, 2019**. **Note that these dates are approximately one month earlier than has been the case for past events.** Criteria considered by the Selection Committee are available on the Governor's Cup website listed below.
- All information necessary to prepare a Governor's Cup RFI, including forms, is available for download at www.govcupracing.com under "Race Documents". Potential entrants may also obtain a Request for Invitation package by telephoning the Club at the number below or sending an email to the email address also listed below.
- The Notice of Race is also posted on the govcupracing.com website.
- The entry fee is \$1,000 but covers almost all meals during the event. Housing is provided by BYC families.

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