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*Hot Boats!*

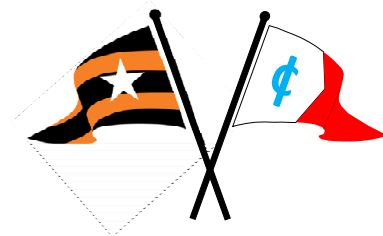
*California Weather!*

*A National Championship!*

# 2018 ICSA Match Race Championship

November 16-18, 2018

Balboa Yacht Club  
Newport Beach, California



- *Balboa Yacht Club is home of the Governor's Cup, the oldest international youth match racing event in the world*
- *BYC will provide twelve "Governor's Cup 22" sloops built and first used in the 2016 "Gov Cup"*
- *The GC22's are lighter, longer and have more sail area than any other boat used for this type event*
- *For more info, see back page*

*At left, Newport Beach & the Gov Cup 22's sailing in 2016's 50th Annual Governor's Cup won by 2015 ICSA Match Race Champ, Nevin Snow*

*(GC22 photos by Tom Walker)*



# Schedule

We know 2018 is a long time from now but this event is going to be epic so plan ahead! ICSA and the Balboa Yacht Club have already starting planning three great days (Friday, November 16 — Sunday, November 18, 2018) of racing and social events for qualifying teams from around the nation.

As of now, the plan is to continue schedules based on past championships with competitors briefings at 0900, the first attention signal at 1100 and umpires debrief and social activities after racing. More details will be available as we get closer to the event.



Former ICSA Match Race Champ Nevin Snow Beats WS #3 ranked match racer Sam Gilmour in 2016 Governor's Cup



## The Venue

Balboa Yacht Club is located in the village of Corona del Mar in the city of Newport Beach, California, which is approximately 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

It is served by John Wayne Orange County Airport (SNA) adjacent to Newport Beach which has convenient non-stop or one stop connections from most of the nation. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is approximately 40 miles away. Newport Beach is still a popular resort town with numerous lodging opportunities in all price ranges.

Sailing conditions in the Pacific Ocean where racing will take place are typical of winter in Southern California with light winds and a slight chop. While average wind speeds would be expected in the 5-8 knot range, occasional frontal passages and local offshore "Santa Ana" winds can be much stronger. But, even in light conditions the generous sail area and light weight of the GC22's give them excellent performance.

## The Boats

The Governor's Cup 22's were designed by world class yacht designer (and BYC Staff Commodore), Alan Andrews. They are longer, lighter, and have more sail area than other boats used for the ICSA Match Race Championships in the past. They feature "flat top" mainsails, fractional carbon fiber rigs and masthead spinners with a large open cockpit and hiking straps.

The boats will be used in August, 2017 for the World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship which will also be held at Balboa Yacht Club.



Length Overall	22.4 ft
Beam	7.6 ft
Draft	5.0 ft
Displacement	1470 lbs
Ballast	700 lbs

## Governor's Cup Provides Chance To Sail in GC22's



Balboa Yacht Club's 51st or 52nd Governor's Cup regattas may provide opportunities for collegiate sailors to compete in a world class match racing event in the Governor's Cup 22's in 2017 and in the summer of 2018 in anticipation of the ICSA Match Race Championships that November.

While getting an invitation to the Governor's Cup can be difficult (in 2016 it was a World Sailing Grade 2 event), if a Request for Invitation is accepted by the Selection Committee, it will provide a great test of each team's match racing skill against the best young match racers in the world.

Teams will consist of 3 or 4 persons and none may have reached their 23rd birthday by the last day of the regatta which is generally held in the third week of July each year. Housing is provided by club members and the entry fee covers many meals.

**2017 NOR, brochure and more information will be posted by January 31, 2017 at [www.govcupracing.com](http://www.govcupracing.com).**