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**Simon Minoprio** Skip Beck Cameron Appleton Colin Campbell  
Katy Spithill Anthony Merrington Mark Campbell-James  
Paul Campbell-James Morgan Trubovich **Morgan Larson**

Tom Hebbert  
Will Benedict  
Chris Redman  
Mark Rastello  
Mike Pinckney

**Gavin Brady**

Ron Rosenberg  
Nick Madigan  
Brian Camet  
Gordon Clute  
Jason Fain  
Patrick Hogan  
Robert Kinney  
Andy Rose  
Scott Schock  
Tom Spithill

Troy Treaccar  
**Tim Wadlow**

Alan Andrews  
Sean Doyle  
John Heineken

Silja Lehtinen **Mark Christensen** Murray Gordon Linton Weiss  
Bart Hackworth "LJ" Edgecomb Craig Fletcher Matt McQueen  
Steve Washburn Geoff Becker Dennis Durgan Kylie Hogg  
Jack Franco Bill Menninger Preston Holdner **Terry Hutchinson**  
**Argyle Campbell** Hamish Roughly Steve Kent Andy McDonald

Curt Olsen  
Brad Wheeler  
Scott Mason

**Paul Cayard**

Steven Natvig  
Gisele Camet  
Stewart Clarke  
Brian Angel

**John Cutler**

Marc Barra  
Tom Purcell  
Steve Otto

Peter Newbre  
Steve Kleha  
Chris Clothier  
Brian Bissell

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Keith Swinton

# Governor's Cup

## 42nd U.S. International Junior Match Racing Championship



**Pathway for Champions**

July 16th-20th, 2008  
Balboa Yacht Club  
Newport Beach, California  
U.S.A.



- The Cup Regatta is held annually at the Balboa Yacht Club in Newport Beach, California, USA and this year's event will be held from July 16 to July 20, 2008
- Entry is by invitation based on resumes submitted with application. Selection committee will consider participation and success in top level junior match and fleet racing events in both keel and dinghy classes
- ISAF Grade III Match Race Event
- Three days of Round Robin match racing followed by semi-final and finals on day four
- The Oldest Junior International Match Race Series and "Pathway to Champions" — the Cup has featured sailors who have gone on to the America's Cup, the Volvo Round the World Race, the international professional match race circuit, and the Olympic Games

# 42nd Governor's Cup Regatta



- First Cup Regatta held in 1967 with Cup donated by then Governor and later US President Ronald Reagan
- Competitors will be provided with purpose built "Governor's Cup 21's", a high performance three person keelboat designed by noted international yacht designer and BYC member, Alan Andrews
- Housing for international and out of area USA teams will be provided free by BYC members. Entry fee covers most meals.
- Travel subsidies will be available for international and Midwest, Southern and East Coast USA teams
- Open to female and male sailors who have not reached their 20th birthday by the first day of the Regatta, July 16, 2008

# Schedule of Events

## Wednesday, July 16

**Morning** Registration, Skippers Meeting and Boat Draw  
**Afternoon** Practice Racing  
**Evening** Dinner, Main Dining Room, Introduction of Crews, Sponsors

## Thursday, July 17

**Morning** Skippers Meeting, Prepare Boats  
**Afternoon** Round Robin Racing, Day One  
**Evening** “Beer Can” Regatta and Barbecue Dinner on Flag Deck

## Friday, July 18

**Morning** Skippers Meeting, Prepare Boats  
**Afternoon** Round Robin Racing, Day Two  
**Evening** Hosted Members Party in Honor Of Crews, Sponsors on Flag Deck

## Saturday, July 19

**Morning** Skippers Meeting, Prepare Boats  
**Afternoon** Round Robin Racing, Day Three  
**Evening** Pizza and Salad Dinner on Flag Deck

## Sunday, July 20

**Morning** Skippers Meeting, Prepare Boats  
**Afternoon** Semi-Final and Final Races  
**Evening** Trophy Dinner in Main Dining Room

**FIVE DAY EVENT** — *Given the increasing demands on the time of top junior competitors and the increasing quality of the fleet which needs less practice time, the 2008 Governor’s Cup will include a day for registration and practice, three days of round robin competition followed by semi-final and final matches on the fourth day*

## What’s New for 2008

**TRAVEL SUBSIDIES** — *Due to a significant increase in sponsorship dollars, for the first time, Balboa Yacht Club is able to provide travel subsidies for international teams and North American teams selected from outside the West Coast. Teams from more than 1,500 miles from the venue will be eligible for subsidies as determined by the Selection Committee.*

**THE COVER** — Some of the skippers and crew who have participated in the Governor’s Cup for the last 41 years form the background for this year’s cover.

The cover background is made up of the names of skippers and crew in previous Governor’s Cups. Most of them have used the “Pathway for Champions” provided by the Cup as an early milestone in great racing careers whether at the international or regional levels as skippers, tacticians and key crew members. Many observers have noted that some of the non-winners of the Governor’s Cup seem to have excelled at the international level even beyond those that have won the Cup! Following is a profile of one of them.



“Pathway” Profile

## Paul Cayard

Paul did not win the Governor’s Cup when he represented St. Francis Yacht Club in 1978 (Brad Wheeler of BYC won that year). However he recovered quickly and his career highlights include a Star World Championship (and six other world titles in various classes); a 2004 member of the United States Olympic Team; winning the Whitbread (now Volvo) Round the World Race in 1998 and finishing second in the Volvo in 2006; skipper or helmsman in two America’s Cups; election to the *Sailing World Hall of Fame* in 2002; Rolex Yachtsman of the Year in 1998.

(picture, valenciasailing.com)

## The Venue and The Club



**T**he members of Balboa Yacht Club are excited to welcome competitors to the 42nd Governor's Cup. The Club is one of the oldest on the West Coast of the United States and was founded in 1922. It features marina facilities, extensive dinghy and small boat storage, bar and restau-



rant. BYC has approximately 850 members and is located in the Corona del Mar "village" of Newport Beach, California, approximately 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

BYC members have distinguished themselves in sailboat racing and have participated as skippers, tacticians and crew members of Olympic, America's Cup, and Congressional Cup teams and some of the world's premier long distance yacht races including the Transpac, Transatlantic, Bermuda, and Sydney-Hobart races. Two of its members have been honored as Rolex Yachtsman of the Year.

BYC families provide housing for all out of town teams. This generosity helps competitors and their clubs save considerable amounts on the overall costs of the regatta (and most meals are covered by the entry fee). The Governor's Cup week includes barbecues, dinners with guest speakers and a chance for competitors to participate in the Thursday night "Beer Can Regatta" event which features larger boats racing for fun within Newport Harbor and finishing directly off the Club.

The ocean breeze during the Governor's Cup Regatta is normally in the 7-15 knot range with a light chop generally appearing by afternoon. Daytime temperatures in July are generally 70's to low 80's (23<sup>0</sup>-26<sup>0</sup> Celsius).



The racing will be in round robin format followed by a four boat semi-finals and two boat finals and petit finals. On the water judging will be provided by international umpires and judges.

**T**his "Pathway" Profile honors the first non-USA competitor to win the Governor's Cup and a sailor who went on to a truly memorable sailing career. Like Mark, many winners have done quite well in their later lives and careers.



### Mark Christensen

Mark's career took a turn to possibly the sailing event most unlike the Governor's Cup—the Round the World Race. He is the most successful sailor in that event's history, having won in three of his four campaigns: in 1998 with fellow Gov Cup veteran Paul Cayard as well as in 2001-02 and 2005-06.

Mark also sailed in the 1993-94 race with Dennis Connor only four years after he won the Governor's Cup. He is also a veteran of two America's Cup campaigns having first signed on with the New Zealand team only two years after his Gov Cup win. He has sailed in 7 Sydney Hobart races and 4 Fastnet Races. At last word, Mark has at least temporarily retired from Volvo Round the World Races and spends a lot more time with his wife and kids in New Zealand.

(picture, sail-world.com)

# Menninger, NHYC Win 2007 Governors Cup



NHYC crew showing form that gave them good boat speed throughout the series

**M**ichael Menninger and his Newport Harbor Yacht Club team from Newport Beach, California won the 41st Annual Governor's Cup Regatta. In doing so Michael added his name to his father Bill's (the 1973 winner) on the Cup and making them the first such winning father-son duo in Cup history.

It wasn't easy. After completing the double round robin stage of the competition, Menninger and his crew, Cole Hatton and Chris Segerblom, had a 21-1 win-loss record, losing only to St. Thomas Yacht Club (Virgin Islands) skippered by Taylor Canfield. Canfield and crew, Max Nickbarg and Tyler Rice, continued their winning ways and moved into the semi-final round against Newport Harbor with the Newport team looking forward to the rematch.

Newport Harbor's speed and tactics made quick work of the Virgin Islands team, however, as Menninger and crew moved into the finals winning 2-0 in the best two of three semi-finals. The other semi-finalists were defending champion King Harbor Yacht Club's Steven Natvig

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with crew Wes Byrne and Gov Cup veteran Blake Smisko and the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (Sydney, Australia) led by skipper William Ryan with his crew Jay Griffin and Jonathan English.

King Harbor had fought back in the round robin stage to win its semi-final berth, having only won only three of their initial six races, similar to the slow starting performance in their Cup winning efforts in 2006. Just as in the previous year, however, their successful surge in the later stages of the round robin continued in the semis as they dispatched the Aussie team 2-1 and entered the finals. The Aussie team recovered to win the "petit finals" for third place by beating the St. Thomas Yacht Club.

The stage was set for the final matches. Newport Harbor won the first race and stood only one race away from winning the Cup. King Harbor had other ideas. Despite being behind by as much as thirty seconds, a large deficit in these short match races, King Harbor was able to pass Menninger and crew to even the final series at 1-1, raising questions in the mind of the Newport team and their supporters. What came next was, in the words of ISAF International Judge and International Umpire (and PRO) Don Becker, "one of the top five match races I've ever seen". And Don has umpired and judged a *lot* of match races all over the world!!

In the deciding race, the lead changed hands four times and things seemed especially grim for the Newport Harbor team when they drew a penalty during a leeward mark rounding which required Menninger to complete a 270 degree penalty turn before finishing. The odds are against a boat being able to complete the turn and still maintain a lead, much less pass the other boat. But Newport pulled off a perfect penalty turn on the upwind leg and was able to pass King Harbor for a razor thin two boat length victory at the downwind finish.

Crews go on to great things too! This "Pathway" Profile honors one of the top international sailors who won the Governor's Cup but as a crew, not a skipper. Modern match racing requires expertise from all crew members and Gavin certainly had it then as now.



## Gavin Brady

Gavin sailed in the Governor's Cup in 1990 as a crew on the winning Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron team led by skipper Kelvin Harrap (who has also gone on to great success in the international match racing circuit). He represented New Zealand in the Olympics in 2000 and was tactician on BMW Oracle in the 2007 America's Cup, his fourth America's Cup campaign.

He is a three time winner of the Congressional Cup, the first modern annual international match race competition and the model for its junior version, the Governor's Cup. He has won world championships in various classes and is one of the most sought after professional sailors racing today.

(photo, sail-world.com)



## Applying for an Invitation

- No competitor may have reached his or her twentieth birthday before the first day of the regatta, July 16, 2008.
- The Governor's Cup is an invitational event based on applications from yacht clubs (or sailing associations) worldwide. Balboa Yacht Club's Selection Committee will select final invitees from among clubs submitting a complete bid package by May 16, 2008. The selection will be based on information and resumes supplied by the challenging clubs' bid packages and other factors which may be considered by the selection committee and which are designed to produce a diverse fleet of the best junior match racing talent worldwide. Invited teams will be notified no later than June 1, 2008.
- If your club plans to have a sail-off to choose your candidate team after the application deadline, the Committee will nevertheless make an invitation decision based on the team resume you submit. If you plan a sail-off, please notify the Selection Committee with your application. Subsequent crew changes will be subject to approval by the Selection Committee.
- Travel subsidies will be granted at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Depending on the geographic distribution of the invitees, the travel subsidy provided by the BYC will likely range from \$ 750 USD to \$ 1,500 USD. Teams eligible for subsidy must come from at least 1,500 miles away from Newport Beach, California unless otherwise decided by the Selection Committee.
- All information necessary to prepare a Governor's Cup Challenge Bid including application forms are available for downloading from the Club's website at [www.balboayachtclub.com](http://www.balboayachtclub.com) . Click on the Governor's Cup logo and then the link to the bid package. Potential entrants may also request a bid package by telephoning the club at 949-673-3515 or emailing to [sailing@balboayachtclub.com](mailto:sailing@balboayachtclub.com).
- The event will include international competitors, but Balboa Yacht Club wishes to also encourage the highest level of competition from across the United States and therefore teams from the middle and eastern parts of the county are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information:

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