



The Monthly Newsletter of Southern California Yachting Association

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UPCOMING MEETING - CALLING ALL OLD TIMERS

**Saturday, September 11th,
Old Timers Luncheon
General Membership
Meeting - 12:00
Board Meeting - 10:30**

Newport Harbor Yacht Club

Hybrid Meeting with In-Person and Zoom Participants

Board Meeting 10:30 am

General Membership Meeting at 12:00 pm

Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Newport Beach

Trophy for highest attendance of Staff Commodores from a member club!

Registration for in-person and by zoom will be opening soon at

<https://scya.org/scya-meetings/>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Ahoy SCYA Member Club representatives: appointed Delegates, appointed Alternate Delegates and the Flag Officers that make the appointments, SCYA's September General Membership Meeting will be a Hybrid Meeting with in-person and Zoom participants.



From the Helm



Bill McNamara
Commodore
SCYA

Ahoy,

There's no place like home.

I had the opportunity to drive to Northern California for a yacht club "land cruise". It was originally to have been to Tahiti, but the advanced planning necessary with the uncertainty of CoViD required

this alternate itinerary.

While there, with 60 fellow yacht club members, I enjoyed what we believed was the ongoing elimination of pandemic response restrictions. Visiting a half a dozen bay area yacht clubs, I was reminded just how different the 200 CA yacht clubs can be. Some were century old organizations with stately historic buildings overlooking national landmarks like the Golden Gate Bridge, stands of redwood trees, Alcatraz Island and the skyscrapers of downtown San Francisco. Others were all volunteer organizations, active just a few days a week, but with multiple cruises and social events each month. What they all had in common with each other, and with SCYA's member clubs, was a commitment to boating camaraderie, education, philanthropy and celebration. Boaters, with sometimes little other than the water in common, were enjoying time together, sharing experiences and helping to make Corinthian boating available to others.

Back home, I watched tomorrow's yacht racing stars ply the waters off Newport Beach in the BYC hosted youth Governor's Cup. I enjoyed reciprocal privileges at Huntington Harbor Yacht Club's returning Whiskey / Cigar Night and joined the celebrations at the end of the Santa Barbara to King Harbor race - a must-do race for many offshore yacht race crews.

Our return to normalcy seems to be two steps forward and one step back, but the overall trend is toward picking up where we left off in 2019. The many clubs I have been visiting throughout California are re-expanding services while keeping everyone safe. Do take note of our future plans: the SCYA Commodores' Cruise (plural possessive) is for the leaders of our member clubs and their guests to gather for a

weekend of events in the heart of SCYA territory - Newport Beach. Join us by boat or drive-in daily or book a room at one of the city's many hotels. The weekend will include visits to several yacht clubs, some on-the-water fun and a Friday Night 100th Anniversary dinner. Details below with more to follow. Looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting (August we're dark). Have a happy post-Solstice Summer.

Fair Winds

Bill McNamara

SCYA In the News....

Commodore McNamara was interviewed for the second time on SailSportTalk.com podcast.

This episode was hosted by Patti Mangan. The topic covered what Yacht Clubs are and what Regional Associations like SCYA do for the yachting community.

The podcast can be listened to [HERE](#).

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN:

SCYA Celebrates 100 Years



VIPs in
Southern
California
Sailing



Reproduced from SCYA's Centennial Celebration webpages found at www.scya.events

How come you can go down to the water, jump into a boat and race it? How is it that you have so many choices on what kind of sailing or boating you want to do and have so many vessels to choose from to do it in? We should all stop for a few minutes and consider the people who came before us and designed the boats, wrote the rules, updated and changed both the boats and the rules as the times changed. Also, the people who chose to lead the world on the water, taking chances, sailing every day to improve, saving the funds to get out and take their boats to the limits, and to those who made it to the top in competition.

For instance, here are just a few names that we all know; Dennis Connor, Frank Butler, Peggy Slater, Nathanael Herreshoff, Ben Ainslie, Bruce Farr, Bruce Nelson, Olin Stephens, Paul Elvstrom, Owen Churchill... We could go on and on.

This month we will focus on **Malin Burnham** - Star Champion, Lipton Cup Champion and America's Cup sailor. In 2002 Malin was inducted into the Sailing Hall of Fame class with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The San Diego Yacht Club, founded in 1886, boasts over 130 years of rich history including winning and hosting the America's Cup, producing a world-class junior program, and operating under leadership from several prominent

Commodores in the San Diego community. Malin Burnham, Commodore of SDYC in 1967, is one of these past leaders that inspires members as much today as he did 50 years ago.

Malin's impressive sailing career started in the 1940s when, at the age of 17, he became the youngest sailor to ever win a World Championship in the Star class. Proving that his win was not just lucky, Malin won another world title the next year at the age of 18. Malin has been on the winning Lipton Cup team for SDYC four times and has also won three San Francisco Challenge Cups. He sailed frequently on America's Cup campaigns with Dennis Conner, helping lead Conner to his 1980 win. Malin played a key role in bringing the America's Cup to San Diego when he was the President/CEO of the Sail America Foundation in 1987.

One of Malin's Lipton Cup wins was in 1967 when he was Commodore. Longtime SDYC skipper, Ash Brown, lead crew members Malin, Tim Shepard, Mort Carlile, Charles Rogers and Alex (Bud) Caldwell to defeat Balboa Yacht Club, the defending champions, to win the 54th running of the signature regatta on board the 8-meter EMILY II. Interesting to note is that EMILY II was the oldest boat sailed in the 1967 Lipton Cup with the most used equipment on board. Though times were different in 1967, many universal sailing themes and values hold true today.

This can be seen when examining Malin's seven virtues: commitment, dedication, hard work, teamwork, follow through, playing by the rules, and planning ahead. Over the years, Malin became a significant contributor to SDYC's Junior

Program, and helped fund SDYC's Sailing Center, under the condition that these seven virtues would be printed on the building and taught in the junior program.

Malin's influence is still recognized and commended in the contemporary sailing community.

He also wrote a book in 2013 named for one of his mantras, *Community Before Self*, regarding his philosophies on leadership and giving back.

Many SDYC sailors, adult and junior, keep Malin's lessons and values close to heart when faced with challenges – sailing related and otherwise. Continued adherence to these timeless virtues proves that they are just as useful today as they were in 1967.

Malin is currently 94 years old and was an active racer well into his 80s.

To read more about other VIPs [CLICK HERE](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

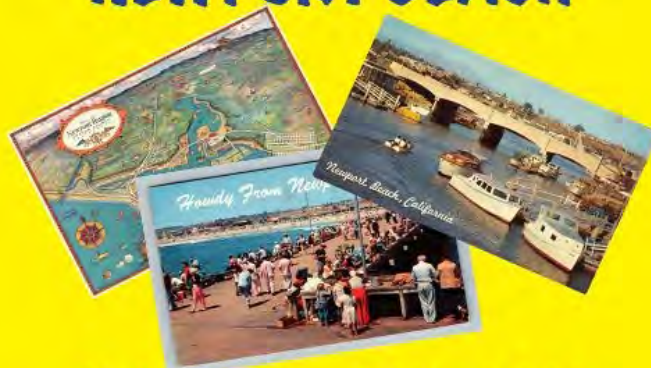
SCYA 2021 Commodores' Cruise

Each year SCYA invites the Commodores of our member clubs to join us on a cruise - be it by land or by sea.

This year Commodore McNamara has chosen Newport Beach to be the destination November 5-7. The cruise will highlight the local clubs in the area for a variety of weekend activities.

Commodores, please watch your inboxes for an invitation to the event!

2021 SCYA Commodores' Cruise to Beautiful NEWPORT BEACH



**FRIDAY - SUNDAY
November 5 - 7**

**Dock your boat at Marina Park!!!
Hotel Options Available**

Let's Visit our Member Clubs in the Harbor

**Friday - 100th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday - Duffy Cruise and Cocktail Party
Sunday - Brunch and Afternoon Activity**

NOSA Installs Mary Bacon as Commodore



The Newport Ocean Sailing Association held its annual meeting July 18, 2021 instilling the 2022 board of directors and inducting Mary Bacon as Commodore. It's only the second time in the organizations' esteemed history that a woman has taken the helm to guide the success of our signature event.

Bacon hopes to capitalize on the momentum created at the 2021 Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race when more than 170 competitors stepped up to race while other events were sidelined and sailors were nervous coming out of the pandemic. Her goal is to increase participation, improve each competitor's experience, and reaffirm the ideals that racing N2E is for fun, for camaraderie and the love of sailing; ideals that the founders built the organization on back in 1947.

NOSA will celebrate N2E's historic 75th running in 2023.

"The best part of serving on the NOSA board has been working with an incredible group of knowledgeable racers and the amazing people in the yachting community," said Bacon.

“And, of course, simply being part of this legendary race.”

Accomplishing the goals and driving entries to near peak levels in time for the anniversary is no easy task. But it's not like Bacon to walk away from a challenge. In her 30-plus years of service to the sailing community she has repeatedly stepped up and contributed, as evidenced by her 2013 win of the Peggy Slater Memorial Award. Presented by the Southern California Yachting Association, the honor is given to a female who has made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's sailing or individual achievement in the sport.

“We have had a great number of challenges in the past year, but we need to celebrate that we're on the other side of the pandemic,” Bacon said. “The challenge now is to maintain enthusiasm into the celebratory 75th year and race. Sailors need to sign up and get raring to go; to bring friends; challenge other racers to get others out on the water; challenge organizers to stay busy; and challenge our yacht clubs to get fleets ready for the 2022 race.”

To read the full article [CLICK HERE](#).



GOWRIE GROUP

A Message About One of Our Sponsors!

SCYA Received this letter from US Sailing

Dear Member:

As the President of US Sailing and as an active sailor, I understand the broad range of aquatic activities that take

place at sailing venues around the country – regattas, cruises, social events, borrowing boats, youth sailing instruction, other water and land sports, and more. As leaders of these yacht clubs and sailing organizations, it is our job to keep the members, staff, and visitors safe, and protect the club’s assets. Insurance is one of the more challenging and sometimes confusing aspects of club leadership, but also one of the most important.

The Burgee Program by **Gowrie Group**, the only insurance program developed to meet the unique and complex protection needs of yacht clubs and sailing organizations, is the only insurance solution endorsed by US Sailing. It has been our recommended insurance solution for more than 25 years. The Burgee Program was developed by Gowrie Group, a renowned insurance agency comprised of marine insurance experts who are also lifelong yacht club members. Nearly 1,200 yacht clubs across the nation, and more than 100 community sailing programs, utilize The Burgee Program to protect their clubs. The program is managed by the experts at Gowrie Group, and underwritten by Chubb Insurance.

Our organizational members tell us that the protection offered through the Burgee Insurance Program is one of their most valued member benefits. As a current US Sailing Member, you are eligible to receive a 10% discount on the marine aspects of your Burgee Insurance policy.

To learn more about The Burgee Insurance Program by Gowrie Group, please [CLICK HERE](#). You can reach the Burgee Program team at burgee@gowrie.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support of US Sailing.

Kind Regards,
Cory Sertl
President of US Sailing

SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Peter Phillips, Chair

Adaptive Boating

UPDATE: California Coastal Commission Meeting

On July 7, 2021 SCYA supported the handicapped and adaptive boating communities with Peter Phillips representing SCYA at the California Coastal Commission (CCC) meeting.

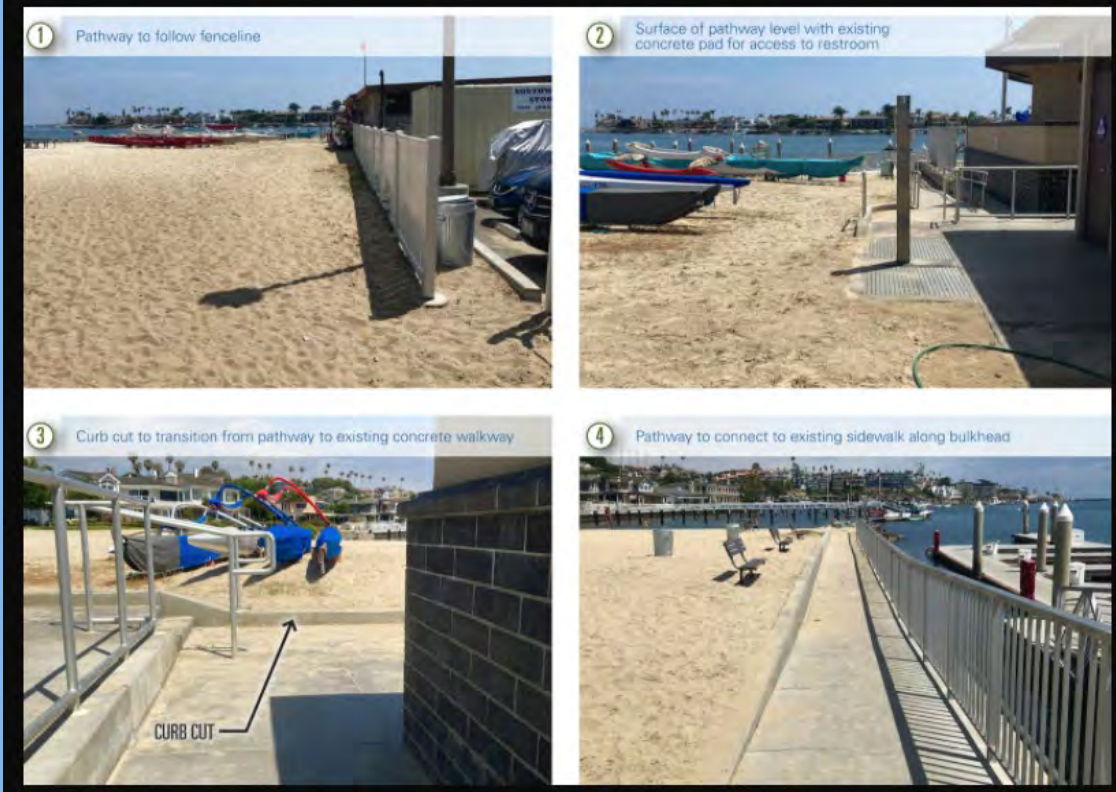
At the June 9, 2021 CCC hearing, the CCC approved the installation of a person lift at Marina Park in Newport Beach. In addition to the lift, the CCC directed Orange County to make the following changes:

- ADA lift to be installed at Visitor Dock. Currently ADA path to this public dock is blocked by unpermitted development consisting of a wall and concrete picnic table for County staff use.
- ADA walkway on beach with clear ingress/egress for wheelchairs and walkers from the Beach Drop Off area. Currently there is a fence blocking the proposed ingress and egress.

- Completion of ADA needs analysis in 90 days to improve ADA access and parking. Request that this analysis be conducted by an outside third party and not the County. Alternatively, allow peer review of the County's analysis by a CCC selected State Certified Access Specialist upon completion by the County.
- Return of originally approved 10 parking spaces from CDP 5-94-255 adjacent to the Beach Drop Off area per Commissioner Brownsey's amended motion that was approved by majority vote.

Given the 90-day timeline for the County's completion of the ADA needs analysis, request clarification from staff on when the analysis will be heard publicly so that this Commission may have final oversight and resolve the longstanding ADA conflicts and inadequacies at this County facility.

- Peter Phillips, Adaptive Boating Chair



SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Marie Rogers Inclusive Boating Chair

Inclusive Boating

Reprinted from USSailing.org

WHAT DOES "BEING WELCOME TO ALL" REALLY MEAN FOR SAILING PROGRAMS?

by Blair Overman, US Sailing Siebel Sailors Program Manager

I have been in the business of intentionally molding sailing programs

to be inclusive for any person who wants to engage in our beloved sport in a myriad of different ways for almost 15 years now. My learning curve has been steep, and I gain new knowledge every season. The Siebel Sailors Program that I manage with an incredible team of five coaches is halfway through its second year. The program and the sailors have taught me more than I can succinctly put into an article, but I wanted to share this year's takeaway for me, personally.

We came into this opportunity to build a new program with US Sailing that would increase diversity in our sport with the best of intentions. I wanted to help sailing organizations (both community sailing centers and yacht clubs with open programming for youth) reach out to sailors who were representative of their surrounding community demographics, but were not showing up in a program, and invite them in. It was a very, "what can the sport of sailing do for you?" approach. Isn't that how we all feel sometimes? That this sport has changed us and bettered us in ways we only want to share with others? If people just knew how incredible this experience could be, wouldn't they would flock to it? If we could just show them...

But I was wrong. It's not a bad way to think, it's just not putting the sailor first. Instead, we are learning that opening up your organization with the intent of just diversifying your participants for the sake of doing the right thing or increasing diversity in your participant base can do more harm than good. Conversely, I would encourage sailing centers to ask themselves, "have I done the work internally to ensure that I can support each individual child that walks through my doors?" Have I accurately identified their unique needs and am I prepared to meet them where they are?

Everyone has needs, including the mostly white affluent population

that currently dominates the makeup of most sailing organizations. What we have to realize, is that white affluent adults, staff, and board members are serving white affluent youth. So the needs are well understood. If you are a white affluent organization welcoming youth sailors that are different from you, you've got some work to do to understand what they need. Purely altruistic intentions and well-meaning attitudes don't replace the work of getting to know your sailors.

What does getting to know a new population of sailors look like?

- Reducing transportation barriers
- Having intentional conversations with parents of children with low water comfort about how you safely plan to build that comfort and the steps you're going to take to get them used to the water before they even step on a boat
- Creatively allowing partial program participation (or adjusting hours completely) for those sailors who have religious obligations or family obligations at home
- Providing gear, lifejackets, meals, water bottles, sunscreen – at least in the beginning while sailors get used to what is necessary to feel comfortable in this new environment.

I could go on and on with this list, but you know the best way to support your new sailors? ASK THEM WHAT THEY NEED! Truly listen and be ready to adjust your approach and your program. If you've built trust with them, they'll be honest. At the end of the day, it's really all of us who need to learn from them, not the other way around.



Committee Members Theresa Morrison and Claudia Marie Foston at the SCYA inaugural Juneteenth National Independence Day event organized by the SCYA Community Outreach Committee's Inclusive Boating Subcommittee under the leadership of Marie Rogers Chair and SCYA Delegate from Cal Yacht Club.

SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Kathy St. Amant Reports

Update Regarding Women's Boating Event September 18-19

SCYA's Women's Boating Event is coming up fast!

There are so many good things to report. The first BIG one is REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to WOMEN'S BOATING EVENT | SCYA Events to learn more and to register. This

event **will** fill up, we recommend that you get your choices in early.

SCYA is very excited to announce that Captain Debbie Huntsman, President of the National Women's Sailing Association, will be our featured speaker on Saturday night. Among all her accomplishments, she is working towards becoming a Safety at Sea Moderator for US Sailing. She will also be helping at our very own US Sailing Safety at Sea seminar on Sunday morning. This is a new workshop for us, and we wish to thank US Sailing, Bruce Brown and Dave Robertson for helping us to get this into our lineup. US Sailing is also providing a discount code to our participants to take the online US Sailing Coastal Safety at Sea online course. A certificate awaits those who complete the course.

Saturday's Junior Match Racing Workshop for girls aged 9-17 will be a very special event. None of our Women's events in the past have included juniors in such a special fashion. We have always welcomed them, but have not designed a custom curriculum for them before. Now, they can participate and gain the most out of the day in a program designed especially for them.

As of this writing, we have NAOS Yachts, Marina del Rey, as one of our main partners plus Neptune Marina MdR, Ocean Navigator, Ultimate Sailing and photographer Lisa Bronitt as our sponsors. SMWYC and CYC are providing our meeting space and both are truly helping us to put on a world class event.

Our committee still needs assistance, and we truly need more sponsors. We have coaches that are donating a lot of time to this event and I would love to present them with goodies. We will have an auction, and we need auction items. We also have breakfasts, lunches,

and dinners that could be partially sponsored. We look to you as individuals and as our member clubs, to help with this event by helping us provide auction and goodie bag items.

Feel free to contact me anytime,

Kathy

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[CLICK HERE](https://www.scya.events/womens-event/) to reach the Women's Boating Event Website -
<https://www.scya.events/womens-event/>

Submitted by Kathy St. Amant
Women's Boating Event Chair



The poster features a woman in a grey sailing jacket and blue headband on a boat, looking out at the ocean under a cloudy sky. In the top right, a large '100' logo contains the SCYA emblem and the text 'CELEBRATE - EDUCATE - COMMUNICATE - COOPERATE' and '1921-2021 A CENTURY OF SERVICE'. The main text reads '2021 SCYA's 31st WOMEN'S BOATING EVENT September 18th & 19th'. Below this, two pennants are shown: a blue pennant with a white triangle and red star for 'Saturday Santa Monica Windjammers' and a blue pennant with a white triangle and blue star for 'Sunday California Yacht Club'. At the bottom, the website 'www.SCYA.Events/womens-event' is displayed in large blue letters.

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Olympic News from US Sailing



OLYMPIC SAILING REGATTA INFORMATION

Venue: Enoshima Yacht Harbor

Sailing Competition Dates: Sunday, July 25 - Wednesday, August 4

RESULTS - [CLICK HERE](#)

For Full Schedule of Events [CLICK HERE](#)

NBC Live Stream Watch Schedule [CLICK HERE](#)

Meet the Team. For full bios - [CLICK HERE](#)



US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminars



SCYA co-sponsors Safety at Sea Seminars with US Sailing in this region. There are two upcoming regional programs scheduled and they currently have availability - please let your club members know about these opportunities

1. BCYC, Corona del Mar, September 25-26
2. CYC, Marina del Rey, October 2-3

[CLICK HERE](#) for Registration at US Sailing.org.

News from RBOC

**AUGUST RECREATIONAL BOATERS
OF CALIFORNIA NEWS**



Governor Signs RBOC-supported "Fix-It Ticket" Legislation for Vessel Violations

Governor Gavin Newsom has signed into law AB 591 [Villapudua] that will provide incentives for boaters to correct certain violations by authorizing an officer to issue a written notice containing a violator's promise to correct an alleged violation of various offenses relating to vessels.

Similar incentives have already been established in the California Vehicle Code. Section 40303.5 of that code provides that certain vehicle-related violations may [and must] be corrected. However, no such authority exists in the Harbors and Navigation Code for boating violations. AB 591 would correct this oversight.

AB 591 allows for several specified boating law violations to be corrected, such as having an expired vessel registration, not having serviceable fire extinguishers, or not having a boater card in the operator's possession. Under AB 591, an increased number of corrections will be made, and safety will be enhanced. The bill will require an officer, unless certain specified conditions exist, to permit a person arrested for the following vessel-related offenses to execute a notice containing a violator's promise to correct the alleged violation:

- Expired registration.
- Failure to paint the vessel identification number on the forward half of the boat.
- Operating a vessel propelled by an engine without possessing an operating license.
- Failure to display registration stickers.
- Using a recreational boat without a proper floatation device, as specified.
- Operating a vessel without a properly serviced fire extinguisher.

- Having a fire extinguisher without the proper metallic name plate, as specified.

The measure was sponsored by the California State Sheriffs' Association.

CA State Budget Update

- The current budget proposal had the potential to hurt Californians as we look to on-the-water recreation for physical and mental relief from the pandemic: 95% of boaters have a 26-foot or smaller boat and earn less than \$100K.
- Only 14% of the \$107 million boaters pay in state fuel taxes are placed in the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund that is administered by the Division of Boating and Waterways for programs and services that directly benefit boaters.

On July 15, 2021, the Assembly Floor report was published and it is described as follows:

“This version of the Floor Report reflects the three-party budget agreement reflected in AB128 (Ting) as amended by SB 129 (Skinner). It has been updated to include the trailer bills and budget actions anticipated as of July 15, 2021, before the Legislative summer recess begins. The Assembly Budget Committee anticipates further budget action at the end of the 2021 legislative calendar, and will again update this report at the time.”

The Governor has not yet signed this bill into law.

Copper

- RBOC urges the state and regional water boards to utilize sound science and site-specific testing as the critical path forward, and to

resolve key boater concerns, in addressing the presence of copper in waterways. RBOC supports a dedication of boater funds in the HWRF for these studies.

- It is critical to boaters that any decisions that restrict or prohibit the use of anti-fouling paints containing copper be predicated on clear findings that alternatives are available, effective and affordable. However, at this time, no single alternative will work, boat paint formulations are constantly changing, and non-biocidal paint safety is not confirmed.

Visit RBOC.org Please note that, due to RBOC's extensive lobbying activities, contributions to our nonprofit advocacy organization are not tax deductible.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

In our own backyard...



West Marine US Open Series

Reprinted from USSailing.org

The West Marine US Open Series, taking place at the site of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games sailing venue, features 124 teams across 8 classes – 6 Olympic classes (Finn, Formula Kite, iQ Foil, ILCA 7, ILCA 6, and the Nacra 17) and 2 youth Olympic development classes (the 29er and the ICLA 4).

On the water, elite Olympic coaches helped prepare the competitors for the west coast leg of the Series with three days of pre-event sessions hosted by the Olympic Development Program (ODP). Two-time Olympic Bronze Medalist, Charlie McKee (Bend, Oregon), coached the Formula Kite sailors for the week and was impressed by not only the depth of talent developing, but also how the talent is developing together as a squad in the newest class on the program for Paris

2024.

“We are super happy with everything that has happened here,” said McKee. “We had a great training camp leading into this event. It’s our first time having the kites at the West Marine US Open Series here in California. We have 23 kites on the line and the level of racing is really high. There is a good mix of teenagers that are super talented and adults that are experienced veteran Kite Foilers, and everyone is working together in a collaborative way to improve.”

Bringing an international technology-driven approach to our US program, Yaniv Meir (Israel) worked with the iQ Foil group in Long Beach. His proven experience working with dominant Israeli board sailors is helping to invigorate the discipline in the States and jumpstart US efforts for both the 2024 and 2028 Games.

“There’s no question the world of windsurfing changed because we changed the discipline to the IQ Foil,” said Yaniv. “Naturally for such a big country like the U.S. the benefit of changing the discipline is giving young sailors the opportunity to jump into a new and exciting class and follow their dreams. I am bringing the experience of coaching windsurfing, but what I get from the sailors is the excitement. What I have seen the last 4 days is the combination of my experience and knowledge of windsurfing with their ambitions. There’s no doubt that it’s opening the door for the US to do great things in the near future, where young American talent shows real results.”

The eight classes are competing across three separate sailing circles off Long Beach and it’s all hands on deck to make the event a success. Southern California activated a volunteer staff of over 100 dedicated individuals from the local sailing community. Members from the

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach Yacht club, and the US Sailing Center Long Beach worked together to host the 2021 event, laying the foundation that will continue to build over the next seven years in the lead up to Los Angeles 2028.

“With 124 teams racing here in Long Beach, the West Marine US Open series continues to gain momentum,” said Paul Cayard, Olympian, World Champion, and current Executive Director of the US Olympic Sailing Team. “Apart from enjoying the conditions, support of top coaches and the local sailing community at large, these athletes are showing the depth that we are cultivating in the USA. The future of US Olympic Sailing is bright!”

The Long Beach component of the West Marine US Open Sailing Series is an exceptional added benefit to competitors taking advantage of the six-regatta series as it provides sailors with top level racing and coaching in future Olympic waters. On a broader scale, the US Open is delivering on a promise to provide annual, high-level racing on a domestic platform.

ALSO IN OUR OWN BACKYARD...

Congressional Cup Racing

As the leading 2021 event of the World Match Racing Tour, the **56th Congressional Cup** marks a return as a key regatta for the world's top match racing skippers and teams.

Founded and hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club since 1965, the Grade One competition is renowned as the 'grandfather of match racing' and pioneer event of "on-the-water" umpiring that is the standard in yacht

racing today.

Mark your calendars for the 56th Congressional Cup, scheduled to be held September 14 to 19, 2021 off of Veteran's Pier in Long Beach. For more information and to view the teaser video [CLICK HERE](#).



ALSO IN OUR OWN BACKYARD...

Governor's Cup Racing

The 56th Governor's Cup is an International Youth Match Racing Championship that was held at Balboa Yacht Club July 26 - 31st.

The "GovCup" is the oldest and most prestigious youth match racing regatta in the world with the first event held in 1967.

Its alumni, who hail from sixteen countries and five continents, are among the most famous and successful international sailors.

California Governor (later US President) Ronald Reagan granted the Deed of Gift for the Governor's Cup to Balboa Yacht Club in 1967 "for the purpose of encouraging Youth Racing in the State of California and the recognition of the skill and high performance of those men and women under twenty years of age..." As an invitation only match racing regatta, the Governor's Cup was established by the late Chet and Glee Purcell. Mr. and Mrs. Purcell had a vision that a national match racing competition should be created for younger sailors, similar in format to the internationally recognized Congressional Cup Regatta.

As the years progressed, the Governor's Cup grew in popularity with its first international team participating in 1989. Since then teams from the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, Finland and Spain have participated and become regular entrants and often multiple winners. The Cup has served as a gateway for future champions in collegiate competition, the Olympics, Congressional Cup, Swedish Match Tour and numerous America's Cups.

The Governor's Cup has a special relationship with the America's Cup with the latter having visited Balboa Yacht Club during "Gov Cup Week" twice in recent years. Norbert Bajurin, Commodore of the current holder of the America's Cup, said it best, "The Governor's Cup is the America's Cup for youth."

Truer words were never spoken. BYC can be very proud of this illustrious history and its alumni from fourteen countries and territories around the world. When you watch this and every year's Governor's

Cup, you are seeing some of the future stars of the sport.

For more information and updates on the results of the Governor's Cup [CLICK HERE](#)



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