



NOTICE OF RACE

Balboa Yacht Club's
58th Governor's Cup Regatta
July 29-August 3, 2025



1) ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this event is Balboa Yacht Club.

2) VENUE

The venue will be in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Newport Beach, California, USA.

3) EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4) PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

a) The following is the proposed schedule of events. It is subject to change. All times Pacific Daylight Time.

Tuesday, July 29

1100-1200

Registration

1200-1230

Lunch

1230-1630

Practice in GC22 boats

1800

Welcome Dinner at BYC

Wednesday, July 30

0800 - 0900

Breakfast

0900

Competitors Meeting

*TBD

First Attention Signal

Post race

Debrief with umpires

ASAP

BBQ on the BYC Flag Deck

Thursday, July 31

0800 - 0900

Breakfast

0900

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

*TBD

First Attention Signal

Post race

Debrief with umpires

ASAP

BeerCan Races & BBQ on BYC Flag Deck

Friday, August 1

0800 - 0900

Breakfast

0900

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

*TBD

First Attention Signal

Post race

Debrief with umpires

Free Night!

Saturday, August 2

0800 - 0900

Breakfast

0900

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

*TBD

First Attention Signal

Post race

Debrief with umpires

1800

Reception and semi-finalists press conference on the BYC Flag Deck

Sunday, August 3

0800 - 0900

Breakfast

0900

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

*TBD

First Attention Signal

1700

Prize giving and reception on the BYC Flag Deck

***Time of First Attention Signal will be announced at the Competitors Meeting each day.**

b) Unless excused by the OA, the entire team's attendance at the following is mandatory:

- i) Welcome Dinner
- ii) Competitor's meetings
- iii) Reception and Friday press conference
- iv) Prize Giving

5) ELIGIBILITY

- a) The OA may invite up to sixteen (16) teams based upon the Governor's Cup Challenge Selection Criteria.
- b) Only teams invited by the Organizing Authority will be eligible to enter this event.
- c) Skippers wishing to compete shall file a Request for Invitation ("RFI"), which must be delivered no later than 1700 Pacific Daylight Time on April 11, 2025. All information necessary to file a RFI can be found at the Governor's Cup website at govcupracing.com in the "Race Documents" section. RFI's should be filed electronically as described on the website although the Selection Committee may accept completed RFI's in hard copy form to the OA at the address above or they may be delivered electronically by plain text, MS Word, or PDF formatted documents emailed to sailing@balboayachtclub.com.
- d) Team members shall not have reached their 23rd birthday prior to August 3, 2025.
- e) Competitors shall be members of their Member National Authority, or one of its affiliated organizations.
- f) Competitors shall obtain a World Sailing (WS) ID by registering online at www.sailing.org.
- g) Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at Registration.
- h) To remain eligible, a team representative shall confirm acceptance of their invitation, in writing, no later than the date specified on the letter of invitation.

6) ENTRIES

- a) Invitations to enter will be delivered to skippers no later than April 25, 2025.
- b) Entry packets will be due back by June 20, 2025.
- c) A non-refundable entry fee of US\$1,000 shall be paid, by credit card or check made payable to Balboa Yacht Club, by June 15. This fee includes all food and social costs for the team.
- d) The skipper shall be entered on completion of Registration, crew weighing, verification of age and membership requirements, presentation of their WS Sailor ID, and the payment of all fees and deposits.
- e) When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing (WS Regulation 27.2).

7) DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- a) An initial damage deposit of US\$3,000 shall be submitted by 1200hrs on July 29, unless extended by the OA, by separate check made payable to Balboa Yacht Club or by putting down your credit card number at check in. The amount of the initial damage deposit is the maximum payable by a skipper for each damage-causing incident the skipper is deemed, by the OA, responsible for.
- b) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, the OA may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- c) When damage occurs, the cost of repairs will be paid from the deposit of the skipper responsible for the damage.
- d) A detailed accounting of expended funds will be rendered to any skipper not receiving their full deposit back.
- e) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within thirty (30) days after the event.

8) INSURANCE

The OA does not provide any form of protection (insurance, assumption of liability, etc.) to competitors for property loss, property damage or injury to person(s) that they may be held responsible for; competitors are advised to have their own insurance for such matters.

9) RULES

9.1 a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix C.

b) The rules for the handling of the boats provided by the OA will apply for all stages of this event. These rules will be provided at Registration.

c) The Governor's Cup Selection Criteria as well as the Governor's Cup Deed of Gift shall apply.

d) Prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.

e) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board crew member, provided the return on board is at the appropriate location of the recovery.

f) RRS 62.1 (a) and C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

10) BOATS AND SAILS

a) The event shall be sailed in Governor's Cup 22 (GC22) boats provided by the OA.

b) All sails shall be provided.

c) Boats and Spinnakers will be allocated by draw. Spinnakers shall stay with the team for all races. Boats will be drawn daily for all races that day.

11) CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4).

b) All registered crew shall sail all races.

c) The maximum total crew weight shall be 262.5 kg (579 lbs)

d) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

e) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crewmember to serve as a substitute skipper.

f) When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute, or other adjustment.

g) If a crewmember is unable to continue once racing is in progress, the OA may provide a substitute crew of approximately the same weight as the crew that is unable to continue.

12) EVENT FORMAT

The following format is planned;

a) Stage 1 - A double round robin of all teams.

b) Stage 2 - A semi-final knockout of the top four teams from Stage 1.

c) Stage 3 - A final knockout of the top two teams from Stage 2

d) Stage 4 - A petit final knockout of the other two teams from Stage 2.

e) Stage 5 - A consolation round for the teams finishing five through twelve from Stage 1

13) COURSE

The course will be windward/leeward, windward/leeward, with starboard rounding, finishing downwind. A leeward gate may be used.

14) PRIZES

a) The winning club shall be awarded the Governor's Cup, which shall be retained in the possession of Balboa Yacht Club. A display trophy will be awarded to the winning club.

b) Places 1 through 4 will be awarded suitable individual trophies.

c) Teams demonstrating the true Corinthian spirit of yacht racing while participating in the Governor's Cup will be considered for the Chet & Glee Purcell Sportsmanship Award.

15) MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

16) COACHES AND COACH BOATS

- a) Coaching is permitted at this event. All coaches shall check in with the OA at Registration to receive coaching and coach boat related information.
- b) Coach boats will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.
- c) Competitors wishing to bring their own coach boat must make arrangements with the OA in advance of the event.

17) OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- a) Each team is requested to provide one (1) yacht club burgee, approximately 14 inches on the hoist, for display on the BYC Flag Deck during the event.
- b) While aboard a GC22, except briefly when changing clothes, competitors shall wear a properly secured PFD approved by a WS recognized Member National Authority outside of all clothing, including foul weather gear. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS and RRS 40.

18) PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- a) No participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful. No competitor under 21 years of age (a "minor"), shall use alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each defined in Chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use) and no competitor of 21 years or more shall furnish alcohol to a minor. If invited, competitors will be asked to sign an acknowledgement that they understand the US Federal and California laws described.
- b) An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the Organizing Authority believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it may follow the process described in RRS 69.

19) DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

20) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Direct all questions and requests for additional information to the Balboa Yacht Club Sailing Director Becky Lenhart at sailing@balboayachtclub.com or (949) 673-3515 x133.

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