

Governor's Cup Alumni Regatta – July 16, 2016 Final List of Skippers

Geoff Becker (USA) – Geoff was the youngest winner of the Governor's Cup, winning the 1987 Cup at 17 years of age. He is a three time All-American intercollegiate sailor and has coached at UC Santa Barbara, USC, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Washington College. He will also be tough in these boats as he has extensive experience in similar boats including back-to-back J70 Key West Race Week wins and three World Championships in J70's, J24's and Lightnings..

Argyle Campbell (USA) – Winner of first two Governor's Cup regattas; two-time Congressional Cup winner; former two-time intercollegiate All-American; Melges 24 North American Champion and World Corinthian Champion in that class; Etchells Midwinter series champion.

Taylor Canfield (ISV) – World Sailing's #1 ranked match racer; three-time Congressional Cup winner; and former World Match Racing Tour Champion and a favorite in the final WMRT event in Marstrand, Sweden in progress as of this release.

Mark Christensen (NZL) – First international winner of the Governor's Cup; three-time winner of the Round the World Race as watch captain, afterguard member; member of two America's Cup teams and holder of doublehanded Transpac record.

Dennis Durgan (USA) – Two-time Congressional Cup winner; winning America's Cup tactician for Dennis Conner on *Freedom* in 1980; winner of Congressional Cup 50th Anniversary alumni regatta.

Jack Franco (USA) – 1980 Governor's Cup champion; National or North American champion in seven different one design classes including Melges 24, Snipe, and J70; Member of two winning teams in the U.S. Team Racing Championship for the Hinman Trophy; and six-time winner of the Lipton Cup. He will be a tough competitor in the Gov Cup 22's. West Race Week wins and three World Championships in J70's, J24's and Lightnings.

Jay Griffin (AUS) – 2015 Hardy Cup Youth Match Racing Champion beating, among others, two time Gov Cup winner and #4 ranked World Sailing Match Racer, Sam Gilmour, #6, Matt Jerwood, and #8 Chris Steele, the latter of which undoubtedly is looking for a rematch in the Gov Cup alumni regatta; two-time Gov Cup podium finisher; coach of CYCA Gov Cup winning team last year.

Bill Menninger (USA) – 1973 Governor's Cup winner; has concentrated on local sailing including winning hotly contested Harbor 20 championships; like his son, Michael, (the only father-son winners of the Governor's Cup), has gravitated to team racing in recent years, winning the U.S. Championship and many other prominent events.

Michael Menninger (USA) – two-Time Governor's Cup champion; three-time intercollegiate All-American and three-time intercollegiate national champion; member of two-time U.S. Team Racing Championship team and member of the US Red Bull Youth America's Cup team in 2013.

Mike Pinckney (USA) – Two-time Governor's Cup winner and currently head sailing coach at Balboa Yacht Club; four-time intercollegiate All-American at College of Charleston and inducted into the school's Hall of Fame; head coach at UCI which he led to its first sailing national championship.

Chris Steele (NZL) – Currently 8th ranked World Sailing match racer; has qualified for World Match Race Tour finals in Marstrand, Sweden after 5th place finish in the WMRT event in Newport, RI, beating many sailors with WMRT "cards" entitling them to automatic entry; close second place finisher in his only Governor's Cup in 2013.

Brad Wheeler (USA) – Two-time Governor's Cup winner and local BYC sailor; U.S Sailing Championship for the Mallory Cup finalist; Lipton Cup winner; extensive resume in everything from Championships in Senior Sabots, to navigating seven Transpac races.