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Trophies Unveiled for the BYC Youth Match Race Clinic

Two Perpetual trophies for the Inaugural Youth Math Race Clinic & Regatta were unveiled at a Gala reception at Balboa Yacht Club on Friday evening, April 30, by Larry Law, President of the Newport Balboa Sailing and Seamanship Association. (NBSSA) The impressive Andy Rose Championship Cup (“ROSE CUP”) will be engraved each year with the names of the winning team members; the yacht club the team represents and the name of the host yacht club for that year. Andy, a former America’s Cup Champion, and himself a two-time winner of the Governor’s Cup Youth Match Race Championship, and long time supporter of Youth Match Racing, accepted the honor graciously. Each year the winning team from this event will be invited to compete in the prestigious Governor’s Cup Challenge held each year in late July.

In addition to the ROSE CUP, Larry Law introduced the Nick Scandone Sportsmanship/Leadership Memorial Award, honoring Nick, our long time BYC member, the winner of the Gold Medal at the 2008 Paralympics in the SKUD-18 class and Rolex Yachtsman of the Year in 2005. Mary Kate Scandone, Nick’s widow, spoke about Nick’s love of racing and the support of Balboa Yacht Club. This Sportsmanship/Leadership Trophy will be awarded each year as part of the annual ROSE CUP event.

The Inaugural Youth Match Race Clinic & Regatta will occur on May 14-16 with racing off the Newport Pier. Ten teams will compete, sailing the NBSSA owned fleet of Governor’s Cup 21’s. Brian Angel, a former Governor’s Cup champion himself, will lead a team of coaches who will work with the racers to increase their match racing skills. Applications have been received from many yacht clubs and sailing associations around the country for this inaugural event for what NBSSA hopes will eventually be chosen as the United States Youth Match Race Championship.

The ten chosen teams will represent Annapolis Yacht Club from Annapolis, Maryland, Balboa Yacht Club, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, Del Rey Yacht Club, King Harbor Yacht Club, Mission Bay Yacht Club, Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Pleon Yacht Club from Marblehead, Massachusetts, San Diego Yacht Club and the US Merchant Marine Academy from King’s Point, New York.

The event is co-sponsored by BYC and the Newport Balboa Sailing & Seamanship Association (NBSSA), owner and manager of the Gov Cup 21 Fleet used in this event.

For further information, see the BYC web site, www.balboayachtclub.com , under Youth Sailing.