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Message from
THE PREMIER

WHAT A GENUINE PLEASURE it is for me to welcome all of our competitors and spectators to the 2014 Argo Group Gold Cup.

This prestigious event serves as a welcome addition to our yearly calendar of sporting events and Bermuda is proud to host you once again.

From October 20th to October 26th, Hamilton Harbour will once again serve as the beautiful backdrop of this impressive championship, where residents, visitors and sailing enthusiasts will have an opportunity to see some of the world's foremost yachtsmen display their skills during a week full of exciting action.

We are particularly pleased to showcase Bermuda during this event because it provides us an opportunity to highlight our rich sailing heritage. Ours is a treasured maritime legacy that is woven into the fabric of our history. And it's events such as the Argo Group Gold Cup which have greatly assisted in enhancing Bermuda's sterling reputation among the international sailing community.

We recognise that an event such as this takes partnership, dedication and collaboration in order for it to be a success. And I must take this opportunity to commend the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, its Commodore, the organisers and the countless volunteers for continuing to ensure that every year competitors and spectators are presented with a first class event.

We understand all of the effort and focus which goes into hosting a tournament of this magnitude and we applaud your commitment and dedication.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Bermuda, I want to extend my best wishes to all of the competitors, I am confident that your hard work will lead to success.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley, JP, MP
Premier
Minister of National Security



Message from
THE COMMODORE

ONCE AGAIN THE MEMBERS, Flag Officers and staff of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club look forward with huge excitement to this year's Argo Group Gold Cup. We all eagerly await the arrival of the talented teams from around the globe that are at the highest possible level in the match racing arena.

The Club is also very proud to be hosting the 12th RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup. This event includes the top junior sailors from many different countries and gives our local youth a fantastic opportunity to compete against their international peers on home waters!

In addition to all the activities on the water the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club has pleasure in hosting the 7th Family Festival of Sail on Sunday 19th October. Designed to give the local community a better understanding of the fantastic sport of sailing it also incorporates a wide range of displays and trips "on and off" the water highlighting many of the water based activities we have available in Bermuda.

None of this would be possible without the extremely kind support of all our sponsors. The continued generosity of Argo Group, the Bermuda Tourism Authority, AonBenfield, Guy Carpenter, RenaissanceRe and our many other fine supporters allow us to hold this event and we are very grateful for their support. In addition the considerable amount of volunteer hours given by our members and friends is invaluable and we are extremely appreciative for their amazing efforts.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Club for what is going to be a truly outstanding week.

Somers W. Kempe
Commodore



Message from
ARGO GROUP

WELCOME TO THE 2014 Argo Group Gold Cup. This year marks the 64th staging of races for the renowned King Edward VII Gold Cup Trophy, and spectators and sailors alike are in for an unforgettable experience in Bermuda's picturesque Hamilton Harbour.

This year's Argo Group Gold Cup promises to be yet another exhilarating match-racing event with all eight Alpari World Match Racing Tour cardholders set to compete in the unique field of 20. In particular, we are thrilled to have Francesco Bruni, (ITA) Luna Rossa Challenge, back to defend his 2013 Gold Cup title.

All sailing eyes will also be on Bermuda as the island has been shortlisted, along with the city of San Diego, as one of two contenders to be the host venue for the 35th America's Cup.

At Argo Group, we are dedicated to superior performance and results, a philosophy that is reflected in the staging of this spectacular showcase event. As title sponsor, and together with the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, we are committed to excellence and to bringing the best of the sport to Bermuda and the world.

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the excitement of the event, whether you're taking in the action from the waterfront or out on the harbour with this outstanding collection of top-notch skippers and their crews. And be sure to join us on Sunday when the annual Family Festival of Sail takes place prior to the main event—it's a great opportunity to partake in the wide range of boating and water activities available on Bermuda's beautiful shores.

Enjoy the very best of strategy, sportsmanship and exceptional talent that the sailing world has to offer, and join me in wishing the best of luck to all the competitors.

Mark E. Watson III
President & Chief Executive Officer
Argo Group



Message from
THE TOUR DIRECTOR

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE that I welcome you to the 2014 Argo Group Gold Cup, the penultimate stage of this year's Alpari World Match Racing Tour.

Argo Group Gold Cup is one of the largest sporting events in Bermuda and a favourite on the Alpari Tour with the sailors who compete to win the King Edward VII Gold Cup, the oldest match-racing trophy in the world for competition involving one-design yachts

As the sixth stage on the 2014 Alpari World Match Racing Tour, this year's event offers a great opportunity to see the current top match racing skippers as they do battle in their quest to become Argo Group Gold Cup Champion. The skippers represent the very best match racing sailors from around the world including Olympic, World Championship, America's Cup and Volvo Ocean Race stars.

This year marks our 14th year of the World Match Racing Tour and our third year with Alpari as the Tour title sponsor. Alpari are one of the fastest growing online foreign exchange trading companies, with offices in over 20 countries.

The 2014 Alpari World Match Racing Tour features seven stages hosted across the globe in Germany, Sweden, Poland, Chicago, The Netherlands, Bermuda and Malaysia.

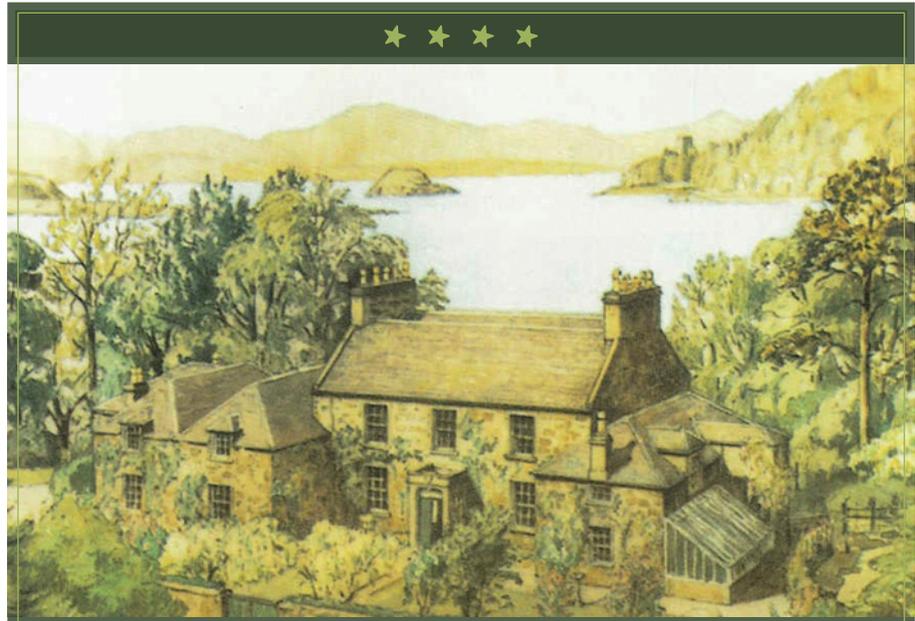
On behalf of all of us at the Alpari World Match Racing Tour, I would like to thank the event organisers and the people of Bermuda for playing host to this stage of the 2014 Alpari World Match Racing Tour.

I encourage you all to visit the event and I wish all the competitors the very best of luck on the race course!

James Pleasance
Executive Director
Alpari World Match Racing Tour



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SCHEDULE

The public is welcome at the Family Festival of Sail, the match racing regatta, press conferences, prize giving and listed parties. The RBYC restaurants and bars are open to the public during this regatta.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

FAMILY FESTIVAL OF SAIL

- 9:00 am Race Office opens
- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Registration of Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers, RBYC
- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Family Festival of Sail in Barr's Bay Park
- 3:00-6:00, 7:30-8:30 pm Registration of Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers, RBYC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

THE ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP SKIPPERS' PRACTICE SESSION

- 7:30 am to 12:00 pm Registration of Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers at the RBYC, Prince Albert Room
- 9:00 am to 11:00 am Practice session for Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers (registered on Sunday)
- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Practice session for Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers (registered on Monday)
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Practice session for Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers (registered on Monday)
- 5:00 pm Briefing for Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers, RBYC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

THE ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP ROUND ROBIN

- 8:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup Group, Skippers' briefing, RBYC Terrace
- 9:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup Group 1 (Round Robin flights 1-4)
- 12:30 pm* Argo Group Gold Cup Group 2 (Round Robin flights 1-4)
- 5:00 pm** Press Conference, RBYC Terrace

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

THE ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP ROUND ROBIN

- 8:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup Group, Skippers' briefing, RBYC Terrace
- 9:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup Group 2 (Round Robin flights 5-8)
- 12:30 pm* Argo Group Gold Cup Group 1 (Round Robin flights 5-8)
- 5:00 pm Registration of RenaissanceRe Jr. Gold Cup participants at RBYC
- 5:00 pm** Press Conference, RBYC Terrace

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

THE ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP ROUND ROBIN

- 8:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup, Skippers' briefing, RBYC Terrace
- 9:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup Group 1 (Round Robin flights 9-12)
- 10:00 am* RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup racing in Granaway Deep or the Great Sound



OF EVENTS

12:30 pm* Argo Group Gold Cup Group 2 (Round Robin flights 9-12)
 5:00 pm** Press Conference, RBYC Terrace

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

THE ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP QUARTERFINALS

8:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup, Skippers' briefing, RBYC Terrace
 9:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup Quarterfinal racing (first-to-three series)
 10:00 am* RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup racing in Granaway Deep or the Great Sound
 2:00 pm ProAm Regatta
 5:00 pm** Press Conference, RBYC Terrace
 6:30 pm Bacardi Party/Buffer – open to the public, tickets \$35 from Reception, RBYC Terrace

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

THE ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP SEMIFINALS

8:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup, Skippers' briefing, RBYC Terrace
 9:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup 5th–8th place series (first-to-win one)
 10:00am* RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup racing in Granaway Deep or the Great Sound
 1:00 pm Argo Group Gold Cup Semifinal racing (first-to-win three series)
 5:00 pm** Press Conference, RBYC Terrace

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

THE ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP FINALS

9:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup, Skippers' briefing, RBYC Terrace
 10:00 am Argo Group Gold Cup Final Four Championships – Petite Finals (first-to-win two series)
 11:30 am* RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup Final Race
 2:00 pm* Argo Group Gold Cup Final Four Championships – Finals (first-to-three series)
 45 minutes after the completion of racing Press Conference and Prize Presentation for the RenaissanceRe Jr. Gold Cup, Wedgwood Heritage Trophy and the King Edward VII Gold Cup presentation, RBYC Terrace

* Approx time – racing will continue following completion of previous event

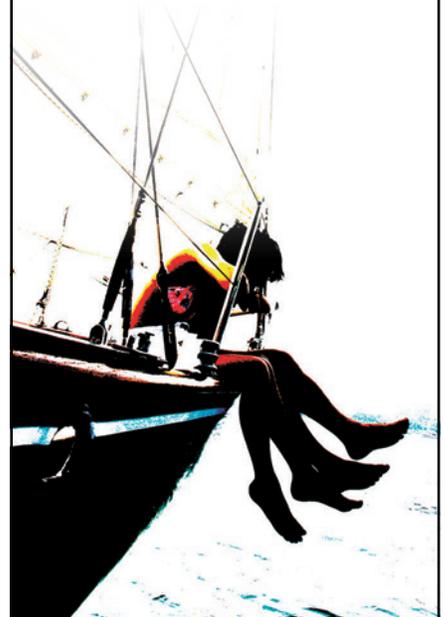
** If racing finishes after 5pm, the daily press conferences will be scheduled one half hour after the completion of the day's racing.

Schedule subject to change



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OF SEA, WIND AND FATE— Bermuda's success story in spite of it all!

BY JILL DILL, BERMUDA TOURISM AUTHORITY

BERMUDA'S COAT OF ARMS, baring the Latin motto 'Quo Fata Ferunt' meaning 'whither the fates carry us' and the accompanying depiction of the shipwrecked *Sea Venture* in tumultuous seas, represents the island's treacherous path of survival.

The wind and the sea have played significant roles in the evolution of this isle of the Atlantic, in equal parts ally and foe during the island's 400-plus years of existence. From pirating and privateering to rum running and arms smuggling, Bermuda has benefitted from the opportunities that the winds and seas have presented over the years. Despite punishing blows dealt by Mother Nature, Bermuda's survival has been borne out through the resourceful and strong will of its people, coupled with a good measure of fate.

With each challenge that the wind and sea have posed, Bermuda has responded with innovations that have placed her in good stead to weather rough times. One needn't look any further than Bermuda's unique architecture and its transformation of thatched palmetto leaf roofs to iconic white, limestone roofs to understand the island's ingenuity.

Bermuda's dependence on the seas and sailing has emerged as a more manageable and measured affair now, with life in and around the sea taking a pleasurable tack into the twenty-first century. Tourism, trade and recreation have all become hallmarks of Bermuda's current relationship with the wind and ocean. Even the

sail-training vessel *Spirit of Bermuda* could not deliver the much needed experiential education and training to Bermuda's youth without them.

When you combine sailing and competition, Bermuda is a natural fit. An easy transit point between the east coast of the United States, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean, the island has been a convenient stop off since the early seventeenth century. Bermuda's sailing pedigree is undeniable. This tiny 22 square mile island has paid her dues and the rewards of which may soon be materializing in the world's most prestigious sailing contests of them all, the America's Cup.

To understand how Bermuda was even considered in the running for an event of this magnitude, one needn't look any further than the internationally recognized Argo Group Gold Cup that lures the world's best match-racing sailors to Bermuda annually to measure their tactical and navigational prowess amongst fierce competition.

The Gold Cup, the oldest match-racing competition in the world involving one-design yachts, can be traced back to the initial race at the Tri-Centenary Regatta at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1907. This was to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the first permanent settlement in America with the Gold Cup being presented to the winner by King Edward the VII.

The Gold Cup finally found its way to Bermuda over 30 years later when the original Cup winner, C. Sherman Hoyt gave it to the Royal

Bermuda Yacht Club proposing that a regular one-on-one match-race series be introduced to contest it.

Hoyt's gesture those many years ago, symbolizes a very unique relationship between Bermuda and Virginia that was fostered in May 1610. Jamestown, Virginia, America's first permanent English settlement, was saved from eradication by the delivery of supplies and manpower from two Bermuda ships, the *Deliverance* and the *Patience*. Had it not been for the two ships coming to Jamestown's rescue the struggling colony, ailing from disease and starvation, would have perished.

Life after the original shipwreck of the *Sea Venture*, depicted in Bermuda's coat of arms, must have proven too idyllic a setting to leave. Bermuda's early settlers, like our modern day realtors, knew that Bermuda's value hinged on its 'location, location, location'. At Latitude 32 degrees 19 minutes and Longitude 64 degrees 44 minutes, Bermuda's nautical position has proven over the years to be one 'toney' address!

With Twain famously stating, "You can go to heaven, I'll stay in Bermuda," he must have known how the early settlers felt when they washed up on Bermuda's shore two centuries before pondering, why would anyone give up crystal clear turquoise waters, sandy pink beaches, wispy white clouds that always reestablished themselves after the occasional bluster of a fickle wind and the might of the unforgiving sea.

New Feature to Festival of Sail

THE ROYAL BERMUUDA YACHT CLUB, partnering with the Chewstick Foundation, will host an art installation in Barr's Bay Park, during the Festival of Sail. The artwork will then be moved to other locations.

Two of Bermuda's most talented artists, Michael Cacy and Juan 'Chatoe' Trevino, will undertake a large scale sailing themed painting on Sunday, October 19th. At the same time, a sailing painting is also available to the general public to add their own creative touches. Even toddlers have a chance to express their creativity as the Bermuda Water Safety Council will have water themed colouring books on hand as a give away!

The professional artist rendering will be prominently displayed at RBYC throughout Argo Group Gold Cup week as a silent auction item and will be sold to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the sale will be used for Chewstick Foundation young adult member scholarships for RBYC Sailing Academy classes.

The public art rendering will be presented to the City of Hamilton with hopes that the



Mural in Wellbottom by Juan 'Chatoe' Trevino

artwork will be installed in a prominent location such as the Bus Terminal where large numbers of Bermudians will be able to enjoy it each day.

Tiago Garcia, director of the Chewstick Foundation's Community Art Program stated: "Bermuda's creative community is very talented, and this year's Festival of Sail offers us a great opportunity to showcase a few visual artists. Thanks to our sponsors we will have public art created on the day for attendees to enjoy."

Somers Kempe, Commodore at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club said: "This initiative supports the aim of the FOS by bringing together the community around the sport of sailing. The RBYC is pleased to be part of this initiative with Chewstick and our sponsors."

The Festival of Sail began in 2008 as a free, family sidebar event to the Argo Group Gold Cup as a way to introduce more Bermudian children to the water, sailing and to gain knowledge of the sea. This year's event will also feature free boat rides, DJ Bitsy, Bermuda Rowing Association simulators, early pilots cultural display, a fashion show of nautical and sailing attire, face painting, pirate appearances, model boat racing and more.



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THE MATCH RACING COURSE consists of an even number of legs—odd to windward and even to leeward. The number of legs can vary and is designated by the number pennant flying on the bow of the race committee boat. The boats will always finish on a downwind leg. The start/finish line is set close to the shore in Hamilton Harbour, in the vicinity of Barr's Bay Park and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, depending on wind directions.

The course starting line is between an orange mark and the race committee boat and is

laid at right angles to the wind direction.

The match begins with the two boats crossing the starting line and sailing upwind (by tacking) and round the windward mark to starboard (leaving it to the right side of the boat). Spinnakers are set and the match continues downwind to the second set of marks (called a 'gate') which is laid close to the start/finish line. The boats sail around this course for the requisite legs and finish sailing downwind under spinnaker.



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHARLES ANDERSON

A Layman's Guide

RIGHT-OF-WAY

When the wind comes across opposite sides of the boats, the boat with the wind on the left (port) side gives way to the boat with the wind on the right (starboard). The boat with the wind coming from the right is on the starboard tack or gibe and has the right-of-way. When the wind comes across the same side of the boats and the boats are not overlapped, the boat behind (clear astern) must keep clear. The boat ahead has the right-of-way. When the wind comes across the same side of the boats and the boats are overlapped, the upwind (windward) boat must stay clear. The boat on the downwind (leeward) side has the right-of-way. Umpires follow the boats in each match and make on-the-water penalty decisions. A boat with a penalty must make a 360-degree turn for each penalty assessed before the finish.

THE START

The start is critical. A five-minute gun signals the beginning of an intricate, often furious duel for advantage on the starting line. It is a one-on-one battle for

the favoured side of the course based on the sailor's prediction for wind strength and wind shifts on the course.

UPWIND BEAT

On the course, the boats engage in an upwind battle. The boat crossing on starboard has the right-of-way and an advantage when crossing ahead of the port tacker. The boat ahead has an advantage of sailing in clean air while the boat behind has to sail in the turbulent (bad) air spilling off the windward boat. The boat behind will try to engage the leader in a tacking duel to escape from the bad air; cause the leader to make a sail-handling error or gain ground

by making faster, more efficient tacks.

WEATHER MARK

The boats approach the upwind, windward mark on port tack, so there is always the opportunity for confrontation with one boat on port facing a right-of-way boat crossing ahead or causing the port tack boat to avoid a collision. The lead can change here and often does.

DOWNWIND RUN

On the downwind run, the trailing boat attacks from behind. It may gain on or pass the leader by positioning itself so its balloon-like spinnaker casts a wind shadow on the leader and

steals its wind. The boat ahead must be prepared to gibe away for clean air. This manoeuvre, with the wind crossing behind and the spinnaker and mainsail being moved to opposite sides, surely causes high drama in a breeze. A mistake in the middle of a gibe has cost many a skipper a race.

DROPPING THE SPINNAKER

At the bottom, downwind mark action intensifies as the boats position for a smooth rounding to head back upwind for leg three. Right-of-way rules may require that the leader give room to the boat behind if an overlap exists two boat-lengths from the mark. It's another place for protests and lead changes to occur.

THE FINISH

As the boats approach the finish, it's often the time for a boat with a penalty to take her 360-degree turn. If you're ahead, it's painful but must be done. This is a match race in identical One-Design boats so there is one winner, one loser. The first boat to finish gets the prize.

FOLLOW THE RACING ONLINE!

There is no better way to follow the match racing than from any of the many vantage points along Hamilton Harbour, but those who can't get to the waterfront can follow the action and see updated results on any of the following:

- Host Site: www.argogroupgoldcup.com
- Alpari World Match Racing Tour: www.wmrt.com
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/worldmatchracingtour
- Twitter: [@worldmrt](https://twitter.com/worldmrt) [@ArgoGoldCup](https://twitter.com/ArgoGoldCup) [#AWMRT](https://twitter.com/AWMRT) [#AGGC](https://twitter.com/AGGC)
- Live tack by tack twitter feed: [@wmrt_liverace](https://twitter.com/wmrt_liverace)

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THE ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB presents the Argo Group Gold Cup. This is an ISAF Grade W (World Championship) event, sailed in identically matched IOD sloops on the Hamilton Harbour adjacent to the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, Barr's Bay Park and the Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel. The venue brings world-class match racing close to shore where spectators can easily see the competition. The regatta takes place only steps from Bermuda's prestigious Front Street shopping district and historic downtown Hamilton.

The 18 invited crews plus the winners of the

2014 Bermuda National Match Racing Championship and the 2014 Knickerbocker Cup will be divided into two groups of ten.

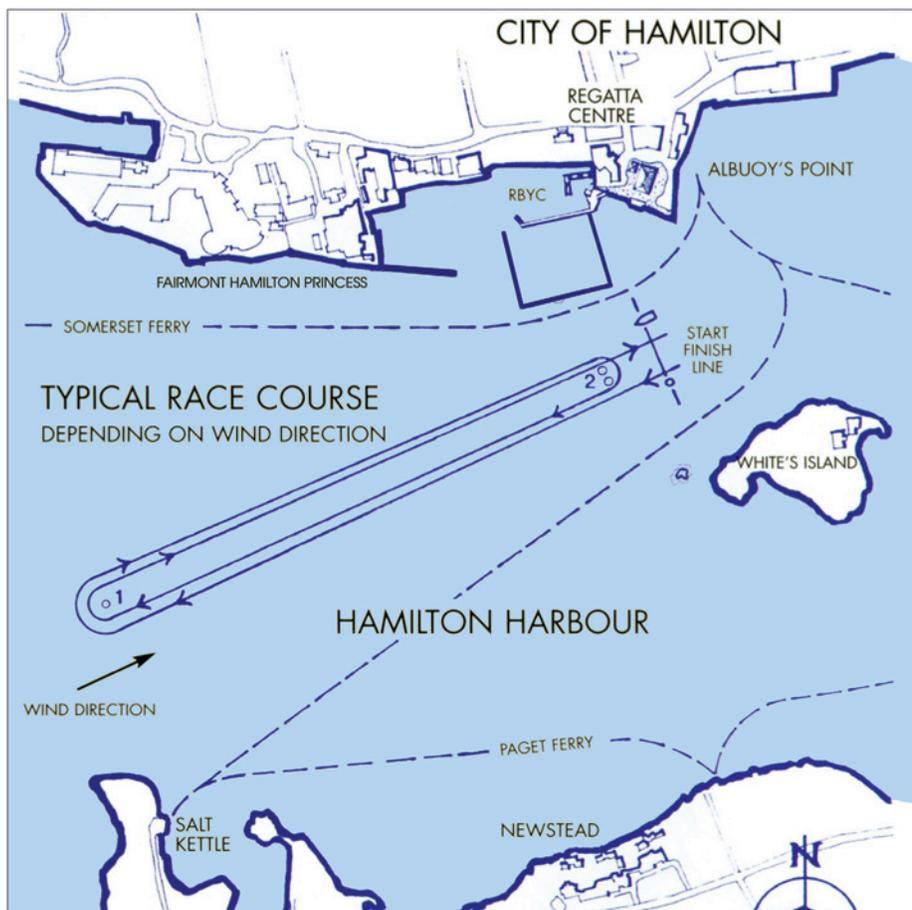
First Stage: The competitors will be divided into two groups of ten and will sail a round robin (each skipper will be scheduled to sail once against each other skipper in his group).

Second Stage: The top four skippers in each group from the First Stage will go on to the Quarter and Semi Finals, to be sailed on Friday and Saturday respectively. Both are 'first to three points' knock out series. The leading two teams that survive this round move on to the

Finals, the next two move to the Petite Finals.

The Finals and Petite Finals take place on Sunday. The day will start with the Petite Finals which is a 'first to two' knockout series. Following the Petites, time willing, spectators will see the Optimists in the final race of the RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup on the Argo Group Gold Cup race course.

The Finals will then see the two leading teams go head to head in a 'first to three' series to determine the winner of the Argo Group Gold Cup.



PRIZE MONEY

Total Purse:
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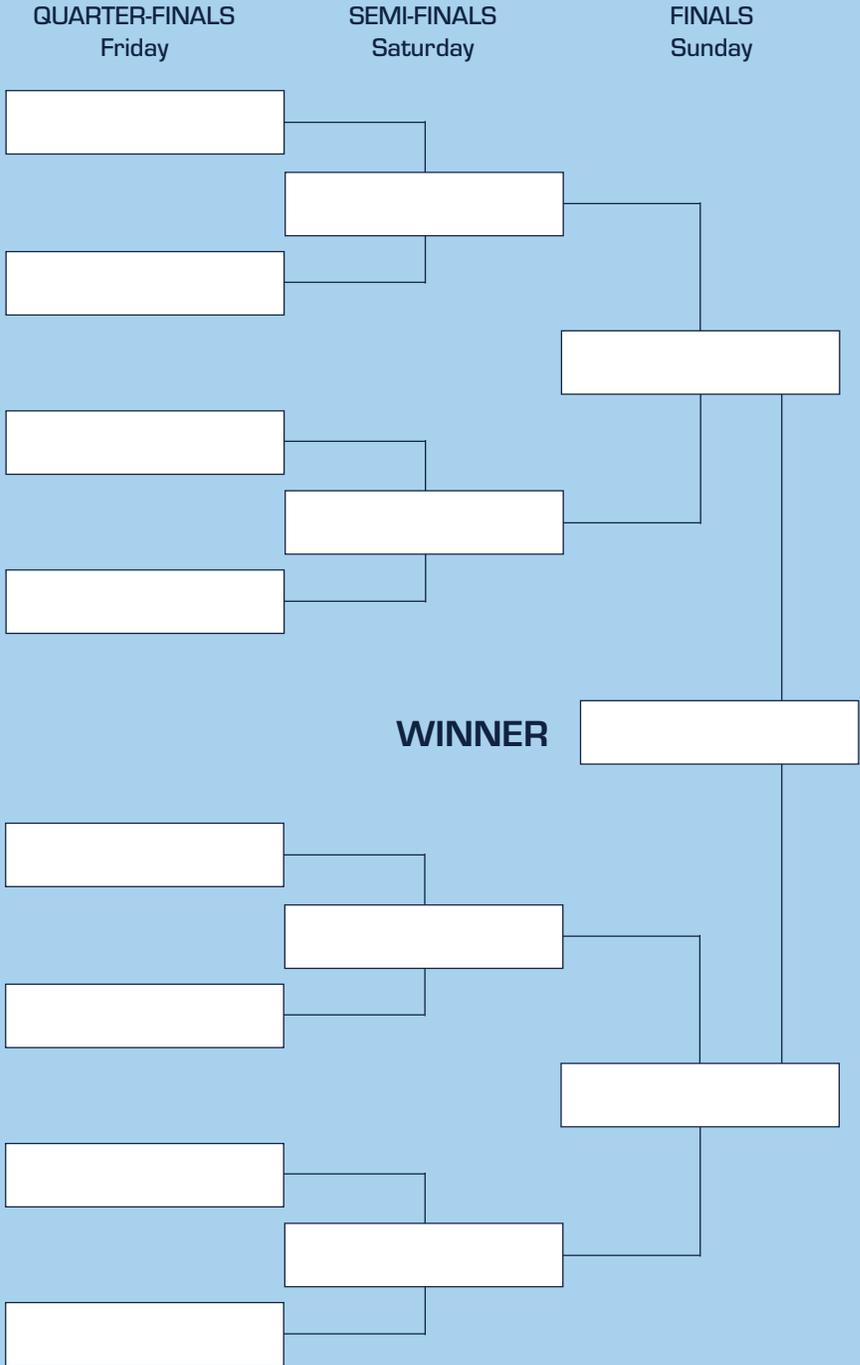
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3rd Place	\$10,000
4th Place	\$7,000
5th Place	\$5,500
6th Place	\$4,000
7th Place	\$2,500
8th Place	\$1,000



TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
& THURSDAY

GROUP 1	SCORE	
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GROUP 2	SCORE	
	W	L



Please refer to page 11 for the qualification format to the quarter finals, semi's and final.

START PROCEDURE

TIME TO START (IN MINUTES)	VISUAL SIGNAL	FLAGS	SOUND SIGNAL	MEANING
7	Flag '7' displayed		One	Attention signal
6	Flag '7' removed		None	
5	Flag '5' and numeral pennant '1' displayed	 	One	Warning signal
4	Flag '5' removed and flag '4' displayed	 	One	Preparatory signal
2	Blue or yellow flag or both displayed if either or both boats broke rule C4.2	 	One*	End of pre-start entry time
1	Flag '4' removed and flag '1' displayed	 	One	1 minute to start
START OF MATCH 1 5 mins. before start of Match 2	Flag '1' and numeral pennant '1' removed. Flag '5' and numeral pennant '2' displayed	 	One	Start of Match 1 and warning for Match 2
4	Flag '5' removed and flag '4' displayed	 	One	Preparatory signal
2	Blue or yellow flag or both displayed if either or both boats broke rule C4.2	 	One*	End of pre-start entry time
1	Flag '4' removed and flag '1' displayed	 	One	1 minute to start
START OF MATCH 2 5 mins. before start of Match 3	Flag '1' and numeral pennant '2' removed. Flag '5' and numeral pennant '3' displayed	 	One	Start of Match 2 and warning for Match 3
4	Flag '5' removed and flag '4' displayed	 	One	Preparatory signal
2	Blue or yellow flag or both displayed if either or both boats broke rule C4.2	 	One*	End of pre-start entry time
1	Flag '4' removed and flag '1' displayed	 	One	1 minute to start
START OF MATCH 3 5 mins. before start of Match 4	Flag '1' and numeral pennant '3' removed. Flag '5' and numeral pennant '4' displayed	 	One	Start of Match 3 and warning for Match 4
4	Flag '5' removed and flag '4' displayed	 	One	Preparatory signal
2	Blue or yellow flag or both displayed if either or both boats broke rule C4.2	 	One*	End of pre-start entry time
1	Flag '4' removed and flag '1' displayed	 	One	1 minute to start
START OF MATCH 4	Flag '1' and numeral pennant '4' removed		One	Start of Match 4

* If penalty is given ** The numeral pennant on the bow of the Signals Boat indicates the Course Number to be sailed.

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Francesco Bruni and his team hoist the Gold Cup after their win last year.



HISTORY OF THE GOLD CUP

THE KING EDWARD VII GOLD CUP is the oldest match racing trophy in the world for competition involving one-design yachts. It is a highly prestigious trophy with a rich tradition. It was the only King's Cup ever to be offered for competition in the United States, which could be won outright.

The Gold Cup was given in 1907 by King Edward VII at the Tri-Centenary Regatta at Jamestown, Virginia. The Regatta was held in commemoration of the 300th Anniversary of the first permanent settlement in America. The Trophy was won by C. Sherman Hoyt sailing his "Q" yacht *Capsicum*.

After three decades as the property of Mr. Hoyt, he gave it to The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. In his letter he expressed the propriety of "my returning a British Royal Trophy to the custody of your Club with its long record of clean sportsmanship and keenly contested races between your Bermuda yachts and ours of Long Island Sound and elsewhere..." This gift expresses the long yachting tradition existing between the "Original Thirteen States" and the oldest self-governing British colony.

The Gold Cup resumed competitive activity as a match racing trophy for 6-Metres in 1937. The first winner of the Cup was the celebrated Briggs Cunningham, who was also the first man to win the America's Cup when that competition was established in 12-Metres. The last year of competition in 6-Metres was 1939 when Bermuda's A.F. (Bert) Darrell sailing *Achilles* successfully defended it against George Nicholls of the USA. Nicholls' boat, *Goose*, was considered the fastest 6-Metre of her day. Bert Darrell, perhaps Bermu-

da's most revered yachtsman and a shipwright by trade, bought the 6-Metre *Achilles* as salvage from an insurance company after she had been wrecked in a storm. He rebuilt the ten-year-old yacht entirely in his boatyard. The rejuvenated *Achilles* was launched from Darrell's slipways and sailed directly to the race-course, where she went on to defeat *Goose* and establish Bermuda as a yacht racing power to be reckoned with.

In the post-war years racing in the custom designed 6-Metre boats declined in favour of the International One Design Class. Consequently, when the Club placed the Cup back in competition in 1951 it was for match racing in yachts of the International One Design Class. Bert Darrell had the honour of first defending the Cup in this class.

Although it was always popular with sailors, the Gold Cup continued in relative obscurity until 1983 when Australia took the America's Cup from the United States, resulting in increased interest in match racing. In 1985, the World Match Racing Conference was formed with the Gold Cup one of five major events. Beginning in 1988, the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club introduced sponsorship, prize money, on the water judging, spectator boats, live commentary and racing in Hamilton Harbour. These innovations made Gold Cup match racing more exciting for the spectators and participants.

Since 1937, Bermuda has won the Cup 21 times, the United States 17 times, New Zealand ten times, Australia six times, United Kingdom five times, the U.S. Virgin Islands, twice and Denmark, Sweden, France and Italy have each laid claim to the trophy once.

PAST WINNERS

1937	Briggs Cunningham (USA)
1938	Bill Miller (Bermuda)
1939	A.F. 'Bert' Darrell (Bermuda)
1940-50	unavailable
1951	Ray Hunt (USA)
1952	A.F. 'Bert' Darrell (Bermuda)
1953	A.F. 'Bert' Darrell (Bermuda)
1954	A.F. 'Bert' Darrell (Bermuda)
1955	E. Roddy Williams (Bermuda)
1956	A.F. 'Bert' Darrell (Bermuda)
1957	Warner Wilcox (USA)
1958	Warner Wilcox (USA)
1959	A.F. 'Bert' Darrell (Bermuda)
1960	Warren Brown (Bermuda)
1961	Hugh Masters (Bermuda)
1962	Robert Waterburg (USA)
1963	Philip Dollins (USA)
1964	Cornelius Shields Jr (USA)
1965	Rene Coudert (USA)
1966	Warren Brown (Bermuda)
1967	Rene Coudert (USA)
1968	Peter Richold (Bermuda)
1969	C. Archie Hooper (Bermuda)
1970	W. Keith Hollis (Bermuda)
1971	Dayton T. Carr (USA)
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1974	John Hartley Watlington (Bermuda)
1975	C. Archie Hooper (Bermuda)
1976	C. Archie Hooper (Bermuda)
1977	B.W. 'Jordy' Walker (Bermuda)
1978	William S. Widnall (USA)
1979	William S. Widnall (USA)
1980	E.S. 'Penny' Simmons (Bermuda)
1981	William S. Widnall (USA)
1982	William S. Widnall (USA)
1983	William S. Widnall (USA)
1984	Not sailed-Event re-organised for 1985
1985	Peter Isler (USA)
1986	Gordon Lucas (Australia)
1987	Chris Dickson (New Zealand)
1988	John Kolius (USA)
1989	Chris Dickson (New Zealand)
1990	Russell Coutts (New Zealand)
1991	Eddie Warden-Owen (U.K.)
1992	Russell Coutts (New Zealand)
1993	Russell Coutts (New Zealand)
1994	Rod Davis (New Zealand)
1995	Peter Gilmour (Australia)
1996	Russell Coutts (New Zealand)
1997	Peter Gilmour (Australia)
1998	Russell Coutts (New Zealand)
1999	Andy Green (U.K.)
2000	Russell Coutts (New Zealand)
2001	Peter Holmberg (U.S. Virgin Islands)
2002	Jesper Radich (Denmark)
2003	Peter Gilmour (Australia)
2004	Russell Coutts (New Zealand)
2005	James Spithill (Australia)
2006	Ian Williams (U.K.)
2007	Mathieu Richard (France)
2008	Johnie Bernthsson (Sweden)
2009	Ben Ainslie (U.K.)
2010	Ben Ainslie (U.K.)
2011	Torvar Mirsky (Australia)
2012	Taylor Canfield (U.S. Virgin Islands)
2013	Francesco Bruni (Italy)

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The Future Champions

THE RENAISSANCERE JUNIOR GOLD CUP, now in its 12th year, has become a true fall classic for Bermuda's Optimist sailors and top international youth sailors. While this year's date change conflicts with the 2014 International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) World Championships it is still expected to draw a very competitive fleet from around the world. Last year's event boasted one of the largest fleets ever with 17 invited competitors, 13 of which were National Champions in their home waters. They joined a fleet of 39 local sailors to create an impressive spectacle out on our Great Sound. Last year's event was won by British sailor Milo Gill Taylor who was attending as the UK's top skipper for the second time. The top local sailor was Campbell Patton in 7th place.

RenaissanceRe has sponsored this event since its inception, providing the support to assist with airfares for the international youth sailors and providing them with charter boats, on-the-water coaching and equipment required to compete. The visiting sailors stay with the local families of our youth sailors which is another important aspect of this unique experience. For the local sailors aged nine to 15, the regatta provides world class competition in their home waters, an experience usually found only by traveling to a continental IODA

event. The RenRe Junior Gold Cup has also been the breeding ground for local match race sailors both in Bermuda and overseas. This includes 2014 World Match Race Champion Taylor Canfield, who got his first taste of match race sailing while in Bermuda attending the Junior Gold Cup from the USVI's.

The backdrop of the Argo Group Gold Cup match-racing event running concurrently with the youth event provides a real bonus for all the sailors entered in the regatta as they are surrounded by their sailing heroes back at the dock. The youth sailors attend the daily press conferences, watch parts of the main event and mix and mingle among the teams competing in the Alpari World Match Racing Tour event when not on the water. Through the years, Olympic medalists and America's Cup winning sailors such as Ben Ainslie, Russell Coutts and Dennis Conner have given freely of their time by participating in youth sailing clinics or talks explaining the finer points of sailing and sportsmanship.

Twelve races are scheduled to be sailed, 11 of which will be in the Great Sound on IODA trapezoid courses. The final race will be sailed in Hamilton Harbour on the actual Gold Cup course just prior to the finals of the Argo Group Gold Cup, in front of the large spectator fleet.



RENAISSANCERE JUNIOR GOLD CUP CHAMPIONS

- 2003 Oliver Rihiluoma (BER)
- 2004 Frankie Lardies (NZL)
- 2005 Joshua Greenslade (BER)
- 2006 Philip Sparks (GBR)
- 2007 Jes Lyhne Bonde (DEN)
- 2008 Balder Tobiasen (DEN)
- 2009 "Nacho" Rogala (ARG)
- 2010 Diogo Pereira (POR)
- 2011 Wade Wadell (USA)
- 2012 Douglas Elmes (IRL)
- 2013 Milo Gill Taylor (GBR)



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RBYC Sailing Academy & the Environment

BY TOM HERBERTEVANS

THE BERMUDA SAILING COMMUNITY is spoiled by the phenomenal opportunities afforded to us by Bermuda's natural environment. The year round temperate weather, the lack of major tides or currents and the (relatively) warm water means children are not easily discouraged from participating in year round sailing programmes. Children traveling to overseas regattas are often faced with a sharp wake-up call that not everyone is as lucky as them and that murky, muddy, chilly water and harsh currents and tides are the norm for most sailors! At the RBYC Sailing Academy we encourage children to think about their impact on Bermuda's environment which allows them to participate and thrive in the sport they love.

One might not think it from looking at our crystal clear, glittering blue seas; but Bermuda's oceans are under threat. Pollution is a major problem in the world's oceans and



Bermuda is located in the Sargasso Sea which is home to the North Atlantic Trash Gyre or 'garbage patch'.

The North Atlantic garbage patch is an area of floating man-made trash. The patch is estimated to be hundreds of kilometers across in size. Bermuda's waters are polluted with high levels of plastic waste. Large pieces

of plastic are broken down by light but these parts are not biodegradable. This results in large amounts of micro-plastic which pose a serious threat to Bermuda's environment as they act as a sponge for dangerous and toxic chemicals which are absorbed into the plastic. These are then ingested by fish before eventually entering the human food chain. Whilst our problem is nowhere near the magnitude faced by other jurisdictions (for example the garbage and sewage infested waters of Guanabara Bay in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil—the 2016 Olympic sailing venue) it still bears consideration. The solution: To be extra conscious about removing plastics from the ocean and disposing of them responsibly. Our sailors are encouraged to not only reduce their own plastic waste but be vigilant about floating plastics and are even picking them up whilst out sailing.

Expanding on the theme of protecting our environment, the children have been encouraged to design their own method of transport using renewable energy resources. Sailing has been the ultimate green transport for centuries by harnessing wind energy to great effect. Historically Bermuda has been at the forefront of fast, efficient and cutting edge sailing technology with the introduction of 17th Century 'Bermuda Rig'. Seeing the children get creative with their designs and understanding the full concept of sustainability and green initiatives has been a fun and invigorating. With their help hopefully Bermuda will remain the pristine perfect sailing arena for many years to come!

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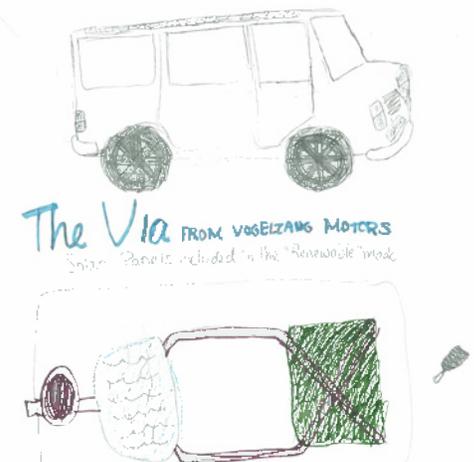
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Creating Opportunity & Building Success

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BY PETER DRUCKER, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT & AUTHOR

THIS IS PRECISELY THE TYPE of innovative approach that led to the establishment of Argo Group's Casualty and Professional Lines in Bermuda in 2009.

As everyone can recall, the insurance industry at that time had been hit hard by the economic meltdown and many organizations were looking at closing their doors, not opening new ones. But not Argo.

"I got a call from Argo President & CEO Mark Watson asking if I would be interested in setting up a business presence for the company in Bermuda and then growing it internationally," explains Managing Director Nigel Mortimer, who contacted several key long-time colleagues, including Tim Hadler, about the possibility. "We were particularly drawn to Argo's entrepreneurial spirit which appears to have gotten lost in so many large organizations. It seemed like a tremendous opportunity, so we jumped at it."

After preparing and presenting a business plan to Argo's Board of Directors, the group was given the go-ahead to proceed with the establishment of operations, including the latitude to handpick the new members of their team.

"Some companies in Bermuda have strong paper, some have strong service orientation and some have strong products and people," Mortimer continues. "Our goal for Argo's Casualty and Professional lines in Bermuda was to bring together all four."

After several months of hard work laying the foundation for this ambitious goal, Argo's insurance operations in Bermuda launched on April 1, 2009—and have met with great success ever since. With strong backing from some of the industry's biggest reinsurance players, as well as a large and loyal following of brokers, the team has become known for its solutions-oriented approach to customer service, and that has become the group's driver—and its differentiator.

"We walk the talk on client service," says Mortimer. "We are constantly seeking out opportunities for our clients, opportunities that will meet their needs, and that effort gets noticed and is appreciated by brokers."

Given the leeway to explore possibilities and exploit opportunities, the Bermuda platform has grown significantly over the years, as have the responsibilities of both Mortimer and

Hadler. In addition to leading the growth of the casualty and professional lines in Bermuda, Mortimer also oversees product innovation for Argo and has led the extension of the company's geographic reach to Dubai, Continental Europe and Brazil. Hadler has taken on the role of Chief Underwriting Officer for casualty lines across those geographies. With this international expansion, Mortimer and his team continue to build a strong business in Bermuda.

"At a time when companies were cutting back in Bermuda, we were adding staff—and hiring locally," Mortimer relates. "A large number of our employees are Bermudians. We truly are an international business, headquartered in Bermuda."

"We are grateful for the opportunity that Mark Watson saw five years ago and for the backing of the Board since then. As we celebrate our fifth anniversary, we are proud of our success and are pleased to be able to make such a positive contribution to the organization as a whole, but also the local economy and our communities. We look forward to continuing to make the most of future opportunities for growth and expansion in the years ahead."



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2014 SKIPPERS



JOHNNIE BERTSSON
(SWEDEN)

Berntsson Sailing Team was founded in 1997 and have since then been sailing all over the world in different match racing events. The team now race as the Stena Sailing Team. Johnie was the 2008 Argo Group Gold Cup winner and finished second in the 2012 and 2011 event. Stena Sailing Team are always crowd favourites at AGGC.

ISAF RANKING: 15



FRANCESCO BRUNI
(ITALY)

Team Luna Rossa return to defend their 2013 Argo Group Gold Cup win. Francesco Bruni has a solid sailing background with three America's Cup campaigns as part of the Luna Rossa team and three Olympic campaigns (1996,

2000 and 2004). He has also seen success in the Farr 40 and TP52 classes finishing runner up in their World Championships. In his sailing career spanning 30 years, Bruni has won seven world, five European and 15 Italian championships in different classes, from Laser to Offshore. 2010 was Bruni's debut year on The World Match Racing Tour as part of a strategy to help build a top flight match racing team. Bruni got off to a flyer with a third place finish in his very first event, Match Race France, before going on to enjoy a very consistent year with a fourth, a fifth and two sixth place finishes to end the season in seventh place on the WMRT. Bruni returns to the Tour as the skipper of America's Cup team Luna Rossa. His role during the 2013 Americas Cup was as tactician, but will now take the helm on the tour for what will be invaluable training for the team. He will be match racing against the best sailors in the world. He came closest to the World Championship Title in 2011 when he finished second overall. Winning the Tour in 2014 would certainly put him and his Luna Rossa team in a good place for their continued America's Cup ambitions.

ISAF RANKING: 29



TAYLOR CANFIELD
(US VIRGIN ISLANDS)

Taylor Canfield joins us for a third year and has to be considered a strong contender to lift the King Edward VII Gold Cup having won in 2012 and finishing third in 2013. Taylor is a 2014 Alpari World Match Racing Tour card holder and currently third on the Tour. Canfield and his UsOne team are the 2013 Alpari World Match Racing Tour champions. Taylor is also part of the current Etchells World Championship team.

ISAF RANKING: 2



LANCE FRASER
(BERMUDA)

Lance has been match racing competitively for five years and is currently ranked 52nd in the world. He has match raced in New York, Chicago, California, Detroit

and France over the last four years and was an Intern at Chicago Match Race Center last summer. He became the youngest skipper to compete in the Argo Group Gold Cup in 2010 and has now competed in the event four times. Lance is 21-years-old and is currently studying at Queen's University School of Business in Canada. He is excited to compete in his fifth Argo Group Gold Cup with the support of Digicel Bermuda for the fourth consecutive year.

ISAF RANKING: 52



DAVID GILMOUR
(AUSTRALIA)

It could be said that sailing is in David's blood. Son of sailing legend Peter Gilmour, David joins the Alpari World Match Racing Tour for the first time in 2014 as a Tour card holder. At 22, David will be the youngest skipper on the tour this year. Despite his young age however, David Gilmour has an impressive sailing career under his belt. He started sailing at age seven and racing at age

10. Since then, amongst other achievements, he can boast first place at ISAF Nations Cup 2013—Grand Final and first place at the Warren Jones International Youth Regatta in 2013 and 2014. Team Gilmour came together in 2010 and has been working hard ever since towards their shared goal of becoming the best match racers in the world. The team consists of young, but established sailors who have all had recent experience on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour along with many other high profile events. Team Gilmour's debut on the Tour was at the Monsoon Cup in 2012 where they placed seventh.

ISAF RANKING: 12



BJÖRN HANSEN
(SWEDEN)

Crowd favourite Björn returns to compete in this year's Argo Group Gold Cup, fresh from defending the Stena Match Cup in Sweden for a third year in a row. Björn is the co-owner of At Sea Sailing Events (former Stockholm Match Race Centre) and with strong support from team sponsor, eWork, is a definite contender in this year's event. Hot off finishing third against Ian Williams at Chicago Match Race the eWork team is gunning for an Argo Group Gold Cup victory! Björn is an AWMRT card holder and finished fourth on the Tour in 2013.

ISAF RANKING: 4



SOMERS KEMPE
(BERMUDA)

Bermudian Somers Kempe has been sailing since the age of eight-years-old and, unlike most match race sailors, he got his start in the enterprise dinghy. His passion for the sport of sailing has seen him compete in everything from Bermuda Fitted Dinghy sailing to

ocean racing. He is an avid Viper 640 competitor: He has been a long time crew member of local teams taking part in past Argo Group Gold Cup events, but this year will take the helm for the first time. Somers and his Raymarine/Ocean Electronics team are the 2014 Bermuda Match Racing Champions. Crew members include Adam Barboza, Paul Wring and Peter Miller.

ISAF RANKING: NOT RANKED



STAFFAN LINDBERG
(FINLAND)

2014 has been a busy year so far with several podium finishes in Grade 2 and 3 events in Europe. Staffan finished 12th at the recent inaugural Sopot Match Race AWMRT event in Poland. Staffan and his team are familiar faces at the Argo Group Gold Cup.

ISAF RANKING: 13



ERIC MONNIN
(SWITZERLAND)

Eric and his Swiss Match Race Team are back to improve on their fourth place finish in the 2012 Argo Group Gold Cup. Eric and the team have racked up several Grade 2 top-podium finishes in Europe this year and an eighth place in Match Race Germany. This is Eric's 11th Gold Cup appearance.

ISAF RANKING: 14



PIERRE-ANTOINE MORVAN
(FRANCE)

Pierre-Antoine Morvan had been sailing since the age of eight before discovering match racing in 2003 while studying at the University of Rennes. By 2004 he had

his own competitive sailing team and by 2007 his team had won the Youth French Championship, the University French Championship and the Open French Championship. Morvan and the team are looking to improve on their 11th place finish at last year's AGGC.

ISAF RANKING: 7



NATHAN OUTERIDGE
(AUSTRALIA)

Team Artemis helmsman Nathan Outteridge started sailing at the age of five. In 2008 he won his first World Championship title in the 49er class; a success he repeated in 2009, 2011 and 2012. In 2010 he won the International Moth Class Euro Championship and the following year he clinched the International Moth Class World title. He went on to win the World title for a second time earlier in 2014. Nathan won a gold medal at the London Olympics in the 49er class alongside teammate Iain Jensen. Shortly after his Olympic success he joined Artemis Racing as helmsman for the 34th America's Cup, aged just 27. This is Nathan's and Artemis Racing's first Argo Group Gold Cup. He is joined by Team Manager, Iain Percy on tactics and main, Iain Jensen and Christian Kamp.

ISAF RANKING: NOT RANKED



CHRIS POOLE
(USA)

Chris Poole hails from Falmouth, Maine and represents Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club. He formed Riptide Racing in 2012 after he was an intern at the Chicago Match Race Center during the summer of 2011. Since then he has competed around the world with Riptide Racing climbing the rankings to 26th in the world and second in the United States.

Riptide Racing is excited to return to the Argo Group Gold Cup for the second year in a row. Last year was an amazing learning experience for the team and they are eager to come back and master the IOD.

ISAF RANKING: 30



MATHIEU RICHARD
(FRANCE)

Mathieu returns to the Argo Group Gold Cup with a 2014 Alpari World Match Racing Tour card. He was the winner of the 2007 Gold Cup. Having had his start in Optimist and 420 dinghies, Mathieu decided match racing was where he wished to compete. Thus far, his 2014 season has seen him come third in Match Race Germany, fifth at the Stena Match Race, second at SOPOT Match Race and win the Congressional Cup. He is currently second on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour.

ISAF RANKING: 3



PHIL ROBERTSON
(NEW ZEALAND)

Sailing has been in Phil Robertson's blood since the age of 10 when he started racing competitively. Racing in dinghy classes for several years satisfied his appetite for sailing and competition however Robertson wanted to develop himself as a team sailor which he did at the age of 16 when he joined the prestigious Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Youth training Programme. Phil now fronts WAKA Racing, a tight team of top young sailors who made their debut in 2011 as Tour card holders on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour. WAKA Racing finished third in AWMRT ranking at the end of 2012 and 2013. They have started the New Year being crowned New Zealand Open Keel

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MAREK STANCZYK
(POLAND)

Marek is a former Polish Match Race Champion and for the past seven years he has been the top ranked Polish skipper in ISAF rankings. Marek has multiple 470 Polish National Championships. He started sailing in Optimist then Cadet Class. He won many ice-sailing competitions in Poland and around the world including Canada and Scandinavia. He is also involved in the yachting business, having his own shipyard "Nautiner" in Poland. Latest racing results include several top three finishes in Grade 2 and

3 events. This is his third Argo Group Gold Cup.

ISAF RANKING: 49



KEITH SWINTON
(AUSTRALIA)

Keith Swinton's passion for sailing began in Perth at the age of eight. He's competed in Olympic Class Sailing, on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour; in IRC Racing and One Design Racing in a number of classes, including 420, 470, 29er, Tornado, Etchells and Flying 15. However, he considers match racing to be the most enjoyable and is now his focus. So far this year Alpari FX Trading team finished second at Match Race Germany, fourth at the Congressional Cup and won the Royal Southern Match Cup. This is Keith's fifth visit to Bermuda.

ISAF RANKING: 6



IAN WILLIAMS
(GREAT BRITAIN)

Ian started out his professional life as a solicitor and decided to pursue match racing. It was obviously a successful decision as Ian is the first Briton to gain the ISAF World Champion and AWMRT Champion titles. He is the 2011 and 2012 Tour Champion; a title the team has won four times. He, along with the rest of team GAC Pindar, returns to the Argo Group Gold Cup for an ninth time, having won this regatta in 2006. Ian is an AWMRT card holder and currently leading the AWMRT series.

ISAF RANKING: 1

FEEDER EVENTS

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