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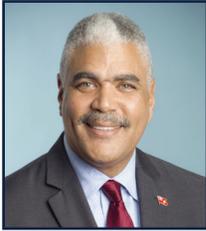


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## WELCOME



### MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government and people of Bermuda, I welcome you to the 63rd staging of match racing for the King Edward VII Gold Cup—a week of the best competitive sailing in the world!

For those of you who are new to our shores, I extend a warm Bermuda welcome. For those who are returning: it's great to have you back!

As Premier, I'm always interested in opportunities that showcase Bermuda's natural beauty and highlight the warmth of our people. The Argo Group Gold Cup event encompasses both. The competition will be stiff, the waters will be challenging and the hospitality will be outstanding—you're in for a great event!

Bermuda enjoys a rich and vibrant maritime history, some with a royal heritage. The origin of this event commemorates the 300th anniversary of the first permanent settlement in America, when His Majesty King Edward VII presented the Cup to Mr. Sherman Hoyt at the Jamestown Tri-Centennial regatta in 1907. Since then, the 'Gold Cup' has evolved into a world class sailing tournament, attracting a top slate of skippers and crews, who are all vying for the coveted King Edward VII Gold Cup Trophy.

Each year modifications are made to enhance the experience. This year, the Family Festival of Sail will be moved to the Sunday prior to the start of the main event—providing a platform for our avid young Bermudian sailors and their families to enjoy our water sports, while leaving the remainder of the week to focus on the Argo Gold Cup finals event.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the organisers for their continued commitment to excellence by producing this world-class event and establishing it as one of the highlights on sporting calendars around the world.

**The Hon. L. Craig Cannonier, JP, MP.**  
Premier of Bermuda



### 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. With entries coming from across the globe we all eagerly await the arrival of the hugely talented teams that have performed at the highest possible level in the match racing arena.

The Club is also very proud to be hosting the 11th RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup. This amazing event includes the top junior sailors from many different countries and gives our local youngsters the most 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 sixth Family Festival of Sail on Sunday, October 6th. 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 Department of Tourism, AonBenfield, Guy Carpenter, Bacardi, 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 work undertaken by our members and other 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.

**Jonathan Brewin**  
Commodore



### MESSAGE FROM ARGO GROUP

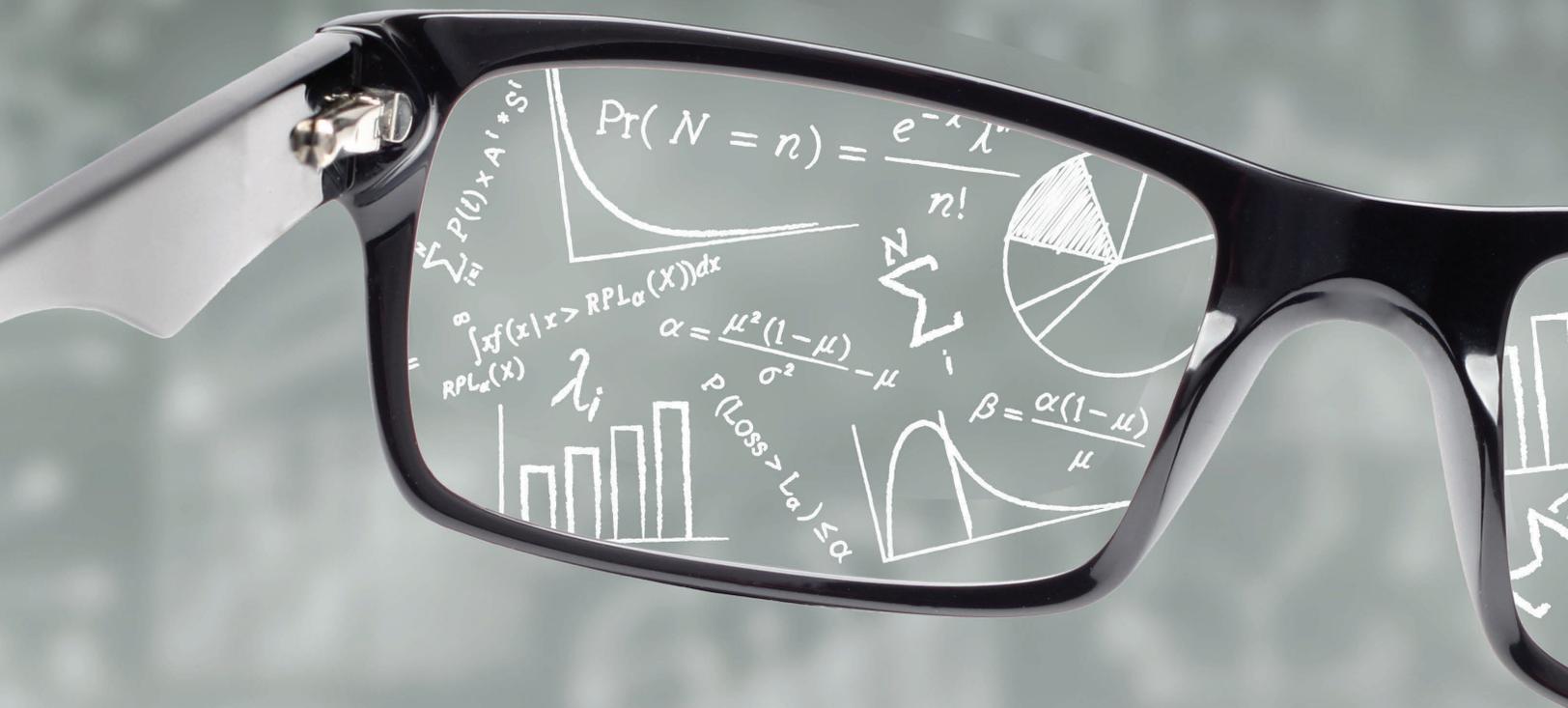
Welcome to the Argo Group Gold Cup, one of the most exciting sailing events of the year. Whether seafarer or spectator, you will bear witness to the remarkable strategy, skill and stamina of the sailing world's most successful skippers, as their teams compete for the illustrious King Edward VII Gold Cup Trophy—the oldest match-racing trophy in the world for competition involving one-design yachts.

As title sponsor for this showcase event, Argo Group believes that the sport of sailing promotes many of the virtues that help successful people and businesses realize their potential and enable them to achieve outstanding results...together. For that reason, we, in partnership with the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, are committed to providing you with a truly enriching visitor experience that celebrates community, competitiveness and culture in the incomparable setting of Bermuda's picturesque Hamilton Harbour.

In addition to the racing competition, we invite you to immerse yourself in Bermuda's rich maritime history and heritage at the annual Family Festival of Sail where a host of boating and water festivities are scheduled to take place on the Sunday prior to the race.

So, whether your vantage point is on the water or on the water's edge, I encourage you to take full advantage of all this week has in store for you.

**Mark E. Watson III**  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



# ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP

## 2013 Argo Group Gold Cup Schedule of Events

*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 6TH

9:00 am	Race Office opens
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Registration of Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers, RBYC
11:00 am to 4:00 pm	Family Festival of Sail in Barr's Bay Park
3:00-6:00, 7:30-9:00 pm	Registration of Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers, RBYC

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

#### THE ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP SKIPPERS' PRACTICE SESSION

8:30 am to 12:00 pm	Registration of Argo Group Gold Cup Skippers, RBYC
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 8TH

#### 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 9TH

#### 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 10TH

#### 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)
11:30 am	RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup racing in Granaway Deep or the Great Sound
12:30 pm*	Argo Group Gold Cup Group 2 (Round Robin flights 9-12)



## 2013 Argo Group Gold Cup Schedule of Events

5:00 pm \*\* Press Conference, RBYC Terrace  
 6:30 pm Bacardi Party/Buffer – open to the public, tickets from Reception, RBYC Terrace

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

#### 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)  
 11:30 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  
 6:00 pm Happy Hour, music and appetizers – open to the public, cash bar, RBYC Terrace.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

#### 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)  
 11:30 am 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 13TH

#### 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 three series)  
 12:30 pm\* 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

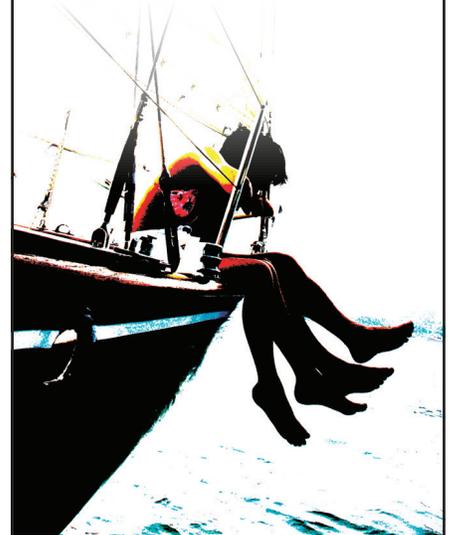
\*\* If racing finishes after 5:00 pm, the daily press conferences will be scheduled one half hour after the completion of the day's racing.

*Schedule subject to change*



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2012 Argo Group Gold Cup winner Taylor Canfield will be back to defend his title.

# Stars Return for Gold Cup Challenge

BY LAURIE FULLERTON

**FOR MATCH RACE SAILORS**, the coveted King Edward VII Gold Cup Trophy, awarded to the winner of the Argo Group Gold Cup, is a golden road to one of sailing's holy grails, the America's Cup. The legacy of this event has its unique rewards as we witness the return this year of Sir Ben Ainslie. He'll join four other previous Gold Cup winners along with nine of the top ten skippers in the ISAF Open rankings and all of the Alpari World Match Racing Tour Cardholder skippers.

This year will be the 63rd staging of races for the King Edward VII Gold Cup Trophy and the sixth with Argo Group's support as title sponsor. Since the event was re-formatted for match racing in 1985, the King Edward VII Gold Cup trophy has been held aloft by four-time America's Cup winner Russell Coutts of New Zealand (seven times), four-time Olympic gold medalist Ainslie of the United Kingdom (twice), and

the youngest America's Cup winner, James Spithill of Australia.

Ainslie, who is the most successful sailor in Olympic history, won the Cup consecutively in 2009 and 2010. His classic approach to sailing Bermuda's IODs, and his style and grace on and off the water have made him a true fan favourite here in Bermuda. The spectator fleet swells whenever he is on the racecourse. In a previous interview, Ainslie expressed his special affinity with the Gold Cup event, enjoying its traditions, the International One Design and especially the friends he has made here.

"We feel lucky because we love this venue," said Ainslie. "We like the boats and they are challenging. The atmosphere is great and we have a lot of friends here."

Ainslie's ties to Bermuda go back to junior sailing. He first competed in Bermuda in 1995 winning the ISAF Youth Worlds Single Handed title. During the 2008 Argo

Group Gold Cup, Ainslie was the skipper and Simpson was the team advisor. The team spent a lot of time talking to the young Optimist sailors gathered in Bermuda from around the world.

Ben's crew from 2008 returns to Bermuda once again and includes the current skipper of the Artemis America's Cup Team and double Olympic Gold Medalist Iain Percy. Iain will be tactician and mainsheet trimmer. Multiple Gold Cup winner Christian Kamp will be jib trimmer and Ben's former Team Origin bowman Matt Cornwall, affectionately known as "Catflap" throughout the yachting world will be aboard.

The return of Sir Ben Ainslie to Bermuda for the 2013 Argo Group Gold Cup adds a touch of high drama to this star studded event. He has been off the Tour since 2010 and will challenge the fleet. It is a full slate of eight Alpari World Match Racing Tour Card Holders and the four other past Tour

champions who will be on hand heading up the two groups of teams in the qualifying round robin. Joining them on the event ladder will be eight other top ranked skippers and some up and coming teams including four automatic qualifiers.

Over the past ten years, the Argo Group Gold Cup has also benefited from RenaissanceRe's sponsorship of the Junior Gold Cup Optimist dinghy event. The Junior Gold Cup is credited, in part, for inspiring the 2012 Argo Group Gold Cup winner Taylor Canfield, Team USone. Canfield, 24, is a U.S. Virgin Islander who bested a field of 19-teams last year to become the first American citizen to raise the Cup aloft since his countryman Peter Holmberg won in 2001.

The RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup was in its early years in 2003 when Canfield, age 13, was invited to attend and tagged along with the older and much revered Gold Cup winner Peter Holmberg of the USVI who was competing in the Gold Cup.

"I was competing on the last day of the RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup and there was another competitor challenging me and we were going after a win. We started to really match race in our Optis—at age 13—right here in Hamilton Harbour. I got a taste of it then...and it did have a big influence on me as the Gold Cup was going on around us," Canfield said.

Talented and congenial, Canfield is clearly following a passion for match racing that was ignited right here in Bermuda. He has carried that passion as a Tour Card Holder in the 2013 season. Canfield will defend his Bermuda title hot off a win in the Chicago Match Cup in his home waters. He had a second in the Korean Match Cup, a fifth in Match Race Germany but sank to eleventh in the Stena Match Cup Sweden.

Canfield stands second on the Tour coming into the Argo Group Gold Cup, tied with Adam Minoprio, Team Alpari FX (NZ). They are just nine points behind Tour Champion Ian Williams, GAC Pindar (GBR) and only one point ahead of Bjorn Hansen, eWork Sailing Team (SWE).

With this unique mix of teams from America's Cup skippers, to past Gold Cup champions to rising stars, the battle will be on in Bermuda. Will a rising star or a seasoned salt hoist the Cup? Get ready for some fantastic match racing in the 2013 Argo Group Gold Cup to tell the tale.

# Remembering Bart

Sir Ben Ainslie on the foundation which has been set up in memory of his friend Andrew "Bart" Simpson

**I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WILL EVER FORGET THAT MOMENT.** Up until then we had all been enjoying the challenge of trying to sail these incredibly powerful AC72 multihulls around San Francisco Bay. Then, in an instant, the whole World stopped and for many of us close to Andrew "Bart" Simpson, life would never be quite the same.

So much has been said about Andrew in the months since he passed away, but—in the words of his brother in arms Iain Percy—words will never do him justice.

Eventually life does go on and for all of us close to Andrew, especially his wonderful wife Leah and their two sons Freddie and Hamish, we would like people to remember Andrew in a positive manner and for something worthwhile to grow in his memory.

For that reason we have set up a charity in Andrew's name, 'The Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation'. The goals of the charity are closely aligned to Andrew's passion, which was to help younger sailors coming through the sport and offer the advice that he often found was lacking when he himself was trying to make that transition from a promising highly talented young sailor to an Olympic Gold medal winner. Andrew was famous for the time he would take to sit with younger sailors and talk through issues, probably half of last year's British Olympic squad were going to Andrew for guidance and support. That's just the kind of guy he was, he loved to help and give support.

It is also not just about the talented but it's also about those who have a passion for the sport and want to pursue that passion with a career in the sailing World, if not as a sailor then as a boat builder, sail maker or some other area of the sailing industry. The Foundation will look for ways to support these young sailors and mentor them through this critical learning period. We will offer funds for apprentices to undertake ap-



Above: Sir Ben Ainslie and team in 2009  
Below: Ainslie and Simpson



propriate courses and sit for the relevant qualifications in their chosen area of the sailing industry. We want to make a real difference to many young people's lives through the sport of sailing and we know that this would have made Andrew very proud.

Iain, Christian, Matt and myself are incredibly proud to be back competing in Bermuda at the Argo Group Gold Cup in memory of our great friend Bart. We have many fond memories of this regatta; in fact the first time we competed in the Argo Group Gold Cup was 2008 with Bart as team coach. We are very grateful to Mark Watson and the team at Argo for supporting the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation and we look forward to a fantastic week of racing.

# A Layman's Guide

**THE MATCH RACING COURSE** is four legs and starts with leg one heading upwind and finishes with leg four coming downwind. 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 the wind direction.

The course starting line is between a mark and the race committee boat and is laid at right angles to the direction of the wind.

## 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

The match begins with the two boats crossing the starting line and sailing upwind (by tacking) and rounding the first (windward) mark to starboard (leaving it to the right side of the boat).

Spinnakers are set and the match continues downwind to the second (leeward) mark laid close to the original starting line. The boats sail twice around this course and finish sailing downwind under spinnaker.

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's 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 websites:

**Host site:** [www.argogroupgoldcup.com](http://www.argogroupgoldcup.com)

**Alpari World Match Racing Tour:** [www.wmrt.com](http://www.wmrt.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/worldmatchracingtour](http://www.facebook.com/worldmatchracingtour)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/worldmrt](http://www.twitter.com/worldmrt)

**Twitter tack by tack live race updates:** [www.twitter.com/wmrt\\_liverace](http://www.twitter.com/wmrt_liverace)

Photo courtesy Bermuda Department Of Tourism



**THE ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB** presents the Argo Group Gold Cup. This is an ISAF Grade WC (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 16 invited crews plus the winners of

the 2013 Bermuda National Match Racing Championship, 2013 Detroit Cup, 2013 Knickerbocker Cup and 2013 Sopot Match Race will be divided into two groups of ten.

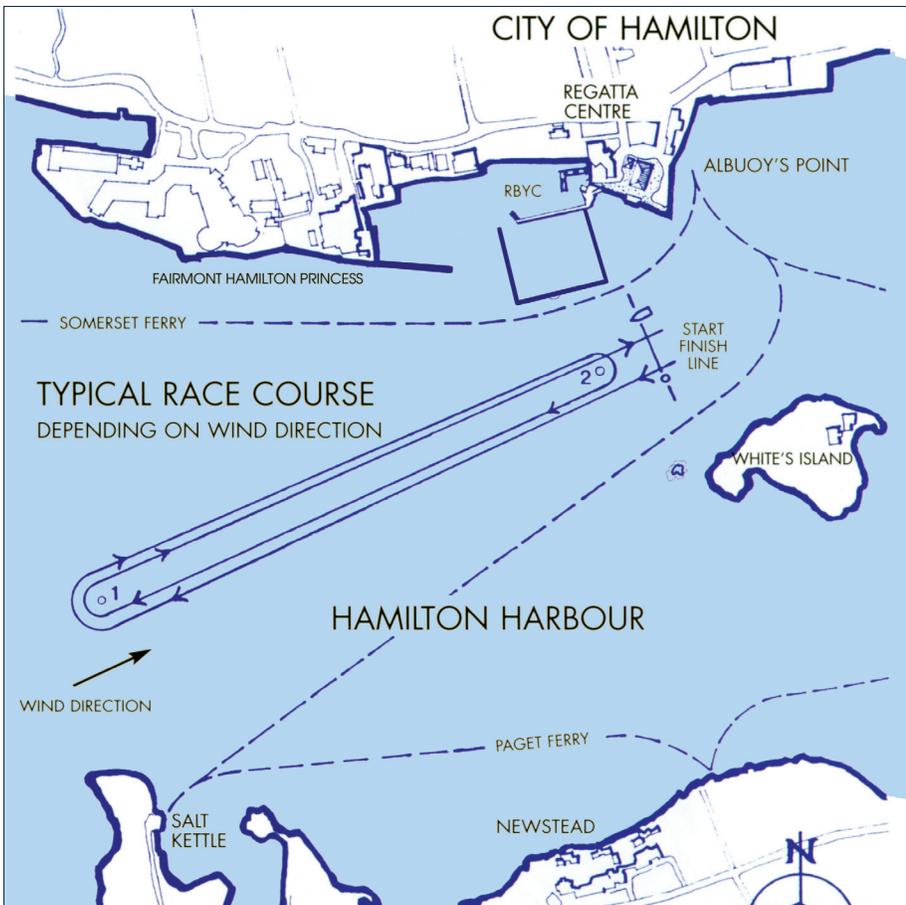
**First Stage:** The competitors will be divided into two groups of ten and will sail a round robin (each skipper will be scheduled to sail once against each other skipper in his group).

**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. Both are 'first to three points' knock out series. The day will start with the Petite Finals. 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 battle to determine the winner of the Argo Group Gold Cup.



**PRIZE MONEY**

**Total Purse:  
\$100,000**

1st Place	\$50,000
2nd Place	\$20,000
3rd Place	\$10,000
4th Place	\$7,000
5th Place	\$5,500
6th Place	\$4,000
7th Place	\$2,500
8th Place	\$1,000

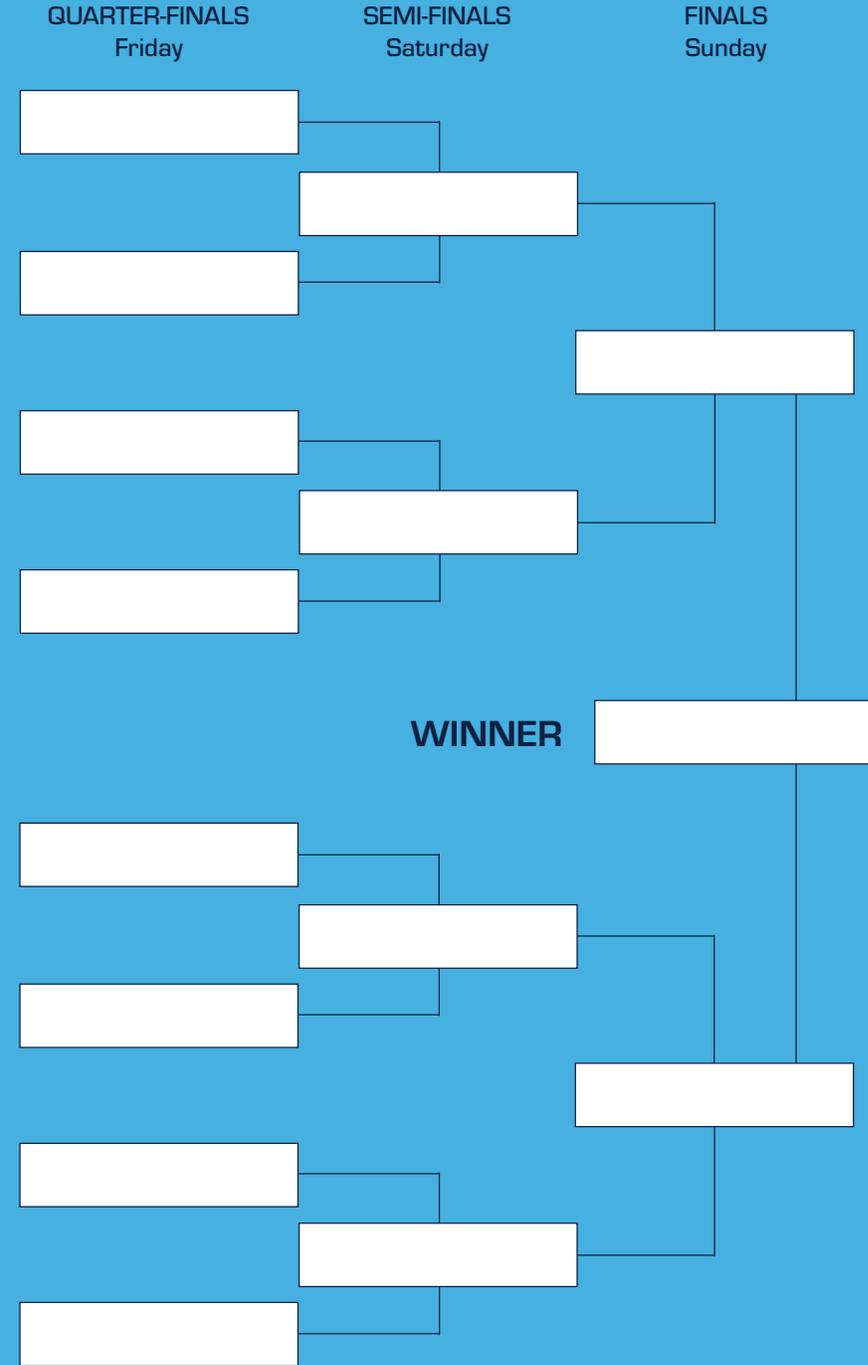
TOURNAMENT LADDER



TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY  
& THURSDAY

GROUP 1	SCORE	
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GROUP 2	SCORE	
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*Please refer to page 11 for the qualification format to the quarter finals, semi's and final.*

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-  Stage 1: May 15 - 20 MATCH RACE GERMANY Langenargen, Germany
-  Stage 2: May 28 - June 2 KOREA MATCH CUP Gyeonggi, South Korea
-  Stage 3: July 1 - 6 STENA MATCH CUP SWEDEN Marstrand, Sweden
-  Stage 4: August 6 - 11 CHICAGO MATCH CUP Chicago, USA
-  Stage 5: Oct 7 - 13 ARGO GROUP GOLD CUP Hamilton, Bermuda
-  Stage 6: Dec 2 - 7 MONSOON CUP Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia



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## 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
<b>START OF MATCH 1</b> 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
<b>START OF MATCH 2</b> 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
<b>START OF MATCH 3</b> 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
<b>START OF MATCH 4</b>	Flag '1' and numeral pennant '4' removed		One	Start of Match 4

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# History of the Gold Cup

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The Gold Cup was given in 1907 by King Edward VII at the Tri-Centenary Regatta at Jamestown, Virginia in commemoration of the 300th Anniversary of the first permanent settlement in America. The Trophy was won by C. Sherman Hoyt in 1907 sailing his "Q" yacht *Capsicum*. The Gold Cup resumed competitive activity as a match racing trophy for 6-Metres in 1937. The first winner of the "Gold Cup" was the celebrated Briggs Cunningham, who was also the first man to win the America's Cup in a 12-Metre.

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.

Upon receiving the Gold Cup the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club immediately used it as a challenge trophy in the 6-Metre class. The last year of competition in this class was 1939 when Bermuda's A.F. (Bert) Darrell sailing *Achilles* successfully defended it against George Nicholls of the USA in *Goose*. The *Goose* was considered the fastest 6-Metre of her day. Bert Darrell, perhaps Bermuda's most revered yachtsman and a shipwright by trade, bought his 6-Metre *Achilles* as salvage from an insurance company, she had been wrecked in a storm and 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.

There was no further 6-Metre racing lo-



2012 winner Taylor Canfield with the Gold Cup.

cally. In the post-war years, the Club placed the Cup in competition in 1951 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, the United Kingdom five times, the U.S. Virgin Islands twice and Denmark, Sweden and France 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)
1972	C. Archie Hooper (Bermuda)
1973	C. Archie Hooper (Bermuda)
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 Berntsson (Sweden)
2009	Ben Ainslie (U.K.)
2010	Ben Ainslie (U.K.)
2011	Torvar Mirsky (Australia)
2012	Taylor Canfield (U.S. Virgin Islands)

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Beyond the cultural advantages of such a multinational gathering, the backdrop of

the Argo Group Gold Cup Tour event running concurrently with the Junior Gold Cup provides a real bonus for all the kids entered in the regatta. The young sailors find themselves surrounded by their sailing heroes while on shore. The young sailors watch parts of the main event and interact with the adult professional teams competing.

World-renowned sailors such as Ben Ainslie, Andrew "Bart" Simpson, Russell Coutts, Peter Gilmour, Ed Baird and Dennis Conner have given freely of their time while competing at the Gold Cup in Bermuda by participating in youth sailing clinics or by holding talks with the Junior Gold Cup participants. This year Sir Ben Ainslie will take time to work with Bermuda's young sailors and will be promoting the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation (ASSF). One of the ASSF's goals is supporting "grass roots" youth sailing initiatives and establishing links with like-minded programmes already operating, like the RBYC Sailing Academy.



## 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)

The Junior Gold Cup event has matured to a point where it can now boast success at the highest levels in the sport of sailing. 2012 Argo Group Gold Cup winner Taylor Canfield from USVI has publicly given credit to the Jr. Gold Cup as the inspiration for him to become a professional sailor. In 2003 Canfield attended the Jr. Gold Cup event, tagging along with his mentor and professional sailor, Peter Holmberg who was invited to sail in the main event. Canfield credits the Junior Gold Cup for exposing him to the world of match racing which he witnessed for the first time that October. Canfield now has a total of three Alpari World Match Race Tour event wins to his credit and is in contention to defend his Argo Group Gold Cup title this year.

For the last eleven years RenaissanceRe has provided the financial support to help fly the invitees to Bermuda, providing them with charter boats, coaching, lunches and entry fees—everything required to compete. The visiting sailors stay with the families of our youth sailors and sometimes attend the local school for a day with their new Bermudian friends.



On the water, the format usually consists of four to five fleet races per day on the Great Sound starting on Thursday, October 10th. The final day, Sunday, October 13th,

will see the penultimate championship race sailed on Hamilton Harbour during the final rounds of the Argo Group Gold Cup if time and conditions allow.

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# The Argo Foundation: Supporting Bermuda's Youth

**THE ARGO FOUNDATION** was established in September, 2008 as a limited liability company designed to invest in the health and development of Bermuda's young people.

Under the chairmanship of Argo Group President and CEO, Mark E. Watson III, an Allocations Committee made up of a diverse group of Bermudians representing the private, public and non-profit sectors meets once a quarter to consider applications from Bermuda-registered charities.

The charter of the Foundation stipulates that its funding will be directed to those programmes demonstrating the effective delivery of programmes and services for youth under the age of 18. Where there is duplication, the Foundation asks that partnerships be established to drive efficiencies.



A key objective of The Argo Foundation is to establish long-term relationships with

the charities it supports so that members can follow the progress of young people benefitting from the programmes funded by the Foundation.

The Foundation's dedicated Allocations Committee has approved applications from arts, sports, education and health services organizations. As a result, free music lessons are subsidized at primary schools; tuition is paid for students re-entering the education system and who are studying for their high school diploma; and programmes benefitting at-risk youth continue to be funded.

In 2011, The Argo Foundation established Bermuda Glee, a 10-day intensive in the performing arts for public and private school students in Bermuda aged 14-18. With its motto of Curtains Up, Barriers Down, Bermuda Glee aims to enable collaboration and partnership. Working with drama, music and dance teachers from Bermuda's school system, students prepare an original piece of musical theatre for performance at the end of the intensive programme.

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# The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club SAILING ACADEMY

BY TOM HERBERTEVANS

**SINCE I ARRIVED IN BERMUDA** in February 2011, I have seen the Club's sailing programme develop from a part-time, seasonal, low attendance programme to the year-round, hi-attendance and structured programme it is today. In no small part, this is because of the support received by the RBYC officers and members and the Bermuda community. A sailing academy is only successful through the support and 'buy-in' of interested and committed parties.

The RBYC Sailing Academy's sustained growth has been possible by focusing on three areas of development: control, structure and the arena. Development of our programme in these three areas has allowed the Academy to support year round lessons for over 200 juniors, youth and adults.

## CONTROL

In February of 2012 the Club became a certified RYA training centre. This has allowed us to adapt the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) model to control safety and set high standards of coaching and teaching. Since 2012 the Academy has qualified over 35 RYA Instructors in a variety of disciplines: RYA Dinghy Instructors, Assistant Instructors, Powerboat Level 2 Instructors and a First Aid Instructor. The adoption of the RYA philosophy for

fun and safety on the water has a successful trickle-down effect in the boating community. Not only are more children and adults aware of sailing and boating choices in Bermuda, but a significant awareness in safety on the water has been noticed—most significantly the use of kill-cords.

## STRUCTURE

The Academy's structure is based on a five year plan of which we are part way through year three. The Academy's development plan was formed with vested input from several Bermuda youth and sailing organisations along with research into development plans of similar sized sailing academies outside of the island. Working with a structured plan has allowed the junior Optimist programme to develop to the point where there are now over 60 juniors under the age of 15 racing in Green, Silver and Gold Fleet at the Club. The Academy has also been able to develop a grass roots outreach programme with Government schools and educational initiatives. Several of the private and Government schools now include sailing as part of their curriculum.

Other aspects of the development plan allow for those elite sailors to start developing from junior, to youth, to National level

sailing. Aspiring Olympic athletes now have a structure for development as our first crop of juniors ages into the youth aspect of our programme. Autumn 2013 has seen the roll out of the Youth programme. The RBYC is committed to teaching and coaching standards in Laser (4.7, Radials, Full Rig), Bytes and currently the 420.

## THE ARENA

How and why is Bermuda able to be better than larger countries such as the U.K. and others? In my opinion this comes down to some very basic training advantages. The weather is the biggest factor in our training programme—there is no need for dry-suits even in February. The Sailing Academy can operate year-round. There is access to three tiered training venues: the sheltered Harbour for beginners; the Great Sound for intermediates to advanced; and the Ocean.

Proximity is another important factor. Most of our students live within 20 minutes of the Club and thanks to our generous members there is an efficient, safe, launching platform.

The long term goal? The final task is to get everyone participating in sailing on this great island. The passion of the RBYC and its members is so great that anything is possible with regards to the future of sailing in Bermuda.

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## 2013 SKIPPERS



**SIR BEN AINSLIE**  
(GREAT BRITAIN)

Sir Ben is the most successful sailor in Olympic history having won four gold and a silver medals. He is no stranger to the Argo

Group Gold Cup having won the event in 2009 and 2010. Sir Ben joins the event having just competed with defending America's Cup team Oracle. This week he is joined by Iain Percy (Andrew 'Bart' Simpson's Olympic and Artemis skipper), Matt Cornwell and Christian Kamp. The team are here to help raise funds for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation. **ISAF RANKING: NOT CURRENTLY RANKED**



**JOHIE 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. Johnie is a current AWMRT card holder. **ISAF RANKING: 8**



**TAYLOR CANFIELD**  
(US VIRGIN ISLANDS)

Taylor Canfield blasted away the competition at last year's Argo Group Gold Cup and is the defending champion. Having picked up

an Alpari World Match Racing Tour card for 2013 he is currently joint second on the Tour having just won the Chicago Match Cup. Taylor and the USone team are looking forward to defending the King Edward VII Gold Cup. **ISAF RANKING: 2**



**SIMONE FERRARESE**  
(ITALY)

Simone began to sail at the age of five and after testing his mettle on the youth circuit and in the Olympic classes,

he decided to put his focus into the match racing circuit where he won the Dubai Youth Trophy in 2006. He hasn't looked back since then. Simone started the 2013 season with a spectacular victory in the Congressional Cup, beating the four time World Champion Ian Williams in the Semifinal and America's Cup winner and veteran Ed Baird in the Final, getting silver at the Match Racing European Championship and a podium (third)

at the Stena Match Cup Sweden. Ferrarese recently started an Olympic campaign in the Finn Class, and after a Tour Card holder season in 2012 he will be back with his Ferrarese Racing Team to compete for the 2013 Match Racing World Title. **ISAF RANKING: 11**



**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. 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 in Chicago the eWork team is gunning for an Argo Group Gold Cup victory! Björn is an AWMRT card holder and finished second on the Tour in 2012. **ISAF RANKING: 4**



**ADAM MINOPRIO**  
(NEW ZEALAND)

This former ISAF #1 Open ranked sailor and the 2009 World Champion is back as a Tour card holder for the

## SKIPPERs



2013 season. Adam has had success this season finishing second in Germany, third in Korea and sixth in Sweden. He returned to match racing after competing in the 2011-12 Volvo Ocean Race where he finished second. 'Mino' and the rest of the Alpari FX Trading team finished second in 2009, fifth in 2010 and 2012. **ISAF RANKING: 30**



**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. This is Eric's

tenth 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's team has made steady progress since finishing second at the St. Moritz Match Race in 2011. They are now fully focused on pushing for the ISAF Match Racing World Championship title and see their 2012

sixth place result as the beginning of their assault on the trophy after making the Quarterfinals in every Tour event they attended in 2012 and hitting the podium twice. **ISAF RANKING: 3**



**MATHIEU RICHARD**  
(FRANCE)

Mathieu returns to the Argo Group Gold Cup after a year break. 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. His 2013 season has seen him come second in Match Race Germany and win the Korea Match Cup. **ISAF RANKING: 7**

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**PHIL ROBERTSON**  
(NEW ZEALAND)  
Sailing has been in Phil Robertson's blood since the age of ten when he started racing competitively. Racing in dinghy classes

for several years increased 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. In 2012 WAKA Racing delivered a podium finish after a

stunning performance at the final event to leapfrog up the standings from seventh to third at the final event of the year, the Monsoon Cup. In 2013 the team will maintain their single ambition to be New Zealand's best keel boat sailing team. **ISAF RANKING: 13**



**NICOLAI SEHESTED**  
(FINLAND)  
2013 is the second year for this young Scandinavian at the Argo Group Gold Cup. Since finishing 13th in last year's AGGC, Nicolai

and his team have continued to improve their ISAF ranking by finishing in the top three of several grade one and two events.

The team seeks to improve on their finish from last year's event. **ISAF RANKING: 12**



**MAREK STANCZYK**  
(POLAND)  
Marek is a former Polish Match Race Champion and for the past six 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

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top three finishes in grade two and three events. This is his second Argo Group Gold Cup. **ISAF RANKING: 13**



### **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. He considers match racing to be the most enjoyable and is now his focus. The Black Swan team finished second at the 2013 Chicago Match Race in July earning them valuable rank points. **ISAF RANKING: 5**

### **WILLIAM TILLER** (NEW ZEALAND)

Will and the boys are back again for another round of Argo Group Gold Cup racing having finished a somewhat disappointing 14th in



2012. So far this season Will has high placements in Chicago Cup qualifier (second), Hong Kong Match Racing (first) and is the current New Zealand Open Match Racing Champion.

Welcome back William! **ISAF RANKING: 6**



### **PETER WICKWIRE** (CANADA)

Peter is the current Canadian Match Racing Champion has spent much of 2012 finishing in the top three in North American

grade three events. This is the second trip to Bermuda for Wickwire, a financial services professional living in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Match racing for four years the team enjoyed a successful 2011 including wins at the Canadian Match Racing Championships, York Cup and the Nations Cup NA regional qualifier. The crew looks forward to racing IODs in Bermuda. **ISAF RANKING: 39**



### **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

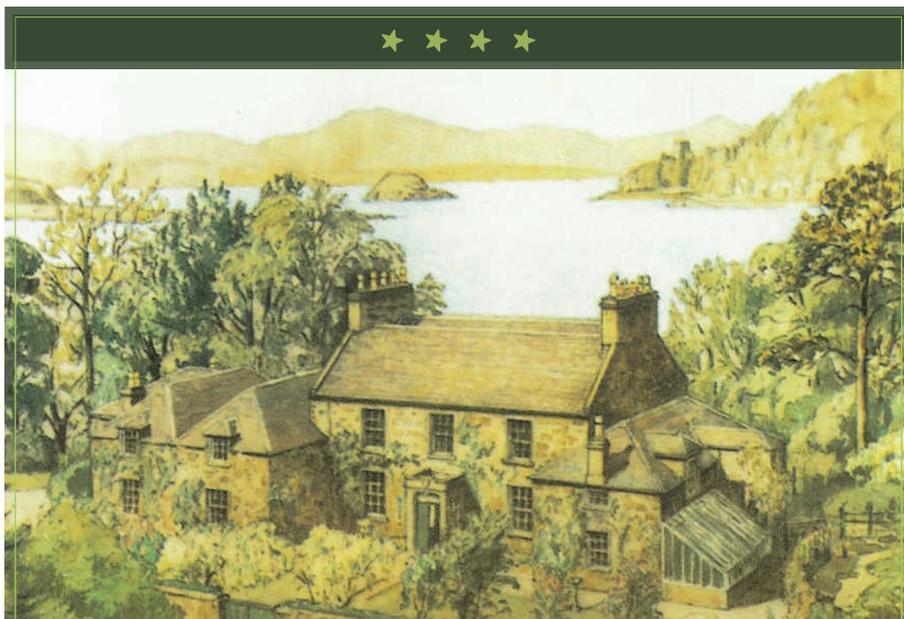
is the first Briton to gain the ISAF World Champion and WMRT Champion titles. He is the 2011 and 2012 Tour Champion; a title the team has won four times. He, along with the rest of team GAC Pindar, returns to the Argo Group Gold Cup for an eighth time, having won this regatta in 2006. Ian is an AWMRT card holder. **ISAF RANKING: 1**

### **FEEDER EVENTS**

The winners of the Bermuda National, Detroit Cup, Knickerbocker Cup and Sopot Match Race events are guaranteed a spot in the Argo Group Gold Cup.

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