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Sea Scouts win the Cup

It's not the America's Cup, but it looks just like it, and every year Sea Scouts from around the world compete for William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup. Skipper Trevor Gurley and crew Corey Kemp won this year's event, held at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy sailing center in June, from Sea Scout Ship 711 out of Newport Beach, California.

Gurley, 17, of Newport Beach, and Kemp, 17, of Westminster, California, defeated 28 other crews from around the world, including Ireland, Norway, New Zealand, Australia and Britain sailing in variable winds from 7 to 15 knots. Gurley's victory was a repeat performance of sort, having served as crew aboard the winning team during the first William I. Koch regatta in Chicago, Illinois, in 2002.

In addition to winning the Koch Cup, Gurley and Kemp also won the Richard Schwartz Boat US Trophy, which is awarded to the top U.S. Sea Scout team. Schwartz is the founder and chief executive officer of Boat US. Gurley and Kemp received a silver and gold medallion for winning the William I. Koch Sea Scout Cup. The two sailors will also have their names etched on the solid silver trophy that resides at the Boy Scout Museum in Irving, Texas.

Bill Koch, who won the 1992 America's Cup with his America³ team, donated and sponsors the William I. Koch Cup, made by Aspreys of London, England, the original manufacturer of the America's Cup.



Skipper Katie Neylon and crew Maud Walker, of Vero Beach, Florida, top, hike hard. Trevor Gurley and Corey Kemp, right, sail on their way to winning. Bill Koch and ex-Alinghi skipper Russell Coutts stop by to lend support, far right. Dan Nemsey/Oakbow photos

