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Clarification of the Team Trophy

To compete in the Team Challenge the organization must have at least three boats entered in the Lipton Cup. The organization must notify the Race Committee as to which boats are representing them before the first race.

There is no limit to how many boats an organization may enter and the boats do not have to be entered in all divisions. They could, in theory, all be entered in one of the Divisions. Clearly, entering boats in all divisions increases the opportunity for improved team scores.

Competitors do not have to be in a team to enter the Lipton Cup – this clarification only applies to those competing for the Team Challenge.

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The 2016 Lipton Cup Regatta, sponsored by Smyrna Yacht Club (SYC), will accommodate three offshore racing divisions, during a fun weekend. It is our hope that participants will leave our beautiful facility, with a sincere appreciation of the hospitality extended by the membership of our club. We feel that the historical significance of this prestigious cup will grace the weekend with the spirit intended by its donor. The weekend is planned to promote competition and camaraderie, in an ambiance of yacht racing.

Owners, crews, and spouses are invited to the cash bar cocktail parties..

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) in effect at race time.

ELIGIBILITY/DIVISIONS

The regatta is open to all sailboats of suitable seaworthiness to participate in near shore racing in the Atlantic Ocean. The seaworthiness of a boat is solely determined by the person entering the boat.

Boats will be entered into three Divisions.

Division I - Boats with spinnakers.

Division II - Boats without spinnakers.

Division III - Cruising boats with or without spinnakers.

See 'Team Challenge' under 'Awards' below.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions are contained in the "Race Instructions" document which is available on the web page or in print.

VENUE

All courses will be set south of Ponce Inlet off of the City of New Smyrna Beach in the Atlantic Ocean.

COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be listed in the sailing instructions.

HADICAPPING

Racing will be handicapped according to the PHRF system administered by First Coast Sailing Association. Smyrna Yacht Club will act as intermediary for those sailors, who do not have a FCSA certificate. If you had a FCSA certificate in 2014 you may apply direct for a renewal. Competitors should submit their FCSA certificate with their regatta application.

SCORING

Scoring will be done according to Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Low Point System will be used. Three races are scheduled. Only one race must be completed to complete the regatta. All races completed will be scored. No scores will be excluded. Ties will be broken according to A8.

BERTHING

SYC Dock master will provide slips as available on a first request basis. Ample anchorage is also available and ferry service will be provided if needed. Please call Smyrna Yacht Club (386-427-4040) to make reservations.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, no vessel shall make or receive radio transmissions not available to all competitors. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each division. The winners of each division will be inscribed on the base of the historic Lipton Cup which is displayed in perpetuity in the Smyrna Yacht Club trophy case.

Team Challenge - Any existing organization, such as a yacht club, sailing club, etc., is eligible to participate in the team challenge. To compete in the team challenge, the organization must have at least three boats entered in the Lipton Cup Regatta. There is no limit to the number of boats that may be entered by each organization. A perpetual trophy will be engraved with the name of the winning organization and will be held in possession of the winning organization until the following year's regatta. The winning organization will be known as the Lipton Cup Team Challenge Champion for the duration.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4 of the RRS "Decision to Race." The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

INSURANCE

Each competitor shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

1700 - 1900	Welcome by Commodore Bob Stearns, registration, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and general skipper's meeting. Rum Pour.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 9

0700 - 0800	Registration for "Late Comers" (Coffee and Donuts.)
0800	Skippers' meeting at the Tiki
1030	Start of the first division of the first race on the ocean, followed by other divisions. The second race will immediately follow the finish of the first race.
1830	Competitors & Friends Party with band, dancing and cash bar. Reservations requested. Ballroom.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

0800	Breakfast buffet. Please make a reservation.
1100	Start of the first division of the race on the ocean, followed by other divisions
1730	Awards presentation, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, projection show in the ballroom.

Monday, April 11 is a makeup race day if all races are cancelled due to weather.

EVENT COSTS (Credit cards are accepted for food and beverages.)

Advanced Registration for all competitors with a FCSA PHRF certificate. (Before April 6, 2016)	\$50 Late registration \$60
Advanced Registration for all other competitors including PHRF rating fee. (Before April 6, 2016)	\$85 Late registration \$95
Competitors & Friends Party with Cabaret	\$25 (includes tax and tip)
Breakfast Buffet	\$ 12 (includes tax and tip)
Cash Bar	Per Drink Charge

REGISTRATION

You may obtain a registration form online at www.smyrnayachtclub.com. Click Boating, Regattas, Lipton Cup. Print out the application form and scan and email to David Smith arkell@cfl.rr.com, or fax to 386 427 4640, or mail it to Smyrna Yacht Club, P.O. Box 1560, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170 (phone 386-427-4040).

Early registration discount applies until April 6, 2016. Checks will not be deposited until the Monday following the regatta, so if you change your plans, just call our office by noon, April 7 2016, and your check will be returned. Those who register by April 6 may pick up their race packet at the Race Committee desk at the Tiki upon arrival. You may also register in person at SYC on April 8 or 9.

THE LIPTON CUP SKY BOX

During the races on Saturday, there will be a Sky Box for viewing the races from the roof patio of a beachside condominium. Each skipper will be given two free tickets to the sky box which may be given to any friends or family that wish to view the races. Dignitaries and media representatives will also be invited. Additional Sky Box tickets may be purchased for \$20. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be a cash beer and wine bar.

2016 Lipton Cup Sailing Instructions

The Lipton Cup Regatta will be held under the authority of the Smyrna Yacht Club Lipton Cup Race Committee. It will be governed by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing and the 2016 Lipton Cup Regatta Sailing Instructions.

Racing Divisions

The race will be split into three separate Divisions.

Division I	Racing – Spinnaker Class. Boats with unlimited sails, including spinnakers, and Mylar or Kevlar sails.
Division II	Racing – Non Spinnaker Class. All boats that regularly participate in racing but do not fly spinnakers. They may have Mylar or Kevlar sails.
Division III	Cruising Class. Boats must have all Dacron sails. Boats may fly a spinnaker; however competitors must declare their intention to fly a spinnaker and will be handicapped accordingly.

Whisker poles are permitted in all Divisions. All participants will complete the entry form and the First Coast Sailing Association PHRF Rating Questionnaire. The Lipton Cup Race Committee will manage the obtaining of PHRF ratings for the regatta and assist entrants with the completion of the Questionnaire if necessary. Participants with a FCSA rating only need submit their rating certificate.

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Skippers Meeting

There will be a general skipper's meeting at the SYC Tiki Hut at 5:30 pm on Friday. The sailing instructions will be explained and questions will be answered. Attendance is optional. Skippers are responsible for understanding the sailing instructions prior to race time. An additional skippers' meeting will be held at 8:00 am on Saturday at the SYC Tiki Hut. Attendance is recommended, but is optional.

Monitor channel 72 for one half hour before the race. Important information, schedule changes, and course changes will be broadcast. All boats must check in with the Committee Boat prior to the start of the racing sequence.

Scoring

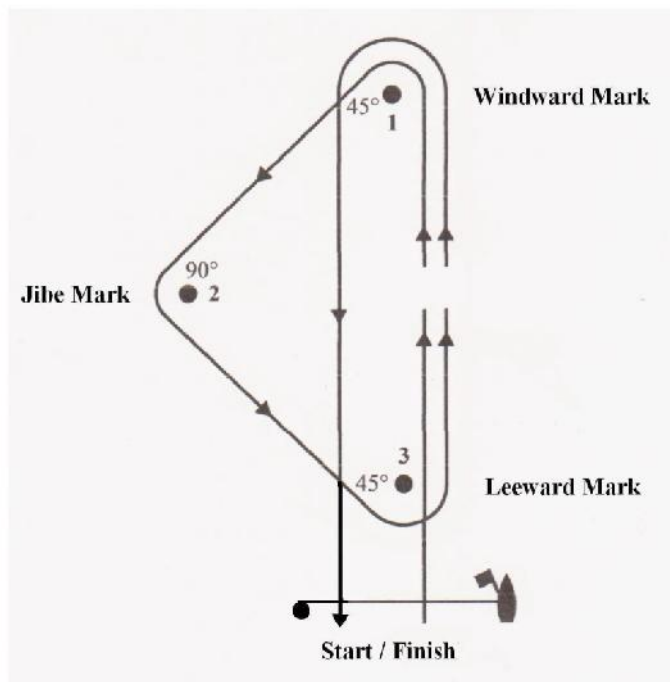
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The Course

The races will be held on the ocean approximately two miles south of Ponce Inlet, just off Flagler Ave. in New Smyrna Beach. For the first race on Saturday and the race on Sunday, one of three courses may be used. The windward leg will be approximately 2.0 nm. The second race on Saturday will be down the beach from the area near Ponce Inlet to a turning buoy (rounded to port) just off Flagler Avenue and return to a finish line near Ponce Inlet. The Race Committee has the option to shorten or change the course depending on conditions.

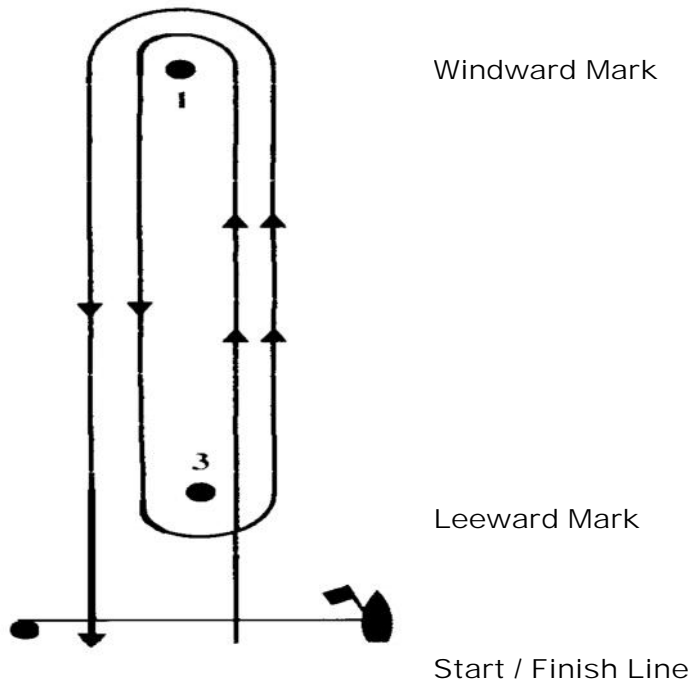
Course One is a counter clockwise rounding of the marks and is described below. All marks are rounded leaving the marks to port.

Triangle - Windward - Leeward



Course Two is a mirror image of course one with the JIBE MARK set to the right side of the course. All marks are rounded leaving the marks to starboard.

Course Three is a windward, leeward course. All marks are rounded leaving the marks to port.



Please note that the leeward mark, mark 3, is only used as a turning mark. It is ignored at start and finish.

Division III Cruising Boats, will sail a shorter course. The last windward and leeward legs of Course 1 and/or 2 will be eliminated. That means for Course 1 and 2, Division III boats will sail from the START LINE to the WINDWARD MARK to the JIBE MARK and directly to the FINISH LINE ignoring the LEEWARD MARK. For Course 3, Division III boats will sail from the START LINE to the WINDWARD MARK and directly to the FINISH LINE ignoring the LEEWARD MARK and a second rounding of the course.

The course will be announced by the Committee Boat on channel 72. The course may be changed, shortened, postponed, or cancelled at the discretion of the Race Committee. It is the responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to retire due to inclement conditions, not the Race Committee.

Starting Sequence

Divisions III will start first. Divisions I & II will start as soon as Division III boats are clear. Watch for the raising of the Class flag. (Please note that the new starting sequence in the Racing Rules of Sailing is being used.)

Saturday – Race 1: T = 1030 (or as announced on channel 72 by RC)

Saturday – Race 2: T = announced by RC. Stay close to the starting area.

Sunday : T = 1100 (or as announced on channel 72 by RC)

TIME	CONDITION OR SIGNAL
T	Class Flag raised for Division III (white) and one sound signal.
T + 1 min.	Preparatory Flag raised, one sound ('P' flag).
T + 4 min.	Preparatory Flag removed, one long sound.
T + 5 min.	<u>Start</u> - Class Flag (white) removed, one sound.
T = As soon as Division III are clear.	Class Flag raised for Division I & II (red) and one sound signal.
T + 1 min.	Preparatory Flag raised, one sound ('P' flag).
T + 4 min.	Preparatory Flag removed, one long sound.
T + 5 min.	<u>Start</u> - Class Flag (red) removed, one sound.

The Preparatory 'I' flag (a yellow flag with a black circle) will be displayed. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension (around the end) to the prestart side before starting. A Sierra flag (a white flag with a blue rectangle) and the sounding of two horns on the Committee Boat will signal SHORTEN COURSE. The Committee Boat will announce details via channel 72. See the Racing Rules of Sailing for other signal flags.

Safety

All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by their class, and by the United States Coast Guard. Skippers are responsible for the safety of their boats and crews. Weather permitting, SYC patrol boats will cover the racing area to control non-participating water craft and to render assistance to any participating boat in need. All skippers are urged to employ common sense and safe boating procedures. Those not following direction by the Race Committee, or SYC patrol boats, may be subject to disqualification. Please remember that VHF channel 16 is for EMERGENCY USE ONLY, and is constantly monitored by the U.S.C.G. SYC patrol boats operations will be coordinated on VHF channel 72.