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Friday 4/04 Welcome Party Sponsors & Sailors

- Tiki 5pm to 8pm Complementary Dinner, Sugar Works Rum tasting
All sponsors and sailors welcome

Saturday 4/05 Lipton Cup

TiKi 7am - 8am Last minute duties & head to the inlet

- **10:30 Ocean Course Start**
Sailors & Sponsors @ Tiki
- 10:00 am to 2 pm
Lipton Cup Viewing Party Springhill Suites
Flagler Ave Beachside
Lunch .. Sugar Works tastings
Sponsors Free....Guests \$10
- 5pm - 8pm
SYC BBQ buffet \$35.00 **Order closes 4/01**
Reservations on Club Spot
SYC Members & Sailors

Sunday 4/06

Sailors ready your vessels and prepare to cast off

- **11:00 Ocean Course Start**
4pm ? Following Race
Awards SYC Ballroom
Heavy hors d'oeuvres
Sailors & Sponsors

\$30 Lipton Cup Shirts Order Closes 3/24
Lipton Cup Hats & Other souvenirs day of race

++Registration and Proof of Insurance Required++

NOTICE OF RACE

2025 Lipton Cup Regatta

April 5th & 6th 2025



The 2025 Lipton Cup Regatta, sponsored by Smyrna Yacht Club (SYC), will accommodate two offshore racing divisions during a fun weekend. It is our hope that participants will leave our club 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 Sir Thomas Lipton. The weekend is planned to promote competition and camaraderie in an ambiance of yacht racing.

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 two Divisions.

- Division I - Performance Boats with or without spinnakers.
- Division II - Cruising boats with or without spinnakers.

Cruising Boats in Division II may fly a spinnaker. Competitors must declare their intention to fly a spinnaker and will be handicapped accordingly.

See 'Team Challenge' under 'Awards' below.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the Smyrna Yacht Club web page or in print at the time of registration.

VENUE

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

COURSES

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

HANDICAPPING

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 2024 you may apply direct for a renewal. Competitors should submit their FCSA certificate with their regatta application. Corrected times will be calculated using Time-on-Time.

SCORING

Scoring will be done according to Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Low Point System will be used. Three or four 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 RRS section A8.

BERTHING

Dockage should be available at Smyrna Yacht Club. We will also have a tender available for those who anchor or use the mooring balls in the river. Please record your request for dockage on your application.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Race Committee with competitors will be primarily via VHF radio. (On channel 72)

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. The organization may nominate more than three boats but 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 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.

A perpetual trophy will be engraved with the name of the winning organization. The winning organization will be known as the Lipton Cup Team Challenge Champion for the duration and will be presented with a framed photograph of the Lipton Cup.

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 coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 4th

1700 - 1900	Welcome by John Roche & Commodore Christine Elnitsky. Registration, and Skipper's Meeting. The meeting will be a Q&A session as all information is contained in the Sailing Instructions. Complimentary Dinner and cash bar will be available.
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SATURDAY April 5th

0700 - 0800	Late registration (Coffee and Donuts.)
1030	Start for Division II of the first race on the ocean, followed by the start for Division I. The second race will follow as soon as practical after the finish of the first race.
1600	Competitors & Friends celebrate at the Tiki
1800	Pool Party BBQ \$35.00per head. Cash bar.

SUNDAY April 6th

0830	Coffee & Donuts.
1100	Start of Division II of the thirds race on the ocean, followed by start for Division I.
1700	Awards presentation in the Ballroom. Complimentary food and cash bar will be available. Timing of award presentation is dependent on results calculations and protest issues.

EVENT COSTS

Credit cards are accepted for beverages only . A credit card cannot be used for registration.

Advanced Registration for all competitors with a FCSA PHRF certificate. (Before April 1 st , 2025)	\$125
Late registration	\$135
Cash Bar	Per Drink Charge
Food at the Tiki on Friday will be complimentary	Complimentary

2025 Lipton Cup Sailing Instructions

April 4TH, 5TH, 6TH 2025

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 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of US Sailing and the 2025 Lipton Cup Regatta Sailing Instructions.

Racing Divisions

The race will be split into two Divisions.

Division I	Performance Boats with or without spinnakers.
Division II	Cruising Boats with or without spinnakers.

Whisker poles are permitted in all Divisions. Cruising Boats in Division II may fly a spinnaker. Competitors must declare their intention to fly a spinnaker and will be handicapped accordingly. All participants will complete the entry form and the First Coast Sailing Association PHRF Rating Questionnaire. The Lipton Cup Race Committee will assist entrants with the completion of the Questionnaire if necessary. Participants with a FCSA rating only need submit their rating certificate.

Skippers Meeting

There will be a skipper's meeting at the SYC Tiki Hut at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 4th. Significant items of the sailing instructions will be highlighted and questions will be answered. Attendance is recommended, but is optional. Skippers are responsible for understanding the sailing instructions prior to race time. Corrected times will be calculated using Time-on-Time.

Communications

The primary source of communications with the fleet by the Race Committee will be via VHF radio. (Channel 72)

All competitors should 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

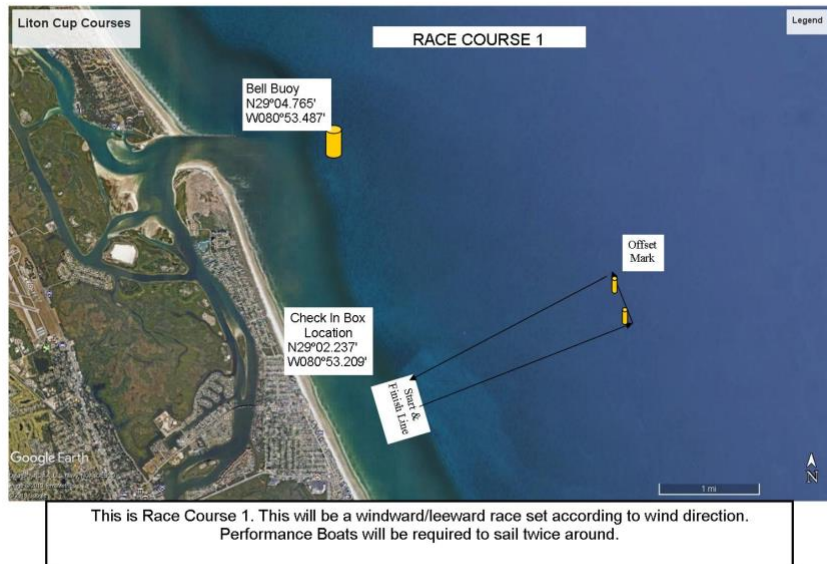
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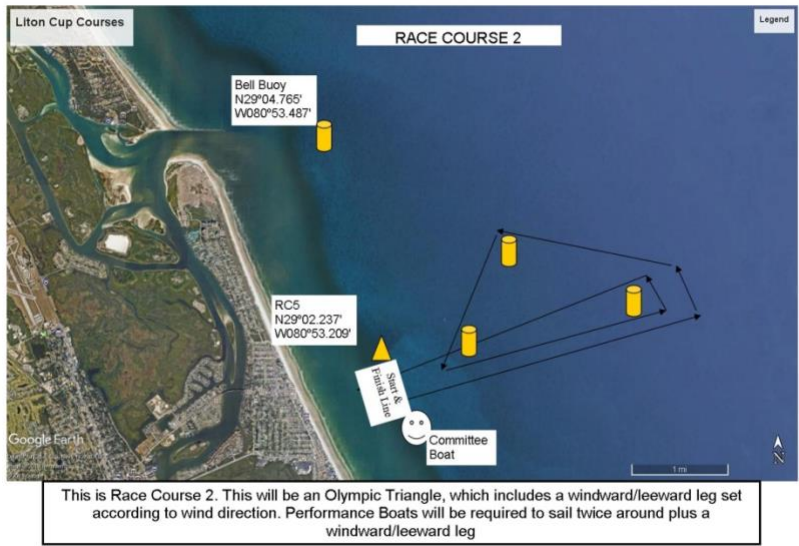
will be excluded. Ties will be broken according to The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) section A8. Team Challenge ties will also be broken according to the RRS.

The Course

The races will be held on the ocean starting just off Flagler Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. Competitors must check in at a box located adjacent to N29°02.237' W080°53.209'. A notice board on the Committee Boat will show the Course Number to be used for the race. Races will be either an Olympic Triangle or a Windward/Leeward race starting and finishing at the end of Flagler Avenue. The PRO will determine, which race course is to be used and inform competitors of the length of the first leg and the location of race marks. The Pro will also determine how many races to run during the course of the regatta. The Race Committee has the option to shorten or change the course depending on conditions. If conditions allow, Performance Boats will sail twice around.

The course will also 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

Division II will start first. Division I will start as soon as Division II boats are clear. Watch for the raising of the Class flag.

Saturday – Race 1: T = 10:30 (or as announced on channel 72 by RC)

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

Sunday: T = 10.30 (or as announced on channel 72 by RC)

TIME	CONDITION OR SIGNAL
T	Class Flag raised for Division II (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.	Start - Class Flag (white) removed, one sound.
T = As soon as Division II are clear.	Class Flag raised for Divisions I (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.	Start - Class Flag (red) removed, one sound.

A Sierra flag (a white flag with a blue rectangle) and the sounding of two horns on any Race Committee Boat will signal SHORTEN COURSE. The Committee Boat will announce details via channel 72.

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, a SYC patrol boat 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 and are responsible for dealing with on board emergencies. Assistance will only be provided if an emergency is life threatening.

Any vessel not following directions by the Race Committee, or SYC patrol boats, may be subject to a penalty up to and including 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.