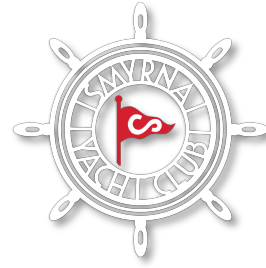


NOTICE OF RACE

2026 Lipton Cup Regatta

April 25th & 26th 2026



The Smyrna Yacht Club is proud to host the 2026 Lipton Cup Regatta. The 2026 Lipton Cup Regatta will feature two days of offshore racing. It is our hope that participants will leave our club with a sincere appreciation and enjoy the hospitality extended by the SYC membership. The historical significance of this prestigious cup will grace the weekend with the spirit intended by Sir Thomas Lipton. The weekend is planned to promote competition and camaraderie in 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 are available on the Smyrna Yacht Club ClubSpot web page and 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.

Valid and registered PHRF HANDICAP & Sail Number is Required

Racing will be handicapped according to the PHRF system administered by First Coast Sailing Association. Applications can be submitted to First Coast Sailing Association www.sailjax.com or contact Adam Norwood anorwood@civilservicesinc.com 904-309-8496. If you had a FCSA certificate in 2025 you may apply direct for a renewal. Competitors should submit their FCSA certificate with their regatta ClubSpot 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 is available on a first come first serve basis at Smyrna Yacht Club. We will also have a tender available for those who anchor or use the mooring balls in the river. Please submit your request for guest dockage on the Dock Space Request Form listed in Club Spot.

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 24th

1700 - 2000	Welcome by John Roche & SYC Commodore Tim Payne 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 credit card bar will be available.
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SATURDAY April 25th

0700 - 0800	Late registration \$135.00 (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 \$35.00 per head. Cash bar.

SUNDAY April 26th

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 credit card 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 20 ^t , 2200 hrs. 2026)	\$125
Late registration on or after April 21, 2026	\$135
All guest transactions must be made by via credit card	Food & Beverage
Food at the Tiki on Friday & Sunday Awards	Complimentary

Lipton Cup Request For SYC Dock Space

Captain

Phone

Email

Vessel Name

Length

Beam

Draft

Arrival Date

Depart Date

Email your request form to ...Austin Jones 321-696-6521

dockmaster@smyrnayachtclub.com

jrochejr@comcast.net 770-330-0211

2026 Lipton Cup Sailing Instructions

April 24TH, 25TH, 26TH 2026

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 2026 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. Racing will be handicapped according to the PHRF system administered by First Coast Sailing Association. All participants will complete the entry form and the First Coast Sailing Association PHRF Rating Questionnaire. Applications can be submitted to First Coast Sailing Association www.sailjax.com or contact Adam Norwood anorwood@civilservicesinc.com 904-309-8496 for assistance. If you had a FCSA certificate in 2025 you may apply direct for a renewal. Participants with a FCSA rating only need submit their PHRF rating certificate.

Skippers Meeting

There will be a skipper's meeting at the SYC Tiki Hut at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 24th. Significant items of the sailing instructions will be highlighted and questions will be answered. Attendance is suggested. 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

Scoring will be done according to Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). 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

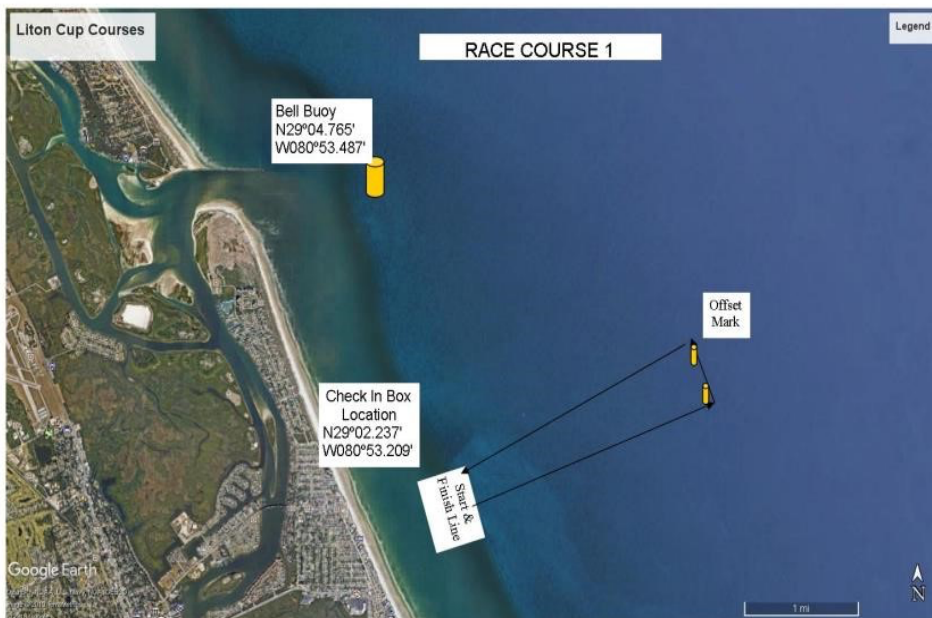
according to The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) section A8. Team Challenge ties will also be broken according to the RRS.

The Course

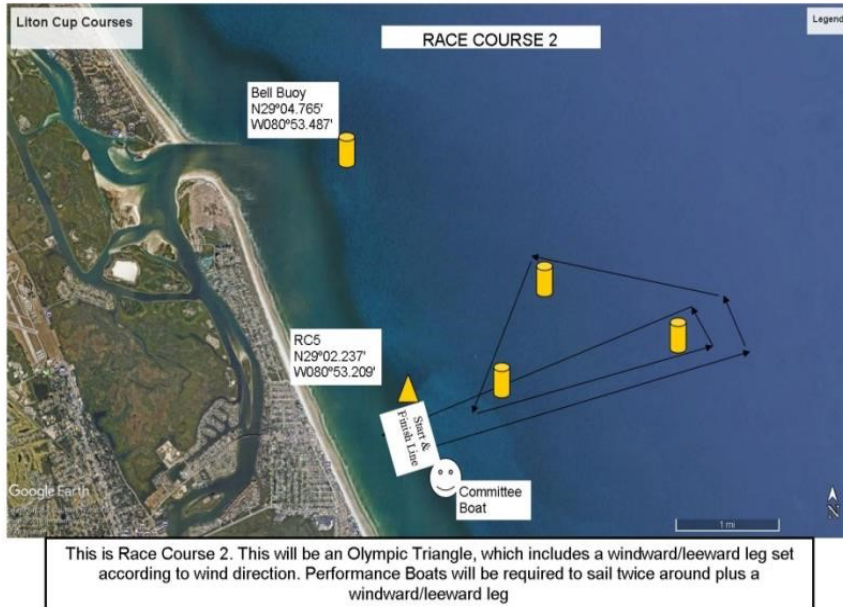
The races will be held on the ocean starting just off Flagler Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. Competitors must check in at a box located adjacent to

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 racecourse 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 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.



This is Race Course 1. This will be a windward/leeward race set according to wind direction. Performance Boats will be required to sail twice around.



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.	<u>Start</u> - 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.	<u>Start</u> - 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 watercraft 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.