## San Diego Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup

## Protocol

The San Diego Sir Thomas Lipton Cup was deeded to the San Diego Yacht Club in 1913 with the purpose of encouraging yachting and friendly competition in sailing and seamanship on the Pacific Coast; and has served that purpose over a substantial period of time.

The Board of Directors of the San Diego Yacht Club hereby adopts the following protocols and procedures to encourage friendly competition for the Cup, to better regulate the completion in accordance with the wishes of the competitors, and to assist the Board of Directors with the administration of the competition.

- 1. A Lipton Cup Advisory Committee ("Committee") shall be established to advise the Board of Directors of the San Diego Yacht Club.
- 2. The Committee shall consist of three members, as follows: a representative of San Diego Yacht Club; a representative of the holder of the Cup, if not San Diego Yacht Club, or otherwise the preceding holder of the Cup; a representative of a third Club, to be selected by agreement of the other two members. The third member shall not be from the same sailing areas as the holder of the cup. In the event that the first two members are unable to agree on a third member, the third member shall be selected by the Board of Directors of the San Diego Yacht Club. The Committee shall be appointed within thirty days after the Cup is sailed, and convened within sixty days of such date.
- 3. The duties of the Committee shall be:
  - a. On or before February 1 of each year, to make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the San Diego Yacht Club regarding the venue, date, schedule of races, format, competing class, and other relevant details for the Lipton Cup regatta for that year. In formulating its recommendations, the Committee shall give precedence to a proposal by the Club holding the Cup to defend the Cup in its home waters if the Committee believes such decision is in the best interest of the Lipton Cup event and trophy. Upon receipt of the Committee recommendation, the Board of Directors of the San Diego Yacht Club shall act on such recommendation, and may adopt or modify such recommendation in its discretion.
  - b. To invite challenges from yacht clubs between Santa Barbara, California and the Mexican border, and other nationally and internationally recognized yacht clubs to participate in the event. Such invitations should include the venue, format, date, competing class, and other relevant details. The Committee is authorized to negotiate relevant details with the representatives of such clubs.

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