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To the Commodores of all Yacht Clubs and Sailing Clubs in South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique and Botswana, eligible to challenge for the Lipton Cup in terms of the attached Notice of Contest.

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Skippers of all entrants in the 2017 Lipton Challenge
Lipton Trustees

Lipton Challenge 2018

As announced on October 26th last year Royal Cape Yacht Club, current holders of the Lipton Challenge Cup, will defend the Cup against all-comers off the coast of Durban between Sunday 8th and Friday 13th of July this year. The 2018 Challenge will be hosted by Point Yacht Club and preparations for the event are well under way.

It is widely known in the SA sailing community that the Lipton Cup Deed of Gift stipulates that each year the "races for the Cup....shall be held at the Port being the headquarters of the Club by which the Cup was last won."

However, the 2017 winners RCYC have offered to forgo their right to defend the Cup on their home waters of Table Bay this year in order to afford Point Yacht Club an opportunity to host the contest in Durban - an opportunity unfairly denied them in 2014. The attached letter from RCYC Commodore Vitor Medina to PYC Commodore Greg de Beyer explains the background to this offer.

I should point out that although the change of venue for this year's contest is in breach of the provision of the Deed of Gift quoted above, the Lipton Trustees are confident that in the light of the exceptional circumstances that pertained in the 2013 Challenge as explained in the RCYC Commodore's letter, this arrangement satisfies the spirit of the Deed.

PYC have enthusiastically accepted RCYC's proposal, and will host the 2018 Lipton Challenge in Durban directly after MSC Week this year.

Please note that the deadline for entries is 17h00 on Friday June 8th 2018 and that the Deed of Gift does not permit late entries. It would be helpful to the PYC organising committee if you would indicate as early as possible, without obligation, whether or not your Club intends competing in the 2018 Challenge.

We hope that as many clubs as possible, particularly those based in KZN and in the Northern Region, will make the most of this opportunity to challenge for the Lipton Cup in the excellent sailing conditions that have always made racing off the Durban coast in July so popular.



David Hudson
Chair - Lipton Trustees
12 March 2018

The following documents are attached :

Letter from RCYC Commodore to PYC Commodore
Notice of Contest and Sailing Instructions
Notice of Entry
Crew List and Declaration
List of Trophies