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Mr Greg de Beyer
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Dear Greg

Congratulations on your recent election as Commodore of Point Yacht Club. My best wishes as you lead your club through the challenging times we all face as coastal yacht clubs in South Africa today.

I am writing to you in connection with the 2018 Lipton Challenge. My Flag Officers and I, as well as the RCYC General Committee, our Lipton Trustees and many of our members, are aware of the regrettable situation when in 2013 Point Yacht Club lost the Lipton Challenge after finishing second to a boat that was subsequently found to have been illegally modified.

While Point Yacht Club was earlier this year formally declared the winner of the Lipton Cup in 2013, your club had of course been denied the opportunity of defending the Cup in 2014 on your home waters. This unfortunate situation can't be fully rectified at this stage, but I do have a proposal for you to consider.

Royal Cape Yacht Club, in recognition of the unfairness of your loss to a non-conforming boat in 2013, is prepared to forfeit our right to defend the Cup in Table Bay next year and offer the 2018 event to your Club to host during the week following MSC Week.

We are aware that this is in breach of one of the conditions of the Lipton Cup Deed of Gift. However, the Lipton Trustees feel that under these exceptional circumstances such an arrangement would satisfy the spirit of the Deed of Gift, and would serve well Sir Thomas' wish to encourage "friendly contests in sailing and seamanship in deep sea Yacht Racing".

We hope that, in extending this hand of friendship to Point Yacht Club, we will also be encouraging more Cape sailors and yachts to support Durban regattas and races, and more KZN sailors and yachts to support Cape-based events.

I look forward to hearing whether PYC would like to accept this offer.

With kind regards

Vitor Medina
Commodore
Royal Cape Yacht Club