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To All Yacht Clubs in southern Africa

Dates & Venue for Lipton 2020 Announced:

Witbank Yacht & Aquatic Club and their “Nitro” sailing team led by Mike Hayton and David Rae, winners of the 2019 Lipton Challenge, have announced that they will defend the Cup against all-comers on the waters of Saldanha Bay and its coastal surrounds between the 9th and 15th of August 2020.

As the thousands of sailors who’ve raced in the Mykonos Regatta over the past 30 years will know, Saldanha offers a whole range of really challenging racing areas. From the seven-kilometer-wide mouth of the Bay, open to the South Atlantic swells and the prevailing winter South Westerlies, to the more protected race tracks inshore of Jutten Island, there are options for all weather conditions. One thing is for certain - tidal currents here will play a much greater role in race strategy than in any of southern Africa’s other coastal sailing waters.

The 2019 Lipton Challenge attracted by far the most experienced fleet of SA yachtsmen in this country’s sailing history. Next year’s contest, to be raced again in Cape 31 One-Designs, promises to raise the bar even higher.

The 2020 Challenge will be hosted by Witbank Yacht & Aquatic Club in partnership with Langebaan’s iconic Club Mykonos. For those who don’t know Club Mykonos, it’s one of the jewels of the West Coast. A relaxed Aegean style resort built around a beautiful marina - it’s a superb regatta venue! Having hosted successfully many international and local sailing events over the years, including two World Championships, an African Continental Championship, numerous SA National Championships and two previous Lipton Challenges, Club Mykonos undoubtedly knows the ropes.

The 2020 Lipton Challenge promises to be something special.



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