

# Cup venue dispute settled

SAN DIEGO. — A dispute between Dennis Conner and the San Diego Yacht Club for whom he won the America's Yachting Cup earlier this year has been settled without the need for arbitration.

Conner and his Sail America Foundation were at odds with the club over the make-up of a committee appointed to choose the site and date for the defence of the trophy in 1991.

Sail America trustee John Marshall had accused the club of a "cheap power play" in stacking the committee with local San Diego people who would consider no other site for the defence.

The Foundation were set to seek arbitration before both parties reached agreement yesterday and decided to expand the committee from seven members to 12, with the Yacht Club holding a 7-5 majority on the revised panel, sources said.

The revamped 12-member committee may be announced

later this week, the club said.

Foundation leaders were busy contacting potential panel members. Their list of national candidates is thought to include the chairman of the 1984 Olympic Games organising committee and current baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth.

The make-up of the previous committee included six members of the San Diego Yacht Club and one from the nearby Coronado Yacht Club, virtually assuring the selection of San Diego as the site for the next competition.

"What Sail America is asking is a committee that can make a rational decision," Marshall said, denying that Conner would prefer to defend the Cup away from San Diego.

Cities also interested in staging the competition include Hawaii, Newport, Rhode Island, New London, Connecticut and Long Beach, San Francisco and Ventura County all in California.