



37th Annual
Lipton Cup Races



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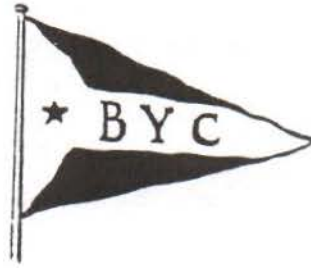
It is a pleasure for me to extend an official and personal welcome to the followers of the great sport of Yachting to this Annual Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Races of the Gulf Yachting Association.

To the Yachtsmen and Officials of all Yacht Clubs in the Gulf Yachting Association I request each of you to realize the extreme importance of constantly seeking better ways of providing interest in sailing in your yacht club so that more of our prospective sailors, men, women, and Juniors can participate in our future Club; Inter-Club; Lipton Cup Races; G. Y. A. Championship Events; and also to compete in the Mallory, Adams and Sears National Sailing Championship Eliminations.

I trust, in these 1956 Lipton Cup Races of the Gulf Yachting Association, that good sportsmanship will prevail during each race, and my best wishes are extended to each team for success, and that good sailing be with each of you.

Sincerely,

JACK W. BONNELL
President
Gulf Yachting Association



HOST CLUB OFFICERS

L. V. Pringle	Vice Commodore
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GOVERNING BOARD

Dr. E. L. Bolton	Francis X. Collins
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Past Commodore - P. A. Joullian

REGATTA CHAIRMAN

Thomas C. Kemp

Vernon Pringle	House Committee
Walter Seymour	Race Committee
A. F. Dantzler	Team Captain
Dr. Harry J. Schmidt	Fleet Surgeon
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Robert M. Ferguson	Bar Committee
Mrs. Colleen Scholtes	Registration Committee

BOAT COMMITTEE

C. D. Hollis	J. B. Joyce	E. J. Fallo, Jr.
Mrs. Jean Sinkhorn		Ladies Auxiliary
Robert Schmidt, Junior Commodore		Junior Committee

1956 LIPTON CHAMPIONSHIP RACE INSTRUCTIONS
BILOXI YACHT CLUB RACE COURSE

Preparatory Signal will be lowered 30 seconds before Starting Signal. The Starting Signal will remain hoisted until the Race Committee is on station at the finish line.

In case of misfire the visual signal shall be considered the starting signal.

Time Limit: Three and one-half (3½) hours.

Signalling the Course: The Race Committee shall display the Course Signal before or with the warning Signal.

Signals: (Shapes or Code Flags or Guns)

Warning Signal - One Gun

Preparatory Signal - Red Shape and One Gun

Starting Signal - Red Shape and One Gun

Shorten Course - "S" (Blue Square on White)

Postponement - "P" (White Square on Blue)

Warning Signal will be given 5 minutes after "P" is lowered

Cancellation - "C" (Red, White and Blue stripes)

Finish Signal - "F" (Red Diamond on White)

The Race Committee is on station at the Finish Line.

Calling Attention to Signals : Two Guns or Whistles when displaying "P" or "C".
One Gun or Whistle when making any other signal.

Course Signals will be displayed at the Race Committee Station on the Starting Line. See the Race Instruction Sheet and Course Chart for full particulars. It should be noted that the standard course will require two rounds of the triangle A B C (in order designated) and return to the finish line at the Club House. (Unless Shorten Course Signal "S" is displayed.

Shorten Course Signal: The Race Committee may shorten the course by displaying Shape "S" with Course Signals which will eliminate one hound of the Triangle.

Shorten Course Signal: The Race Committee may shorten above course upon or after one complete round of the Triangle A B C by displaying Shape "S" on the Committee Boat, which means the race will be finished between the nearby Mark and the Committee Boat. A Committee Boat will not be used unless it is necessary to Shorten Course.

Starting Line: Will be between the White Flag at the Race Committee Station and a designated mark. When possible the first leg will be a beat to windward.

Finish Line: will be between the White Flag at the Race Committee Station at the Club House and the Yellow Bouy due South of the Club House.

Government Beacons Nos. 6, 8, & 10 must be passed on the Channel Side (West Side) at all times and are Markers of the Course. Other Government Beacons and Channel Bouys may be passed on either side and are obstructions.

Stakes Marking Shbal Waters are not Marks and may be passed on either side at the contestant's risk, however a hail for Sea-room or room to Tack when close aboard these Stakes will be deemed proper. Touching these stakes will not be grounds for disqualification.

Race Instructions continued.

Racing Rules: The 1956 North American Yacht Racing Rules will apply, except as modified by Gulf Yachting Association Rules and these instructions.

All Clear Statements: These statements must be signed by each skipper and filed with the R. C. Chairman within one hour after the finish, unless contestant plans to protest. Failure to comply with this instruction will result in disqualification without hearing.

Protest, Protest Flags: All protest, claims of fouls or complaints must be filed in writing with the secretary of the G. Y. A. or his representative within one hour after completion of the race in which it occurred.

Protest flags (or their equivalent) must be flown before completion of the race, except when foul or fouls occurred at the Finish Line, in which case the Protest flag shall be displayed immediately thereafter.

Hearing of Fouls: The Lipton Board of Appeals shall have original or exclusive jurisdiction of all fouls, complaints, and protests arising out of any race, or races and its decision shall be final. Involved contestants shall make themselves available to the Lipton Board of Appeals for Hearings. Failure to appear when called may result in disqualification without hearing.

Premature Starts, Recalling: The Race Committee will make every effort to recall yachts that have started prematurely by calling out her number. Failure to hear or heed such recall shall not relieve a yacht from the necessity of making a proper start.

The Race Course Chart: This chart shall be an official part of these instructions. Please study carefully and if you do not fully understand as the Race Committee for clarification.

Point Scoring: A yacht shall score one point for finishing a race and one additional point for each yacht defeated.

Each yacht finishing after a disqualified contestant shall score one additional point.




The winning yacht of each race will score one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) point additional.

If two or more Clubs end in a point tie the winner will be the Club whose yachts finished ahead of the others the majority of times.



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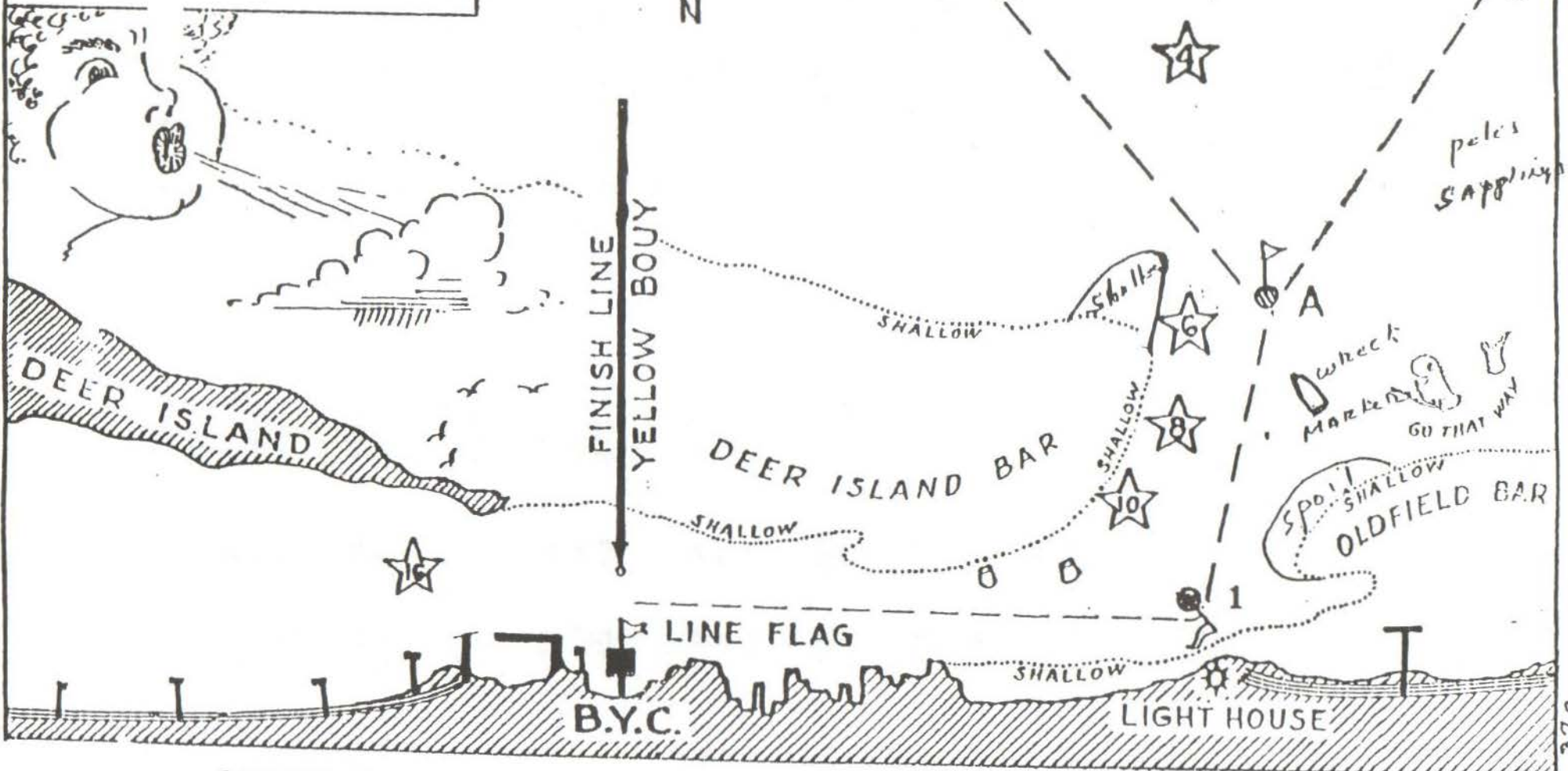
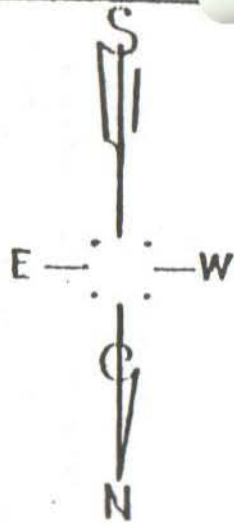
LEGEND

-  MARKS OF COURSE
-  RED GOV'T BEACON
-  RED CAN BOUY



NOTE

General location of markers "B" and "C" shown. Actual location will depend on prevailing wind.



OFFICIAL RACE COURSE CHART 37th ANNUAL LONDON REGATTA