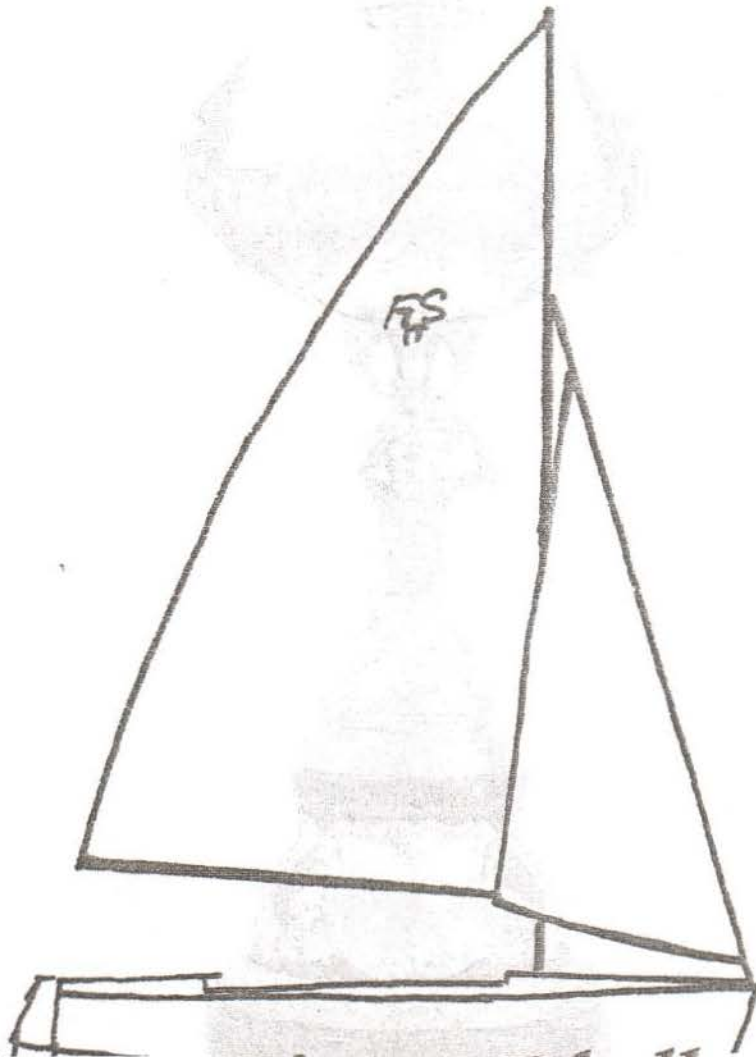




84th
G.Y.A. Championship



Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup

Pass Christian Yacht Club

August 30 - September 1, 2003



Norton W. Brooker, Jr.
Commodore
Gulf Yachting Association



ORGANIZED 1901 - REORGANIZED 1920

To All Sailors, Commodores and Guests:

Welcome to the 84th Annual Lipton Regatta. I am sure that Commodore Walet and the members of Pass Christian Yacht Club will please you with their efforts this year.

As this event begins, I look out across the waters of the Mississippi Sound and am continually amazed that such an event has the statute and prestige that it does. When I first began participating in GYA events, I thought the friendships gained through the inter-club competition was wonderful, but I had no idea that the GYA was virtually the only association in the country that has this kind of an event. As I went to US Sailing events and spoke with people throughout the country, I found that the GYA was indeed unique. Virtually no one else does what we do and certainly no one does it in the Flying Scot. As a result, I believe that the GYA has probably won more US Sailing Championships (at least in recent years) than any other association in the country. Why is this? I believe it is because we compete with each other; we test our skills with each other; we live, play and work with each other; and we support the efforts of our sailors as they go forth into battle under our colors.

You will be watching past and future Sears, Bemis, Smythe, Adams, Mallory, Prince of Wales and Phoenix Cup winners and competitors this weekend do what the GYA has done for 84 years, compete amongst ourselves in order to make better sailors and sportsmen out of all of us.

Congratulations to all of those who have participated and are participating in this great event. It is the glue that holds us together and may it continue to do so for years to come.

Sincerely,

Norton W. Brooker, Jr.
Commodore



Calvin Jones, III
Vice-Commodore
Gulf Yachting Association



James O'Neal
Rear-Commodore
Gulf Yachting Association



Walter G. Chamberlain
Immediate Past-Commodore
Gulf Yachting Association



Janet Miller-Schmidt
Secretary-Treasurer
Gulf Yachting Association



Eugene H. Walet, III
Commodore



Pass Christian Yacht Club

*Birthplace of Yachting in the South
July 21, 1849*

August 30, 2003

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Vice Commodore

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Charles Wood, D.M.D.

Pass Christian Yacht Club is honored to be hosting the 84th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup. On behalf of the Flag Officers, Board of Directors, members, and staff, I wish to welcome all visiting Gulf Yachting Association members and guests.

Our Regatta Committee Chairmen, Commodore Don Doyle and Commodore Chuck Wood, with our Manager, Hugh Stallings, have made plans for an exciting weekend. We hope you will join us for great food and entertainment. Our many volunteers are here to accommodate our visitors and make this Labor Day weekend a memorable one.

Foremost on our schedule will be the competitive racing which will take place on the beautiful waters of the Mississippi Sound. It is our hope that the weather conditions will be ideal for this prestigious sailing event. "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." The sailors will have to adjust their sails to the ever changing winds and tides which we experience here on the Sound. May all the teams competing in this regatta be true Corinthians.

Good luck to all.

Sincerely,



Eugene H. Walet III
Commodore



Officials of the 84th Lipton Challenge

2003 Lipton Race Committee

Thomas A. Batty Mobile Yacht Club
 William H. Brundige, Jr. Southern Yacht Club
 John B. Morrow St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club
 David Taylor, Sr. Pass Christian Yacht Club
 James H. Tichenor Houston Yacht Club

2003 Lipton Judges

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 Chief Judge
 Norton W. Brooker, Jr. Mobile Yacht Club
 Henry G. Chapman Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
 Ernest B. Hamner Cambridge Yacht Club
 Calvin (Cal) Jones, III Fort Walton Yacht Club

2003 Lipton Measurers

William B. Ross Lake Norman Yacht Club Robert J. Neff Selby Sailing Center

2003 P.C.Y.C. Lipton Committee

Charles Wood and Donald Doyle, General Chairmen

Race Committee Eugene H. Walet, III
 Opening Ceremony Ray & Kristy Johansmeier
 Volunteers Courtney Moran
 Finance Steve McNair / Chris Taylor
 Program Cheri Dillard
 Registration Evelyn Gregory / Bonnie Tanner
 GYA Function Patsy Walet
 Scoreboard / Website Jim Schmitt

Communications Gordon Burton
 T-Shirts Stephanie Allen
 Trophies Minna Doyle / Mary Jane Christman
 Hoist Frank Allen, III
 Publicity Steve Dick
 Press Boat Scottie Bradford
 Parking / Security Lou Rizzardi
 Club Manager Hugh Stallings

A Message from the Lipton Race Committee

Due to the proximity of the race course to the Club, the upper deck of the Pass Christian Yacht Club is an ideal setting for viewing the competition. Sip a cool one and enjoy the races!

To our members and visitors who will venture out onto the water to get a closer look, the Lipton Race Committee requests everyone's help to insure that the skippers and their crews enjoy the most favorable sailing conditions possible. SPECTATOR BOATS must not approach a racing yacht any closer than the official patrol craft identified by its GREEN flag or a Coast Guard Auxiliary flag. Its operator is highly

experienced in regatta control. Spectator boats are required to observe special regulations as posted.

All spectator boats shall stay in the designated area on one side of the course. After a warning, a club could be penalized under GYA Regulation III G – Fair Sailing – if any of its spectator boats violates this request. Normally a 200 yard interval from the racing marks and Flying Scots will be adequate. Please bear in mind that the smallest wake or wind shadow could result in an unfair disadvantage to a competitor. Your assistance will be appreciated.