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Souvenir Program
September 3-6. 2021
Southern Vacht Club





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It is with great pleasure and open arms that I welcome you on behalf of the Southern Yacht Club Officers and members for attending the 100th Sir Thomas Lipton GYA Challenge Cup. SYC's volunteers along with members throughout the GYA have dedicated endless hours in order to make this event one to make Sir Thomas Lipton and 100 years of participants proud.

In 1919, Sir Thomas Lipton presented Southern Yacht Club with a magnificent silver trophy to be used as a challenge

cup in sailing. In turn, SYC, offered the trophy for interclub races between clubs along the Gulf Coast area and held the first challenge at Southern in October of 1920. Here we are over 100 years later with a colorful history of sailing and through competitions such as the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge, friendship ties are strengthened through its tradition.

The Centennial Committee has three full days of festivities planned for the Labor Day weekend in addition to exciting sailboat competition. An ambitious schedule is planned including a reunion of all Lipton teams, a reenactment of the first Lipton Challenge, and two evenings with fabulous live entertainment including a huge Gala. We hope you have a pleasurable time here so feel free to ask for any assistance you may need.

Richard D. Provensal Commodore, Southern Yacht Club

Flag Officers
Vice Commodore – Robert D. Friend
Rear Commodore – Timothy B. Molony, MD
Secretary/Treasurer – James R. Sanchez Jr.



ORGANIZED 1901 - REORGANIZED 1920

Welcome to the 100th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge



Commodore Jimmy Ruthven

To: GYA Competitors, Sailors, GYA Club Commodores,

GYA Past Commodores, Committee Members, Southern Yacht Club Members

I, along with the rest of the GYA Executive Committee, would like to welcome everyone to the 100th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge at Southern Yacht Club. We welcome you to the shores of Lake Pontchartrain and hope you have a great time. This is truly an historic event, as this is the 100th Lipton regatta and third year sailed in the Viper 640, it will carve its place in the history books.

The regatta will be held in tradition over three days. This is something that Southern Yacht Club and the Centennial Committee, chaired by Commodore Corky Potts, have been working on for over two years (event delayed one year due to covid-19) and I would like to thank them all for the hard work that has gone into planning this extraordinary weekend. Hosting a Lipton regatta is somewhat of a monumental task, SYC and the Centennial committee have done an outstanding job planning an exceptional three days of celebration commemorating 100 years of sailing in the GYA. Hats off to their Commodore Richard Provensal and board of directors, race committee, regatta committee, trophy committee, fundraising committee and finally, their incredible staff. Please join me in thanking them for all their dedication and hard work.

In addition to the weekend regatta festivities, a commemorative book has been published to record the 100 years of sailing in the GYA and, the clubs which form this organization. A special thank you and recognition to Commodore Catherine Cromartie (FYC), author of the "GYA Centennial Salute 1920-2020".

Memories are made and lifelong friendships are bonded at this regatta in addition to the great competitive sailing, so please join in the Corinthian spirit of good clean racing, sportsmanship and enjoy your weekend.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Ruthven GYA Commodore



Gary Rogers Vice Commodore



Robbie Schmidt Rear Commodore



Jennifer Schmidt Secretary/Treasurer



Shan Kirk Imm. Past Commodore



Established 1920

100 YEARS OF INTRACLUB SAILING



What an honor and a privilege to be asked to head up a GYA Committee to help celebrate our unique traditions of intraclub sailing competition from Southern Florida to Western Texas. For the last 100 years, beginning in Fish Class boats then the Flying Scot and now the Viper 640's, sailors along the Gulf Coast and points north of there, have represented their respective Clubs, and competed against each other building friendships and camaraderie lasting for lifetimes. This great spirit is not just in Capdevielle racing but all segments of the GYA including, but not limited to, Handicap, One Design Classes, judging, race committee, general support and administration.

More than 50 years ago, one of the longest GYA volunteers, GYA Commodore Lawrence Taggart encouraged this writer and some of his contemporaries to get involved in our Club and sailing the Flying Scot in the GYA Capdevielle series. Along the way we were taught the habits of being involved, volunteering and enjoying the relationships established while doing so which continue to this day for all of us. The GYA and all of the respective member Clubs are part of our family and have created a sailing association like no other! It is so exciting and fulfilling to see all the friendships and bonding relationships strengthened at each gathering for the benefit of future generations to come.

Winning or losing on the water does not make the event but being with and enjoying the company of our fellow GYA sailors, families and friends is what is more important and fulfilling for our spirits and sense of togetherness as members of the GYA.

Thank all of you for being a part of our unique heritage here in the GYA and please enjoy the weekend and spirit of all being a part of this celebration of 100 years of Intraclub Sailing and friendship.

Very truly yours,

Ewell C. Potts, III, Chairman GYA Lipton 100th Anniversary Committee

SIR THOMAS LIPTON CHALLENGE CENTENNIAL

"100 YEARS: SAILING THROUGH THE DECADES"

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB SEPTEMBER 3 - 6, 2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1000 - 1900Boat Measurement (Dry Storage Area)1200 - 1800Registration/Check-In (Ground Floor Lobby)1200 - 2000Hospitality Desk Open (Ground Floor Lobby)

1800 GYA Executive Committee Meeting (2FL Tullis Board Room); followed by Dinner in the

Grand Dining Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

0800 – 1100	Registration/Check-In/Weigh-In (Ground Floor Lobby)
0800 – 1800	Hospitality Desk Open (Ground Floor Lobby)
0800 – 1000	Breakfast on Ground Floor sponsored by Café du Monde
1000 – 1100	GYA Board of Directors Meeting (East Dining Room)
1115	Team Captains Meeting (2FL Grill)
1100 – 1400	Lunch Served in Grand Dining Room
1200	Flag Raising Ceremony
1230 – 1300	Race Committee and Judges Meeting (2FL Tullis Board Room)
1400	Warning signal for Lipton Race 1 (Live Race Tracking)
1530	Flying Scot & Fish Class races
1630 – 2000	Team Reunion Celebration and Lawn Party (Open to all; Ground Floor and Front Lawn)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

0800	Crew Weigh-In and Crew List (Ground Floor Lobby)
0800 – 1800	Hospitality Desk Open (Ground Floor Lobby)
0800 – 0830	Sunday Services at the Flagpole (Front Lawn)
0800 – 1000	Breakfast served in Grand Dining Room
1000	Warning signal for Lipton Race 2; Race 3 to follow after crew changes. (Live Race Tracking)
1100 – 1400	Lunch Served in Grand Dining Room
1400	Reenactment of 1920 Lipton Regatta in Fish Class, followed by Flying Scot races.
1900 – 2230	Lipton Centennial Gala in Grand Dining Room and 1849 Bar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

0800	Crew Weigh-In and Crew List (Ground Floor Lobby)
0800 – 1000	Hospitality Desk Open (Ground Floor Lobby)
0800 – 1000	Breakfast served in Grand Dining Room
1000	Warning signal for Lipton Race 4 (Live Race Tracking)
1200	Trophy Presentation in Grand Dining Room

Please visit the official web site for Live Race Tracking and additional information at http://gyalipton100.org or use the QR code below.

Items of interest will also be posted on the official social media platforms:

FaceBook: @gyalipton100 Instagram: gyalipton100 Twitter: @gyalipton100



SIR THOMAS LIPTON CHALLENGE CENTENNIAL OFFICIALS

RACE COMMITTEE

Principal Race Officer - athan Adams (SYC)

Patrick Adams (SYC)
Wendi Adams (SYC)
Anne David (SYC)
Commodore Michael Hage (GYC)
Peter Hopkins (SYC)
Commodore Shan Kirk (SYC)
Bob Kottler (SYC)
Henry Lopez (SYC)
Commodore Arthur Mann (SYC)
Randy Fitz-Wainwright (FYC)
Commodore Bill Wright (SYC)

GREEN FLAG COMMITTEE

Miller Guice (SYC)

JUDGES

Edith Collins, Chief Judge (MYC) Lloyd Causey (NOYC, PontYC) Karen Reisch (SYC, PontYC, BWYC) James Hunter (BucYC)

ALTERNATE JUDGES

John Farris (FWYC) Dwight LeBlanc, II (SYC)

CHIEF MEASURER

Steve Nolte (GYC)

PAST COMMODORES

DECEASED SOUTHERN GULF COAST YACHTING ASSOCIATION COMMODORES

Commodore	Year	Club	
Albert Baldwin	1901	Southern	
J. Curtis Bush, Jr.	1902	Mobile	
John J. Kennedy	1903	Biloxi	
John A. Rawlins	1904	Bay-Waveland	
Samuel F. Heaslip	1905	Pass Christian	
Finley B. Hewes	1906	Gulfport	
Albert Baldwin	1907	Southern	
J. Curtis Bush, Jr.	1908	Mobile	
Eaton J. Bowers	1909	Bay-Waveland	

DECEASED GYA COMMODORES

Commodore	Year	Club
John H. Cross	1920	Pensacola
Byrd Enochs	1921	Biloxi
John P. Moore	1921	Biloxi
H. Falk	1922	Houston
Ed G. Quina	1923	Pensacola
W. Milton Miller, MD	1924	Southern
Alfred L. Gandy	1925	St. Petersburg
Ed B. Overton	1926	Eastern Shore
J. Monroe Kinabrew, Sr.	1927	Southern
John S. Bonner	1928-1929	Houston
Arthur R. Clark	1930	Sarasota
Russell G. Patterson	1931-1935	Pensacola
Auguste Capdevielle	1936-1939	Southern
H. Hilton Green, Sr.	1940-1941	Pensacola
Leslie P. Beard	1942-1943	Southern
Frank B. Wood	1944-1945	St. Andrews Bay
Wallace Chapman	1946	Biloxi
Thomas P. Kroutter	1947	Mobile
George P. Hopkins	1948	Gulfport
George W. Rifley	1949	St. Petersburg
Fred Clark	1950	Buccaneer
Cal Weiss	1951	Mobile
Eugene Taylor	1952	Pensacola
J. Gilbert Scheib	1953	Southern
Arthur B. Tipping	1954	Pass Christian
Wilton Duncan Sr.	1955	St. Andrews Bay
Jack Bonnell	1956	Fairhope
J. Alvin Weinfurter	1957	Bay-Waveland
Lawrence Beauvais, Jr.	1958	Mobile
Finley B. Hewes, Jr.	1959	Gulfport
Eugene D. Liddy, M.D.	1960	Sarasota
Marshall J. Brown	1961	Fort Walton
Nofie D. Alfonso	1962	New Orleans
Walter Seymour	1963	Biloxi
Howard F. Rees	1964	St. Petersburg
Alan Sheppard	1965	Pensacola
Foster P. Pfleger	1966	Buccaneer
*J. Wolters (Rip) Terrell	1967	Pass Christian
Henry B. Chapman	1967	Bay-Waveland
Robert G. Hughes	1968	Southern
T. Cooper Van Antwerp	1969	Fairhope
William Perry Brown	1970	Pass Christian
Lawrence C. Sommers	1971	New Orleans
†Harry Martinez	1971	
Allen M. Douglas	1972	St. Andrews Bay
Elton Bolton, M.D.	1973	Biloxi
Henry E. Lampe	1974	Jackson

DECEASED GYA COMMODORES Continued

Commodore	Year	Club
William M. Ellis	1975	Southern
George C. Criminale, Sr.	1976	Mobile
Joseph D. Alfonso	1977	Gulfport
Daniel B. Killeen, Sr.	1980	Southern
Roy Sellers, Jr.	1981	Buccaneer
Robert K. Boyle	1983	Pensacola
Jerry Ellis	1984	Biloxi
George P. Hopkins	1987	Gulfport
Charles L. Dees	1988	Fairhope
C. E. (Ted) McClane	1989	St. Andrews Bay
Lloyd J. Parsons	1991	New Orleans
*William W. Weatherly	1992	Gulfport
George Brothers	1993	Mobile
Frank C. Allen, Jr.	1997	Pass Christian
François D. Vaillant	1998	Pensacola
Robert J. (Bobby) Bailey	1999	Gulfport
Walter G. Chamberlain	2002	Bay-Waveland
Norton W. Brooker, Jr.	2003	Mobile
Calvin (Cal) Jones, III	2004	Fort Walton
*Malcolm E. (Mal) Blackwood	2006	Singing River
Ronald "Ron" Richards	2008	Pensacola

^{*}Posthumously awarded Honorary Commodore

LIVING PAST GYA COMMODORES Commodore Year

Commodore	Year	Club
Lewis B. (Buddy) Pollak, Sr.	1978	Pensacola
Michael S. Johnson	1979	Fort Walton
Henry G. (Harry) Chapman	1982	Bay-Waveland/Southern
Thomas D. Beery, Jr.	1985	Singing River
William F. (Bill) Dietrich	1986	Pontchartrain
John A. Oerting, Jr.	1990	Pensacola
Basil Kennedy	1992	Bay-Waveland
Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.	1994	Southern
John B. Morrow	1995	Gulfport
Robert I. Mace	1996	Fairhope
Stewart R. Barnett, Jr.	2000	Southern
Ken K. Kleinschrodt	2001	Buccaneer
James P. (Jim) O'Neal	2005	Lake Arthur
Janet Miller-Schmidt	2006	Pontchartrain
Thomas A. (Tom) Batty	2007	Mobile/Buccaneer
Judy Reeves	2009	Bay-Waveland
David Bolyard	2010	Pontchartrain
John H. Matthews	2011	Pensacola
Pete O'Neal	2012	Buccaneer
Danny Killeen, Jr.	2013	Pass Christian
Ewell C. "Corky" Potts	2014	Southern
George F. Goodall	2015	Fort Walton
Catherine "Cathy" Cromartie	2016	Fairhope
Michael Hage	2017	Gulfport
J.C. "Chris" Luppens	2018	Mobile
Shan Kirk	2019	Southern
Jimmy Ruthven	2020	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. J. Gilbert (Flo) Scheib (SYC) Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus Morris Newman (SYC)

[†]Honorary Commodore—formerly the States Item editor

WINNERS OF THE SIR THOMAS LIPTON CHALLENGE CUP REGATTA

1920	Pensacola Yacht Club	1969	Pensacola Yacht Club
1920	Eastern Shore Yacht Club	1970	Pensacola Yacht Club Pensacola Yacht Club
1921	Southern Yacht Club tied with	1971	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1922	Pensacola Yacht Club	1972	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1923	Pensacola Yacht Club	1973	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1923	Pensacola Yacht Club	1974	Southern Yacht Club
1924	Southern Yacht Club	1975	New Orleans Yacht Club
		1976	
1926	Eastern Shore Yacht Club tied with		Pensacola Yacht Club
1027	St. Petersburg Yacht Club	1977	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1927	Pensacola Yacht Club tied with Southern Yacht Club	1978	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1030		1979	Southern Yacht Club
1928	Mobile Yacht Club	1980	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1929	Pensacola Yacht Club	1981	Pensacola Yacht Club
1930	Sarasota Yacht Club	1982	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1931	Sarasota Yacht Club	1983	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1932	Sarasota Yacht Club	1984	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1933	Pensacola Yacht Club	1985	Southern Yacht Club
1934	Buccaneer Yacht Club	1986	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1935	Pensacola Yacht Club	1987	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1936	Pensacola Yacht Club	1988	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1937	Biloxi Yacht Club	1989	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1938	Southern Yacht Club	1990	Southern Yacht Club
1939	Southern Yacht Club	1991	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1940	Southern Yacht Club	1992	Southern Yacht Club
1941	Southern Yacht Club	1993	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1942	Southern Yacht Club	1994	Southern Yacht Club
1943	Southern Yacht Club	1995	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1944	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	1996	New Orleans Yacht Club
1945	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	1997	New Orleans Yacht Club
4046	Southern Yacht Club	1998	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1946	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	1999	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1947	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	2000	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1948	Gulfport Yacht Club	2001	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1949	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	2002	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1950	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	2003	Southern Yacht Club
1951	St. Petersburg Yacht Club	2004	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1952	Biloxi Yacht Club	2005	Katrina
1953	Biloxi Yasha Club	2006	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1954	Biloxi Yacht Club	2007	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1955	Biloxi Yacht Club	2008	Buccaneer Yacht Club
1956	Biloxi Yacht Club	2009	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1957	St. Petersburg Yacht Club	2010	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1958	Biloxi Yacht Club	2011	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1959	Southern Yacht Club	2012	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1960	Southern Yacht Club	2013	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1961	Biloxi Yacht Club	2014	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1962	Southern Yacht Club	2015	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
1963	Bay-Waveland Yacht Club tied with	2016	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1964	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	2017	Pass Christian Yacht Club
1965	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	2018	Southern Yacht Club
1966	Biloxi Yacht Club	2019	Bay Waveland Yacht Club
1967	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club tied with	2020	Covid-19
1968	New Orleans Yacht Club		

Sir Thomas Lipton, Once a New Orleans Streetcar Driver

If you've ever had tea (hot or iced), you're likely to associate the "Lipton brand" name with inexpensive boxes of individual tea bags and the slogan, "Brisk Lipton Tea". But a century ago, the name "Lipton" stood for the largest chain of grocery stores in the world. And the company's founder, Thomas J. Lipton (May 10, 1848 – 2 October 1931), was perhaps the most loved and admired man on the planet. A marketing genius, he discovered how to brand himself.

Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton, 1st Baronet, KCVO (Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order), born into poverty to parents who had fled Northern Ireland and the Irish famine of the 1840s, was also one of New Orleans' most celebrated streetcar drivers. Sir Thomas Lipton, famous multimillionaire tea merchant and yachting enthusiast, was employed as a mule-driver on the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad (now the St. Charles Avenue



Thomas

streetcar line). It is because mules and horses were used in New Orleans that locals still say "streetcar" instead of "trolley." Trolleys are the electrified version, which were introduced in New Orleans on February 1, 1893. A special song, the "Trolley Polka," was written to celebrate the event, but New Orleanians stuck to calling them streetcars.

Thomas J. Lipton was born the youngest of five children in Glasgow, Scotland, May 10, 1848, although he would later state his birth year as 1850. At seventeen he traveled to the United States with less than eight dollars in his pocket. Lipton not only worked on a New Orleans streetcar, but also for a New York grocery. It was there that he began to learn and master the lessons of American merchandizing: "The man who on his trade relies Must either bust or advertise."



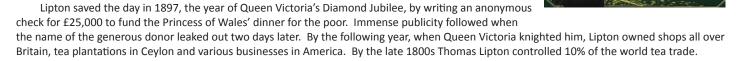
Saving enough money to return to Scotland, Lipton continued his rags-to-riches story by expanding a small provision shop into the world's first chain of grocery stores, which eventually numbered 300.

Through shrewd acquisitions, spotlighted by clever advertising and promotions (jingles, leaflets dropped from hot-air balloons, gold coins hidden in cheeses and parades featuring elephants and pigs), he became a millionaire by age 30. He learned common sense business ideas, such as having clean and well-lighted shops displaying quality merchandise to its best advantage (rather than hiding flaws and passing off second-rate goods). Before long, he was importing tea.

This self-made man, while creating the Lipton tea brand, developed the concept of consistent packaging. His tea packets were identical in every location and each time they were purchased – and at

half the price of his competitors!

As his empire grew, so did the Lipton persona. Lipton, full of infectious enthusiasm, called himself "The Great Lipton". He promoted himself as a happy captain of industry, freely giving philanthropist and avid sportsman (the complete antithesis of the "robber baron"). The people loved him.





As a yachtsman, he undertook his personal and romantic quest of promoting yachting on both sides of the Atlantic. He failed in five attempts to return America's Cup to his homeland, spending millions, but his good humor won him widespread affection and admiration throughout the United States where he was presented a special sportsmanship award. He had several yachts named "Shamrock" in honor of his Irish roots. "Shamrock V" was launched in 1930.

The smartly goateed gentleman, in his yachting cap and blue polka-dot bow tie, wrote to the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans about its approaching seventieth anniversary in 1919:

"That I cannot visit New Orleans, the city of my happy boyhood days, is another cause of regret, and upon my return to America it is my sincere hope to have the pleasure of once more meeting all my good New Orleans friends." He kept that promise and did return in November of 1919 as a guest when he presented the club a handsome silver challenge trophy.

Other momentous things were happening that year. J. Rathbone DeBuys, an architect and Southern Yacht Club member with a keen interest in yachting, strongly believed in the need for a sturdy one-design sailboat of a kind that could be used for training or racing. He designed and introduced in 1919 what has become known as Fish Class sloops. Each of these 15'-10" gaff-rigged

yachts were named for fish of the Gulf waters, but in time, the numbers on sails replaced the names on the transoms due to easier identification. The club initially built six of these sloops, which were rented to members. Rapidly becoming the most popular one-design class, there were soon

many in use by the Gulf Coast yacht clubs. Hundreds of skippers were trained on these boats, and each year the Fish Class boats contended for the handsome silver challenge trophy Sir Thomas Lipton presented to the club in 1919. Sir Thomas Lipton died in 1931.

By 1937, there were twelve yacht clubs participating in the Lipton Regatta. They continued to compete in the Fish Class until many of these boats were destroyed during Hurricane Camille in 1969. After that devastating hurricane, the Gulf Yachting Association made a change. The fiberglass Flying Scot was chosen to replace the wooden keel Fish Class sloop as the new interclub sailboat that year.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina slammed into New Orleans, causing widespread destruction there and throughout the Gulf Coast region. Although the Southern Yacht Club suffered only moderate flood and wind damage, there was a massive fire that inflicted the ultimate meltdown. Unchecked, many historic trophies (including the historic Lipton Cup) were lost in the conflagration.

In early 2006, Southern Yacht Club's Commodore Hjalmar Breit, half in jest, made a



suggestion to club member Tom Long that he contact the Lipton Tea Company to see if they would be interested in donating a new trophy. A meeting in London arranged with Peter Coleman of Comyns, one of England's oldest and most prestigious silversmiths, tracing its hallmark back to 1645. The company's rich legacy spanning three centuries includes an archive boasting more than 35,000 historical molds, patterns and drawings.



The good news was that this company created the original Lipton Inter-Club Challenge Cup given to the Southern Yacht Club by Sir Thomas himself. The bad news was that Comyns was having difficulty finding the original mold or drawing. And a new trophy would cost in excess of \$100,000.

What could be done? Fortunately, because the 39" trophy was allowed to travel each year from winning club to winning club, the Southern Yacht Club decided (in 1974) to keep the Lipton Cup in its clubhouse for protection. It made arrangements for a half-model to be cast and (in future) for this smaller trophy to be displayed at each winning club. The Bay Waveland Yacht Club, the most recent winner, graciously loaned the half-model to recreate the new full-size copy of the original. As a result, the new Lipton Cup is a true second edition, not a replica or reproduction - and made by the original silversmiths.

The especially good news was that Comyns (famous for its "bespoke designs") agreed to reduce the price, and the Lipton Tea Company (one of the world's most recognized brand names) agreed to generously pay for it. It bears the original hallmarks (except the date): The Comyns Silversmith's mark, the Lion Passant (indicating guaranteed sterling crafted in England) and the Leopard's Head Uncrowned (indicating the trophy was made in London).

On Saturday, July 19, 2008, this sterling symbol of yachting history returned to the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans, the second oldest yacht club in the United States. After two years of construction, the new SYC clubhouse (replacing a temporary facility) was opened in 2009.

Sir Thomas would have been delighted.

NED HÉMARD New Orleans Nostalgia "Sir Thomas Lipton, Once a New Orleans Streetcar Driver" Ned Hémard Copyright 2014



100th SIR THOMAS LIPTON INTERCLUB CHALLENGE CUP



September 3 – 6, 2021 Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, Louisiana



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)

Make-Up Date: October 29 - 31, 2021

Classes: Capdevielle Viper 640 (Lipton), Flying Scot, Fish

1. RULES

- a. This regatta shall be governed by rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the US Sailing Prescriptions (USP), and the *GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events*.
- b. USP rules pertaining to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- c. USP Appendix V will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Lipton: All yacht clubs, which are current General Members of the GYA, in good standing, are eligible to participate. Per GYA Regulation 10, each club may enter only one (1) Capdevielle Viper 640. Lipton Vipers may be required to carry a GPS tracking device provided by the OA.
- b. Lipton team participation limits: Sailors are referred to the provisions of GYA Regulation 19.5. For clarity and as explained by the GYA Excom, the exemptions provided in GYA Regs 19.5(b), (c), and (d) refer to the last time the Lipton races were sailed, which was in 2019.
- c. Fish: Fish class fleet racing is open to all member clubs (no limit). Teams from Southern and Pensacola Yacht Clubs will participate in the 1920 Lipton Regatta reenactment.
- d. Flying Scot: Flying Scot class fleet racing is open to all member clubs (no limit).

3. ENTRY

- a. Lipton Viper registration shall take place online via Regatta Network at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20014
 or use the QR code below.
- b. Clubs anticipating participation in the event shall submit the attached GYA Challenge form at least twelve (12) days prior to the first race. See GYA Reg 19.1.
- c. Other arrangements including on-site registration for Flying Scot and Fish class boats will be announced and posted on the regatta website.



4. MEASUREMENT

- a. All Lipton Vipers shall be measured prior to the first scheduled race. Once successfully measured, a boat may not leave the premises.
- b. Viper sails will not be measured at the regatta site. For further information, see GYA Reg 18.
- c. There will be no measurement for other classes.

5. NUMBER OF RACES

- a. Lipton Viper: Four (4) races are scheduled. One (1) race is scheduled on Saturday, two (2) on Sunday, and one (1) on Monday.
- b. Flying Scot: Three (3) races are scheduled, Saturday and Sunday.
- c. Fish: Fleet racing on Saturday (number of races TBD). Team racing on Sunday will be the reenactment of 1920 Lipton Regatta.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY			
1200 – 1800	Registration & Check-In (2FL Lobby)		
1000 – 1630	Boat Measurement (Dry Storage Area)		
	SATURDAY		
0800 – 1100	Registration, Check-In & Crew Weigh-in (2FL Lobby)		
1115	Team Captains Meeting (2FL Grill)		
1230 – 1300	Race Committee & Judges Meeting (2FL Grill)		
1400	Warning signal for Lipton Race 1		
1530	Warning Signal for Flying Scot and Fish class races		
	SUNDAY		
0800	Crew Weigh-in and Crew List (2FL Lobby)		
1000	Warning Signal for Lipton Race 2; Race 3 to follow after crew changes.		
1400	Warning Signal for reenactment of 1920 Lipton Regatta in Fish class; Flying Scot races to follow.		
MONDAY			
0800	Crew Weigh-in and Crew List (2FL Lobby)		
1000	Warning Signal for Lipton Race 4		
1130	No warning signal after this time		
1200	Trophy Presentation (Main Dining Room)		

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions for Lipton Vipers will be available in the Team Captain's packet available at registration and posted online at the Regatta Network site. Instructions for other classes will be available online and at registration.

8. VENUE

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain, north of Southern Yacht Club.

9. SCORING

- a. For fleet racing, RRS Appendix A shall apply, except that no scores will be excluded.
- b. Lipton Viper series ties shall be decided per GYA Reg 19.9. This changes RRS A8.
- c. For Fish class team racing, RRS D3 shall apply.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor the Host Club, nor any race official will accept any liability for material damage or personal exposure, illness, injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11. SAFETY

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and State safety equipment regulations and Section D (Responsibility, Safety, and Compliance) of the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

When races are sailed back-to-back, clubs are encouraged to provide support boats for crew changes that may be required on the water.

Please have your team ready and prepared to make changes on the water between races. If your team will not have a support boat to facilitate changes on the water, please inform us at registration, if not sooner, and we will make arrangements for your team to be on the water and ready for any desired crew changes.

13. TROPHIES

Trophies shall be awarded per GYA Regulations 19.10 and 19.11.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For questions regarding this event, please contact:

Regatta Chair: Cherrie Felder (SYC), CDFelder@hotmail.com, (504) 915-4752

Principal Race Officer: Nathan Adams (SYC), rc@southernyachtclub.org

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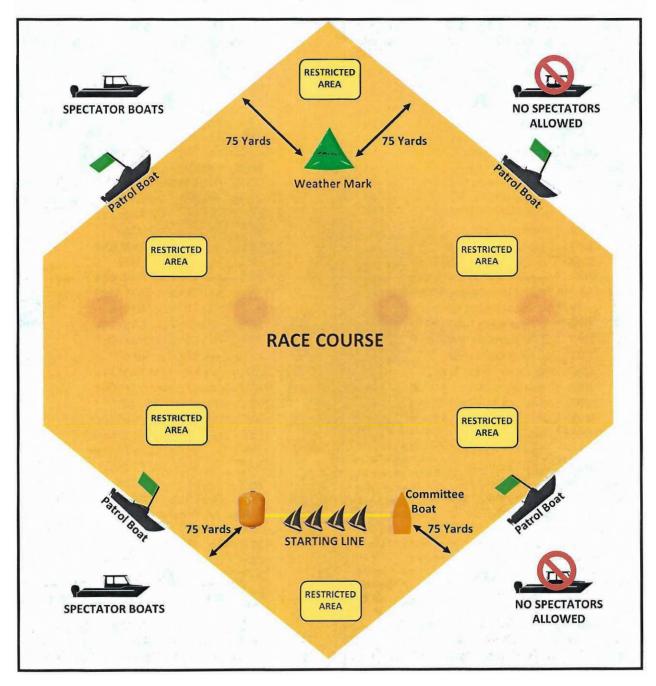
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Spectator "Fair Sailing" Rules

In order to ensure FAIR SAILING for the Lipton competitors, the Race Committee has designated specific areas for spectator, support and coach boats to observe the races. Patrol boats, displaying Green Flags, have been assigned to maintain spectator and coach boats on the port side of the course. Your cooperation in following the diagram below and not causing a wake will be appreciated.

General Rules

- 1. Only the port side of the course may be used for spectator vessels.
- 2. Please obey patrol boats with Green Flags. Stay on the outside of these boats and outside the restricted areas.
- 3. No vessels may cross from one side of the course to the other by entering the restricted areas.
- 4. Spectator boats must not throw a wake to competitors while racing.
- 5. All spectator boats with VHF radios should monitor Channel 78.
- 6. Your cooperation is appreciated by all of the competitors and the Race Committee.
- 7. Spectator Boats will be available for anyone wishing to view the races on the water. Space is limited so please sign up at the Regatta Desk. If you have room on your boat for extra spectators, please inform the Regatta Desk.









Navy Yacht Club Pensacola proudly celebrates their 90th Anniversary in 2021 and supports the GYA Centennial Celebration –

As Navy Yacht Club Pensacola (NYCP) celebrates its 90th anniversary, we reflect on the beginning of organized sailing at the Pensacola Naval Air Station with a rather inauspicious beginning. On 12 April 1931, a challenge by Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC) was answered out on Pensacola Bay by a team of hardy sailors from the Naval Air Station.

This inaugural regatta was sailed in the venerable Fish Class sailboat--the Gulf Yachting Association's (GYA) initial interclub competition boat. Weather conditions were somewhat less than perfect, and the race rapidly turned into a Keystone Cops farce. One crew fell over the side prior to the starting gun. He swam across the starting line and claimed a last place finish. Another Navy skipper was only able to sail downwind, for some unexplained reason. A third crew, being an advocate of the "discretion is the better part of valor" school, sought the refuge of the Yacht Club immediately after the start. The last surviving Navy skipper, undaunted, finished the race in a close last place. In an effort to redeem the Navy's tarnished reputation, four Navy Fish boats again met four Fish boats from PYC on April 19, 1932. This time they managed a clean sweep.

In 1932, NYCP also joined the GYA. And although World War II necessitated a break in membership, NYCP has continued to support the GYA through its membership and racing. We proudly salute the GYA's centennial milestone along with the 100th anniversary of the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge.

HISTORY OF THE FISH CLASS

The Fish class sloop, also known informally as the Fish Boat, was the first one-design racer between clubs of the Gulf Yachting Association. Designed in 1919 by Rathbone DeBuys, the Fish Class sloop is a gaff-rig, fixed keel, hard chine, v-hull sloop, 20'6" LOA, 16' waterline, 6' beam, 3' draft, weighing 1,500 pounds. It carries a 216 sq. ft. mainsail and a 54 sq. ft. jib. Originally made of wood, it can carry a crew of from two to five, but usually three, depending on the wind. In early years, a club foot jib was used and in later years a genoa jib was used. Rules have been modified to allow aluminum spars and hulls made partially or totally of fiberglass composite.



The birth of the Fish Class was something of an accident. DeBuys, being concerned with the decline



of racing along the Gulf Coast, presented to SYC Commodore Ernest Lee Jahncke a proposition to revive yacht racing. The proposition was to build a boat which would be owned by the yacht club and rented to its members during the week to allow them to practice sailing. The proposition also included adopting a plan of classes to ensure equal sailing ability among the skippers of the boat when racing.

In designing the Fish Class sloop De Buys took into consideration safety for beginners, fair speed so the Fish would not be called "tubs", reasonable cost of

construction and low cost of upkeep. When first built the boats bore the name of Gulf fish on their transoms – Mackerel, Pompano, Shark, Porpoise, Minnow and Tarpon. The first two GYA clubs to purchase Fish Class sloops were Southern and Pensacola.

The Fish Class sloop was the interclub boat of the GYA from 1920 until 1969 when it was replaced by the Flying Scot.

-- Cathy Cromartie



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Fish Class Events for 2021

Nov. 6-7

GYA Spring Regatta May 15-16 Juby Wynn Regatta May 29-30 GYA Summer Regatta July 17-18 GYA Lipton Challenge Sept. 4-6 GYA Wadewitz Regatta Sept. 25-26 Fish Class Worlds Oct. 9-10 GYA Curren Cup Oct. 23-24

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HISTORY OF THE FLYING SCOT

The Flying Scot is a recreational sailing dinghy designed by Gordon K. "Sandy" Douglass and first built in 1958. It is among the most popular one-design racing classes in the United States and was



inducted into the American Sailboat
Hall of Fame in 1998. In designing the
Flying Scot, Douglass wanted an all-out
performance boat that would sail well but
could be easily managed by two people.
While the Flying Scot is normally sailed by
two to three people, it can accommodate
up to eight.

Constructed of molded fiberglass, the boat carries a 138 sq. ft. mainsail, a 53 sq. ft. jib, a 200 sq. ft. spinnaker, and has foam flotation under the seats for safety. It has a centerboard weighing approximately 105 pounds and, when stripped of all normally removeable gear, weighs a minimum of 675 pounds. It has

a draft of 4 feet with the centerboard extended and 8 inches with it retracted, allowing beaching or ground transportation on a trailer. The hulls are all one-design and built from the same mold by Flying Scot, Inc. in Maryland. The design has been previously built by Tanzer Industries, Douglass

& McLeod, Customflex, and Loftland Sail-craft. Built with the idea of having to concentrate on tactics and speed, the Flying Scot is not a high-performance boat, so most anyone can sail it.

The Flying Scot is supported by an active class association, the Flying Scot Sailing Association, which controls the boat's design. Approximately 5,300 Flying Scots have been built and by 2020, the FSSA had 118 fleets racing the boat.

The Flying Scot was the GYA interclub racing boat from 1969 through 2017.



-- Cathy Cromartie



Congratulations to the GYA on its Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Centennial!

The Flying Scot® Sailing Association ("FSSA") is proud to have had the Flying Scot® as the GYA boat of choice from 1969 – 2017!

We are also proud of the many outstanding racers from the GYA who excelled at one-design racing based on their experience racing Flying Scots!

The FSSA also recognizes all GYA clubs who continue to use this One Design Hall of Fame boat, designed by Sailing Hall of Fame sailor Sandy Douglass, in their sailing programs and club racing.

The Flying Scot® class continues to offer many regattas for all levels of sailors.

You are invited to join us at one or more of our 2022 national events:

EVENT	VENUE	DATE
2022 Midwinter Championship	Ft. Walton Yacht Club Ft. Walton, Florida	March 19-24, 2022
2022 North American Championship	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, Michigan	July 9-14, 2022
2022 Women's North American Championship	Corinthian Sailing Club Dallas, Texas	September 23-25, 2022
2022 Wife Husband Championship	Rush Creek Yacht Club Dallas, Texas	October 22-23, 2022



HISTORY OF THE VIPER 640

The Viper 640, built predominantly of fiberglass with carbon fiber spars, was designed by Brian Bennett and first built in 1996 by Viper Boats. It was designed to combine the planing performance

of a dinghy with the stability of a keelboat, the result of which is a small recreational planing keelboat. It is a strict one-design racing boat with no changes permitted to the boat as supplied by the class approved builder. The only option is sails, supplied by class approved sailmakers and strictly controlled through class rules, which encourages the development of tuning techniques. In 2005 Rondar Raceboats in the United Kingdom became the official class manufacturer.



The Viper 640 is a two-to-four person high-performance sport boat and makes

high-performance sailing available to everyone. The open transom bails water instantly, even in extreme conditions. It is simple enough to be rigged and sailed in under a half hour and can be



launched from a hoist or ramp.
Weighing only 1,100 pounds with boat, trailer, sails, and gear, it is lightweight and easily trailered behind most passenger cars. It carries a mainsail of 165 sq. ft., a jib of 89.5 sq. ft., an asymmetrical spinnaker of 454.5 sq. ft, has a carbon fiber mast, a lifting keel with a weighted bulb which has 220 pounds of lead ballast. The keel is retained in the down position with two bolts while sailing. The Viper 640 can be optionally fitted with a small outboard motor for docking and maneuvering.

With over 300 having been built, the

Viper 640 is supported by an active class, the Viper 640 Class Association, has an international presence and is an accepted World Sailing class boat.

The Viper 640 became the GYA interclub racing boat in 2018.

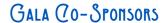
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It was January, 2018 when the GYA Lipton 100th Anniversary Committee was formed with volunteers, both young and old, from across the entire GYA. The GYA through all of its member Clubs was founded upon volunteer efforts and without them we would not have one of the most active and certainly the most unique sailing association in the country. Thanks to all the volunteers involved in this 100th celebration of the GYA and sailing the Lipton, especially the GYA Sub-Committee Chairs:

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- 4. Trophies Commodore John Matthews (PYC)
- 5. Celebration Weekend Cherrie Felder (SYC)
- 6. GYA 100TH Anniversary Commodore Jimmy Ruthven (StABYC)

There are many more volunteers behind the GYA Lipton 100th Anniversary Committee, all of whose names are listed on the next page and a 100 more behind the scenes that have made this special weekend so wonderful!

Thanks for all of your efforts and being the backbone of the GYA.

Sincerely,

Ewell C. Potts, III, Chairman

GYA Lipton 100th Anniversary Committee

P.S. Cherrie Felder, of Southern Yacht Club, a relatively new great volunteer is due special thanks and congratulations for a job well done! She picked up the ball and is running full steam ahead. And then if you happen to see her say "Hello" as I am sure you will enjoy a new friendship!

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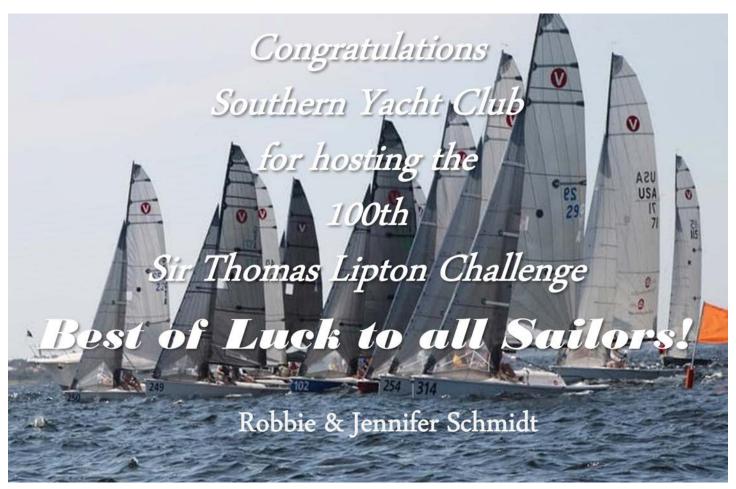
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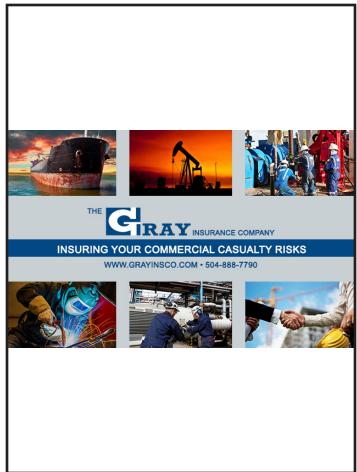
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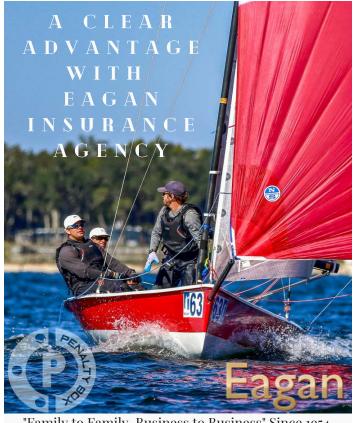


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Bay Waveland Yacht Club	25 wins	
Southern Yacht Club	12 wins	
Pass Christian Yacht Club	10 wins	
Biloxi Yacht Club	7 wins	
St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club	4 wins	
New Orleans Yacht Club	4 wins	
Pensacola Yacht Club	3 wins	
St. Petersburg Yacht Club	2 wins	

We congratulate the members of our winning teams and thank all of the others that trained, supported and helped them along the way. We wish this year's team fair winds, good sportsmanship, and success.





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