



111th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup Regatta

San Diego Yacht Club

October 30-November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. EVENT

- 1.1. The 111th Regatta for the San Diego Challenge for the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup will be held Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1, 2026.
- 1.2. The regatta will be sailed in J/105 Class boats as provided by the Organizing Authority (OA). This Regatta is not a Class Event or Class Race of the J/105 class. The class rules for J/105s will not be in effect.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority is the San Diego Yacht Club.
- 1.4. A maximum of 12 teams may compete in the Regatta.
- 1.5. The OA will have on-the-water umpiring in place for the regatta.
- 1.6. Boats and sails will be provided by and equalized by the OA. The event will utilize a boat rotation.
- 1.7. Each team should plan to bring the permitted items listed in Addendum 1: Boat Handling Rules, Permitted / Prohibited Actions & Equipment.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The Regatta is open to all yacht clubs that are members of the Southern California Yachting Association, the Yacht Racing Union of Southern California, the associations of yacht clubs on the Pacific Coast, and to other qualified yacht clubs.
- 2.2. A maximum of 12 yacht clubs will be selected by the OA based on its timely responses to the Invitation to Challenge, qualifications, and completed entry including timely payment of fees.
- 2.3. Each member of a yacht club crew shall be a member of the club which the crew represents and shall have been such a member since January 1, 2026. Spouses of eligible members and eligible members' children (dependents) through the age of twenty-two years shall be eligible to compete. The age limit for dependents may be increased to the age specified in the bylaws of their club, but in no cases shall the age exceed 26 years old without prior approval.

3. INVITATION TO CHALLENGE, APPLICATION, ENTRY

- 3.1. The OA will issue the Invitations to Challenge by February 1, 2026. Applications in response to the Invitation to Challenge can be made via the SDYC website www.sdyc.org/liptoncup and must be submitted no later than May 1, 2026.
- 3.2. The OA will select the 12 Lipton Cup competitors and communicate that decision to the selected yacht clubs no later June 15, 2026.
- 3.3. Accepted teams shall complete the online registration form no later than July 15, 2026.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee for the selected yacht clubs will be \$9,000 of which \$2,000 shall be non-refundable. The entry fee is payable to "San Diego Yacht Club" in full no later than July 15, 2026.
- 4.2. A refundable damage deposit of \$5,000 is required from each team. Valid credit card information shall be provided to secure the damage deposit and must be received before a team is granted access to any boat.





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- 4.3. The damage deposit represents the maximum amount payable by a team per incident resulting in damage while operating a boat. **Teams shall provide additional funds as necessary to maintain an available balance of \$5,000 at all times** to address the possibility of subsequent incidents. As a result, multiple incidents may result in multiple applications of the damage deposit.
- 4.4. Damage assessments made by the Organizing Authority are final. Damage charges assessed under this Notice of Race are a condition of entry and participation. Charges applied to competitor's damage deposit shall not be subject to protest, arbitration, appeal, or subrogation, nor submitted to any insurer for reimbursement or recovery against the Organizing Authority, host club, or boat owners.
- 4.5. The entry fee will include yacht charter, boat use fee, use of sails, daily team breakfast, team tickets to social events, and team tickets to event dinners. Additional persons wanting to attend with the team are welcome to purchase additional tickets online and at registration.

5. RULES

This Regatta will be governed by the following rules:

- 5.1. The rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 5.2. Lipton Cup Addendum 1 – Boat Handling Rules Permitted/Prohibited Actions & Equipment
- 5.3. Lipton Cup Addendum 2 – Boat Change and Damage Assessment
- 5.4. Appendix UF – Umpired fleet Racing - Lipton Cup
- 5.5. The San Diego Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup Deed of Gift; Conditions of Race and Protocol as currently adopted and available on the event website.
- 5.6. Advertising is restricted for this Regatta, subject to World Sailing Advertising Code. Aside from event sponsorship, no advertising may be displayed by competitors on the hull, deck, rig or sails of any competing yacht.
- 5.7. All competing sailors shall have a World Sailing classification under World Sailing Regulation 22. The helmsman of each competing team shall be a World Sailing Group 1 sailor, and each team may not have more than three World Sailing Group 3 sailors. Proof of categorization will be required via WS web lookup. See: <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>
- 5.8. A helmsman is defined as the person who, except for momentary absences, drives from the warning signal until the boat finishes.
- 5.9. The maximum team weight (in accordance with NOR 6.2) will be 545.45 kilograms (1200 lbs) with a maximum of 220 lbs of the helmsman's weight counting against the limit. A team complying with the weight restrictions at weigh-in shall not otherwise be subject to a weigh-in during or after the Regatta, except for weighing substitute crew.
- 5.10. In addition to penalties that may be imposed by the Umpires, the Sailing Instructions will contain language that permits the Organizing Authority to remove from the regatta, any team that, in the opinion of the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee or the Jury, is handling their yacht in an unsafe or dangerous manner.
- 5.11. Individual support or coach boats shall not have contact of any nature, including (i) communication by radio, telephone, vocal signal, visual signaling of any kind (i.e., tactical placement, use of flags and/or different colors of clothing) or (ii) the transfer of crew, equipment or supplies, with a registered racing boat from the time the racing boat leaves its dock or mooring each day and until it has finished racing for the day, except that crew may be transferred in the event of emergency.





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5.12. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

6. BERTHING, CREW LIST, WEIGH-IN, ASSIGNMENTS & DAMAGE REPORTING

- 6.1. Each competing team shall submit a crew list with complete WS ID #s/Categorization no later than Wednesday, October 28, 2026. Any categorizations still in process on October 28, 2026 will be subject to approval by the protest committee. All listed crew shall be aboard while racing and no crew substitutions will be permitted without written approval of the Race Committee, except in an emergency, in which case the Race Committee’s approval may be oral. Substituted crew must comply with weight limit and eligibility requirements.
- 6.2. All teams shall be weighed-in prior to the Competitors Meeting at 0900 Friday, October 30, 2026. Competitors shall be weighed wearing light clothing, at a minimum being loose-fitting outer wear shorts and t-shirt.
- 6.3. After practice day and racing each day, properly secure the boat to its designated location at the SDYC guest dock per scheduled times.
- 6.4. Boats and spinnakers will be randomly drawn for on or before Thursday, October 29, 2026, and must be checked in each day along with the issued Y flag with the OA at the designated location, and checked out each morning of racing thereafter.
- 6.5. During or after racing all damage or deficiencies must be reported via VHF radio to SDYC’s on-the-water bosun, and noted on the daily Discrepancy Report. Skippers must sign-off on that form following each race regardless if any damage has occurred. That completed form should be turned into SDYC dock support volunteers following each day’s racing.

After Racing Social Event at SDYC

7. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 28

1700 Crew List due to Sailing Office
jared@sdyc.org

Thursday, October 29

1000 – 1600 Registration & Crew Weigh In
(or by appt)
1200 – 1630 J/105s available for practice
1700 Dockside Social

Friday, October 30

0730 – 1000 Competitor Breakfast
0800 – 0900 Registration & Crew Weigh In
(or by appt)
0900 Competitors Meeting
1125 First Warning Signal
TBD Subsequent races to follow

Saturday, October 31

0730 – 1000 Competitor Breakfast
0900 Competitors Meeting
1125 First Warning Signal
TBD Subsequent races to follow
After Racing Competitor Banquet
(Blue Blazer/Cocktail Attire)

Sunday, November 1

0730 – 1000 Competitor Breakfast
0900 Competitors Meeting
1125 First Warning Signal
TBD Subsequent races to follow
After Racing Awards Dock Social





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8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Official Notice Board will be located on the east side (facing the water) of the Malin Burnham Sailing Center.
- 8.2. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Monday, October 26, 2026 at 1000.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The intended race area will be set in South San Diego Bay east of Coronado Bridge utilizing inflatable marks.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 10.2. A Round Robin format will be followed. Teams will rotate boats after each race. The scheduled number of races for the regatta will be equal to the number of competitors sailing in the regatta.
- 10.3. Three races will constitute a series.

11. TROPHIES

- 11.1. The San Diego Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup will remain in the care, custody and control of San Diego Yacht Club and is not available for transport off property.
- 11.2. Take home trophies for 1st through 3rd place will be awarded.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, SDYC, IMR/LC Committee members, sponsors, boat owners and others associated with facilitating the conduct of this event will not accept any liability for material damage, ILLNESS, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the San Diego Yacht Club. The San Diego Yacht Club, the J/105 Class Association, J/105 Fleet 8, and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1. **Dave Vieregg** , Lipton Cup Regatta Chairman
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