



San Francisco Bay Lipton Cup Regatta October 9, 10, 11, 2026



**Organizing Authority (OA): Corinthian Yacht Club of San Francisco (CYC)
with Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA)**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 World Sailing Appendix UF - Umpired Fleet Racing, adapted for this event, applies to the racing on Saturday and is posted on the official notice board as "APPENDIX UF Umpired Fleet Racing 2026 San Francisco Bay Lipton Cup Edition."
- 1.3 "Addendum HANDLING PROVIDED BOATS" applies to the use and handling of the J/22 type boats throughout the event and is posted on the official notice board.
- 1.4 The J/22 Class Rules will not apply.
- 1.5 Rule 40.2 is changed to: Rule 40.1 applies at all times when boats are in the racing area or on their way to and from the racing area.
- 1.6 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return-on-board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.7 [DP] Boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio, capable of using USA channels, on board at all times while on the water.
- 1.8 Depending on weather conditions or forecasts, the committee may display a signal that indicates the use of spinnakers is not allowed.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions are intended to be available by 1600 hours on October 7 online at <https://race.cyc.org/lipton26>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors: The official regatta notice board is online at <https://race.cyc.org/lipton26>

- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Listening to announcements and/or responding to requests over the VHF radio from the race committee is encouraged.

4 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all PICYA member clubs in good standing.
- 4.2 The regatta will be sailed in J/22 type boats furnished by CYC for the regatta. If any boat becomes unavailable for any reason, CYC may substitute another boat with similar equipment and sails. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize, variations in the boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 4.3 Entries will be limited to 12 teams. If more than 12 clubs wish to enter, a wait list will be established based on the time the entry is received.
- 4.4 Eligible clubs shall begin the entry process by completing Club Registration and paying the event entry fee, and late fee if applicable, on or before 1600 hours on September 29. Upon approval of a club's registration by the OA, to complete its entry, the club shall have each of its competitors' complete individual registration, including signing the waiver, by 1600 hours on October 5, 2026. Both club and individual registrations shall be done through a link at <https://race.cyc.org/lipton26>.
- 4.5 Three clubs are pre-approved for entry but must still complete the full entry process and pay the fees. They are:
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| Defending Champion | Richmond Yacht Club |
| Host Club | Corinthian Yacht Club |
| J/22 Fleet Supplier | St. Francis Yacht Club |
- 4.6 Registration will open at 1200 hours on August 11, 2026.
- 4.7 Registration will close at 1700 hours on September 29, 2026.
- 4.8 The entry fee is \$675, payable to Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 4.9 There will be a late entry fee of \$400 after 1700 hours on September 22, 2026.

5 REGATTA BOATS AND BOAT FEES

- 5.1 Entrant clubs must obtain a J/22 from CYC for the regatta. Information and documents related to reserving the boat and its handling will be available at <https://race.cyc.org/lipton26>.
- 5.2 Boats will be randomly assigned to each club. Boats shall be handled in accordance with the handling instructions which will be attached as an Addendum to the sailing instructions.
- 5.3 [DP] The club name shall be displayed on both sides of the mainsail; name placards will be supplied by PICYA.
- 5.4 [DP] Each boat will display their club burgee on the backstay; the club shall provide the burgee to be displayed (minimum size of 12" x 18").
- 5.5 A separate regatta boat use fee of \$675 shall be paid as directed by CYC. The fee must be paid no later than 1600 hours on October 1, 2026.
- 6** Arrangements to reserve a boat for the regatta may be made starting on August 11, 2026, at 1200 hours after club's entry is accepted and approved by Corinthian Yacht Club.

7 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 7.1 Crews shall consist of 4 persons all of whom shall be, at the time of submitting the crew list, current members in good standing of the club they represent. Helmspersons must meet the requirements for each of the race divisions.
- 7.2 [DP] No person who, at the time of his or her participation in this event, would be classified as a Group 3 Competitor according to the World Sailing (WS) Sailor Classification Code WS Regulation 22, shall act as a helmsperson except in an emergency involving the safety of the boat or crew, and then only for the duration of the emergency. No more than one Group 3 sailor is permitted on a crew each day.
- 7.3 [DP] Team crew lists for each day of racing, including WS Sailor Classification Code status, whether official or not, shall be submitted to the OA on or before 1600 hours on October 5, 2026.
- 7.4 Except in the case of injury or illness, and subject to the approval of the Race Committee before the competitors' meeting on the day the change is to take effect, the crewmembers on a given day shall not be changed.

8 SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

- 8.1 There will be a competitors' meeting on each race day at 0845 hours.
- 8.2 The starting area will be in the central SF Bay area or Southampton Shoal area at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be announced at the competitor's meeting each day.
- 8.3 **October 9 – Three races are scheduled for the Admiral's Cup.** The first warning will be at 1045 hours, and no race will be started after 1530 hours. There will be two buoy races and one distance race, the order to be determined at the discretion of the Race Committee. The helmsperson must have reached their 60th birthday before October 11, 2026.
- 8.4 **October 10 – Up to seven buoy races are scheduled for the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy.** The first warning will be at 1045 hours and no race will be started after 1600 hours the helmsperson shall have reached their 24th birthday by the day of the race. There will be on-water judging for this day as further described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.5 **October 11 – Three races are scheduled for the Larry Knight Trophy.** There will be two buoy races and one distance race, the order to be determined at the discretion of the Race Committee. The first warning will be at 1045 hours and no race will be started after 1530 hours. The helmsperson is required to be a female who has reached her 24th birthday by the day of the race.

9 COURSES

The buoy races will be primarily windward/leeward courses. The courses for the distance races will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply on Friday and Sunday.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Each day will be scored as an individual series. On each day, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 RRS A2.1, A4, and A7 are changed as follows.

- 11.3 For Friday's racing a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores
- 11.4 For Saturday's racing when fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5 For Sunday's racing a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 11.6 Overall scores, which will determine the winner of the Lipton Pacific Coast Perpetual Trophy, will be calculated by summing each day's series place values with Saturday's place value being doubled if more than one Saturday race is completed. In case of a tie score between two or more boats, they will be ranked in the order of Saturday's results.

12 **[DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the prior written permission of the Regatta Chair. In the case of an emergency and/or the likelihood of further damage occurring, this permission may be given retroactively. Cleaning of a boat's hull below the waterline is prohibited once the boats have been launched for the regatta. Competitors may remove foreign debris that may have been caught around the keel, rudder, or other areas of the boat.

13 **RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the liability waiver.

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14 **PRIZES**

- 14.1 Perpetual trophy winners will be announced, and club keeper trophies will be awarded to the winning and second-place teams of each race day at the conclusion of racing.
- 14.2 The perpetual trophies for first and second place for each day (Friday: Admirals Cup, Valhalla Cup. Saturday: Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy, Edward E. Peck Cup. Sunday: Larry Knight Trophy, Treasurers Cup.), and the Sir Thomas Lipton Pacific Coast Perpetual Trophy for the Overall Winner, will be awarded at the next PICYA Delegates Meeting Dinner, November 9 at Golden Gate YC.
- 14.3 Perpetual trophies must be returned to the PICYA at the host yacht club of the 2027 Lipton Cup event or as directed by the PICYA.