

CEDAR POINT CHALLENGE CUP

Deed of Gift

The Cedar Point Challenge Cup, a silver trophy originated in 1911 and rededicated in 1995, shall be contested for and held according to this Deed of Gift.

Authority to interpret this Deed of Gift shall be vested in three Trustees, consisting of the Commodore of Cedar Point Yacht Club, the Commodore of the then current defending club, and the Commodore of the club who issues the first valid challenge after the conclusion of the previous Challenge. If the defending club or first challenger is Cedar Point, then the Commodore shall appoint another Governor as the other Trustee. Any Commodore may designate another Governor (or equivalent) of his or her club to act on their behalf. The duties of the Trustees shall be to interpret the provisions of this Deed and to resolve by majority vote disputes arising under this Deed. This Deed shall only be amended by unanimous vote of the Trustees.

The Challenge Cup Regatta is an annual competition among yacht clubs. The Cup shall be defended each summer, no earlier than May 1 and no later than October 15. A club may challenge for the Cup by submitting their challenge in writing to the Commodore of the defending club no later than March 1. A valid challenge must include the name and address of the challenging club, the name of the Commodore, and one or more classes that the challenger proposes be raced in the Challenge Cup Regatta. The defending club must accept at least one challenge, and may accept as many challenges as it wishes.

Each year the defending club shall set the date(s) of the competition, the racing format and the classes that will race. When selecting the format and classes, the defending club shall take into consideration the requested class(es) of the challenger(s). Effort shall be made to include at least one class sailed regularly at the challenger's club(s). The Challenge Cup Regatta shall be sailed in either two or three classes of sailboats. At least one class shall be a small, centerboard dinghy. Only one class may be a keelboat, no more than 34 feet in length. At least one class shall be contested in a fleet racing format. Formats for other classes may include team racing, match racing, fleet racing or other appropriate formats.

No later than April 1, the defending club must announce the challenge(s) accepted, the date(s) of the competition, and the classes and format of the Challenge Cup Regatta.

The defending club shall host the Challenge Cup Regatta during the following summer. Upon request of the defending club, Cedar Point Yacht club may agree to host it on the date(s) agreed upon by both clubs and in the classes and racing formats set by the defending club. The host club may assess a reasonable entry fee.

All helmsmen shall be full-year members of the club they represent. No more than three crew or 20 percent of the total team, whichever is less, may be non-members of the club they represent. Each participating club shall submit a team roster, which shall identify any non-club members on the team, to the host club at least seven days before the Challenge Cup Regatta. The host club will promptly share these rosters with all participating clubs.

The Commodore of the defending club shall present the Cedar Point Challenge Cup to the Commodore or team captain of the winning club. The winning club shall display the Challenge Cup at their clubhouse until the next Challenge Cup Regatta and accept responsibility for its care and maintenance. The Cup shall be returned to Cedar Point Yacht Club by November 1 in any year that the Challenge Cup Regatta is not held, and Cedar Point Yacht Club shall be deemed to be the defending club the following year.

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