

Santa Barbara Yacht Club
is pleased to invite Star Sailors to compete for the
Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy
August 15 & 16, 2026



Bring your family to beautiful Santa Barbara.

While you're enjoying the spectacular sailing on the waters of the "American Riviera", your family can visit some of Santa Barbara's attractions and shopping. In the evenings, enjoy one of Santa Barbara's renowned restaurants.

Star boats and only Star boats!

This is a single class regatta. It will have one line, one fleet, and great races. No waiting around between races and no courses set up for another fleet.

Is your name on this trophy?

Join the likes of Lowell North, Tom Blackaller, Dennis Conner, Vince Brun, Eric Doyle, George Szabo, Paul Cayard & Mark Reynolds and get your name on a trophy of unparalleled beauty and tradition when you win this regatta.

No hassles, no worries.

Show up Friday night or show up Saturday morning; it doesn't matter. Easy set-up in the SBYC parking lot. To register, simply visit <https://sbyc.org/lipton-star-regatta>.

SBYC looks forward to hosting you again this year!



NOTICE OF RACE

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB

SIR THOMAS LIPTON TROPHY (1923-2026)

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 ISCYRA rule 34.3.9, Format C, is changed to allow the minimum distance of a leg to be less than one nautical mile.
- 1.3 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty per ISCYRA rule 35.5.
- 1.4 The notation **[NP]** in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 The notation **[DP]** in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of a *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.6 The notation **[SP]** in a *rule* means that a penalty may be applied by the Race Committee (RC) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.
- 1.7 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: '(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or'.

2. Entry & Eligibility

- 2.1 Boats eligible in accordance with the rules of the International Star Class may be entered by registering with Santa Barbara Yacht Club prior to 1000 on Saturday, August 15, 2026.
- 2.2 Online registration will be available at: <https://www.sbyc.org/lipton-star-regatta>.
- 2.3 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3. Fees

Class	Entry Fee on or before 8/7/26	Entry Fee after 8/7/26
Star	\$85	\$135

4. Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
<i>Wednesday, August 12</i>		
2100	SBYC parking lot open for competitor boats	SBYC Parking Lot
<i>Saturday, August 15 - Racing Day 1</i>		
1000	Entries Close	
1000-1100	Check-in and Race Packet Pickup	SBYC Front Desk
1115	Competitor's Briefing	SBYC Fleet Room
1300	Warning Signal first race	
After Racing	Complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres	SBYC Fleet Room
<i>Sunday, August 16 - Racing Day 2</i>		
1300	Warning Signal for first race	
1500	No warning signal for any race after this time	
After Racing	Awards & complimentary pasta buffet	SBYC Upper Deck

- 4.2 Number of Races: Six races are scheduled with no more than three races to be sailed on any one day.
5. **Sailing Instructions**
Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website approximately one week before the event. Copies will also be available at registration.
6. **Venue**
Racing will be held in Santa Barbara Channel, within 2 miles of the entrance to the Santa Barbara Harbor.
7. **Courses**
The course(s) to be sailed will be windward-leeward, and variations thereof, as described in the Sailing Instructions.
8. **Mooring**
Boats may be hauled daily and stored at SBYC or Harbor MarineWorks (next to SBYC's lot). Dock space will be available for those who prefer to remain afloat and raft.
9. **Scoring**
9.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that when fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her races scores.
9.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
10. **Prizes**
Prizes will be awarded to the top boats overall (skippers & crew). The winning skipper and crew will have their names engraved on the Santa Barbara Yacht Club's Sir Thomas Lipton Perpetual Trophy to remain on display at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.
11. **Risk Statement**
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.**
12. **Further Information**
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