



SOCIÉTÉ NAUTIQUE DE GENÈVE

May 30th, 2008

Marcus Young
Commodore
Golden Gate Yacht Club
#1 Yacht Road
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Dear Commodore,

I write in response to your letter dated May 19th, 2008.

Once again, Golden Gate Yacht Club acknowledges its responsibility to provide a custom-house registry of its challenging vessel, yet again makes clear that it will comply with the requirement on its own terms and at its own pace, rather than "as soon as possible" as required by the Deed of Gift. GGYC's latest letter also includes a series of irrelevant and baseless claims that in no way diminish or alter GGYC's responsibilities under the Deed.

SNG rejects GGYC's assertion that SNG is requesting GGYC's custom-house registry for purposes of delay. Any delay in the commencement of the 33rd America's Cup is due to the actions of GGYC. It is GGYC that the first turned to the courts, and it is GGYC that has attempted to resolve the competition through litigation rather than on the water. SNG has sought to resolve GGYC's legal claims as quickly as the court system will allow, and rejects entirely any allegations of delay or avoidance on its part. You state that SNG has failed to fulfill its fiduciary duties under the Deed of Gift, however that claim has already been rejected by the New York State Supreme Court. SNG is attempting to ensure that challengers comply with the historic requirements of the Deed of Gift.

SNG further disputes GGYC's statement that it is in compliance with the Deed of Gift. As far as we are aware, there is no precedent for a challenger providing a custom-house registry more than 10 months after submitting its notice of challenge. SNG asks that GGYC provide a full and complete explanation of the steps GGYC has taken in complying with its obligation to apply for, obtain and provide to SNG the Coast Guard certificate of documentation of its challenge vessel, which has apparently been under construction for some time.

Finally, this is not the appropriate forum to debate here the threats that conclude GGYC's latest letter. Suffice it to say that the Deed of Gift states that the Cup was given as "a perpetual Challenge Cup for friendly competition between foreign countries," and GGYC's attempts at intimidation are anything but "friendly competition."

Yours sincerely,


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