



Seattle Yacht Club

Established in 1892

C. Fred Roed, Commodore

Commodore Jim Burns
Alexandra Cup Trustees
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
3811 Point Grey Road
Vancouver, British Columbia V6R 1B3
CANADA

April 30, 2009

Re: Alexandra Cup

Dear Commodore Burns:

The histories of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and the Seattle Yacht Club are storied indeed and interwoven with exploits of racing and cruising skippers and yachts over the past 100 years. The Honorable James Dunsmuir, as the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia in 1907 AD, had the foresight to deed a most exquisite racing trophy, the Dunsmuir Cup, for the purpose of promoting yacht racing between the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America. The Cup is adorned on opposite sides with "Columbia" and "Britannia" to symbolize the competition between two friendly nations. The recent rededication of the deed of gift by descendants of Lt. Governor Dunsmuir and the appointment of Seattle Yacht Club members to sit as Trustees of the Alexandra Cup is particularly gratifying.

It therefore, is with great pleasure and in the spirit of friendly competition between the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on behalf of Canada and the Seattle Yacht Club on behalf of the United States of America, that I hereby formally notify you, as Commodore of the defending club of record, of the intent of the Seattle Yacht Club to challenge for the Alexandra Cup.

I propose that our challenge be sailed in September, 2010 with all other details to be arranged with the Alexandra Cup Trustees.

It is further requested that the challenge be developed for acceptance by the Trustees by June 1, 2009 with the intent of having the Seattle Yacht Club issue a formal challenge to the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and the Trustees by June 30, 2009. In order to accomplish these timelines the Challenge Leaders of the intent to challenge will make themselves available to the Trustees at a time and place suitable to the Trustees.

I hereby appoint Brian Ledbetter, a member in good standing of the Seattle Yacht Club, to lead the Challenge and by signature on this letter, he has accepted this appointment.

In the best of Corinthian Spirit between our two countries and our two clubs, we look forward to an historic yachting regatta.

Fred Roed
Commodore, Seattle Yacht Club

Brian Ledbetter
Challenge Leader, Seattle Yacht Club

Cc: Sarah Howard, Vice Commodore Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Larry McCarthy, Vice Commodore Seattle Yacht Club
Kim Lorenz, Rear Commodore Seattle Yacht Club