



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

April 4, 2012

Chairman Tatsumitsu Yamasaki
Japan Sailing Federation
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Jinnan, Shibuya-KU
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Japan

Dear Chairman Yamasaki,

On behalf of the Flag Officers and Trustees of the New York Yacht Club, I am proud to announce the third biennial New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup presented by Rolex. The Invitational Cup has become a principal event for the NYYC and a premiere event for leading yacht clubs from around the world. I would like to take this opportunity to issue an invitation to the Japan Sailing Federation to enter a team.

The Invitational Cup, scheduled to take place September 7-14, 2013, is a regatta for amateur sailors who represent their yacht clubs. It has become a Corinthian sailing classic. The racing is in NYYC Swan 42s – the eighth one-design class created by the New York Yacht Club since 1900. As was evident this past fall and shown in the enclosed DVD, the sailing is expected to be tough and demanding, allowing each club to demonstrate the skills of its top amateur sailors.

Our intent for this Corinthian competition is to invite a mix of both new clubs and clubs that have previously competed so as to maximize the opportunity for a diverse group of the world's premier yacht clubs to take part. There is a limit to the availability of charter boats provided by the Organizing Authority, and boats will be awarded to invited clubs based on the order that their acceptance forms and deposits are received. Invited yacht clubs are alternatively encouraged to bring their own Swan 42s to Newport and will be assigned that boat, but they shall not enter into a charter contract with a boat **from the Swan 42 Americas fleet**.

The enclosed copy of the Preliminary Notice of Race provides full details of the 2013 event, including the eligibility requirements for the crew members. Further details may be found online at: www.nyyc.org/2013InvitationalCup/. Inquiries should be directed to Event Chairman, Paul Zabetakis (invitationalcup@nyyc.org) with copies to Vice Chairman Dod Fraser (dodfraser@sackettpartners.com) and NYYC Racing Manager Beth Duggan (dugganb@nyyc.org). You can also follow the IC on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/NYYCInvitationalCup>) and Twitter (@InvitationalCup).

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The club has already received many requests for inclusion in the 2013 Invitational Cup. Based upon preliminary interest we anticipate another exciting event in 2013. Please complete the online acceptance form, which can be found at <https://formscentral.acrobat.com/app.html#d=VIsjZxJpj44Afl3MViJesA>, and submit it along with the entry fee deposit of \$5,000.00 by May 10, 2012.

We are confident that the New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup presented by Rolex will once again be a highlight of the racing season and hope that Japan Sailing Federation will be able to join us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Towse Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert C. Towse Jr.
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