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The President
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8th January 2008

Dear Sir

Notice of Challenge for the America's Cup

The Royal Thames Yacht Club (RTYC) hereby formally challenges **Société Nautique de Genève** (SNG) to a match for the America's Cup.

This Notice of Challenge is given in accordance with the America's Cup Deed of **Gift** dated 24th October 1887 between George L. Schuyler and the New York Yacht Club regarding a silver cup won by the schooner yacht *America* at Cowes, England on the 22nd day of August 1851, as amended by orders of the Supreme Court of the State of New York on 17th December 1956 and 5th April 1985.

RTYC hereby confirms that:

- (i) it is an organised yacht club, the oldest Royal club in the United Kingdom, and was formed in 1775. RTYC maintains a club house, a programme of sailing events, a number of moorings on The **Solent** both at Hamble and Cowes and a membership of more than 1,400 members. RTYC's objects include the encouragement and promotion of yacht sailing, cruising and racing, the pursuit of yachting generally and the occupation, ownership and maintenance of a club house or houses or other assets incidental thereto with a view to the promotion of these activities and social intercourse between those involved. RTYC's powers, organisational structures and procedures are consistent with the carrying out of its objects. RTYC's Memorandum and Articles of Association are a matter of public record;
- (ii) it is incorporated as a private limited company under the Companies Act 1985 and as such was registered in England and Wales at Companies House on the 14th January 2003. RTYC's Certificate of Incorporation is also a matter of public record;
- (iii) it is therefore a yacht club of a foreign country, incorporated by the executive powers of the United Kingdom Government in accordance with applicable English law; and
- (iv) it is an organised yacht club, incorporated as required under the Deed of **Gift**, having for its annual regatta the **Cumberland** Regatta, that among other RTYC regattas, is and has been held annually on an ocean water course on an arm of the sea, namely The **Solent**.

We hereby give notice of the dates for a match, in accordance with the requirements of the Deed of Gift to give ten months' notice in writing naming the days for the proposed races. We name Monday 4th July 2011 as the date of the first race, Wednesday 6th July 2011 as the date for the second race and Friday 7th July 2011 as the date for the third race if required.

We acknowledge that the Deed of Gift contemplates that arrangements as to the dates, courses, number of trials, rules and sailing regulations and any and all other conditions of the match may be made by mutual consent as between the Club challenging for the Cup and the Club holding the same. We confirm our desire to discuss and where possible to agree with SNG some or all of such arrangements and further confirm that nothing in this Notice is intended to prevent such discussions taking place and such arrangements being made by consent.

Accompanying this Notice, as required by the Deed of **Gift**, is a confirmation of the name of the owner of the challenging vessel and a certificate of the name, rig and the dimensions of the challenging vessel as required by the Deed of Gift.

Yours faithfully

John Stork
Vice Commodore
The Royal Thames Yacht Club

Captain David Freeman, LVO, Royal Navy
The Secretary
The Royal Thames Yacht Club
