

<b>LIPTON CUP 2023 FINAL SCORE SHEET DIV 1</b>										
	Make/Model	Name	Affiliation	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE3	TOTAL	POSITION		
Eagle One	Tartan 10	Tim LaRiviere	SYC/HRYC	1	1	1	3	1		
Obsession	Morgan 41	Norm Church	HRYC	2	2	6	10	2		
QwikSail	C & C 115	Bob Scaringe	PCYC	3	3	5	11	3		
Lively	Evelyn 32.2	Erau		4	6	2	12	4		
Sea Sea Rider	C7C 40-2	Chris Herbster	HRYC	5	4	3	12	5		
Dragonfly	Beneteau	David Gay	SAYC			4	4			
<b>LIPTON CUP 2023 FINAL SCORE SHEET DIV II</b>										
Boat	Make/Model	Name	Affiliation	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE3	TOTAL	POSITION		
Copperhead	Alberg 37	Todd Stebleton	HRYC	3	2	1	6	1		
Sailaway	Pearson 31 Shaw	Phil Cornett	SYC	1	3	3	7	2		
Craic'n	S2 7.9	Larry Harrington	LMSA	2	1	4	7	3		
Incommunicad	Hunter 28.5	Dave Smith	SYC	5	4	5	14	4		
Meluzina	Morgan 366CB	Robert Illan	SYC	4	5	6	15	5		
Magdalene	Hunter 380	Thomas O'Neal	SYC	9	7	2	18	6		
Avocat	Catalina	Jon Rosenberg	SYC	6	6	8	20	7		
Dream Catcher	Hunter	Mario Garces	Town Marina	7	9	10	26	8		
O'Grady	Ericson 35-3	Zachary O'Grady	NA	10	10	7	27	9		
Sassy	S-2 29.2 A	Jeff Steblein	SYC	8	8	12	28	10		
Lightspeed	Hunter30-6	Jane O'Connor	SYC	11	11	9	31	11		

## The Lipton Cup

This past weekend, April 14-16, monohulls from up and down the east coast of Florida converged at Smyrna Yacht Club. On the afternoon of Friday April 14, the skippers and crew from these vessels met at the Smyrna Yacht Club Tiki Bar to discuss race courses, the forecasted lack of wind, and important information that nobody but a select few seemed to listen to. Following the meeting, sailors mingled around catching up with old friends and making new ones, telling tall tales alike. As the sun began to set the sailors all made their way to their respective quarters, preparing for the day ahead.

On the sunny morning of Saturday, April 15, the seventeen vessels met on the start line just outside Ponce Inlet. With winds blowing under three knots and the ocean resembling a piece of glass, the race committee opted for a postponement. Half an hour and a few naps later, the postponement flag was brought down and the starting sequence for the first race of the 2023 Lipton Cup Division 2 Cruising Class began; soon followed by Division 1 Performance Class. Throughout the first race, the winds hovered respectfully between 4-6 knots with miracle gust of 9 knots. The real fun came, however, with the start of race two for Division 2 Cruising Class. In the last minute of the starting sequence, all vessels were close to the line gaining speed, with an unexpected broadside by the most leeward vessel, the line was thrown into chaos. Maneuvering around the obstacle, the well-experienced skippers were able to recover and start the race when the gun went off. By this time, the winds gained a little more umph hovering around 8 knots. As all the competitors finished up, they headed back to Smyrna Yacht Club for drinks and heckle one another about racing decisions made on the water. The night concluded with laughter and drinks all around.

On the morning of Sunday, April 16, the winds forecasted little if any improvement from the previous day. However, as the racers motored their way to the starting line just outside of Ponce Inlet, the Wind Gods woke up and answered their prayers. With the start of each Division, monohulls followed the shoreline south to their first marker. After rounding this marker, their course was to sail one or two triangles, depending on their division, then complete a windward/leeward and finish. For the first part of the course there was no confusion. Once the vessels finished their triangles and had to complete the windward/leeward, the course was thrown into chaos. The confusion mounted as vessels from the same Division went different directions and to different marks. Each vessel stuck to, and completed their own course. Following the finish of the race there was much debate over the radio and it was decided the situation would be sorted out once all vessels were docked at the Smyrna Yacht Club. Upon docking, competitors ambled their way toward the Tiki Bar; debates about the course rose along with the number of drinks circling around. Upon clarification from the race committee, it was found only one vessel from the Cruising Class and one vessel from the Performance Class sailed the course correctly.

As all sailing goes, the competitors put their hardships aside, offering congratulations on a job well done; followed by some good-hearted smack talk for upcoming races. Soon the debating began to die down and stories turned into tall tale, sailors made their way into the Smyrna Yacht Club for the awards Banquet. Following some good food shared with good people, sponsors were thanked and the results were announced. In the Cruising Class, 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to sailing vessel Craic'n, skipper Larry Harrington; 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to sailing vessel Sailaway, skipper Phil Cornett; 1<sup>st</sup> place went to sailing vessel Copperhead, skipper Tod Stebleton. In the Performance Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to sailing vessel QwickSail, skipper Bob Scaringe; 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to sailing vessel Obsession, skipper Norm Church; 1<sup>st</sup> place went to sailing vessel Eagle One, skipper Tim LaRiviere. Congratulations to all the competitors. Fair winds and God Bless.