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To All Club Commodores

The Lipton Trustees are pleased to announce that the proposal to hold two "trial years" in the Lipton Challenges of 2019 and 2020 has been well received.

Of the 21 clubs that voted on this proposal as requested, 14 were in favour and 7 against. The attached table shows the votes cast. It is noteworthy that all 7 of the clubs that are previous winners of the Cup were in favour of change.

While this means that the 2019 Lipton Challenge will be held in Cape 31 One-Designs, clubs were evenly split on the options for the second trial year in 2020. A decision in this regard will therefore be made during the course of 2019 unless there is good reason to do this sooner.

The Trustees will work closely with the Cape 31 Class Association to ensure that the objectives of the 2019 trial year are met, and that the fundamentals of the Cape 31 Class are respected.

At the same time the proposed youth event in L26s, which will be run concurrently with the 2019 Lipton Challenge, has the strong support of the Lipton Trustees. We have high hopes for the opportunity that this event will afford young sailors from all over South Africa. Details of this regatta will be published with the Notice of Race for Lipton 2019.

David Hudson

Chair - Lipton Trustees