SDYC Files Amicus-Curiae Brief to New York Court of Appeals on 33rd America's Cup

The San Diego Yacht Club and the San Diego Yacht Club Sailing Foundation jointly filed an Amicus-Curiae Brief (friend of the court) to the New York Court of Appeals on December 31, 2008.

As many members know, the fate of America's Cup is currently in the hands of the New York Court of Appeals. The final hearing will be held in that Court on February 10, 2009 with a decision expected in late March 2009 or early April 2009.

Given San Diego Yacht Club's prior involvement in the America's Cup as a former Trustee and defender of the America's Cup races held off of the coast of San Diego during 1992 and 1995, the San Diego Yacht Club Board of Director's and the San Diego Yacht Club Sailing Foundation felt compelled to provide written evidence to the court in support of Golden Gate Yacht Club's position relative to the definition of an "organized" yacht club as described in the America's Cup Deed of Gift and, therefore, the necessary qualifications required for a yacht club to be accepted as a Challenger of Record.

San Diego Yacht Club's and San Diego Yacht Club Sailing Foundation's position is supported by the New York Yacht Club who also filed a separate Amicus-Curiae Brief to the New York Court of Appeals on the very same day.

Should anyone have questions regarding this issue please contact either of the undersigned. The joint SDYC/SDYCSF Amicus-Curiae Brief may be accessed in its entirety via the link below.

SDYC/SDYCSF Amicus-Curiae Brief

Fair and smooth sailing-

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