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**Statement**  
**Tom Ehman, Golden Gate Yacht Club Spokesperson**

**San Diego, CA, November 3, 2009** – Along with sailing fans and followers around the world, we are disappointed that the defender- Société Nautique de Geneve/Alinghi – has sought to de-rail the America's Cup once again.

In light of Justice Kornreich's clear ruling last week, this appeal is unwarranted and without merit.

On Friday Justice Kornreich decided that, in accordance with the Deed of Gift, a February match for the America's Cup can not be held in the Northern Hemisphere other than in Valencia, a venue previously agreed by both the Defender and Challenger.

The Spanish host of the 2007 America's Cup Match remains the best choice for everyone. Its facilities and infrastructure are proven and ready. Both teams maintain their permanent bases in the Port America's Cup. The City is ready to welcome the America's Cup back.

Following her order on the venue last Friday, Golden Gate Yacht Club confirms Bryan Willis (GBR) as its nominee for the three man panel requested by Justice Kornreich to assist her determine the outstanding sailing and measurement issues over the 33<sup>rd</sup> America's Cup match.

GGYC was the first to put forward a name to the New York Supreme Court. SNG, responded with Graham McKenzie (NZL) and the two of them mutually agreed the third member of the panel, David Tillett (AUS).

All three men are former members of America's Cup juries, as required by Justice Kornreich. Bryan Willis and Graham McKenzie are now in New York.

Bryan Willis is one of the most respected jurors in the sailing world. He has chaired International Juries at the Olympics, the Volvo Ocean Race and at the last three America's Cups. He has also sat on the International Sailing Federation's Racing Rules Committee for more than 30 years, chairing both it and the ISAF Racing Race Officials Committee.

We look forward to this resolution process moving forward in the coming days.

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