



Mr. Marcus Young Commodore
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33rd America's Cup

Dear Commodore,

I respond to your letter dated 6th August 2009.

The Court's Order regarding venue is clear: SNG had the right to designate either Valencia or "any other location" for the 33rd Cup. There is no Hemisphere restriction. Moreover, you are simply incorrect in suggesting that the waters adjacent to Ras Al-Khaimah are not "ocean courses, free of headlands". The course area SNG has identified by both longitude and latitude coordinates and shown on an accompanying chart does not have any headlands or any other lands within the area described for racing. The Persian Gulf is part of the Indian Ocean.

SNG has irrevocably selected Ras Al-Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates as the venue for the February 2010 race. SNG will not suspend either its announcement or the contractual arrangements it has entered into in good faith with the authorities at the Venue.

The Deed and the Order are clear that the Defender has the right to select the venue in a Deed of Gift match. Your threat of further litigation on this point following conclusion of the race is, to say the least, counter-productive. Please cease interfering with the implementation of the Order of the Court and the conduct of the 33rd Cup.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Meyer
Vice-Commodore
and Chairman of America's Cup Committee

Alec Tournier
General Secretary

