

Justice Cahn rules in favour of Alinghi for a 2009 America's Cup Match

Justice Cahn from the New York Supreme Court today ruled in favour of the Société Nautique de Genève (SNG) – represented by Alinghi, Defender of the America's Cup – ordering the Deed of Gift Match brought by the Golden Gate Yacht Club (GGYC) to be raced in 2009.

Lucien Masméjan, lead counsel for the SNG, comments: "We are pleased that Justice Cahn has issued this order and recognised within his decision that it was the actions of the GGYC that brought the America's Cup to court and that depriving SNG of the 10-month notice period mandated by the Deed of Gift would be inequitable.

"This 10-month notice period should commence when there is a final decision regarding the propriety of the GGYC challenge and fully taking into account the Northern Hemisphere window as indicated in the Deed of Gift. This means that the Match cannot take place before May 2009.

"Several issues still remain unresolved. Among these, the GGYC certificate is critical, as it is unclear and contradictory. Since GGYC refuses to provide us with the information required in the Deed of Gift, we are forced to continue with the legal procedures that GGYC started by bringing the America's Cup to court."