



The America's Cup (continued)

Between 1899 and 1930, Sir Thomas never managed, as he put it “to lift that auld mug – surely the most elusive piece of metal in all the world as far as I am concerned.” His five Shamrock yachts were unsuccessful.

Even though Sir Thomas did not win, his America's Cup challenges are an important part of sporting history. In sailing, the name of Sir Thomas Lipton is always linked to sportsmanship, perseverance, resilience, integrity and good humour. He was never a bad loser and he made the America's Cup an exciting spectacle with his own special brand of kindness, wit and showmanship.



Your challenge now is to find out more about:

- The America: what kind of yacht was she? What did she look like? How many men were needed to sail her? How fast was she?
- Why did Sir Thomas Lipton not win The America's Cup? Was it just bad luck or were the Americans just better sailors? Or are there other reasons?
- What is happening in The America's Cup today? Who is competing to win it? What are the main differences between the America's Cup yachts of today and Lipton's Shamrocks?

Our next challenge is to learn more about what was happening in Sir Thomas Lipton's life in the time between 1899 and 1930 when he was so committed to winning The America's Cup.

