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# SKIPPER CHANGES FOR THE WESTERLY ROYAL LYMINGTON CUP

Three helmsmen who previously accepted the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club's invitation to take part in the Westerly Royal Lyminster Cup have now withdrawn, due to their 12 Metre commitments. They are Terry McLaughlin (Canadian 'True North' America's Cup syndicate), Gordon Lucas (Australia II America's Cup Defence syndicate), and Iain Murray (Australian 'Kookaburra' Taskforce '87 syndicate).

Taskforce '87 put forward Lawrie Smith's name in place of Iain Murray the Club has accepted the nomination and issued the invitation.

The three new names are:

Lawrie Smith (Great Britain). He has been racing with Taskforce '87 for several months and will be "with us until the end of the America's Cup" says the Operations Manager, Terry Newby. Lawrie was one of the helmsmen in Peter de Savary's 1983 "Victory" America's Cup campaign, and helmsman of "Panda" in the British Admiral's Cup team in 1985. He has a number of dinghy championships to his name.

Peter Isler (USA). Peter had the same number of points in the 1986 Congressional Cup as Harold Cudmore, but Harold won the Cup because he had beaten him in their individual match. Peter Isler won the 1985 King Edward VII Gold Cup (match-racing) in Bermuda. He is the skipper of the Courageous Challenge for the America's Cup.

Mauro Pelashier (Italy). Helmsman of "Azzura" America's Cup Challenge 1983. Mauro won the 1983 Australia Cup match-races in Perth and the 1983 One Ton Cup. He has represented his country in the Olympics in the Finn Class.

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