

# AMERICA'S CUP

## CUP: Outrigger may challenge

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SDYC would become the defender and no U.S. syndicates would be allowed to challenge for the trophy. The court decision is expected within 30 days, Smales said.

Tretter said the sailors' agreement with the Outrigger "right now is all handshakes and verbal" until the court makes its decision.

Smales, who attended a recent Outrigger board of directors' meeting about the club's participation in the Cup challenge, also confirmed that the group has reached a tentative "handshake" agreement.

Part of the deal insures that the Outrigger Canoe Club is not legally or financially responsible for any part of the challenge, Tretter and Smales said.

Tretter said he and Walters announced three months ago in Auckland, New Zealand their Hawaii-based Cup challenge "with Outrigger's approval."

The two sailors have not yet found a skipper for their challenge or named their syndicate which they had planned to call the "Hawaiian America's Cup Challenge" until learning that title is registered, Tretter said.

If New Zealand is upheld as the Cup's defender, Outrigger must qualify as a yacht club as required under America's Cup and Hawaii yachting regulations which require that any club requesting the right to challenge or join the Hawaii Yacht Racing Association must hold at least one annual regatta open to all other clubs, Smales said.

"(Outrigger officials) thought facetiously that a canoe regatta would qualify," he said.

Smales said Outrigger "probably" will not have a hard time meeting the yacht club qualification "if they approach it intelligently and promptly."

"I think they'll have to meet the qualification requirement before their challenge is submitted, that is within 30 days after the court's decision," Smales said.

Tretter estimates his challenge will cost \$20 million to \$25 million.