

# WYC Trophies and Awards - Racing

## Whitby Yacht Club Championship

The Club Championship awards are based on results of series racing held Tuesday and Wednesday nights, the Fall Regatta and some medium distance races usually taking place on a weekend.

### Division I

In use from 1977 to 2005, the Division 1 trophy was originally for the Dinghy Class. Over the years it was also used for the J24 fleet and miscellaneous small Flying Sails classes.



### Division II - The Power Trophy

“T” Bird Class Annual Competition  
Used for the once popular Thunderbird Class, in use from 1966-2000

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## Division 3

This trophy is part of the annual club championship and is awarded to the overall Flying Sails division winner. The trophy has been in use since 1976.



## Division VI

Originally for miscellaneous keel, this was first awarded in 1979, and is now used for Small Non-Flying Sails.

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## Division 99 Cruising

This award is given to the overall winner of the club racing program in the Non-Flying Sails (NFS) class (this class used to be known as the 'cruising class', and refers to yachts that race without using a spinnaker). It was first awarded in 1979 and is still in use today.



## The McVay Trophy

McVay Boats built the 18ft Minuette and the 24ft Bluenose. Originally this trophy was awarded only to sailors of McVay Boats. First awarded in 1967, it was redeeded in 1970 to be used for all keel boats, and is now used for the Large Flying Sails Class

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### The “Red Shark”

This is the first of two Shark half models built and donated by Rob Archer. The Red Shark was first awarded in 2017 to the overall winner of the Shark class, Wednesday night racing.



### The “Blue Shark”

This is the second of two half models built and donated by Rob Archer. The Blue Shark was first awarded in 2018 for the overall winner of the newly formed One Design Race series held on Tuesday nights. This series is intended for groups of the same boat make/model to complete boat for boat without handicap; currently only Sharks are competing.



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## WYC Annual Frostbite Series

First awarded in 1989, the Frostbite Trophy is awarded to the winner of a series of races that take place late in the season, usually September into October, with the series being completed by the Thanksgiving weekend.

## Single Handed Racing

Presented to the winner of a series of single-handed races. First used 2003.



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### The Junior Cup

Presented by R.D. Ruddy for Annual Competition amongst the Dinghy Class. Used from 1973 to 1980.

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## Open Regatta

This is a series of races usually held one weekend or day during the season, which is open to competitors from outside the club.



### Division I

Originally for Dinghy Class, now for miscellaneous keel. 1977 to present.

### Division II - Thunderbirds

Used from 1977 to 2000 for the Open Regatta.





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## Division III

Small Non-Flying Sails. 1977 to present.



## Division IV

Small Non-Flying Sails. 1977 to present.

I think the difference here is PHRF?



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## Division V

Small Flying Sails. 1977 to 2017



## Division VI

Large Flying Sails  
1979 to present.

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## Division 99

Large Non-Flying Sails.  
1979 to present.

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## Medium and Long Distance Races

### The Macdonell Cup

“Presented to The Whitby Yacht Club by Miss Emily L. Macdonell for annual competition by Lady Skippers”.

First awarded to J. May Matheson in 1939.

This trophy, along with the Stonehaven Cup, were from the original Whitby Yacht Club that was located on the north-eastern shore of the harbour. The club disbanded due to the Second World War, but the cups were both saved by former member Ward Irwin and donated back to WYC in the 80's. We first used it in 1984.



### The Centennial Bowl

“Whitby Centennial Bowl 1855-1955  
Annual Race Cruising Yachts Toronto to  
Whitby  
Presented by Whitby Chamber of  
Commerce”

The Centennial Bowl was donated by the Town of Whitby in 1955, on the occasion of the Town's 100th year of incorporation. The Town hosted the first race from Toronto to Whitby, followed by a celebration in the harbour. Though it was meant to be awarded annually, the winner, Al Rae Jr, took the trophy at his home, where it stayed until he returned it in 1989. Since that time the Bowl has been awarded annually to the winner of a medium distance race.

\* “Cruising” class is now known as “Non-Flying Sails” or NFS.

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## The Mayor's Cup

“In commemoration of Whitby’s 125th Anniversary Overall Race Winner”

The Mayor's Cup was donated in 1980, Whitby's 125th year, by the Town of Whitby and Mayor James Gartshore for a race held during Harbour Days. The races were first run out of the Marina as part of the Caribbean Cup race from Whitby to Oshawa during the Caribbean festival in Oshawa. Both the Port Whitby Marina and WYC participated, with the Marina hosting a BBQ and WYC running the races. Eventually the event migrated to WYC and is still annually presented by the Mayor's representative to the Flying Sails class winner of a medium distance pursuit race.



## The Jean Burns Memorial Cup

This cup was donated by members of the Port Whitby Marina after the passing of Jean Burns in 1985. It is presented to the winner of the Mayor's Cup race, Non-Flying Sails class.



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## The WYC Whitby 50 Race

Awarded to the winner of a 50 mile overnight race, both Flying Sails and Non-Flying Sails classes. Donated by Electro-Meters, it was first awarded in 2008.



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### The Whitby 100

Awarded to the winners of both Flying Sails and Non-Flying Sails classes of a race approximately 100 miles. This was a repurposed 'Club Carib' Trophy.

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## Jack and Jill - Cruising Class and Racing Class

The Jack and Jill race is a mixed double-headed medium distance race, crewed by one male and one female. There is a trophy for each of the race classes, Cruising, which is now called Non-Flying Sails (NFS), and Racing, now known as Flying Sails (FS). The racing class trophy was first awarded in 1987, with the cruising class added the following year.



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## The Stonehaven Cup

(Photo coming soon)

The Stonehaven Cup, along with the Macdonnell Cup, is from the original Whitby Yacht Club. Both were acquired at the same time. It was first awarded in 1935 and was originally used for races between Whitby and Oshawa. We continue to use it for a medium distance race (usually between Whitby and Oshawa).



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## Other Recognitions

### Totem Too Trophy

The Totem Too trophy was initially given to Harry "Tanker" Jones on the occasion of his 70th birthday in 1986. The trophy is named after Tanker's Thunderbird Totem Too, with which he won the Thunderbird Worlds held at WYC in 1973.

"Presented Annually for the best Out of Town Performance by a WYC Yacht".



### Women's Challenge

This award was originally presented in 1970 as the "Powder Puff" trophy, using the cup that is now the "Ports of Call". Wisely, Fleet Captain Herb Knight changed the name in 1997! While not currently in use, it was for an annual race involving all female participants.

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## Crew of the Year

Since 1980, this plaque has been awarded to the crew member that has gone above and beyond in racing or cruising. The boat shoes belonged to long time member Mike Hurley.

## Racer of the Year

First awarded in 1980, this trophy is awarded to someone who races regularly, is clearly trying to do well, but isn't doing quite as well as they hoped!



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## Most Improved Shark

Also known as the Paulaner Trophy, this cup was donated to the club in 2022 by Kevin Choquette on the behalf of Paulaner Beers. It is presented to the Shark skipper that has shown great improvement in the past season.



## The WYC Racing Program "Unsung Heroes"

First awarded in 1991, this award recognises those who have been instrumental in making the racing program happen, usually those serving as the race committee.





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## The Bob Townsend Memorial Trophy

“Presented to the Most Active Racer”

Bob was an honorary member of WYC and actively raced his yacht “Odyssey” in club events, races throughout Lake Ontario and on the East Coast including the Bermuda One Two race. This stunning glasswork was donated by his family in his memory.

The Active Racer Trophy has been presented annually since 2012 to the Whitby Yacht Club boat that competes in the most races during the season, including races held outside of the Whitby Yacht Club.



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## “Carib Club” and other Fun Races

### The WYC Annual Bathtub Race

1983-1985, during Whitby Harbour Days. Member George Griffin won twice...in a real bathtub!



### The Carling Community Arts Foundation Challenge Cup

This was a race held by Club Carib during Fiesta week, 1976-1983.

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## Col. W. C. Paynter Memorial Trophy

Carib Cup Race Fiesta Week, Thunderbird Class.  
1977-1981.



## The Whitby Harbour Challenge Cup

(Need to confirm!) Likely for the annual Dragon Boat Race held between the Club and the Marina?