

WYC Trophies and Awards - Non Racing



The Trillium Blue Water Trophy

"To Whitby Yacht Club
From Ann, Vern, Carl and Mandy
Cavannah
1983-1992
For the Salty People."

Awarded to the member who has done an ocean cruise and safely returned. The trophy was hand carved and donated by member Vern Cavannah.

Brukel Trophy (Commodore's Cruise Award)

This award was originally presented to the winner of a fun race from Whitby to the chosen cruise destination. The race has since been discontinued, and the trophy is now presented to the member who, at the Commodore's discretion, most contributed to the success of the cruise. This trophy has been in use since 1970.



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Mel-Ron Trophy

“WYC Annual Award for Best Dressed Ship”

This trophy, first awarded in 1966, was donated by business partners “Mel” Goreski and “Ron” Deeth of Mel-Ron Construction. Mel served as our first Commodore, and their company built our current clubhouse! The first winner was Eric Newal, who was the original owner of Totem Too.

Odyssey Trophy - WYC Cruising Award

Presented to “The Well Travelled Cruiser”, the trophy was donated by Bob Townsend and is named after his yacht, Odyssey. It was first awarded in 1983 to past Commodore Ed McPherson.



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Jack Miller Memorial Trophy

"For the Most Valuable Member, the WYC"

Jack Miller was a long-time member of the Oshawa Yacht Club, which amalgamated with WYC in November of 1969. The trophy was donated in his memory by Jack's daughter, Pam Fleury, to be awarded to the person deemed by the commodore to be of the most value to the club over the past year. Pam donated the silver platter and bowl, matching cups, and a ladle. Pam also used to provide a "keeper" cup, but the club has since taken over providing it. Winner's names are engraved around the edge of the platter. First awarded in 1971, we are working on platter #2!

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The Harbour Master Trophy

Donated by Harbour Master Vern Carl, in memory of former harbour Master David Ross, this fabulous model ship was used for the promotion of Junior Sailing Education. First used in 1977, it is currently not in use.

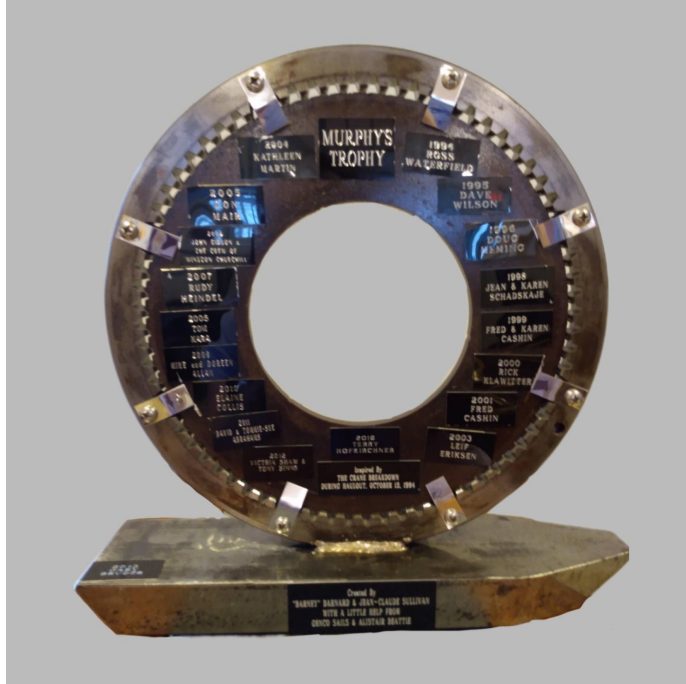
“The Harbour Master Annual Award In Memory of David T. Ross Presented to the WYC Juniors.”



The CERES Trophy

The CERES Trophy is awarded annually to the Most Helpful Member. It was donated to the club in memory of Phillip Beaugrand. The first winner in 2001 was Wenzel Kraus.

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Murphy's Trophy

During haulout in 1994, this clutch on the mobile crane broke down, effectively bringing haulout to a halt. The mechanic had a spare one offsite; while he was gone to collect it, members JC Sullivan and P. Jackson dismantled the damaged clutch so the mechanic had just to insert the replacement, and haulout was able to continue. First awarded to Ross Waterfield in 1994, the trophy is now awarded to a member who has had significant boat problems, but has conquered them.

“Inspired by the Crane Breakdown during Haulout October 15th 1994.”

“Created by ‘Barney’ Barnard & Jean-Claude Sullivan with a little help from Genco Sails and Alistair Beattie”

The Andrew Sensicle Memorial Trophy

This trophy was created by the club in 2023, in memory of Andrew Sensicle, an avid racer despite a serious battle with cancer. It is awarded to a member who has shown great perseverance despite the odds.



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Ports of Call

Introduced in 2010, this award is given to the member who has visited the most anchorages and harbours in the past year.



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The WYC Annual Wet Pants Award

Awarded to the first “unintentional swimmer” of the year. This prestigious award has been presented annually since 1970, this is plaque #2.

The Fred Hayward “High & Dry” Memorial Award

Fred’s Alberg 30, “Strathgowen”, was one of the first boats in the launch sequence. In both 1981 and 1982, as soon as he cleared the docks, he went below to check for leaks and promptly ran aground on Vickery’s Island. In 1983, he had a friend step in for him for launch...he gave him such good instructions that he too, ran aground! This award was first presented to Fred because of his misadventures, and since then to anyone who has found themselves “high and dry”.



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Cruise Captains' Award

Since 2011, this award has been given to the person(s) that the cruise captains feel best deserve recognition for helping make a cruise (or cruises) a success.

The WYC Rubber Duckie Award

This whimsical award was presented to the winner of a fun race that was held in inflatables, and without the use of motors or paddles. It was first awarded in 1983, with the race usually taking place at the Commodore's Cruise.



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The Builder's Award

Fashioned from a bollard, this award was donated by Rick Bot, and first awarded in 1990 "To the individual who furthered Thunderbird sailing through Sportsmanship, Participation and Contribution".

The Chili Bowl

Given to the winner of the WYC Annual Chili Cook Off. First used 2005, we occasionally dust it off for a competition during the off season.



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The Bent Prop

Presented to a boater who has encountered mechanical troubles and conquered them. First awarded in 2003.

WYC Annual Golf Tournament

"Best Ball Champs - Sponsored by High Rise Mechanical."
In use from 1997-2005



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WYC Cruiser of the Year

The Cruiser of the Year award (first used 1983) is given to the writer of the most interesting or entertaining Ship's Log, with more than just the recording of dates, times and ports visited... such as weather conditions, adventures and misadventures, other vessels spotted in transit. All members are encouraged to keep a log and submit it for consideration each year!



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Navigator of the Year

First used in 1983, this award is given to one who has encountered an extraordinary or humorous navigation event.

The Gord Mitchell "Yes, Dear" Memorial Trophy

Since 2002, it has been given to a couple who are very active in club activities, be it racing, cruising or social activities, both participating and helping out.



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Miscellaneous



International Laser Class Association

"In appreciation to WYC for hosting the 1981 District III Championship".

Aloha Appreciation Award

"Presented to WYC 1982"

In appreciation for hosting the first Aloha Owners Rendezvous.



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Founders International Dinner

"In Recognition of Margaret Stewart and Marjorie Oxenham"
(Undated)

Strathcona Shield

Made of Copper from HMS Victory & Foudroyant

Presented by Lord Strathcona & Mount Royal through British & Foreign Sailors Society for Canadian Schools 1907

"England expects that every man will do his duty - Admiral Lord Nelson October 21, 1805".

On back: "Presented to OYC by A.G. Talbot 1940".



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Durham Centre Appreciation

“In appreciation of your continuing support of the Volunteer Association of Durham Centre”



Corporation of the Town of Whitby

“Presented to the Whitby Yacht Club by the Corporation of the Town of Whitby in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the WYC in the Town of Whitby.

T. J. Edwards, Mayor
June 13, 1992”

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Framed Photo of Henry Freeman

“Lifeboatman and sole survivor of the Whitby lifeboat disaster of 1861 in which 40 men drowned. Henry was the only man wearing a newly designed Ministry lifejacket.”

