

BALDWIN-BONER 1971

DEED OF GIFT

COMMODORES' SKIPPER-OF-THE-YEAR TROPHY

This trophy is donated to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club with wish that it will encourage our sailboat skippers to race their boats hard, well, and often in the best and largest class of competition available to them.

The trophy is to be awarded, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, once a year at the Club's Annual Trophy Dinner to the skipper who has earned the greatest number of points as determined by the Race Committee, using the scoring system attached. However, the scoring system may be changed at the option of the Committee. Any such change shall be in writing and attached to this Deed of Gift.

The trophy is to remain in the possession of the Club. The name of each winner is to be inscribed on the plate affixed to the base. The winner shall be given a take-home trophy suitably inscribed.

It is the suggestion of the donors that the scoring system be posted and published in Scuttlebutt at the beginning of each season and not be changed during that year.

This trophy, it is hoped, will not be awarded on a purely popularity basis. Superiority, demonstrated by performance in competition, shall designate the winner.

This trophy is the property of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, and its final disposition is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

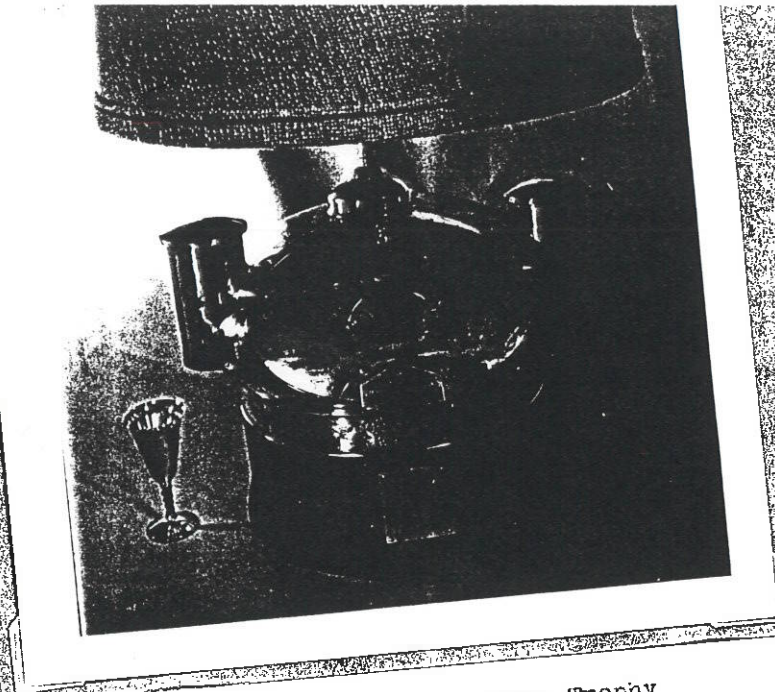
Any matter not covered in this Deed of Gift, or any controversy arising under any of the provisions hereof shall be decided and finally determined by the Board of Directors.

Date: Feb. 1971

Russ Boner

Lester G. Baldwin
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Scoring system attached



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Commodores' Skipper of the Year Trophy

At the Commodore's Ball our club recieved a beautiful gift from Staff Commodore Russel Bonner and Lester Baldwin. It is a large table lamp for the main room and is made from the brass binnacle cover off the old sailing ship "Melanope". She sailed the Pacific in the late 1800s making many trips carrying lumber to Honkong and bringing back Chinese laborors to mine coal in British Columbia. In her later years she was owned by the Crown Zellerbach Co. and transported logs from the northern coast of Canada. She at last was wrecked on a lee shore and ended up in 1950 as part of a breakwater for a B.C. harbor.

The binnacle cover and wheel of the Melanope was obtained by Russ from his friend Bob Filbert. The wheel is now used as the dinning table at Russ and Doris's house on Denman Island. Untill recently the binnacle remained in Russ's boat house. It was battered, dented, corroded and covered with varied coats of peeling paint. When Les and Mary Lou visited the Bonners this summer Russ brought it out and suggested that perhaps he would give it to the club if they had a good use for it, such as a trophy.

As it all turned out this idea developed so that we now have a wonderful new trophy and a beautiful addition to our club furnishings. The repair and conversion and transportation of the binnacle required many helping hands including those of our member Ed Lewis and a metal-smith in Portland.

The rejuvenated binnacle is now the "Commodores' Skipper of the Year Trophy". Each year a careful record will be kept of our yachtsmans accomplishments at home and out of town. Then the S.B.Y.C. skipper who has proved his superiority in Corinthian yacht racing will be honored by being named "Skipper of the Year" and will have his or her name permanently displayed on the base of this impressive lamp.

Details of the deed of gift are being ironed out now and the trophy will be installed at the club as soon as the appropriate shade arrives from the manufacturer.

Baldwin-Bonner Trophy