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McDONOUGH WHEEL



Inscription engraved on the wheel hub.

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The **CURRENT COMMODORE TROPHY:** Also known as the **McDonough Wheel Trophy**. The inscription on the Wheel hub, “**A. McDonough TO S.B.Y.C.**” The trophy was first awarded to Commodore Tom Fair 1953. His name and commodore date are engraved on the brass face plate on the wheel, as are the names and dates of the next nine Commodores. The Commodores that followed were then engraved on the brass plates on the pedestal. There is no “Deed of Gift”, or any documentation as to the history of the wheel or why Andrew McDonough donated it.

ANDREW McDONOUGH

Born 1884, New Castle, England.

Died 1975, Santa Barbara, CA.

Member SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB, 1945 – 1960, Board of Directors 1951-53

Andrew McDonough was a builder by trade; he attended high school and college in England and began learning skills in building and construction. In 1909 he left England, emigrating to the United States, arriving in Philadelphia and finding work in construction. During the next four years he worked construction in Texas, Utah, Idaho and Colorado. In 1913, in Denver CO., he met and married Mary Dooley. They went to Santa Barbara, CA. on their honeymoon and never left. Within a year, Andrew had started his own construction company in Santa Barbara and was doing very well.

Andrew was very involved in the Santa Barbara community; he was a member of; Santa Barbara Harbor Commission (8 yrs) and Chairman of the Harbor Commission, St. Francis Hospital Foundation, Vice President First Federal Savings and Loan, Catholic Welfare Bureau, Coast Guard Reserve, County Probation Commission, Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, the ELKS Lodge and the University Club.

As a member of the SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB, he was sought after to be involved, in 1946 he was on the House Committee at the old Clubhouse on Stearns Wharf. 1951-53 he was on the Board of Directors, also in 1951 he was on the Building Committee for the new Clubhouse in the Harbor. As a yachtsman, Andrew and Mary owned power boats, the *PATRICIA*, a 32 ft cruiser, and *SUMTOY*, and this was before there were docks and slips in the harbor, all boats were on moorings.