Forth Cruising Club

Trophies



Trophies Currently Awarded

Cruising Log Trophy



Open to all club members—whether boat owners, skippers, or crew, young or old—this trophy recognises those who have embarked on any type of cruise during the year. Whether it's a club cruise, a day sail, a world voyage, or an adventurous expedition, the stories behind these journeys can be technical, comical, or anything in between. First awarded in 1966, the Cruising Cup remains a coveted prize. To qualify, participants must submit a written narrative to the committee at the end of the sailing season, capturing the essence of their voyage.



The Bell Trophy

In 2005, at the request of Margaret Bell—the widow of the late George Bell, a former FCC commodore and Limekilns resident known for his love of cruising—a special trophy was presented to the club in his memory. Crafted by Phil Whetton, this handsome award stands as a fitting tribute to George and his legacy. Its wooden stand, elegantly constructed from teak, features a hanging bell and

carries a deep historical significance—the stand was fashioned from the remnants of the club's old storeroom, once the upper deck superstructure of the ancient sailing vessel, the *Willie Muir*. To compete for this prestigious trophy, club members must submit a narrative detailing an adventurous season, whether in racing or cruising, for consideration by the committee.

The Spirit of Sailing Trophy



Originally a Driftwood Race trophy for fin keelers, in 2025 this award finds new purpose, standing as a tribute to the heart and soul of our club. The trophy will recognise members whose contributions demonstrate commitment, comradeship or community, within or on behalf of our club. Nominations for the trophy will be from club members and the committee will cast votes to select the winner.

The Jeff Jones Trophy



A previous club member who enjoyed woodworking donated this rustic handmade trophy which was first awarded in 2018 to the winner of the stern chase series.

The Rae Trophy



This beautifully engraved Claret jug is named after a club member, Willie Rae who was also its first winner in 1959.

In its early days, like many trophies at the time, it was awarded in dinghy competitions. However, as the club evolved, the trophy transitioned to being contested exclusively by cruisers. Traditionally, until very recently, this trophy was awarded to the winner of the season’s opening race.

Fife Regatta

When Dalgety Bay Yacht Club ceased to run the Fife Regatta, FCC stepped forward to assume stewardship of this event and now hosts the regatta annually as a one-day open event.



This trophy is a traditional two-handled quaich, long regarded as a symbol of friendship and community in Scotland.

The Masson Cup

Despite extensive research, the origins of this trophy remain uncertain. Records indicate that in 1909, at the Bo'Ness Regatta, a cup known as the *Balmoral Cup* was awarded to Robert Masson. How it came to be part of the Forth Cruising Club's collection remains a mystery.



Regardless of its unknown journey, the cup resurfaced in 1980 as a coveted prize and the race has since evolved into a prestigious long-distance event, spanning two tides. The course is determined on the day, adapting to the prevailing weather to challenge competitors in ever-changing conditions.

The Hornet Trophy

One of the most sought-after and visually striking awards in the club, this trophy was handcrafted by club member David Lightfoot—a man of remarkable skill who could turn his hand to almost anything, including boatbuilding.

First contested in 1956 for the club's class dinghy, the Hornet, the qualifying requirements for this trophy have evolved with time. Though the Hornets have long since disappeared from the fleet, the trophy remains a prestigious prize, now awarded to the club's overall winner of the season's races.

The Duff Cup



The Duff Cup is one of the oldest trophies held by the club and is also still presented annually.

The cup was given to the club in 1931 by Mr. R T F Duff when the village regatta was held as the 'Dunfermline, Limekilns and Charlestown Regatta'. It was first awarded in 1931 for a mixed fleet of boats and continued until 1939. No races were held from 1940 to 1948. From 1949 to 1985 it was awarded to the overall winner of the Limekilns annual regatta. Resurrected in 2017, the Duff Cup is now presented to the overall winner of a series of 6 races.

The Driftwood Trophy



Lovingly hand-carved from a piece of driftwood found on Drum Sands beach on the River Forth, this unique trophy was crafted by club member, Jimmy Longley. He believed the wood had originated from the *Mauritania* which was broken up at Inverkeithing shipbreakers.

A long-standing member, Jimmy was keen about both racing and cruising —often sailing single-handed. A skilled joiner at the Royal Dockyard in Rosyth, he lived in Limekilns for many years and left a lasting legacy within the club. Introduced in 1968 and originally contested by a mixed fleet of yachts, the trophy later became the prize for bilge keel yachts racing from Limekilns to the Kincardine Bridge and back.

Pa Billings Trophy



This trophy was one of two trophies presented to the club in 2000 by a Mr Eames as a tribute to his grandfather, JP Billings -aka ‘Pa’. Pa Billings had been an active member of the club before WW11. In later life he enjoyed watching the yachts from the comfort of his car.

This trophy is awarded to the overall bilge keel winner at our annual Regatta weekend.



Henderson Trophy

The Henderson Trophy, a striking award kindly presented to the club in 2015 by one of our members, George Henderson—who sails a Hunter Horizon 26—celebrates the spirit of competition among Hunter boat enthusiasts. The race for this distinguished trophy is open to all club members who own or sail any type of Hunter yacht.

Capernaum Cup

First introduced in 1977, this fine cup was originally awarded for a race featuring a diverse mix of boats, including daysailers, cruisers, and dinghies. Over time, as dinghies gave way to an increasing number of

cruisers, the trophy evolved into what it is today—an award exclusively for bilge-keel cruisers. After a hiatus from competition between 1998 and 2014, the cup has returned to the racing scene and is once again being contested, continuing its proud tradition.