Forth Cruising Club

Retired Trophies



Ladies Race



This attractive silver “coffee pot” trophy was first awarded in 1966. The event required a female helm throughout the race, with the option of a male, female or mixed crew. Last awarded in 2011, the trophy was replaced the following year by a large silver rosebowl. In more recent times, the Club has evolved its approach to racing, and this event has now been retired.

Caledonia Trophy



This ship’s crest, mounted on a wooden plinth, was presented to the Club in 1967 by representatives of HMS *Caledonia,* the Artificer Apprentice training establishment. The race was initially run as a standard club event. However, in 1972, it was transformed into a challenging long-distance time trial, requiring careful planning and navigation around tides and weather conditions. North Berwick was chosen as the turning point, with competitors starting and finishing at Limekilns. The trophy was awarded to the boat with the fastest overall time. To ensure accuracy, a witness signed each crew out at the start, another confirmed their arrival at North Berwick by signing them in upon setting foot ashore, and a final witness recorded their return to Limekilns. These signed timings were then submitted to the

committee as proof of completion. Boats could undertake the challenge alone or sail in company with others.

Interestingly, the inaugural time-trial in 1972 was contested by two Albacores — open sailing dinghies — helmed by Al Terris and Ian Girvan. Perhaps unsurprisingly, later attempts were made exclusively by cruisers.

The witnesses referred to above, could be any person contacted ashore and did not need to be a club member.

Terris Trophy



Crafted in shining silver, this distinctive trophy features a motorboat riding atop stylised waves. It was awarded to the winner of a motorboat-only race and first presented in 1949 for the Dunfermline, Limekilns and Charlestown Regatta. The event continued for many years with the trophy last contested in 1963.

Barber Trophy



This fine silver trophy was presented to the Club in 1934 for a regatta motorboat-only event with the stipulation that the winner had to be a resident of

the parish of Dunfermline, Charlestown or Limekilns. It was first awarded in 1934, with the final winner being Phil Whetton in 1984. By that time, the definition of a “motorboat” had broadened, and sailing boats using only their engines were eligible to compete.

Handicap Dinghy Class



This dinghies-only trophy was presented to the Club in 1979 by a keen club racer, Don Simmonds who also became the first winner of the event. His wife, Ruby – a former President of FCC- was the final recipient in 1988.

The Halfway Cup



This trophy was awarded halfway through the season to the helmsman who was leading the league at that point. Don and Ruby Simmonds presented the

cup in 1979 to encourage boat owners to take part in club racing, and it was open to both dinghy and cruiser owners.

It was first awarded in 1980 to Pat Burns and most recently won by Tim Seed in 2018.

Tancred Cup



Named after the Tancred navigational buoy off Crombie Pier, this series trophy was jointly contested each year by Blackness Boat Club and Forth Cruising Club. Introduced in 1997, the event was held intermittently for a variety of reasons until 2018. It's tempting to imagine that the irregular schedule may have been influenced by one rather decisive factor: FCC were the consistent — and often dominant — winners.

St. Monance Mug



This pewter mug was another trophy generously donated to the Club by Don and Ruby Simmonds. It was intended to be awarded to any FCC boat that sailed to St Monance and stayed overnight —

an incentive designed to encourage members to venture a little farther afield in their cruising.

Despite the appealing challenge, no boat ever attempted the journey, and as a result the mug was never awarded following its introduction in 1990.

Tancred Trophy



This dinghy-only trophy was introduced in 1975 for competition between Blackness Boat Club (BBC) and Forth Cruising Club. By the time the event was last held in 1990, BBC had secured the trophy only once.



Driftwood Keel Boat

There is a certain mystery surrounding this small cup, as it bears no engraving and carries no date. It was quite possibly purchased with the intention of awarding it to the skipper of the winning keelboat

in the Driftwood Race. As this was a one-off event, the winner would have retained the cup permanently.

Another possibility is that it was meant to replace the original Driftwood Keelboat trophy — a distinctive cube containing a small quantity of North Sea oil, created to commemorate the first extraction of North Sea oil. Sadly, that original trophy appears to have been lost.

Young Yachtsman Trophy



This cup was presented to FCC in 1975 by the then Commodore, George Bell, with the aim of inspiring and encouraging the younger members of the Club. The first recipient was David Bell, George's son, who won it in its inaugural year.

At the time, the trophy was awarded exclusively to dinghies, during a period when the Club had a thriving dinghy fleet and strong youth participation.

Dolphin Mug



This pewter mug named after an important navigational hazard located just off *Capernaum Pier*, was donated to the Club in 1982 by Al Terris.

The mug was for a club race for bilge keel yachts.

Everett Trophy



Ron Everett was a very popular and active member of the Club, whose untimely death aged 46 was deeply felt by all who knew him. In 1992, his widow Jeanne generously presented this unique trophy to FCC in Ron's memory. For many years, the race for this trophy was fiercely contested by the cruisers, battling around the buoys at Limekilns. Sadly, the Perspex triangle that forms part of the trophy suffered significant damage at some point, likely caused by unsuitable cleaning methods.

Handicap Cup (Runners Up)



Originally intended for dinghy-only races, this “runners-up” trophy was later opened to cruisers as well. Presented in 1953, it was introduced to encourage wider participation in club racing.

Pathetic Paddle



Dedicated to the fine art of not taking oneself too seriously, the **Pathetic Paddle** was first awarded in 1954. Hand-carved from a piece of wood and finished in a gleaming gloss varnish by long-standing FCC member Jimmy Longley, it quickly became one of the Club’s most affectionately regarded trophies.

This light-hearted award recognised the sailor who, over the course of the season, had found themselves in a moment of harmless misjudgement, gentle clumsiness, or good-natured embarrassment. It celebrated those minor mishaps and memorable “senior moments” afloat that gave the fleet a laugh—always provided no real harm was done.

Each year, the Committee selected the member whose escapade was deemed most deserving, and the **Pathetic Paddle** was presented in the spirit in which it was created: with humour, camaraderie, and a shared appreciation for the lighter side of sailing.

Ladies Race



This rose bowl replaced the original “Coffee Pot” trophy and was first presented in 2012. It was hotly contested for several years before falling out of favour.

Fife Regatta Quiche



The Club provided this substantial trophy to be awarded to the winner of the fast-handicap yachts competing in the open Fife Regatta, an event hosted annually by FCC. The regatta was first run in 2012, attracting several fin-keel yachts, many from Port Edgar but also from farther afield.



Fife Regatta Quiche

A second, identical trophy to the one above was also created for participants in the Fife Regatta. This award was presented to the winner of the slow-handicap race for Division 2 yachts and was first

available in 2012. Division 2 generally comprised bilge-keelers, though not exclusively.

Handicap Sailing Cup



This trophy was introduced in 1953 for dinghy-only competition. At that time, the Club had very few cruisers, but a strong and varied dinghy fleet — and the racing was fiercely contested.