

**Additional Information**  
**Regarding**  
**The Current and Retired Henley Regatta Trophies**  
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I spent months searching for background material on the trophies. At the end of this document, there is a long list of names of people who provided me with information, but there are still gaps in the database. If you can help fill some of those gaps, or if you spot errors please contact me using the link at <http://goldmedalphotos.com/> .

The database gives the first winner of each trophy. To see *all* the winners of every event at the regattas of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen (1880 to 1902) and the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta (1903 to last year), go to the above link and click the “records” button.

Some trophies have stories attached to them that require more space than the data base allows. Here are a few of those stories.

Calder Leper Cleland for whom the **Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy** is named, was born in Troy, Ontario, on July 24, 1922. He attended Hillfield Strathalan College in Hamilton. On November 11, 2010, Head of College, Marc Ayotte, referred to Calder Cleland in his Remembrance Day address to the students:

Calder came to Hillfield as a very small boy in 1929 and stayed until 1935. From Hillfield, he went on to TCS [Trinity College School], where he distinguished himself on the boxing team. After leaving TCS, he went into business for a while, but when his brother Douglas joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at the outbreak of the war, Calder soon followed and earned his wings as well.

Once overseas, Calder was assigned to Britain’s Royal Air Force during the North African campaign and took part in the long pursuit of Rommel’s army, and in the Tunisian fighting. It was while in action over Sicily that his plane was shot down. (Ayotte, Marc, Remembrance Day Address, November 11, 2010. Used with permission.)

The page below from *Trinity College School Old Boys at War: 1939-1945* gives some of his involvement while a student there:



CLELAND, C. L.

Cleland, Calder Leiper ('35-'38), was born July 14, 1922, at Hamilton, Ontario. In both the Junior School and the Senior School he was a most capable athlete and in his final year he played on all Little side teams and also won his Little side Gym. colours.

He enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1940 at the age of seventeen. He was on active service overseas for two and a half years, first with the R.A.F. and then for nearly a year on attachment to the South African Air Force in North Africa as a Wireless Gunner, serving with the Eighth Army in its historic advance. He was commissioned Pilot Officer on March 31, 1943, and on July 8th was reported missing on operations over Sicily. He was later officially declared missing, presumed killed in action.



As the above article states, Calder Cleland was attached to the South African Air Force, specifically:

No.21 Squadron, S.A.A.F., [which] was a medium bomber squadron that operated the Maryland, Baltimore and Marauder bombers in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

In July 1943 the squadron took its Baltimores to Malta, from where it supported the Allied invasion of Sicily. (Rickard, J (4 November 2009), No. 21 Squadron (SAAF): Second World War, [http://www.historyofwar.org/air/units/SAAF/21\\_wwII.html](http://www.historyofwar.org/air/units/SAAF/21_wwII.html))

On July 3, 1943, four airmen were lost in the crash of Baltimore AG877 of 21 Squadron, S.A.A.F.: two Royal Canadian Air Force personnel, Pilot Officer Calder Leper Cleland J/19406 and Warrant Officer Class I James Earl Morrison R/80309, and two South African Air Force personnel, Lieutenant G.T.A. Oakes 103547V and Second Lieutenant S.C. Smith 236300V. (<http://www.ww2talk.com/forum/remembering-today/46230-remembering-today-3-7-43-warrant-officer-class-i-j-print.html>)

All four are commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, which forms the entrance to the El Alamein War Cemetery in Egypt. The Air Forces panels of the Memorial commemorate more than 3,000 airmen of the Commonwealth who died in the campaigns in Egypt, Libya, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Greece, Crete and the Aegean, Ethiopia, Eritrea and the Somalilands, the Sudan, East Africa, Aden and Madagascar, who have no known grave.

The 1946 obituary of Calder Cleland's father, William B. Cleland, states that he was "keenly interested in sport of all kinds [and] he had done much to encourage young men in any type of sport that developed teamwork and co-operation." When he donated the trophy, he specified that it be awarded to the winner of the High School Eight, and so, the existing trophy for that race, The Propeller Club Trophy, was reassigned to the High School Coxed Four.

The last school to win the **Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy** at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta was Ridley College in 1973, ending the tradition of high school races at Henley which began in 1922. All the other high school events had been discontinued after the 1963 regatta. The first school to win it at the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Championship Regatta was West Park S.S. in 1975.

The estimated value of the trophy has been a matter of some speculation. Published figures show it rising from \$10,000 in 1945, to \$50,000 in 1970, to "in excess of \$100,000" in 1977, to "more than \$200,000," in 2003. However, the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation, the owners of the trophy, had Sotheby's do an evaluation for insurance purposes in August, 2011, and they placed a value of \$60,000 (U.S.) on it.

The day before the trophy was first presented, the following appeared in The St. Catharines *Standard*:

### **Cleland Memorial Trophy**

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The Henley Aquatic Association announced today that they have been made the custodians of a most valuable trophy to be placed in competition by the C.A.A.O. for school boy senior eights. The trophy will be named the Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy and was presented to the Association by W.B. Cleland, well-known local sportsman in memory of his son, Pilot Officer Calder Cleland, R.C.A.F., who was killed in action over Sicily on July 3rd, 1943.

The trophy is an Omar Khayyam wine jug, approximately 36 inches in height. The jug is of solid silver with gold inlays and was originally designed and processed by the Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Guild of London, England, as a present to Princess Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III of France.

Princess Eugenie, the daughter of the Spanish Count of Montijo, first met Napoleon III in 1853. Following the disastrous war of 1870, with Germany, France changed from a monarchy to a republic and Eugenie took up residence in England. The British people came to have a great admiration for the Princess, and it was through this friendship that the Guild presented the beautiful jug to Eugenie. The original cost of this trophy was £1,000, but with the historical background attached to it, it is probably much more valuable today,

Mr. W.B. Cleland is especially anxious that this trophy be placed in competition for school boy eights. His son Calder, an all round athlete while attending Trinity College, Port Hope, enlisted as a private in the R.C.A.F. shortly after passing his seventeenth birthday. Following basic training in Canada he transferred to the R.A.F. and saw action in Egypt and Kenya Colony before returning to North Africa to take part in the action that drove Rommel out of that country. He had attained the rank of pilot officer before going to his death on the Sicilian campaign.

The Cleland family is well known both in America and Europe, especially in the field of horsemanship. Capt. Marshall Cleland has captured international honors on many occasions both in Canada, United States and England. Squadron Leader Douglas Cleland is also a horseman of considerable renown.

Mr. W.B. Cleland is no stranger to the rowing fraternity. He was responsible for bringing Bobby Pearce, the great Australian sculler to Canada, and it was Mr. Cleland who personally arranged for Pearce's entry in the Diamond Sculls at Henley, England. Mr. Cleland also sent Walter Obernessor to England to manage the Australian's campaign.

The Henley Aquatic Association is deeply appreciative of Mr. Cleland's kindness and generosity which they feel will greatly increase the incentive for school boy competition. C.A.A.O. officials expressed delight on hearing the announcement and if all arrangements can be completed, will arrange to present it to the winner of this year's school boy eight. [The St.Catharines *Standard*, July 27, 1945, p.2]

Although the following article makes the Henley Aquatic Association and the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen sound like a bunch of small-town hicks who weren't aware of what they had, it does offer a 1963 update on the **Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy**.

### ***Empress Eugenie's Jug In St. Catharines***

By Jean Hibbert  
Star Staff Writer

An extremely valuable gold and sterling silver wine jug, gift of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Guild of England, to Princess Eugenie, when she became the bride of French Emperor Napoleon III, in 1853, has been discovered in St. Catharines.

Unaware of the value of the beautiful jug, (it's been set by one authority at more than \$50,000) the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, of St. Catharines, has

used it as a trophy for the Royal Canadian Henley regatta at the St. Catharines regatta Course for High School Eights, since 1945.

It has teetered on the water's edge, stood unguarded in front of grandstands, decorated high school lobbies, been shipped across the country and into the United States, when won by various high school oarsmen. Since its discovery by John McColl, a Toronto expert on silver, it rests in the St. Catharines jail, the only place its owners now feel it will be safe.

### **Bears Legend**

Back in 1945, the wine jug, equipped with a wooden base, sets out the legend on a silver plaque—"This wine jug, a creation of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths of England was presented by the guild to the Princess Eugenie upon her accession to the Throne of France in 1853, as Empress of Napoleon III." It also bears another silver plaque naming it the "Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy in Memory of Pilot Officer Calder Cleland, R.C.A.F. Born, July 24, 1923, killed in action over Sicily July 3, 1943."

### **Sterling Silver**

It was given to the Oarsmen by P.O. Cleland's father, a famous horseman, who died about two years ago. [William B. Cleland died in 1946.] In its first year of competition, in 1945, the cup went to Grosse Pointe high school, D.B.C. [Detroit Boat Club] and went to Michigan. In 1946, it returned to be taken by the St. Catharines team. In 1947, it went to Roosevelt high school, Wyandotte, Michigan, the same in 1948, and returned to St. Catharines in 1949. One year it went to Vancouver, and cost its custodians \$56 in COD freight charges for its return.

The jug is 30 inches high, is of sterling silver embossed in part with gold, and delicately covered with a leaf design superimposed by a fusing process. An engraving of small boys setting out on a hunt with hunting dogs is to be seen on one side, and on the other, the same small boys, with one dog, a dead stag, drinking wine and celebrating. Its handle is entwined with tails from the winged dragons which top it.

Eugenie was married "clothed in diamonds from top to toe."

Mr. McColl admits he was floored when the "trophy" was brought to him by Frederick Nelson, a director of the Henley Aquatic Association of St. Catharines. "He wanted to know how much it would cost to make a replica, and I told him I would have to have \$10,000 to even begin," he said.

"Then there is the added value of this being the only one of its kind in the world, a bit of French royal silver which has found its way to Canada, where we have far too little by way of genuinely beautiful articles of historical value," said Mr. McColl.

"Mr. Nelson had it insured for \$300. Why, that wouldn't even buy the handle on it," he added. "This is a great find for Canada. There is no doubt it is genuine. It has the marks of the company which made it, C.F. Hancock, 39 Bruton St., London, the lion passant, the cat's face, sometimes called the leopard's head, Queen Victoria's face, and a letter to designate the year it was made.

Further research unearthed that the Princess Eugenie whose mother was Scots, and father a Spanish nobleman, went to England in her later years, and found it necessary to sell many treasures. It is believed Mr. Cleland bought the treasure in England. [The Toronto *Daily Star*, April 2, 1963, p.44]

The **Charles M. Adams Memorial Trophy** was donated by his widow, Helen.

The **Claude (Sandy) Saunders Trophy** and the retired **“Flo” Saunders Memorial Trophy** commemorate the “First Couple” of Canadian rowing.

George Gage, longtime member of the Leander B.C. and friend of Claude and Florence Saunders, sent me this photo of them as a young couple:



Their daughter, Lois Royle, sent me the photo below which was taken at the 1982 Henley.



Lois also sent me some beautiful reminiscences about her mother which I had to condense to fit in the database. Here is more of what she wrote:

Florence was an original member of "The Leanderettes" which was a group of Leander wives who raised money for Leander rowing.

She attended all regattas in Ontario with my dad - O.R.A., C.O.R.A., C.S.S.R.A., Canadian Henley, Canadian Championships.

When [my brother Claude, Jr., sister Janice and I] were growing up, we attended almost all regattas. Mom made a picnic lunch and for supper if we were in Port Dalhousie, our big treat was to go to the Henley Hotel for dinner before heading home. For the four days of Henley we rented a cottage at Dunn's on Queen St. in Port Dalhousie.

My mom helped my dad behind the scenes making lunches for meetings held at Leander during the fall, winter and spring. She folded notices, got the stamps and mailed them.

There were always two lawn chairs in the trunk of the car for regattas. One for Mom and one for friends.

My mom always sat in the grandstand at Port Dalhousie to watch races. Before and after the regatta she sat in a lawn chair by our car. At other regattas where there were no grandstands she had her chairs to sit in.

In my mom's later years, she always sat in the grandstand back row in her lawn chair with Marie Holmes of Port Dalhousie as she could no longer do the stairs at the grandstand.

In her later years, my mom sat in [Dad's] car or on her lawn chair by Clint [Page]'s shed.

Despite having strokes in March and May of 1986 she attended Henley in 1986 before passing away in October 1986.

My mom and dad were childhood sweethearts and the year after they were married my dad went to the 1936 Olympics and Mom had to ask Eaton's for her job back to support them.

Rowing and regattas were a way of life for my parents and us children.



The “**Flo**” **Saunders Memorial Trophy** was donated by the Saunders family. Above are Flo’s daughter, Lois Royle, and Claude Saunders before making the inaugural presentation at the 1987 Henley.

Limited space did not allow me to mention Claude’s induction into the Canadian Rowing Hall of Fame in 2016. He was one of its first inductees.

The **Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy** honours a man who began as an 11-year-old coxie at the Brockville R.C., and rose to become one of the most respected rowing executives in Canada.

Craig Swayze (1927-2000) won a Henley medal in the Junior 155 lb. Four in 1947 for the Brockville R.C.. He was also active in the Club off the water, serving as Rowing Captain in 1945 and 1950. After a stint as a sports writer for the *Brockville Recorder and Times* where he publicized rowing in Brockville, Craig moved to the Canadian Press office in Toronto, in 1951, as a general writer specializing in sports. He covered the Henley in 1952, and in 1953 met his future wife, Lois, there. Craig moved to St. Catharines later that fall. He became an award-winning journalist, receiving an Ontario Newspaper Award in 1954, and the Gene Florcyk Memorial Award for Sports Writing three times, 1956, 1962 and 1963. Craig coached St. Catharines Collegiate crews in the 1950’s, having notable success in 1955, when his 145 lb. Eight won its race at the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Regatta, and later that same summer, his eight won the High School Eight race and the Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy at Henley. As a reporter, feature writer and editor for the *St. Catharines Standard*, Craig promoted rowing at every opportunity and was Publicity Director for every major regatta held on the Henley Course. In that role, he edited the Henley programme for 30 or so years. During the 1950s and 1960s, he was a commentator on CBC TV’s coverage of the last day of Henley.

Craig served as Chairman of the III World Rowing Championships which was held on the Henley Course in 1970. For the enormous amount of work he did in making that a successful regatta, Craig was named Air Canada Sports Executive of the Year. He also received the FISA Medal of Honour, the Canada Centennial Medal, and the Vesper Cup, usually presented to an American person or group for outstanding accomplishment in United States rowing. That cup is the bowl on top of the **Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy** and one of the bowl’s inscriptions requires some clarification.

The inscription on the back reads:

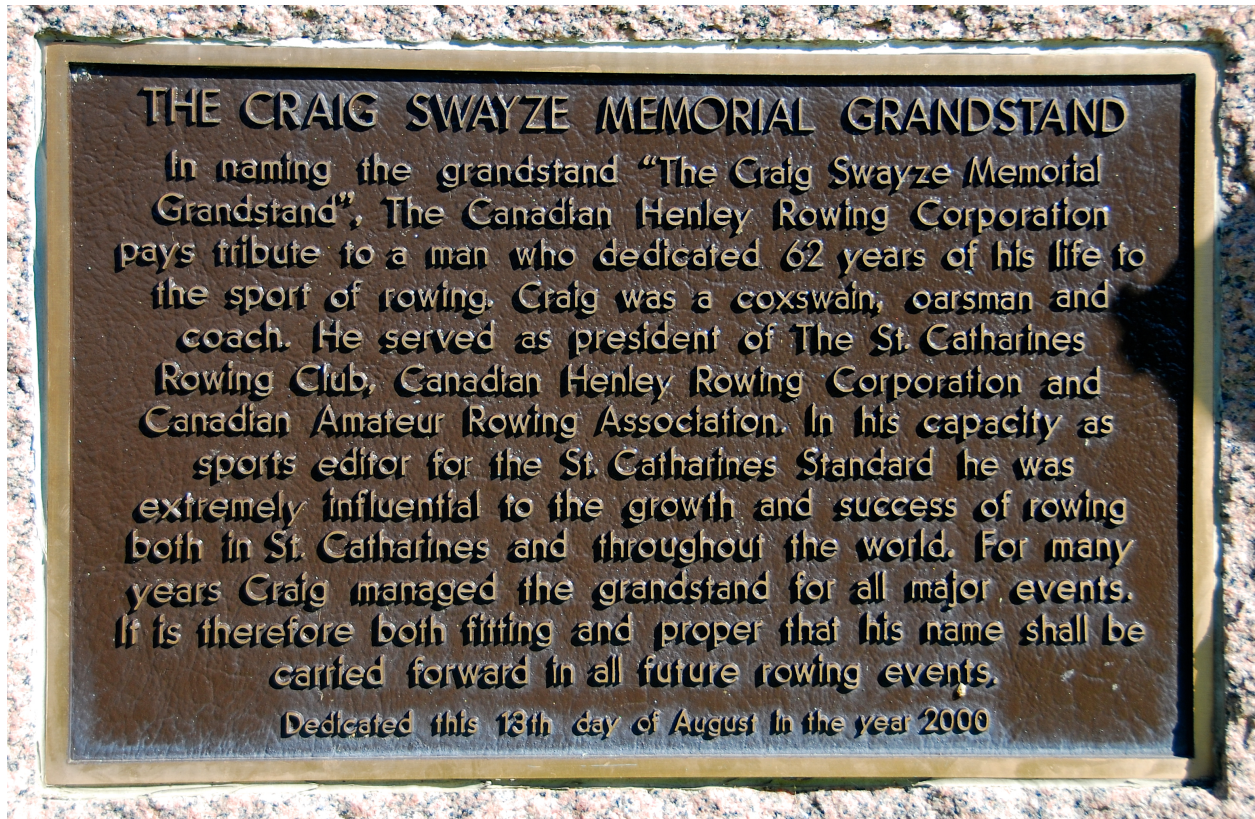
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The original Vesper Cup was presented to the United States Eight which won a gold medal at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. They were a Vesper B.C. crew, hence the name of the trophy. There is an error in the inscription: “XVII OLYMPIAD” is incorrect. It should read: “XVIII OLYMPIAD”. As the inscription says, the inaugural presentation took place on March 27, 1965 at the O.B.R.A., i.e. the Oyster Bay Rowing Association in Long Island, New York. The crew had been invited by Al Lawn, a coach and crew captain at Oyster Bay, to come and put on a demonstration row for the club. After they received their cup, the crew were expected to make a presentation of a Vesper Cup each year, which they did at the National Rowing Foundation’s annual dinner. Craig Swayze received his cup from Emory Clark, a member of the 1964 Vesper/ Olympic Eight at the N.R.F. dinner on January 22, 1971.

[Special thanks to Boyce Budd, a member of the 1964 Vesper/Olympic Eight for his help in sorting out the background to the Vesper Cup.]

Craig was the last President of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen in 1976, and the first President of its successor organization, the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association in 1977. He was President of the St. Catharines R.C. in 1984 and 1985 and President of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation in 1987 and 1988.

In addition to being honoured with a commemorative Henley trophy, the Henley grandstand, where he spent countless hours over 40 or more years, is named in his memory. The commemorative plaque on Main St. in front of the grandstand reads:



Eddie Durnan, for whom the **Eddie Durnan Memorial Trophy** is named, was Ned Hanlan's nephew.

**THE EVENING TELEGRAM. TORONTO. MONDAY. MAY 28. 1928**

**DEATH'S CALL COMES SUDDENLY TO FORMER SCULLING CHAMPION**



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"Eddie" Durnan, all his life a resident at Hanlan's Point, and who was a nephew of the greatest of all Canada's oarsmen, the late "Ned" Hanlan, died last night in St. Michael's Hospital. On Saturday, he had attended the races at the Woodbine. For many years he was the professional sculling champion of America. The pictures show him in his shell whilst in his prime, and as he was in recent years.

He is usually remembered as a professional sculler, but he did compete as an amateur in 1892, at what was then called simply, "the thirteenth annual regatta of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen" in Toronto. He did not do well in the special Half-Mile Dash event in which he broke an oarlock, and in the Senior Single Sculls, he finished fourth. However, he and his Sunnyside R.C. sculling partner John J. Ryan, easily won the Senior Double Sculls by three lengths in a time of 8:28.6 for the one mile and a half straightaway course.

In addition to the Hop Bitters Trophy, Eddie and John received C.A.A.O. medals. Below, in its presentation case, courtesy of Edward English, whose great grandfather was Eddie Durnan's father, is the medal which Eddie Durnan received in 1892.



photo by Brittany Smith

The **Geoffrey Barron Taylor Memorial Trophy** was first presented in 1923 for what was then called the Special 140 lb. Eight, what later became called the Senior 140 lb. Eight. That event, in turn, became the Senior 145 lb. Eight.

The following is an excerpt of the speech which the Detroit B.C. president, Henry P. Williams made at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, on the occasion of the dedication of the trophy:

The Detroit Boat Club has requested me to present to you in their name a perpetual trophy for the 140-lb. eights, and with the permission of your Board we have named this trophy the “Geoffrey Barron Taylor Trophy” in honor of one of your brave oarsmen, a close and esteemed friend of many of us, who laid down his life in the Great War. We hope that the . . . inscription suggested by our beloved and your loyal friend, will meet with your approval. This is not only a trophy to be awarded for skill in rowing; it is an emblem of the high esteem in which the Detroit Boat Club holds the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen and its members. We herewith present this cup to you, Mr. President, with our earnest hope that it may ever be an added bond to bound us together in lasting friendship. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, July 28, 1923. p.1]

Coincidentally, it was a Detroit B.C. crew who won the trophy for the first time.

In the 1980’s, I noticed that, although the trophy was always listed in the Henley programme, it wasn’t available for my photo. This happened every year at Henley, and no one knew why. I checked old Henley programmes for photos of the trophy, and although there were occasional photos of the winners of the Senior 145 lb. Eight, they were never holding a trophy. However, the 1962 Henley programme contains a team photo of the St. Catharines R.C. which was taken in August, 1961. The photo also includes the trophies and plaques which the Club won at the 1961 Henley. One of those trophies is the **Geoffrey Barron Taylor Memorial Trophy**. That was the last documented appearance of the trophy, yet it continued to be listed in the programme into the 1990s. So, I started asking around. Most of the Henley volunteers I knew had been around for a long time. Surely, I thought, someone will know what happened to it. If not, we should at least remove it from the programme. I obviously asked the right people, because one afternoon many months after I started inquiring about the trophy, I got a phone call from Bruce Erskine asking me to drop by his home for a beer. Bill Bunston was there, and the two of them led me into Bruce’s rec room, and there was a very tall silver trophy. It was tarnished, and it had several dents in it, and had a slight tilt to it. I didn’t know what it was until Bruce said, “I hear you’re looking for the Geoffrey Taylor Trophy.” Then it clicked: here was the long-lost trophy. They refused to tell me where it had been, saying only that a third person had passed it on to them.

That afternoon, I dropped the trophy off at Dianne Stevenson’s home. Dianne was in charge of the trophies at Henley. That year, 1998, the **Geoffrey Barron Taylor Memorial Trophy** was presented for the first time in over 30 years. It was reassigned to the Senior B Women’s Eight. A University of Victoria crew were the first ones to have their photo taken with the newly polished and straightened trophy. A few years later, a wooden base was added and a few years after that the top broke off at the point where it had been straightened in 1998. The top was then fixed to the wooden base without the original silver base.

The scenes depicted on opposite sides of the trophy are of an eight with the Detroit B.C. clubhouse in the background.

The **Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy** is named for Ned Hanlan. It's hard for 21st century Canadians to appreciate just how popular Hanlan was in the 19th century. In his 1933 book, *Rowing in Canada Since 1849*, Robert S. Hunter tries to put Hanlan into a context his readers would comprehend, and compares Hanlan to the most popular sports figure of Hunter's day, Babe Ruth. He also compares Hanlan's winnings as a professional sculler to Ruth's earnings as a baseball player and prize fighter Jack Dempsey's earnings as the heavyweight champion of the world. Today, we might say that Ned Hanlan was the Sidney Crosby of his era.

To get some idea of his popularity, when Hanlan won the U.S. Centennial Regatta in Philadelphia in 1876, the entire city of Toronto came down to the waterfront to greet him when he arrived home by steamer.

At the Barrie Regatta of 1878, a special train filled with thousands of fans made the trek from Toronto to see Hanlan beat nine opponents on Kempenfeleldt Bay.

His popularity wasn't limited to Toronto or Canada. In May, 1880, an estimated 100,000 people lined the banks of the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., to watch Hanlan beat Charles Courtney.

Later that same year, in November, in front of a similar size crowd, 100,000 spectators, Hanlan easily beat Australian world champion Edward Trickett on the Thames River, London, to become the new world champion.

To honour Hanlan, a community in New South Wales, Australia was renamed Toronto.

His civic funeral in 1908 was attended by an estimated 10,000 mourners.

In 1926, a monument in his honour was erected in Exhibition Park. It was moved to Hanlan's Point on Toronto Island in 2003.

Hanlan's link to the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta is tenuous. In 1880, when the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen was canvassing the city of Toronto for donations to purchase trophies for its first regatta, Hanlan donated \$100 to the fund. It was a significant donation - roughly equal to four month's wages for a labourer - but perhaps as important was the fact that he was lending his name to the fledgling organization and regatta, and in doing so, he was giving them credibility. In addition, at that First Regatta, he donated two cups as prizes for the Double Sculls Inrigged event which were won by London's Forest City R.C... At the the Thirteenth Annual Regatta of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen held in Toronto in 1892, he donated a gold medal for a special half mile dash for singles. Edwin Hedley from Vesper B.C. won the Edward Hanlan Medal. Hanlan also attended the first Henley Regatta on the new course in St. Catharines in 1903 and "gave his opinion that it was the finest he ever saw." [*Weekly Standard*, August 13, 1903.] After his death, several of his friends contributed to a fund to have a trophy made in his name. The **Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy** has been in competition since 1910. In 1920, a University of Toronto crew rowing in Argonaut R.C. colours won the trophy. That win had added significance to the crew, since Ned Hanlan had been the first coach of the University of Toronto R.C. in 1897. He also coached for a year at the Ottawa R.C.. In 1982, the Hanlan B.C., the Toronto club named after Ned Hanlan, won the trophy, and Margaret Hanlan, Ned's daughter, made the presentation.



### AND HANLAN IS THE NAME!

Color it Hanlan! That was the story of the Championship Eight at last year's Henley 100. Hanlan Boat Club of Toronto captured the regatta windup to win the Ned Hanlan Memorial Trophy, then got to pose with Margaret Hanlan, the only surviving daughter of the famed Canadian sculler. With Miss Hanlan in front, the crew is, left to right, front: stroke Jim Relle, cox Michael Grieg and John Houlding; back: Curt Pieckenhagen, Tim Bristow, Martin Mai, Steve Beatty, Mike Evans and Ted Gibson.

In 1955, he was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1980, Canada Post issued a Ned Hanlan commemorative stamp.

The 1986 movie, *The Boy in Blue*, starring Nicolas Cage as Ned Hanlan, was filmed in part on the Henley Course. Dozens of St. Catharines area oarsmen had roles as extras. Champion St. Catharines R.C. sculler Brian Thorne played Fred Plaisted, one of Hanlan's most difficult opponents.

In 2016, he was one of the first inductees into the Canadian Rowing Hall of Fame.

Limited space for the trophy's entry in the database did not allow me to include one more inscription on the **Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy**. On the bowl, on the opposite side of the main inscription, is engraved an idyllic waterside scene with the caption, "Hanlans childhood home Toronto Island".

This is the newspaper description of the trophy when it was first presented:

The Hanlan Memorial Trophy for senior eights in the C.A.A.O. was founded this year. It is the gift of a number of friends of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, and is to be competed for yearly at the annual regatta of the association, and to be held by the winner for the succeeding year only.

This trophy, which is 36 inches high is made entirely of sterling silver of a heavy weight, approximately 450 ounces.

The cup is of unique design, the style of the bowl being of the loving cup series, deeply fluted on the body and supported by three massive laurel and ribbon handles. On the panel of each of the three sides of the bowl appears the presentation and memorial inscription, an exact representation of Edward

Hanlan's early childhood on Toronto Island and also an exact representation of the championship of an eight-oared race on the Henley course, St. Catharines.

Applied on the base are twenty shields, each to contain the names of the winners from year to year. [The Toronto *Globe*, August 6, 1910, p.19]

We are also told that it cost \$1,500, [The Toronto *Globe*, August 8, 1910, p.9] an enormous sum in 1910.

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Canada's Sports Hall of Fame: <http://www.sportshall.ca/honoured-members/27712/ned-hanlan/>

Toronto: Relocation of Ned Hanlan's Monument: [http://www.toronto.ca/culture/hanlan\\_2004.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/culture/hanlan_2004.htm)

Toronto's Historical Plaques: [http://www.torontoplaques.com/Pages\\_MNO/Ned\\_Hanlan.html](http://www.torontoplaques.com/Pages_MNO/Ned_Hanlan.html)

*Wikipedia*: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ned\\_Hanlan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ned_Hanlan)

The **Joseph Wright Challenge Cup**. Space did not allow me to give Joe Wright's partners in the Pairs races he won at the annual regattas of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, the predecessor of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. They were: 1889 with F.H. Thompson for the Toronto R.C.; 1893 with W.J. Bryce (Toronto R.C.); 1895 with P.J. Mulqueen (Toronto R.C.); 1897 and 1898 with F.H. Thompson for the Argonaut R.C.; 1900 with D.R. MacKenzie (Argonaut R.C.).

Joe had great success as a coach at Pennsylvania University from 1915 to 1926, but it was his idea to establish a lightweight category in 1917 which has had the greatest influence on the sport world wide. His 150 lb. Penn crews won all but one race from 1919 to 1928. A Joseph Wright Challenge Cup, emblematic of Eastern collegiate lightweight rowing was dedicated in his honour. The Henley trophy with the same name was dedicated years later, in 1929.

Joe also served as President of the Argonaut R.C..

Online:

Canada's Sports Hall of Fame: <http://www.sportshall.ca/honoured-members/27592/joe-wright-sr-2-2/>

In 1925, Lou Scholes donated the **Lou Scholes Trophy** for the winner of the Association Single. Because the Intermediate Single event had been dropped from the programme in 1919, winners of the Junior Single had no option but to compete against experienced scullers in the Senior Single. The U.S. National Regatta had an Association Single event which Scholes had won in 1903. In addition to providing an intermediate-type race, it served as a filter for the Senior

Single because only winners of the Association Single were permitted to compete in the Senior event. Scholes liked the idea, and when he proposed donating the trophy, the CAAO accepted it and added the Association Single to its programme.

It is not clear when the **Lou Scholes Trophy** was retired from competition, but in 1974, the Jack Guest Memorial Trophy was donated for competition in the Association Single.

The **Lou Scholes Trophy** has disappeared, however, its base with three tarnished shields for 1929, 1930 and 1931 is in the City of Toronto Archives.

City of Toronto Archives photos. Fonds 489, Series 2361, File 25



For many years it was thought that the **Muir Challenge Cup** was donated by the Muir brothers who operated a dry dock until 1946 adjacent to the Henley Course where Rennie Park now sits. They were a large family. Five of the brothers operated the dry dock from 1850 to 1946. When the Henley was established in 1903, the back of the first grandstand abutted the dry dock. It made sense that one of the biggest industries in Port Dalhousie would donate a trophy to a regatta which took place on a body of water which was commonly called Muir's Pond.

However, an article which appeared in the *Toronto Globe*, the *Toronto Daily Star*, and the *St. Catharines Daily Standard* states unequivocally that the trophy was donated in 1907 by William C. Muir, a Canadian who was then living in New York City:

## ROWING

### A PATRIOTIC CANADIAN

William C. Muir of New York, a former Canadian, has donated a challenge cup for junior singles at the Royal Canadian Henley regatta, to be held at Port Dalhousie, Aug. 2 and 3.

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At a meeting of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Committee last night at the King Edward it was decided to accept Mr. Muir's challenge cup. [The *Toronto Globe*, June 18, 1907, p.7]

Here is the full page layout promoting the trophy as it appeared in the early programmes. This is from the 1910 programme, but it appears the same in earlier programmes.



MUIR CHALLENGE CUP FOR JUNIOR SINGLE SCULLS

To be competed for in single scull shells by junior scullers belonging to any club rowing under the auspices of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, at the permanent course near St. Catharines, the winning club to hold the cup until it is won by another club affiliated with the Association, with this exception, that if it be won twice in succession by any junior scullers belonging to the same club, who were born in the City of St. Catharines or in the Village of Port Dalhousie, or should have resided in either of these places for a period of not less than three years immediately preceding the race, then the cup will become the permanent property of the club to which the winners belong.

The *Daily Standard* gives us some additional information about William C. Muir:

As evidence of the fact that Port's sons do not forget their native birth place, the presentation of a handsome trophy by William A.[sic] Muir of New York City to the Royal Canadian Henley for competition between Port and St. Kitts scullers has just been made public. Details of Mr. Muir's gift will be found in the rowing column, sporting page. Mr. Muir is a son of Capt. Wm. Muir of this place. [The St. Catharines *Daily Standard*, June 18, 1907, p.6]

Captain William Muir and his brother Alexander founded the Muir Brothers Dry Dock in Port Dalhousie and eventually brought in three more brothers, Bryce, David and Archibald. William died in 1909 in Port Dalhousie. He and his wife, Christina (née Cavers), had ten children. William Cavers Muir was the third born (1866). Some time before 1907, he moved to New York City where he may have worked as a plumber. However, around 1911, he returned home and joined the Dry Dock. He lived the rest of his life in Port Dalhousie, dying in 1948.

The caption below the photo above states the conditions, slightly edited, which Mr. Muir specified when he donated the Cup. One of those conditions tells us how strong his connection with St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie was:

"... if it be won twice in succession by any sculler belonging to the same club, who was born in the City of St. Catharines or in the Village of Port Dalhousie, or should have resided in either of these places for a period of not less than three years immediately preceding the race, then the cup will become the permanent property of the club to which the winner belongs." [The Toronto *Globe*, June 18, 1907 p.7]

His name crops up in connection with the 1915 Canadian Henley. We are told that "Mr. William C. Muir of Port Dalhousie" [The Toronto *Daily Star*, August 9, 1915, p.8] sat in a box seat in the grandstand at the 1915 Regatta and also attended the prize presentations at the Welland House. Although the article doesn't say, we can assume that he made the presentation of the Muir Challenge Cup to Harry Dibble from the Don R.C..

## **History of the People of Port Dalhousie Trophy**

*By Bill Stevens*

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta has been held in Port Dalhousie since 1903. Most crews winning their event receive a trophy upon which the crew members' names and their club name are engraved. With the expansion of the number of events, change in weights and categories, there is always a need to update the trophy list and place a new trophy into competition.

Port Dalhousie was an independent Town prior to amalgamation with St. Catharines on January 1, 1961. Residents of 'Port' have always been active in the Regatta in all aspects. Dan Kostuk, a Port resident, had been involved for many years, particularly in the 'tower' keeping track of the event results and points awarded. Dan also had worked for the late Ted Nelson, who at that time stored the Regatta trophies. Ted had inherited a box of unused bits and pieces along with the trophy chair position. One day Ted decided to clean up the storage area and decided to toss out the box. Dan, was given the job and prior to discarding the box, went through the contents. One item, a battered up vase, was retrieved by Dan from the box, with Ted's blessing, before it went into the trash bin. Time passed by.

In early 1984, Dan Kostuk approached friend Bill Stevens, another life long Port resident, with the idea of resurrecting the old vase into a 'new' trophy to recognize the contribution to rowing by residents of Port Dalhousie in the past, present and into the future. Bill agreed that a trophy donation to the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association (C.A.R.A.) for a Royal Canadian Henley Regatta event would be a great idea. Dan and Bill quickly decided upon the name of the trophy "The People of Port Dalhousie."

Investigation into the old vase's origin and the possibility that it had been a Henley trophy proved fruitless. But Dan continued to feel that at some point in time that it must have been a Henley trophy or Ted would not have had it. Dan spent several weeks visiting local trophy outlets and jewelers to ascertain the cost of repairing the damaged vase or designing a suitable trophy that could represent over 80 years of involvement of the people of Port Dalhousie. No one locally was interested in trying to repair the old vase, and Bill was looking more into acquiring a 'new' trophy. However Dan was insistent upon resurrecting the old vase and never one to let an idea go, Dan took a suggestion from one of the jewelers, to send it to a jewelry repair company in Mississauga, Burke and Wallace Ltd., for their assessment.

On October 23, 1984, Bill contacted Claude Saunders, Regatta Chair to request permission to donate a trophy to be known as "The People of Port Dalhousie." Subsequently, the response from C.A.R.A. was favourable and guidelines and a list of 3 events to choose from were provided. The Senior Lightweight Women's Eight event was chosen by Dan and Bill.

With the ground work well underway, it was time to start promoting the idea and raising some funds for the eventual trophy. A decision was made to approach a local citizens group known as Port Dalhousie Quorum (PDQ) to see if they would become involved in the project. At their meeting of February 11, 1985, PDQ unanimously agreed to the project, as long as Dan and Bill continued in the endeavour, especially to raise the funds and obtain the trophy. Dan and Bill agreed and were appointed co-chairs of the project.

On March 25, 1985, Bill advised Claude Saunders of the status of the "People of Port Dalhousie" trophy with respect to being undertaken under the auspices of the PDQ, that fund raising would commence on April 1, 1985 and that he fully anticipated presenting a trophy for the next Senior Lightweight Women's Eight event at Henley. Fund raising did begin and donations began to arrive in PDQ's trophy account.

In April 1985, Bill received a telephone call from Burke & Wallace Ltd. to advise that they had done a summary inspection of the vase and advised that it would take at least eight weeks to repair, with no guarantee until they could spend some time and money to start and then confirm that it could indeed be repaired to their satisfaction. They provided the following details of their initial inspection for consideration: unusual form, unique, Sterling (solid silver), made likely c. 1920's, if repaired successfully a retail value of at least \$3,000, made in the United Kingdom, vase 10 3/4-inch high, weight 0.94 kilograms, the vase would need a base (suggested minimum 6-inch solid Walnut in dark finish), inscription plaque should go on base and not inscribe the vase proper. It was agreed that initial work would be undertaken and a cost estimate provided prior to final okay to proceed. A couple of weeks later Bill was informed that all dents and the

twist could be repaired and that the trophy would certainly be a surprise when we received it back, as well as the vase being upgraded to one of "irreplaceable" status. Subsequently, on April 28 Burke & Wallace Ltd. were instructed to proceed.

Fund raising for the total project costs for repair, shipping, insurance and other costs was easier than anticipated and halted when over 30 donations received made the effort successful.

In early July, Burke & Wallace Ltd. called to advise that the trophy was finished and insisted that they would not ship the trophy without insurance, as it was too valuable. Arrangements were made to pick it up at the firm's place of business in Mississauga. Upon seeing the trophy, it was impossible to believe that it was indeed the same vase that had been discarded, it was truly sparkling. We now had a very symbolic trophy, one we hoped had previously been a Henley trophy that was now a renewed one representing the past, present and future involvement of the residents of Port Dalhousie in the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.

On Sunday, August 11, 1985 the "People of Port Dalhousie" trophy, to be awarded annually to the winner of the Senior Lightweight Women's Eight, was presented to the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association by Port Dalhousie Quorum President Tom Challen and Directors Gordon Robinson and Sam Charles. Donald Hornby accepted the trophy on behalf of CARA. Bill Stevens then presented the trophy and medals to the winning crew from the St. Catharines Rowing Club.

#### History Post Script:

A recent project by the St. Catharines Public Library to scan old Henley programs included one from 1904. On page 15, a [photograph] shows the Challenge Cup for Single Sculls, [a] sterling silver vase trophy. Dan Kostuk passed away in 1991 and I cannot help but think that he would have been pleased to see this picture, as it sure looks like the current "People of Port Dalhousie" trophy.

[Bill Stevens was a St. Catharines R.C. coxie. He won Henley medals in the 1963 Senior 135 lb. Eight and the 1964 Junior 155 lb. Eight. Bill is an active researcher of local history.]

When Frank Dwyer, affectionately known as "The Silver Fox" made the inaugural presentation of the **Silver Fox Trophy** to an Argonaut Senior Lightweight Women's Quad at the 2012 Henley, he invited the crew to the adjacent patio lounge to drink some beer out of the trophy's bowl. Every winning crew since then has taken the trophy to the lounge and sipped some beer in Frank's memory. It has become a tradition, a requisite part of the trophy's presentation.

Until now, a complete and accurate list of the winners of the **St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award**, did not exist. Even the inscriptions on the trophy contain gaps and errors. Here are the regatta champions from 1979 when this Award replaced the Maple Leaf Trophy which was also presented in 1979— to the St. Catharines R.C.—before being retired:

1979 - Brockville R.C.  
1980 - Western R.C.  
1981- Brockville R.C.  
1982 - University of Victoria  
1983 - University of British Columbia  
1984 - U.S. Lightweight Development Camp at Dartmouth College  
1985 - Schuylkill Navy  
1986 - Detroit R.C.  
1987 - Penn A.C.  
1988 - Penn A.C.  
1989 - Penn A.C.  
1990 - Don R.C.  
1991 - Western R.C.  
1992 - Club Espana  
1993 - University of Victoria  
1994 - University of Victoria  
1995 - Bachelors Barge Club  
1996 - University of British Columbia  
1997 - University of Victoria  
1998 - Cincinnati Junior Development Camp  
1999 - Argonaut R.C.  
2000 - Ridley Graduate B.C.  
2001 - University of Victoria  
2002 - Ridley Graduate B.C.  
2003 - University of British Columbia  
2004 - Vesper B.C.  
2005 - Kingston R.C.  
2006 - Kingston R.C.  
2007 - Victoria City R.C.  
2008 - Boston R.C.  
2009 - South Niagara R.C.  
2010 - St. Catharines R.C.  
2011 - University of Victoria  
2012 - California R.C.  
2013 - California R.C.  
2014 - New York A.C.  
2015 - Mendota R.C.  
2016 - California R.C.  
2017 - St. Catharines R.C.  
2018 - Asociación Argentina de Remo

2019 - University of British Columbia  
2022 - Cambridge B.C.  
2023 - Belen Jesuit Preparatory School  
2024 - California R.C.  
2025 - California R.C.

The **Tank Trophy**. There wasn't enough space to list all of Lou Tank's doubles partners, other than his brother Bill "Red". In 1944 and 1945, Lou and Jim Cameron won the Senior 145 Double. In 1946 and 1947, Lou and Russ Reynolds won the Senior Double. Lou also won the Senior 145 lb. Double with Church Piros in 1946.

The story of the Tank brothers, Vernon "Mike", Charles "Peter", William "Red" and Louis, and their father Charles is fascinating. A document tracing the history of the Ecorse B.C. which details a lot of the contribution of the Tanks, can be found in [Rafting the Waters and Pulling and Oar For Ecorse](#) a downloadable PDF by Kathy Warnes.

To be clear, although the names listed on the trophy are Mike, Peter, William and Louis, Mike was christened Vernon, and Peter was named for his father, Charles. William was known as Bill or Red, and Louis is usually called Lou in the records.

The **Thomas Edison Lane Perpetual Trophy** was presented by the Junior oarsmen of the Detroit B.C. to Thomas Edison Lane at a testimonial dinner in his honour on October 23, 1935. Since the trophy was meant for the winner of the Junior 140 lb. Eight, and since Detroit B.C. crews had won that event in 1934 and 1935, the date 1934 appears on the trophy. However, the first crew to receive the trophy in 1936 was from the Wyandotte B.C..

In 2014, the **Thomas Edison Lane Perpetual Trophy** was refurbished by the grandchildren of Thomas Edison Lane. His Grandson Dick Lane, and great granddaughter Katie Lane made the presentation of the refurbished trophy to the Western R.C., winners of the Senior Lightweight Men's Quad.



There is one more puzzle about the **Thomas G. Gannon Memorial Trophy**. We know that it was donated, but not presented, at the 1955 Henley.

During the program of events, CAAO Pres. Jack Guest and Past Pres. Joe Wright[, Jr.] accepted a beautiful new trophy for Henley competition. The presentation was made by Coach Jud Ross of Detroit Rowing Club on behalf of the two Detroit clubs, of the John [sic] Gannon Memorial, honouring that deceased boat builder of the Motor City and life-long friend of Coach Ross. The CAAO executive will designate which class of competition shall contest the new trophy, at their annual meeting in Toronto the first Saturday in next December. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 2, 1955, p.16]

The minutes of the March Executive Committee meeting of the CAAO tell us that: "It was moved by C. Saunders, seconded by R.R. Wood, that the Tom Gannoon [sic] Trophy recently presented to the C.A.A.O. be placed in competition for Junior 135-lb. Eights.

CARRIED" [Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen. Meeting of the Executive Committee. Toronto. March 24, 1956]

Newspaper photos exist which show it being presented in 1956. The problem is, the presentation is being made to the winners of the Senior 145 lb. Eight, the Argonaut R.C.. Presumably, those photos were simply meant to show off the new trophy. Today, the winning Junior 135 lb. Eight clubs and their times from 1951 to 1962 are listed on the trophy, including the 1956 winners, the St. Catharines R.C. (but not the Senior 145 lb. Argonaut crew). The 1962 Henley programme is the first to clearly state that the **Thomas G. Gannon Memorial Trophy** is meant for the winners of the Junior 135 lb. Eight.

Thomas Gannon and George Pocock were two of the pre-eminent boat builders in the United States in the late 1930s and early 1940s. So how much did a pre-eminent boat builder earn in 1939? I don't know George Pocock's income, but census figures tell us that Thomas Gannon earned \$2,190 in 1939, a respectable wage for the time. Even though Thomas Gannon is closely connected to the Detroit B.C., Kathy Warnes devotes a chapter to him in *Rafting The Waters And Pulling An Oar For Ecorse: The Story Of The Ecorse Rowing Club*. ( <http://ruthspangler.wordpress.com/rafting-the-waters-and-pulling-and-oar-for-ecorse/> )

Brian and Vanessa Thorne, donors of the **Thorne Family Trophy**, rowed for the St. Catharines R.C..

Brian's Henley wins: 1970 Junior 135 lb. Eight; 1971 Senior 145 lb. Eight; 1972 Senior 145 lb. Coxed Four; 1974 Senior 145 lb. Double with David Mossop; 1975 Association Single; 1976 Championship Single; 1978 Senior 155 lb. Single, 1979 Open Single, 1981 Open 155 lb. Quad; 1982 to 1986 Senior 155 lb. Quad; 1983 and 1985 Senior Quad.

Brian's daughter, Vanessa, and Olina Hadala won the Junior Women's Double and Pair in 1993. Vanessa also won: 1994 Junior Women's Four and Quad; 1996 Intermediate Lightweight Women's Eight; 2005 Lightweight Women's Eights Dash; 2008 Senior Lightweight Women's Quad for New York A.C..

Brian is the holder of some unique rowing-related distinctions. In 1976, he was the first St. Catharines R.C. sculler to win the Championship Single. That same year, Brian served as Ken Danby's model for his watercolour painting, *The Sculler*, which was one of six works representing Olympic disciplines commissioned by the National Centre for Sport and Recreation. In 1986, Brian, playing Fred Plaisted, sculled against Nicolas Cage, playing Ned Hanlan in the movie *The Boy in Blue*, which was filmed in part on the Henley Course.

Brian's other rowing accomplishments include winning a silver medal at the 1979 FISA Lightweight Rowing Championships, a bronze medal at the 1981 FISA Lightweight Rowing

Championships, and a gold medal at the 1987 Pan American Games with John Murphy in the Men's Lightweight Double.

In 1993, when Vanessa and Olina Hadala won the Junior Women's Double, there was no trophy, so it was fitting that the **Thorne Family Trophy** be donated for that event in 2001.

Brian and Vanessa share one unique accomplishment. At the 2012 Henley Masters Regatta, the father and daughter (listed in the programme by her married name, Vanessa Moors) were half of the Mixed "D" Quad which won their race.

Brian and Vanessa are not the only members of the Thorne family to win a Henley race. In 1965, Brian's older brother, Gary, was in the St. Catharines R.C. crew that won the Junior 145 lb. Eight.

There is not enough room to list all the Past Presidents with the entry for the **West Side Rowing Club Past President's Trophy**. Here is the complete list:

Michael J. Byrne; Michael J. Broderick; John H. Dorr; Thorman M. Schaab; Alfred A. Gugino; Erwin J. Fox; Erwin Konrad; William J. Cotter; William C. Moore; John W. Dorn; Lewis J. Cardwell; Gabriel J. Ferber; John M. Cartus; Phillip C. Wilson; Jay Meyers; John J. Cotter; James R. Schaab; Edward C. Corr; Aileen M. McNamara; William J. Maggio; Robert G. Spampata; Paul G. Joyce; Robert Spampata; Richard Schaus; Ted Marks; Kirk Dorn.

#### AKA

The names I have used for the trophies are the names which appear on the trophies themselves. For the nineteenth century trophies, which have no names engraved on them, I have used the names by which they were called in the 1880s and 1890s.

Some trophy names are occasionally shortened in print, but they are still recognizable. I have used their full names.

A few trophy names regularly appeared with annoying typos, some of which were propagated for many years. I have corrected those errors.

Finally, six trophies were known by incorrect names for many years. Here are the corrections:

The A.G. Muir Challenge Cup Trophy should be the **Muir Challenge Cup**.

The Fry and Thoburn Trophy should be the **Bill and Harry Trophy**.

The Harvey Hutcheon Trophy should be the **"Hutch" Trophy**.

The Henley Trophy should be the **Coopers & Lybrand Trophy**.

The Jamie Wilson Memorial Trophy should be the **"Now Jim" Award**.

The Potomac Boat Club Trophy should be the **Harris/Fisher Trophy**.

#### Alphabet Soup

To save space, some acronyms were used both by the engravers of the trophy inscriptions and by me in my notes. Here's what they stand for:

A.C. - Athletic Club

B.C. - Boat Club

FISA - *Fédération internationale des sociétés d'aviron* (International Federation of Rowing Associations) is the governing body of the sport of rowing.

N.A.A.O. - National Association of Amateur Oarsmen

R.A. - Rowing Association

R.C. - Rowing Club

R.C.H.R. - Royal Canadian Henley Regatta

The governing body of rowing in Canada has been known by three names:

C.A.A.O. - Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen. The organization was founded in 1880 and sponsored the first championship regatta in Toronto, called simply The First Regatta of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen. The first President was Henry O'Brien. The last President was Craig Swayze in 1976.

C.A.R.A. - Canadian Amateur Rowing Association. The word "Oarsmen" was dropped to better reflect the make-up of competitors in the 1970s. The first President was Craig Swayze in 1977. It is still the legal name of the organization.

R.C.A. - Rowing Canada Aviron. This is the commonly used name of the governing body of rowing in Canada today.

H.A.A. - The Henley Aquatic Association  
and

C.H.R.C. - The Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation

From 1880 to 1920, "local regatta committees" of host clubs were responsible for running the annual regattas of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen. When the Canadian Henley Regatta began in 1903 in St. Catharines, the St. Catharines Rowing and Canoe Club was formed with the main purpose of hosting the regatta. The Club fell on hard times during and after World War I, and could not carry out its responsibilities, and so, in 1921, the Henley Aquatic Association was established. It had as its dual purposes, running the Canadian Henley Regatta and maintaining the facilities around the course. The Henley Aquatic Association Ltd. was incorporated as a company, granted a charter by the Ontario Government for the "promotion of non-profit-bearing amateur rowing sport" and signed its first contract with the C.A.A.O.. The first President of the Henley Aquatic Association was Major Henry Burgoyne who held the office for 27 consecutive years. That organization had the course dredged - several times - built the current grandstand, installed the pylons and starting gates, and made hundreds of improvements on and around the course.

In 1973, the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation was formed. It took over the responsibilities of the Henley Aquatic Association as well as those of the Henley Island Development Corporation and the 1970 World Rowing Championships Canada Corporation. The C.H.R.C. continues to maintain and make improvements to the Henley Course and its facilities.

Port Dalhousie

Today, Port Dalhousie is a Ward within the city of St. Catharines in the north-west part of the city where the Henley Course is located. In 1903, when the Canadian Henley Regatta began, Port Dalhousie was a village, traces of which can still be seen at the end of the modern Course and north of Main St. towards Lake Ontario. Street signs which say "Heritage District" indicate original streets of the village. In 1961, the village of Port Dalhousie was amalgamated with the city of St. Catharines.

Thanks

One of the joys of doing the kind of research I do is getting in touch with some great people. A few have helped me before, but I've made some new friends while researching the trophies. To everyone who helped, *Thank You!*

John Armitage - Kingston Rowing Club  
Don Arnold - Vancouver Rowing Club  
Marc Ayotte - Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy  
Richard Bell - Thomas Edison Lane Perpetual Trophy and Thomas G. Gannon Memorial Trophy  
Michael L. Broderick - Michael J. Broderick Memorial Trophy  
Boyce Budd - Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy (Vesper Cup)  
Brian Carr - Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy  
Kit Casey - St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Efficiency Award  
Emory Clark - Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy (Vesper Cup)  
Brian Colgan - Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy (Vesper Cup)  
Bill Cotter - West Side Rowing Club  
Lynda Dundas - Don Rowing Club  
Ted English - Eddie Durnan Memorial Trophy and Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy  
Joel Finlay - Justin Fryer Trophy  
Brian Fisher - Silver Fox Trophy  
Sheila Fronk - Henley Island Helpers  
Justin Fryer - Justin Fryer Trophy  
George Gage - Claude (Sandy) Saunders Trophy and G.W. (Paddy) Cline Trophy  
Dennis Gannon - Thomas G. Gannon Memorial Trophy  
Cy Goshgarian - Henley "100" Trophy  
Dick Grossman - Dartmouth Rowing Club  
Victor Gustavison - Ralph Manktelow Trophy  
Kevin Harris - Harris/Fisher Trophy  
John Hogan - Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy (Vesper Cup)  
Carol James - Lancaster, Brooks & Welch 125th Anniversary Trophy  
Martyn Judson - Raymond Judson Trophy  
Pam King - Tyler King Memorial Trophy  
Sandra Kirby - Sandra Kirby Perpetual Trophy  
Dick Lane - Thomas Edison Lane Perpetual Trophy  
Katie Lane - Thomas Edison Lane Perpetual Trophy  
Goca Lebl - Don Rowing Club  
Fred Loek - Fred Loek Trophy  
Viola Lyons - Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy

Joe Lyttle - Ralph Jaques Memorial Trophy and Ralph Manktelow Trophy  
Bruce Macdonald - Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy  
Richard MacFarlane - Ralph Manktelow Trophy  
Debbie Macgregor - Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy  
Stephen Malbouef - Detroit Rowing Club  
Pat Marshall - Brockville Rowing Club  
Gerry Martin - Ralph Jaques Memorial Trophy  
George McCauley - George F. Galt Memorial Trophy  
Jim Minards - St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association  
Bill Moore - West Side Rowing Club  
Greg Murphy, Sr. - Murphy Bros. Trophy  
Michael Murphy - Raymond Judson Trophy  
Ted Nash - Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy (Vesper Cup)  
Linda Novotny - Anthony "Tony" Novotny Trophy  
Anthony Percival - Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy  
Gillian Perry - Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy (Vesper Cup)  
Paul Pringle - Brockville Rowing Club  
Mike Purcer - Rodger Sellars Trophy  
Bill Ross - Rodger Sellars Trophy  
Lois Royle - "Flo" Saunders Memorial Trophy  
Jim Schaab - West Side Rowing Club  
Adela Sepe - Calder Cleland Memorial Trophy  
Virginia Page Sommer - Page Memorial Masters Club Efficiency Trophy  
Grant Sommers - Argonaut Rowing Club  
Bill Stevens - People of Port Dalhousie Trophy, Thomas G. Gannon Memorial Trophy, and W.T. Tait Memorial Trophy  
Nancy Storrs - St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Efficiency Award  
Carolyn Taylor-Smith - Justin Fryer Trophy  
Lisa Terreberry - Tom McGuinness Memorial Trophy  
Stuart Trembly - Dartmouth Rowing Club  
Darcy Osborne - St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Efficiency Award  
Harry Vanderlugt - Ralph Manktelow Trophy  
Perry Wakulich - "Now Jim" Award and Ralph Jaques Memorial Trophy  
Kathy Warnes - Tank Trophy and Thomas G. Gannon Memorial Trophy  
Tom Weil - Craig Swayze Memorial Trophy (Vesper Cup)  
Cathy Wilson - Ralph Manktelow Trophy  
Pat Young - Ralph Jaques Memorial Trophy

The idea to do something like this was sparked during an informal chat with Craig Swayze, between races at a Henley, many years ago.

Bill Schenck gave me the green light and encouraged me to build this database. Thanks Bill.

Jim Schaab deserves special mention. When I needed information about the West Side Rowing Club, and the many trophies that organization has presented to the Henley Regatta, it was Jim who either provided it for me, or put me in touch with someone else who could help. He also sent me useful newspaper clippings and photos.

I am grateful to the St. Catharines Public Library for granting me access to the trophies which were then on permanent display at the Central Library. I must make special mention of Robyn Kish who always went out of her way to make me welcome.

See also the St. Catharines Public Library's Royal Canadian Henley Regatta database:  
<http://henley.stcatharines.library.on.ca:1967/>

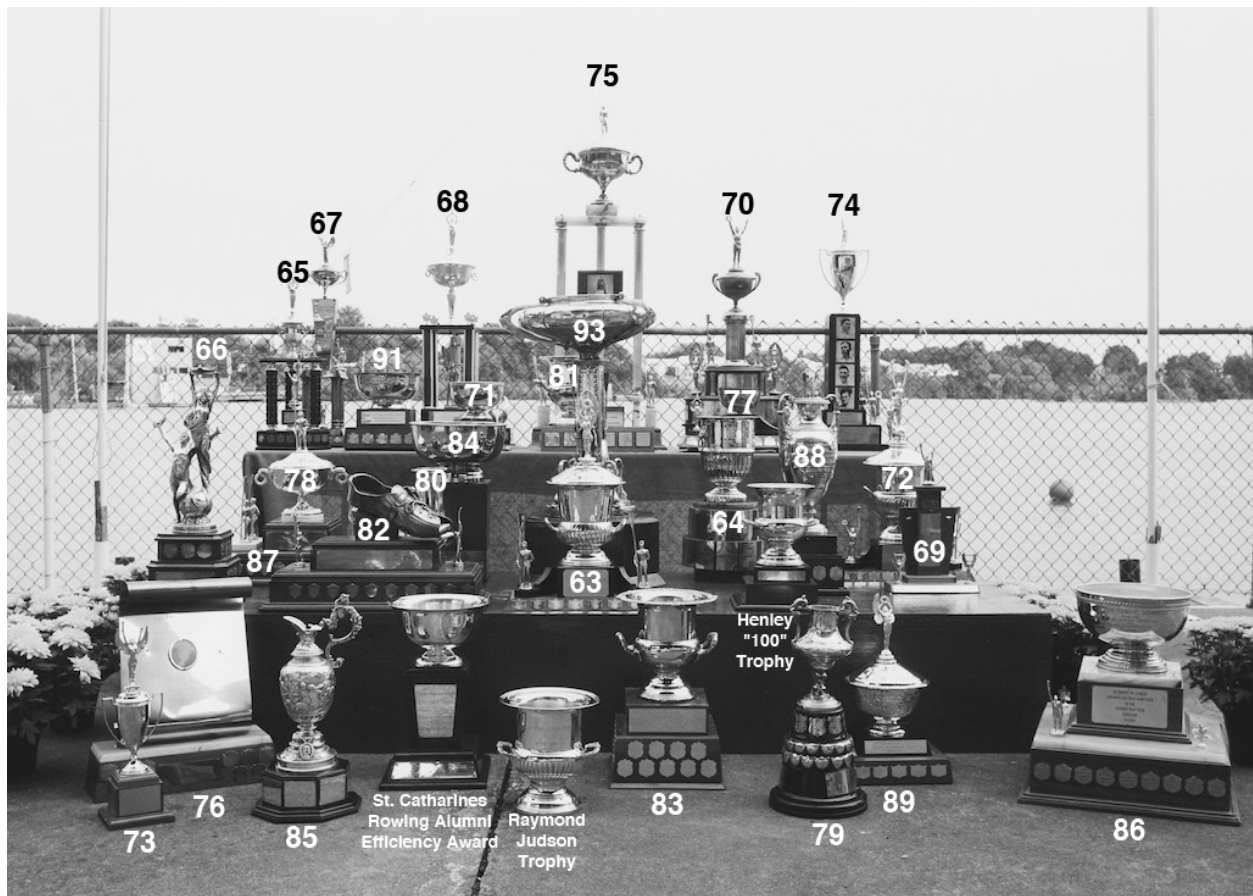
The St. Catharines Museum has a wealth of research material relating to rowing. They graciously allowed me access to the Craig Swayze Collection (2001.8) among others.

Dianne Stevenson's booklet, *Henley Trophies*, was a useful reference.

Donald H. Swayne's excellent history, *The Brockville Rowing Club: 100 Years of Rowing*, was a useful source.

I also referred to the research I did for my earlier projects.

Any errors in this database are my responsibility. Please contact me with corrections. Use the "contact" link at <http://goldmedalphotos.com/> .



Here are the names of the trophies which are pictured in the cover photo.

The numbers are the event numbers as they appear in the Henley programme for Sunday, August 13, 1995.

Two trophies which are listed in the programme are missing from the photo. The Geoffrey Barron Taylor Memorial Trophy for event 90 had been missing for over 30 years, but it continued to be listed in the Henley programme every year. The Henley Island Helpers President's Cup was at the podium about to be presented to the winners of event 92.

- 63 Eddie Durnan Memorial Trophy
- 64 Maurice J. Carroll Challenge Trophy
- 65 Henley Island Helpers 30th Anniversary Trophy
- 66 John L. Murray Memorial Trophy
- 67 John H. Dorr Memorial Trophy
- 68 Stuart H. Fleming Memorial Trophy
- 69 Sandra Kirby Perpetual Trophy
- 70 Thomas G. Gannon Memorial Trophy
- 71 Lady Henley Trophy
- 72 (Alex) Sandy Greenhill Memorial Trophy
- 73 Xerox Trophy
- 74 Tank Trophy
- 75 William Hamilton Merritt Trophy
- 76 Fred Carter Memorial Trophy
- 77 Henley Island Helpers Prestige Award

- 78 F.F. "Ted" Nelson Trophy
- 79 Hop Bitters Challenge Cup
- 80 People of Port Dalhousie Trophy
- 81 Rodger Sellars Trophy
- 82 W.G. "Bill" Crawford Memorial Trophy
- 83 Fred Loek Trophy
- 84 William B.C. Burgoyne Memorial Trophy
- 85 George F. Galt Memorial Trophy
- 86 Claude (Sandy) Saunders Trophy
- 87 Coopers & Lybrand Trophy
- 88 Joseph Wright Challenge Cup
- 89 Dr. Ted Johnson Trophy
- 91 Charles M. Adams Memorial Trophy
- 93 Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy

The Raymond Judson Trophy had been presented during the Masters events that Sunday morning.

The St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award was presented at the conclusion of the regatta.

The Henley "100" Trophy did not belong in this group. Perhaps it was with the others in the storage facility and was brought by mistake.



13 Muir Challenge Cup

14 *Hidden behind the Challenge Cup for Fours might be the Whelpton-Little Trophy, or the William Crawford Memorial Challenge Cup. It's definitely not the Challenge Cup for Pairs.*