DEED OF GIFT

FRANK HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

This belated Deed of Gift concerns a Cup donated in 1965 by the Donor - Lindsay Halliday of 19 Norwood Avenue, Brighton in honor of Past Commodore and Life Member Frank Hutchinson.

The Cup is called:

"The Frank Hutchinson Memorial Trophy" and was first raced in Season 1965/66. The Donor declares the Flag Officers of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club for the time being to be the Trustees of the Cup which shall be preserved for an annual competitive yacht race by yachts on the register of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

It is the wish of the donor that the race be sailed as a Single Handed event on a course decided by the Sailing Committee of the time, and be subject to racing rules and handicaps normally applicable to open races conducted by the Royal Brighton Yacht Club with the restrictions that during the race only the helmsman be allowed on board the competing yacht and that the use of spinnakers be disallowed.

Signed By the Donor:

LINDSAY A. HALLIDAY on the EIGHT DAY OF SEPTEMBER in the year NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE

In The Presence of :

Manager/Secretary

Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc.

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ADDENDUM TO DEED OF GIFT

Owing to present apparent lack of interest by Yacht
Owners at Royal Brighton Yacht Club to participate
in single-handed racing, it is now declared by the
Donor that a race for the Frank Hutchinson Memorial
Trophy be held annually, the conditions of the race
being nominated by the Sailing Committee of the said
Club at the time.

It is the desire of the Donor that his preference still remains for a single-handed race and should sufficient interest be shown by Yacht Owners to participate, the original terms of the Deed of Gift be considered by said Committee and honoured.

Signed by the Donor :

LINDSAY A. HALLIDAY on the TWENTY FIRST DAY OF MAY in the year NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY SIX

In the Presence of :

ATTACHMENT TO THE DEED OF GIFT RELATIVE TO THE FRANK HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

The late Frank Hutchinson was a Member of Royal Brighton Yacht Club for many years. Records do not show exactly when he joined but he was known to be a Member in 1912 and remained so until his death in 1964 at an estimated age of 80. He remained a batchelor all his life.

He was Commodore of Royal Brighton in the Second World War years 1941 to 1944.

He was made a Life Member in 1953 and his photograph appears in the Royal Brighton 100 Year History book between pages 134 and 135 with other Life Members of the time and the then Governor of Victoria Sir Dallas Brooks. He was an active yachtsman and in partnership with fellow Member the late W. Crossle, he owned and raced the 32 foot Topsail Cutter "Koomeela" during the 1930's and 1940's. A photograph of "Koomeela" is on the walls at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Williamstown.

He saw active service in the 1914-1918 War and became an Officer in the Australian Light Horse/Horsedrawn Artilliary who served with such renowned distinction in the Middle East.

Subsequent to World War I an Anzac Day Memorial Service was instigated in the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Premises under our Honour Board. This practice still continues and in my memory, until the early 1960's, the Service was always conducted with great dignity by Frank Hutchinson who would dress impeccably in his Light Horse Captain's uniform of Gaiters, Breeches, Brown Boots (beautifully polished) decorated Jacket, Tie, Swagger Cane and Peaked Cap.