**Commodore, Flag Officers**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is with great honour and immense pride that I stand before you today on behalf of the McKenna Family to present 'The Celebration Cup' and the 'Deed of Gift' to the Royal Brighton Yacht Club in commemoration of its 150th Year.

From its humble beginnings in 1875, the Royal Brighton Yacht Club has been a beacon of excellence in the yachting community. Over the past century and a half, it has grown not only in size and stature but also in the hearts and minds of countless individuals who have shared in the passion and spirit of sailing.

The McKenna Family with over 232 years of total membership between them, have been involved in the Royal Brighton Yacht Club community since 1941 when our father Keith McKenna was first elected to the club membership and appointed Honorary Treasurer in 1950 for 10 Years. Our mother, Judith, was elected to the club membership in 1981and acted as Treasurer for the Ladies Auxiliary for 35 + Years, both contributing to its growth and success through their unwavering support and dedication.

Each of our grandfathers were also members while David and I still support the club in Race Management duties. It is fitting, therefore, that we have chosen to honour this milestone with the donation of 'The Celebration Cup’.

The Celebration Cup, as its name suggests, shall represents the rich history, the triumphs, and the shared experiences that have shaped Royal Brighton Yacht Club and any subsequent celebratory events.

The Deed of Gift accompanying this trophy allows for future celebratory events to preserve the legacy of our club for future generations. It is a gesture that speaks volumes about our love and dedication for the sport to fostering a sense of community and sportsmanship at Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

As we celebrate this remarkable 150-year journey, let us also look forward to the future with hope and enthusiasm. Let us continue to uphold the values that have made the Royal Brighton Yacht Club a place of prestige and distinction.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Royal Brighton Yacht Club for excepting the donation of ‘The Celebration Cup’ by the McKenna Family and for their enduring support. It is an honour for us all to witness this momentous occasion and to celebrate the rich history and promising future of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

Thank you.