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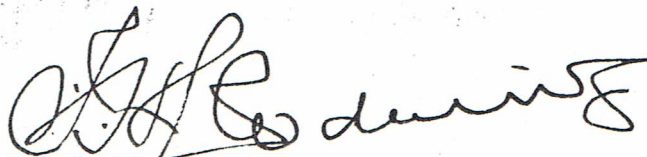
Commodore E.A. Towns,
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Commodore,

I am returning the original "Empire Trophy", as presented to the Club through you recently, and which has now been returned to me by Henry Birks & Sons, together with a replica, which I advised Capt. Johnson I would arrange for, so that the replica could be given to the winner of the first year.

I am sending this direct to the Yacht Club in view of the fact that Capt. Johnson is out of the City.

Very sincerely yours,


F.H. Clendenning.

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cc - Capt. B.L. Johnson.

DEED OF GIFT
of the
"EMPIRE TROPHY"

Dated at VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, this Sixth day of April, A.D.1951.

I, Frederick H. Clendenning, of the Empire House, Vancouver, British Columbia, hereby donate to the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club the TROPHY known as the "EMPIRE TROPHY", on the following conditions:

FIRST: I HEREBY APPOINT THE PERSONS known as Flag Officers of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and their successors in office, year by year, as TRUSTEES of said TROPHY.

SECOND: The TROPHY is for competition by a recognized class registered in the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, consisting of not less than three sailing yachts, each with a sail area of not less than three hundred and fifty square feet.

THIRD: The TROPHY shall be for perpetual challenge, competed for annually and awarded to the yacht which scores the highest number of points in any one racing season.

FOURTH: The possession or custody of the TROPHY shall not pass to the winner but shall at all times remain vested in the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, except at the discretion of the TRUSTEES who may allow the winner possession or custody of the TROPHY year by year under bond for its safe return.

FIFTH: The class known as "SPECIAL SLOOPS" shall be the competitors in 1951 and shall continue as such year by year, or until sixty-six percent of the Sailing Committee recommend the TRUSTEES to offer the TROPHY for competition by any other class which can qualify under Clause Two of this DEED OF GIFT.

SIXTH: The only handicap shall be that arranged by the Sailing Committee of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, and the competing yachts shall be equipped as required by that Committee.