

**MIRAGE CUP  
(1949)**



**MIRAGE TROPHY  
(1946)**



In the minutes of the executive meeting held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1945 the sailing committee reported that J.A. Dakin (a contractor and developer who built Gables Court; owned and raced a boat named MIRAGE) had presented the Club with a \$50.00 cheque. This cheque was intended to purchase a trophy. Mr Dakin suggested that the trophy be given to the winner of an annual race, open to members of recognized clubs. Furthermore the names of the winning crew members would be engraved together with the name of the skipper.

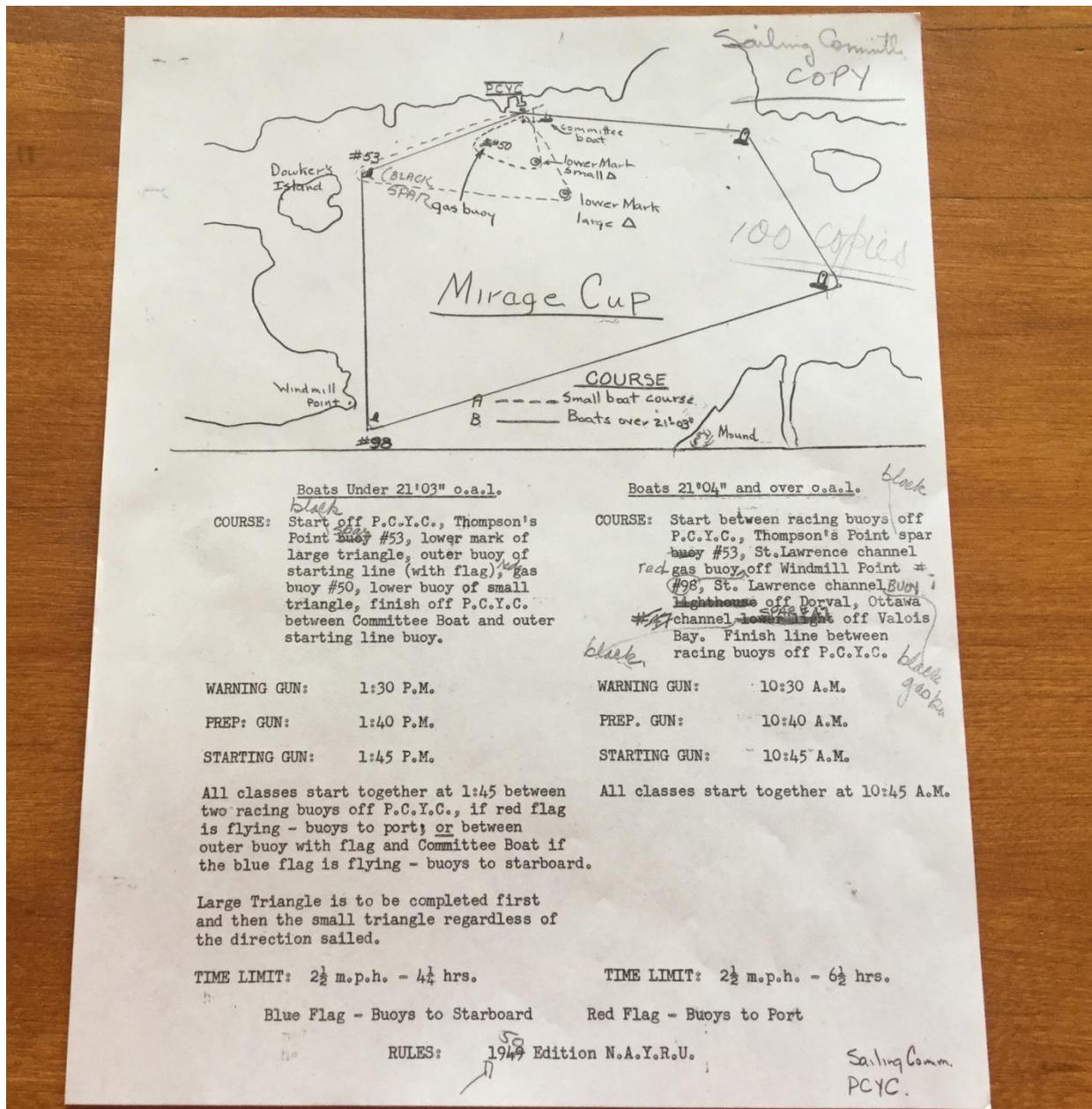
The minutes of the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1946 executive meeting show that the Dakin Trophy was to be purchased from Birks for \$34.00. However between the cost of engraving and the ebony crest the August 8<sup>th</sup> minutes indicate that the cost was now \$56.00. Mr. Dakin offered to pay it in full himself.

Commodore Lindsay H. Place, on behalf of the executive committee wrote to Mr. J. A. Dakin and thanked him for this gift.

The first race for the Mirage Cup (trophy shown on the right) was sailed on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1946. The winner was SCARLETT RUNNER sailed by Mr. J. McLeod of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club. In the invitation letter the Sailing Committee sent out for the 1947 season the race was described as "...an open race... It is for annual competition, open to all boats (except dinghies) from recognized yacht clubs in this vicinity, and is sailed over a 16 mile course around the lake, on a handicap basis".

The report describing the 1950 sailing season indicated that the Mirage Cup and Mirage Trophy were sailed simultaneously. The description of the race for what they referred to then as the Mirage Trophy (trophy shown above on the right) was "...a cruising class long distance race (16 miles)..." The description for the race referring to the trophy above on the left, what they called

the Mirage Cup, was "...for boats 21 feet 3 inches and under and sailed on a scratch basis over a course of 11 miles..., was again won by a 14 ft Int. Dinghy over a field of 24 starters." Below is what the Sailing Committee had produced in 1949 and 1950 for what was known as the Mirage Cup. Notice the course and description for boats under 21 ft 3 inches and boats of 21 ft 4 inches and over.



Both trophies were given out fairly regularly from their respective inception until about the late 1980's.

The Mirage Cup was given out only twice in the 1990's. The Cup was given out on a more regular basis starting in 2009. The Mirage Cup – intended initially for small boats in 1949 - is the trophy that we have been giving out in recent years. The winners were not necessarily small boats. The latest winner being AD LIB, skipper Bill Thompson (2018).

Following the late 1980's The Mirage Trophy was only awarded in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2007 (this last entry on the Mirage Trophy indicates Etchells and the name Pierre Jasmin).

At the time of the research (March 2019), no accounting entry nor reading of the executive minutes from the late 1940's could be found to document the cost and presentation of the Mirage Cup for 1949. The engraving lets us assume that it was also gifted by Mr. Dakin.