

# GEORGE OWENS CLINCH

*Presented to the club in 1930 by fellow racing sailor and business associate Archibald McClure Gibson in memory of his good friend George Clinch who served as director and Vice Commodore.*

George Clinch was known for his yachts to be “rigged to stand the gales” and his contention that “cruising boats must stand the gaff while racing boats might stand it” in apparent disdainful reference to the day racers of the time. Signatures of early winners are engraved on the hemispheric portion of the trophy.



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Year	Boat	Owner	Club	Type of Yacht	Elapsed Time	Division/Race	Section
1931	Bagheera	Robert P. Benedict	Cruising Club of America	55' Schooner		Belmont to Milwaukee	
1932	Elizabeth	Lynn A. Williams	Chicago YC	51' Schooner		Belmont to Milwaukee	
1933	Katinka	Otto C. Schoenwerk, Jr.	Chicago YC	Yawl		Milwaukee to Belmont	
1934	Bagheera	Robert P. Benedict	Chicago & Jackson Park YCs	55' Schooner		Milwaukee to Belmont	
1935	Elizabeth	Lynn A. Williams	Chicago YC	51' Schooner		Belmont to Milwaukee	
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1937	Bangalore	Edward B. Lumbard	Chicago YC	42' Cutter		Belmont to Black Lake	
1938	Manitou	James R. Lowe	Chicago YC	62' Yawl		Belmont to Milwaukee	
1939	Osprey II	Dr. Jay Lowell	Columbia YC	36' Cutter		Belmont to Black Lake	
1940	Betty Bro	Milton H. Friend	Columbia YC	36' Cutter		Black Lake to Belmont	
1941	Southern Cross	Robert P. Benedict Jr.	Jackson Park YC	55' Cruising Yawl		Black Lake to Belmont	
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1943	Southern Cross	Robert P. Benedict Jr.	Jackson Park YC	55' Cruising Yawl		Black Lake to Belmont	
1944	Trident	Philo H. Danly	Chicago YC	55' Yawl		Black Lake to Belmont	
1945	Copperhead	Ramon C. Brotz	Sheboygan YC	49' Cutter		Saugatuck to Milwaukee	
1946	Trident	Philo H. Danly	Chicago YC	55' Yawl		Black Lake to Belmont	
1947	Bangalore Too	Edward B. Lumbard & John D. Kinsey	Chicago YC	44' Yawl		Racine to Belmont	
1948	Manitou	Kenneth Kroehler	Chicago YC	62' Yawl		Black Lake to Belmont	
1949	Taltohna	Edgar B. Tolman, Jr.	Chicago YC	45' Ketch		Black Lake to Belmont	
1950	Querida	Dr. Daniel D. Peterson	Columbia YC	Yawl		Black Lake to Belmont	
1951	Vixen	Clayton Ewing	Sturgeon Bay YC	55' Yawl		Black Lake to Belmont	
1952	Tahuna	Peter C. McNulty	Milwaukee YC	40' Yawl		Black Lake to Belmont	
1953	Vixen	Clayton Ewing	Sturgeon Bay YC	55' Yawl		Muskegon to Belmont	
1954	Fleetwood	Nicholas J. Geib	Chicago YC	Custom 39' Ketch		Black Lake to Belmont	
1955	Taltohna	Edgar B. Tolman, Jr.	Chicago YC	45' Cutter		Black Lake to Belmont	
1956	Rangoon	David B. Silberman & Albert E. Stern	Columbia YC	37' Sloop		Black Lake to Belmont	
1957	Taltohna	Edgar B. Tolman, Jr.	Chicago YC	45' Cutter		Muskegon to Belmont	
1958	Rangoon	David B. Silberman & Albert E. Stern	Columbia YC	37' Sloop		Black Lake to Belmont	
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1960	Avante	Vincent S. Lazarra	Chicago YC	41' Sloop		Black Lake to Belmont	

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Race to Mackinac, Fastest Elapsed Time, Division 2							
1962	Inferno	James P. McHugh	Chicago YC	39' Sloop	69:45:37	Division 2	
1963	Meteor III	Henry Burkhard	Bayview YC	38' Cutter	57:03:21	Division 2	
1964	Yare	Donald M. Smith	Bayview YC	36' Sloop	62:48:40	Division 2	
1965	Yare	Donald M. Smith	Bayview YC	36' Sloop	72:16:16	Division 2	
1966	Flying Buffalo	Karl Ness & Maurice DeClercq	Bayview YC	34' Sloop	72:01:52	Division 2	
1967	Charmer	Joseph Schoendorf	Milwaukee YC	Columbia 39	50:36:08	Division 2	
1968	Meteor III	Henry Burkhard	Bayview YC	38' Cutter	43:35:47	Division 2	
1969	Meteor III	Henry Burkhard	Bayview YC	38' Cutter	71:32:55	Division 2	
1970	Velero II	Douglas L. Wake	Crescent Sail	Cal 36	49:30:09	Division 2	
Race to Mackinac Division Trophy							
1971	Jenny Too	Maxwell D. Murphy	Sturgeon Bay YC	Palmer Johnson 40	54:45:22	Division II	
1972	Kahili II	Frank W. Zurn	Erie YC	McCurdy-Rhodes 60	37:46:28	Division I	
1973	Charmer IV	Joseph Schoendorf, Jr.	Milwaukee YC	Standfast 40	61:41:11	Division II	
1974	Patriot III	Rudy Vedovell	Macatawa Bay YC	Ranger 37	51:11:29	Division III	
1975	Fever	Harry Kostoff	Port Huron YC	Tartan 41M	63:55:59	Division II	
1976	Dora IV	Lynn A. Williams	Chicago YC	Sparkman Stephens 61	46:26:52	Division I	
Race to Mackinac, Fastest Elapsed Time, LMYA							
1977	Caprice III	Kurt Von Besser & Robert Shaffer	Chicago YC	C&C 43	47:40:51	LMYA	
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1979	Windquest	Richard M. DeVos	Macatawa Bay YC	New York 48	42:58:60	LMYA	
1980	Caprice	Kurt Von Besser	Chicago YC	C&C 43	59:48:22	LMYA	
1981	Windquest	Richard M. DeVos	Macatawa Bay YC	Swan 48	63:06:54	LMYA	
1982 Not Sailed							
Race to Mackinac First to Finish Trophy							
1983	Endurance	Roger H. Derusha	Marinette & Menominee YC	C&C 43	57:37:35	MHS	
1984	Cadence	Theodore J. Reese	Chicago YC	C&C 52	38:43:22	MHS	
1985	Cadence	Theodore J. Reese	Chicago YC	C&C 52	45:50:24	MHS	
1986	Windancer	John Nedeau	Chicago YC	Sparkman & Stephens 64	44:13:11	IMS	
1987	Brassy	Ted Etheridge	Macatawa Bay YC	Cuthbertson & Cassian 61	29:07:09	IMS	
1988	Fast Lane	Don L. Wildman	Chicago YC	MACG 65	47:53:29	IMS	
1989	Clark Kent	Santa Cruise Group	Chicago YC	Santa Cruz 52	67:13:11	IMS	
1990	Kodiak	Edwin L. Ecclestone	Bayview YC	Frers 67	31:46:06	IMS	
1991	Heartbeat	Dr. Hector J.M. Marchand	Michigan City YC	Wylie 45	43:39:03	IMS	
1992	Insatiable	Fred Krehbiel	Chicago YC	Nelson Marek 50	40:58:20	IMS	
1993 Not Sailed							
1994	Wizo	Willard J. Harman	Michigan City YC	Ericson 39	48:22:07	IMS	
1995-1997 Not Sailed							
1998	Adagio	Meade Gougeon	Saginaw YC	Gougeon 35	32:21:25	Exhibition (Multihull)	
1999	Stars & Stripes	Steve Fossett	San Diego YC	Morrelli & Melvin 60	31:53:00	Open (Multihull)	
	Mongoose	Robert Saielli	San Diego YC	Great Lakes 70	60:58:30	One Design	
2001	Sayonara	Larry Ellison	Saint Francis YC	Farr 80	32:24:37	PHRF	
2002-2003 Not Sailed							
Race to Mackinac Section Trophy							
	Nitemare	Tom W. Neill	Chicago YC	Great Lakes 70	46:14:17	Cup	GL70
2005	Colt 45	Allan Fletcher	Alpena YC	Great Lakes 70	42:25:31	Trophy	GL70
2006	Sea Note	LaSalle Bank	Chicago YC	Farr 40	43:55:33	Cup	1
2007	Natalie J	Philip D. O'Neil III DDS	Bayview YC	TransPac 52	48:56:52	Trophy	2
2008	Zeitgeist	Robert & Cornelia Zerban	Kenosha YC	J109	54:11:39	Cup	J109
2009	Souvenir	Steve Schiller	Muskegon YC	Plas Trend 32	76:36:37	Cup	10
2010	Eagle	Jerome F. & Shawn O'Neill	Chicago YC	Sydney 38	47:25:04	Cup	4
2011	Meridian 2	William S. Shelhorse	Hampton YC	Farr 36	34:59:19	Trophy	Sportboat
2012	La Tempete	Thomas Weber	Midwest Oper Racing Fleet	Beneteau 40.7	42:39:05	Cup	Beneteau 40.7
2013	PororoCa	Gene McCarthy & Robert Zeman, Jr.	Chicago YC	Nelson Marek 68	46:12:24	Trophy	1
2014	Denali	Rick Hennig	Racine YC	Nelson Marek 68	37:06:42	Cup	Turbo
2015	Chewbacca	William Peterson & Chris Nimmer	Wayzata Yacht Club	Nelson Marek 50	44:33:46	Trophy	2
2016	Nosurprise	David Irish	Little Traverse YC	J111	35:27:19	Cup	J111
2017	Intangible	Tom Falck	Chicago YC	Tarton 3700	53:07:40	Cruising	C3
2018	Proof	Michael Fozo & Rob-in Kendrick	Grosse Point Sail Club	J120	53:33:07	Cup	J120
2019	Erica	Brian & Michael Kaczor		T10	59:19:43	Cup	T10
2021	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill	Chicago YC	Sydney 38	54:05:57	Cup	5
2022	Smee Again	Geroge Miz	Chicago YC	J109+	1:15:08:15	Cup	J109