

HAMILTON CLUB TROPHY

This trophy was given in 1926 by the Hamilton Club of Chicago to the Chicago Yacht Club for Chicago Yacht Club's Triangular Race sailed over Labor Day each year.

From 1926 through 1934 it was restricted to yawl, schooners and ketches in the cruising division. During these years the entire race was under the jurisdiction of Chicago Yacht Club. In 1926 the race was from Belmont to St. Joseph, St. Joseph to Michigan City, and Michigan City to Belmont via Jackson Park. In 1927 it was run Van Buren Street, St. Joseph to Michigan City to Jackson Park. From 1928 through 1933 it was run in two legs only, Chicago to Black Lake and return. From 1935 through 1939 it was sailed in three legs and was opened to all cruising yachts. Jackson Park YC sponsored the first leg between Jackson Park and Michigan City, Chicago Yacht Club the second leg between Michigan City and St. Joseph, and Columbia YC the final leg between St. Joseph and Van Buren Street. In 1940 the order of the race legs was reversed. After a gradual decline in participation for the Tri-State regatta, the trophy was awarded one last time for the Bi-State (Chicago-St Joseph-Chicago) in 2012. From 2013 through 2017, the trophy was awarded for a Cruising Fleet distance race. Starting in 2018, it is awarded to the top Chicago Yacht Club boat finisher in the Goldstar Regatta. The Hamilton Club was a social club of Republican affiliation formed in 1890, located in its later years in the Loop with membership peaking at 3800, and was dissolved in 1937. The Hamilton Club Trophy is in the form of a silver plated Nef. A Nef is a term used to refer to a vessel shaped like a ship, used in the later Middle Ages for the lord's napkin, knife and spoon. By the 16th Century they were used as table ornaments and status symbols, especially in Germany and Switzerland.



HAMILTON CLUB TROPHY WINNERS

Year	Boat	Owner	Club	Type of Boat
Chicago Yacht Club's Triangular Race Overall Trophy for Cruising Division				
1926	Kayoshk II	George E. Fox	Chicago YC	Yawl
1927	Swanee	Bert H. Williams & Ernest H. Reinken	Jackson Park YC	Schooner
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1929	Bagheera	Robert P. Benedict	Jackson Park YC	55' Schooner
1930	Bagheera	Robert P. Benedict	Chicago YC	55' Schooner
1931	Privateer	Clark C. Wright & Addison B. Scott	Chicago YC	Schooner
1932	Quicksilver II	Albert E. Peirce	Chicago YC	65' Schooner
1933	Comet	Dr. William E. Redlich		Yawl
1934	Not Sailed			
Tri-State Overall Trophy (Chicago-Michigan City-St. Joseph)				
1935	Elizabeth	Lynn A. Williams	Chicago YC	51' Schooner
1936	Rubaiyat	Nathaniel Rubinkam	Columbia YC	Alden 44
1937	Southern Cross	Milton Friend	Columbia YC	36' Cutter
	Betty Bro	Robert P. Benedict Jr.	Jackson Park YC	55' Cruising Yawl
1938	Osprey II	Dr. Jay W. Lowell	Columbia YC	36' Cutter
1939	Wind Song	Clyde E. Larish	Jackson Park YC	36' Cutter
Tri-State Ovetrall Trophy (Chicago-St. Joseph-Michigan City)				
1940	Tahuna	Henry B. Babson & Joseph E. Moller	Chicago YC	48' Yawl
1941	Sothern Cross	Robert P. Benedict Jr.	Jackson Park YC	55' Cruising Yawl
1942	Onaway	Samuel C. Pirie Jr.	Sheridan Shore YC	44' Yawl
1943	White Cloud	George Sollitt & Phil S. Hill	Chicago YC	60' Cutter
1944	Gentian	Burton M. Smalley	Chicago YC	45' New York YC Class Cutter
1945	Sparkle	Dr. Edwin A. Reinholtzen	Chicago YC	35' Cutter
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1947	Vanitie	Edward H. Schultz, Jr.	Chicago YC	32' Cutter
1948	Manitou	Kenneth Kroehler	Chicago YC	62' Yawl
1949	Onkahya	George Sollitt	Chicago YC	60' Yawl
1950	Fleetwood	Nicholas J. Geib	Chicago YC	Custom 39' Ketch
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1952	Tar Baby	Hugo C. Griffin	Chicago YC	58' Cutter
1953	Flight	Gerald Presson	Chicago YC	50' Cutter
1954	Fleetwood	Nicholas J. Geib	Chicago YC	Custom 39' Ketch
1955	Gypsy	Joseph R. Schoendorf, Jr.	South Shore YC	Yawl
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1957	Sabre	Roman C. Brotz	Sheboygan YC	L F Hereschoff 87' M Class ketch
1958	Second and Third legs not completed			
1959	Hilaria	Henry, Roy & Clarence Spanjer	Chicago YC	55' Yawl
	Esbro V	Hugh Schaddelee	Macatawa Bay YC	Sparkman & Stephens 55
1960	Romahajo III	Harvey I. Nedeau	Muskegon YC	NDF 42 Sloop
1961	Sixth Girl	Joseph D. Kreuger	Columbia YC	34' Melody Yawl
1962	Avante III	Vincent S. Lazzara	Chicago YC	44' Yawl
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1964	Bantu	H. Richard Richheimer	Columbia YC	Block Island 40
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1966	Esbro VI	Henry, Roy & Clarence Spanjer	Chicago YC	Alden 61' Yawl
1967	Inferno	James P. McHugh	Chicago YC	Cuthbertson 52
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1971	Charisma	Jesse Phillips	Columbia YC	Sparkman & Stephens 55
1972	Pied Piper	Don L. Wildman	Columbia YC	Palmer Johnson 43
	Europa	Richard E. Jennings	Chicago YC	Van De Stadt 39
1973	No Go V	Ed Siegle & Grant Crowley	Chicago Corinthian YC	Norlin 34
1974	Pied Piper	Richard E. Jennings	Chicago YC	Van De Stadt 39
1975	Crackers	Grant Crowley, Morris Rosenzweig & Jack Heinz	Chicago YC	Wylie 1/2 Ton
1976	Whiteout	Kahn, Lester & Pokorn	Michigan City YC	Wylie 1/2 Ton
1977	Escape II	Morris Rosensweig	Chicago YC	Peterson 34
1978	Hustler	William B. Eserkaln	South Shore YC	Tartan 10
1979	Hauk	Robert T. Erickson	Burnham Park YC	Hawk 28
1980	Tortuga	Richard Wharton & Bruce Creger	Chicago YC	Wylie 34
1981	Rasputin	Russell Janke	Columbia YC	Peterson 42
1982	Real Crude	Richard E. Jennings	Chicago YC	Peterson 42
1983	White Out	Holland Capper & John Chick	Chicago YC	Wylie 28
1984	Carrera	Dr. Merwin Rosen	Chicago YC	Nelson Merek 41
1985	Special X	Sunfire Syndicate	Chicago YC	X 39
1986	Caper	Alan Johnston	Chicago YC	Peterson 33
1987	Providence	Gerald, Joan & Gregory Miarecki	Chicago YC	Ericson 35 MKII
1988	Avenger	Jeff Gardner & Poziwikko	St Joseph YC	Peterson 41
1989	Saucy	Al Rose	Chicago YC	Farr 37
1990	No Data			
1991	Good News	John Smiskol & Bernard Rekus	Burnham Park YC	New York 36
1992	Sting (IMS)	Dorsey Ruley/Mark & Faye Hauf	Chicago YC	Tripp 40
	Clark Kent (PHRF)	Santa Cruise Group	Chicago YC	Santa Cruz 52
1993	Shiela	Peter Wright	Chicago YC	Swan 37
1994	Revelation	Kevin M. Alcock	Chicago YC	J105
1995	Clark Kent	Santa Cruise Group	Chicago YC	Santa Cruz 52
1996	Eagle	Jerome F. & Shawn O'Neill	Chicago YC	Tripp 36
1997	Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki	Chicago YC	Ericson 35 MKII
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1999	Caress	Mark & Jon Weglarz	Chicago YC	J105
2000	Fin Esse	Alan McMillan	Chicago YC	Sirena 38
2001	Certainly	Donald Meyer	Columbia YC	J109
2002	Eagle	Jerome F. & Shawn O'Neill	Chicago YC	Sydney 38
2003	Viper	F. William Laslow	Anchorage YC	Hunter 35 WK

2004	Spirit of Artemis	Jane Schmoll & Darcy Bielema	Belmont YC	DuFour 44
2005	Zeitgeist	Robert & Cornelia Zerban	Kenosha YC	J109
2006	LaTempete	Tom & Deb Weber	Midwest Open Racing Fleet	Beneteau 40.7
2007	Thirsty Tiger	Albert G. D'Ottavio	Chicago YC	Great Lakes 70
2008	Scout	Dorsey Ruley	Chicago YC	Sydney 41
2009	Valor	Paul Stahlberg	Chicago YC	J109
2010-2011 Not Awarded				
Bi-State Ovetrall Trophy (Chicago-St. Joseph-Chicago)				
2012	Mental	Paul Stahlberg	Chicago YC	J111
CYC Hamilton Club Overnight Race				
2013	Rover	Ken Colbert	Chicago YC	Tartan 10
2014	Sirocco VI	William & Viviana Fanizzo	Chicago YC	Mumm 36
2015	Providence	Greg Miareccki	Chicago YC	Ericson 35 MK II
2016-2017 Not Sailed				
Top CYC Boat in Goldstar Regatta				
2018	Defiance	Team Defiance Smirl	Chicago YC	Judel-Vrolijk
2019	Defiance	Team Defiance Smirl	Chicago YC	Judel-Vrolijk
Top CYC Boat in Tri-State-Fly-By Regatta				
2020	Rambler	Ben Wilson	Chicago YC	J99