

# SHELDON CLARK TROPHY

*Sheldon Clark was commodore from 1920 to 1923 but his cultivation of yacht racing continued on for three decades.*

In 1927 he, along with a number of members, established a trophy fund to offer several new trophies. The Sheldon Clark Cruising Division Time Prize was first offered at the 1927 Fall Regatta which later became known as the Sheldon Clark Regatta. In 1988 rating rules had become more numerous among the offshore boats so an overall regatta award was discontinued. The tradition was restarted in 2006 but the weather was not cooperative for the first two revival years. The trophy for the best time in the Chicago Mackinac Race and the Bayview Mackinac Race and an Inshore Fleet trophy also bear the name of Sheldon Clark.



## SHELDON CLARK TROPHY WINNERS

Year	Boat	Owner	Club	Type of Boat
1927	Swanee	Bert H. Williams & Ernest H. Reinken	Jackson Park YC	Schooner
1928	Columbia	Hal A. Redmon	Jackson Park YC	30' Seawanhaka Sloop
1929	Edith II	Robert Williamson	Jackson Park YC	30' Seawanhaka Sloop
1930	Victory	Carl Norberg	Columbia YC	39' Sloop
1931	Bagheera	Robert P. Benedict	Cruising Club of America	55' Schooner
1932	Bagheera	Robert P. Benedict	Chicago YC	55' Schooner
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1935	Rubaiyat	Nathaniel Rubinkam	Columbia YC	Alden 44
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1937	Muruffa	Henry B. Babson	Chicago YC	67' Yawl
1938	Southern Cross	Robert P. Benedict Jr.	Jackson Park YC	55' Cruising Yawl
1939	Copperhead	John T. Snite	Chicago YC	48' Cutter
1940	Southern Cross (tie)	Manning W. Hodgdon	Jackson Park YC	39' Cutter
	Sally (tie)	Robert P. Benedict Jr.	Jackson Park YC	55' Cruising Yawl
1941	Onaway	Samuel C. Pirie Jr.	Sheridan Shore YC	44' Yawl
1942	Valiant	C.J. Thiebault	Jackson Park YC	Auxiliary Cutter
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1944	Bangalore Too	Edward B. Lumbard & John D. Kinsey	Chicago YC	44' Yawl
1945	Keewaydin	Edgar B. Tolman, Jr.	Chicago YC	35' Sloop
1946	Manitou	Kenneth Kroehler	Chicago YC	62' Yawl
1947	Onkahya	George Sollitt	Chicago YC	60' Yawl
1948	Aerou	Lewis M. Churbuck	Chicago YC	40' Sloop
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1950	Querida	Dr. Daniel D. Peterson	Columbia YC	Yawl
1951	Fleetwood	Nicholas J. Geib	Chicago YC	Custom 39' Ketch
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1956	Rangoon	David B. Silberman & Albert E. Stern	Columbia YC	37' Sloop
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1958	Caribe	Hector S. Scheffer	Columbia YC	50' Yawl
1959	Kowloon	Edward B. Lumbard & Nicholas J. Geib	Chicago YC	45' Yawl
1960	Rangoon	David B. Silberman & Albert E. Stern	Columbia YC	37' Sloop
1961	Gypsy	Charles L. Kotovic	Milwaukee YC	Frank Paine 53'
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1963	Flame	James E. Doane	Chicago YC	Kettenberg 40
1964	Aura II	Roger McCormick & Wallie Stenhouse	Chicago YC	45' Yawl
1965	Gypsy	Charles L. Kotovic	Milwaukee YC	Frank Paine 53'
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1967	Gale	Harry G. Nye Jr.	Chicago YC	Q Class
1968	Inferno	James P. McHugh	Chicago YC	Cuthbertson 52
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1971	El Kef	Gerald Gavin	Chicago YC	C&C 27
1972	Avante	Richard A. Carleton	Chicago YC	Ranger 29
1973	Dora IV	Lynn A. Williams	Chicago YC	Sparkman Stephens 61
1974	County Woman	Deane H. Tank	Chicago YC	Peterson 34
1975	Dora IV	Lynn A. Williams	Chicago YC	Sparkman Stephens 61
1976	Escape II	Morris & U. Rosenzweig	Chicago YC	Peterson 34
1977	Freedom	Don Wittenberg	Chicago YC	Hood Custom
1978	Chocolate Chips	Ron Lester & Bill Porter	Michigan City YC	Grahm & Schlageter 34
1979	Certare	Certare Syndicate	Chicago YC	Peterson 34
1980	Heritage	Don L. Wildman	Chicago YC	Charles Morgan 63' 12 Meter
1981	Real Crude	Richard E. Jennings	Chicago YC	Peterson 42
1982	Toy Boat	Larry Schell	Columbia YC	Grahm & Schlageter 30
1983	Pied Piper	Richard E. Jennings	Chicago YC	Peterson 42
1984	Devastator	Paul T. Akers	Chicago YC	Morgan 45
1985	Decision	David W. Howell	Chicago YC	Sparkman & Stephens 37
1986	Devastator	Paul T. Akers	Chicago YC	Morgan 45
2007	No wind. No race.			
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2009	First Light	F.K. Day	Columbia YC	DK 46
2010	American Flyer	Steven Knoop	Chicago YC	Tartan 10
2011	Fog	Charlie Wurtzbach & Mike Bird	Chicago YC	Beneteau 36.7
2012	Eagle	Jeyy & Shawn O'Neill	Chicago YC	Sydney 38
2013	Das Boot	Jay Muller	Chicago YC	Beneteau 40.7
2014	Pendragon	Scott Jackman	Chicago YC	Parr 40
2015	Race Abandoned--High Winds			
2016	Retention	Mark & Joni Croll	Chicago YC	LS10
2017	Retention	Mark Croll	Chicago YC	LS10
2018	Erica	Brian Kaczor	Chicago Corinthian YC	Tartan 10
2019	Meat	Brian Kennalley, Edward Mui & Craig Roehl	Chicago Corinthian YC	Tartan 10