



**Dana Point Yacht Club**  
**Steve Dutton Memorial ~ Offshore Racing Championship**  
*Deed of Gift*

**Purpose:** To honor the memory of Staff Commodore Steve Dutton and to promote and recognize excellence in offshore racing events, the Dana Point Yacht Club hereby dedicates a perpetual trophy under the following terms and conditions:

**Trophy:** A perpetual trophy symbolizing offshore racing shall be dedicated for this award. The trophy shall be awarded at the Commodore's Ball and shall be kept at, and maintained by, Dana Point Yacht Club. The trophy shall be known as the "Steve Dutton Memorial Trophy" and shall be engraved or otherwise marked to note its significance. Each year the winner(s) of the contest shall have his or her name, boat name, and the year of award placed on a brass plaque that shall be affixed to the trophy at the expense of Dana Point Yacht Club. In addition, the winner(s) will be presented with a suitably engraved take-home trophy.

**Eligibility:** Except as noted, all provisions of this section apply to all of the races listed under the Scoring provision in a single year. Contestants for the award in any year must be members in good standing of Dana Point Yacht Club during all of the races in that year and must skipper the same boat in all of the races in that year. Contestants must start and finish all of the races as reported in the official records of each race. A racer who is disqualified for any reason in any of the races shall not be eligible for that year's award. Only boats that compete in a PHRF spinnaker fleet in all of the races shall be eligible for this award.

**Scoring:** The races to be scored for this award each year are the Catalina Island Race, the Seal Beach to Dana Point Race, the Long Beach to Dana Point Race, all co-sponsored by Dana Point Yacht Club, and the NOSA Newport to Ensenada Race. The award shall be presented to the eligible skipper with the lowest combined corrected time for these four races. If a yacht is assessed a time penalty in any of the races, the penalty time shall be included as part of the yacht's corrected time. If the Race Committee abandons any of the races that are scored for this award, the race shall be thrown out of that year's competition and the times for that race shall not be included in the scoring. The Board of Directors shall have final judgment on whether a race shall be included in the scoring.

The Race Committee Chairperson shall keep a record of the corrected times of all qualifying yachts in each race. The cumulative scores for all qualifying yachts in completed races shall be posted at Dana Point Yacht Club in a timely manner following each race. The Race Committee Chairperson may appoint another Dana Point Yacht Club member to assist in calculating and posting the scoring record.

**Adoption:** This Deed of Gift shall become effective upon its approval by a majority vote of the Dana Point Yacht Club Board of Directors. If the Deed of Gift is first approved after the date of any of the races listed in the Scoring provision, the award shall first be scored and presented in the year following first approval.

**Modification:** The Dana Point Yacht Club Board of Directors shall have the authority to modify any of the provisions of this Deed of Gift by majority vote. If the Deed of Gift is modified and the modifications are approved after the date of any of the races listed in the Scoring provision, the unmodified Deed of Gift shall be in effect for the year in which the modifications are approved and the modifications shall become effective the year after the modifications are approved.

**Approval:** This Deed of Gift was approved by the Board of Directors of Dana Point Yacht Club on March 10, 1998 and amended on January 18, 2006.



Sue Senescu, Commodore 2006  
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