

# DEED OF GIFT OF THE QUEEN CHRISTINA NATIONS CUP

19 December, 2003

**Whereas** – It is our wish to establish an Event which enables a large number of International Six Meter Class “fanatics” to travel internationally and to engage in **friendly** competition (note emphasis on “friendly” with no particular emphasis on “competition”). And furthermore it is our wish that the countries participating do all in their power to make this opportunity, over time, available to as many of their countrymen/countrywomen as possible. Even further still, it is our fervent hope that this event will enable people to develop friendships which cross international borders and serve to promote the future growth of the International Six Meter Class.

**Therefore** - Know All Men and Women by these presents, That I, J.C. (Kimo) Mackey, for the express purpose of encouraging International Six Meter yachting, and especially in the **friendly** contests between six meter sailors of the “**World Family**”, do hereby present this **Queen Christina Nations Cup** delivered herewith to be held, coveted, carried and sailed for under the following Conditions:

- (1) **NAME of the CUP Event** - The name of the Cup event shall be the “**QUEEN CHRISTINA NATIONS CUP**” (QCNC)
- (2) **TITLE to the Cup Trophy** - The Title to the Cup trophy (legal ownership) shall be held by the Puget Sound Six Meter Association (PSSMA).
- (3) **PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES** – Participating Countries are Countries which have demonstrated and promised that they will fulfill the obligations of **HOST COUNTRY** when their turn is up *and* that they will do their utmost to send a **TEAM** of sailors to represent their country each and every year the competition is sailed. As of the date of this Deed the Participating Countries are: Finland, Canada, Sweden and the USA.
- (4) **“TZAR” or “TZARINA”** - The Tzar(ina) is the person designated to evaluate the applications for future participation by individual countries and to determine whether an “*Invitation to Participate*” (IP) may be extended to a country wishing to participate. The “Tzar(ina)” is also responsible for insuring that the competitions are in compliance with the Conditions of this deed and for arbitrating any disputes which may arise in connection with this Deed. The Tzar(ina) shall, after consultation with representatives of the Participating Countries, determine the order in which Participating Countries will Host the event for future years. It should be noted that a winning country does not automatically become the next country to host the event. The “Tzar(ina)” shall designate his/her replacement when required. In the event that the Tzar(ina) dies or “goes missing” without appointing his/her replacement, a new Tzar(ina) shall be appointed by PSSMA. The “Tzar”, at present, is J.C. (Kimo) Mackey.
- (5) **HOST COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITIES** – The country which has been designated as **HOST COUNTRY**, for a given year, shall determine the detailed program of the “Regatta”. *The Host Country is encouraged to “use its imagination” in determining a program, of 2-3 days duration, that will be “fun” for the Visiting Country Teams.* The primary requirement is that the Regatta be sailed for in Six Meter Yachts (these may be Classic or Modern or both) and that the format has been designed so that competition should be “reasonably fair” to all participants. For example a “Regatta” wherein some visiting Teams are required to sail only Classics while other visiting Teams are allowed to sail only Moderns would be considered “unreasonably unfair”. A “Regatta” wherein each visiting Team draws from a “hat” the Classic that they will then sail for the entire Regatta, would be considered “reasonably fair” provided that all the Classics being used were well matched and equally equipped (note that this is always an easily argued point) . A “Regatta” wherein each Visiting Team were to sail each and every individual boat for an equal number of races would be considered “indisputably fair”. The **HOST COUNTRY** shall provide all the boats necessary for the Regatta and shall provide the necessary billeting (meals and lodging) for the Visiting Country Sailors (note that “billeting” may range between the “primitive” and the “luxurious”. Visiting Sailors housed in tents on the yacht club lawn would be considered “very

satisfactory" provided they have reasonable access to toilet and shower. One croissant and one cup of coffee could "qualify" as breakfast, but it might not be remembered with fondness).

(6) **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**– Any Country not participating and desiring to be added to the list of Participating Countries shall submit a "*Request for Invitation to Participate*", (RIP) directly to the Tzar(ina) for evaluation. The RIP must be submitted by the Senior Representative(s) of the countries National Organization (i.e. National Organization's "Chairman", "Fleet Captain", "President", or the like). The RIP must provide confirmation, satisfactory to the Tzar(ina), that the country is able to Host the event as early as one year after receiving an IP. If the Tzar(ina) concludes that the Country, which has submitted the RIP, is able to meet all the requirements of a Participating Country then the Tzar(ina) will contact the already participating countries to determine whether addition of a new country can be accommodated by the already participating countries (it will be noted that, to fulfill its obligation as Host, a Participating country must have a sufficient number of available boats for all the Visiting Teams. Every new country added necessarily increases the "burden" of the hosts). If the Tzar(ina) determines that addition of a new country is possible, then the Tzar(ina) will contact the representative of the country which is hosting the next QCNC and request that the Host Country extend an IP to the new country. Failure by any Country to fulfill its obligations as a Participating Country (including failure to send Visiting Teams) may be grounds for the Tzar(ina) to revoke that Country's status as a Participating Country.

(7) **VISITING TEAM** – Each country shall develop its own system for selecting a Visiting Team to represent the country at the next QCNC. The Visiting Team shall be comprised of sailors who are resident citizens of the country. The selection process should give due consideration to the following principles: (1) persons who contribute significantly to hosting the event should receive preference (an example would be persons who allow their boats to be used by the visiting sailors), (2) 6 metre sailors (helmspersons or crew) who have not yet had a chance to attend a QCNC should receive preference (3) sailors who sail 6 meter yachts regularly should have preference over *guest professionals* (for example a country which sends a Team of *paid* New Zealanders would blatantly violate this principle and would be disqualified from the regatta by the Tzar(ina)), (4) You cannot fail to send a team! (if you have no other choice send George and his wife Barbara). The point here, ladies and gentlemen, is to maximize the "fun had by all". Dictating a detailed set of "Rules for Team Selection" is not practical. If you're about to do something that "isn't right", you'll know it. We hope. If you don't "get it", expect to hear from the Tzar(ina). It is recommended that each country give careful thought to devising a system which gives as many different people as possible the opportunity to go but which also assures that you will never fail to send a team. You don't want to send a team the first few years and then fail to send teams in later years. Each country will have to come up with its own system that is fair and sustaining.

(8) **WINNING COUNTRY** – The **Visiting Country Team** with the best score shall be awarded the QCNC Trophy. Host Country Yachts sailed by Host Country Sailors may "participate" in the event but only Visiting Country Teams are eligible to win the QCNC Trophy. The Winning Country shall have the right to "take home" the Trophy, for suitable display, and shall have the right to have engraved on the designated brass plate the year of the event, the name of the Winning Country and the name of the Host Country (detail instructions for engraving of the brass plate shall be outlined in a separate document). The Winning Country shall be responsible for the care and security of the Trophy while the Trophy is in its possession. The Winning Country shall be responsible for the safe transport of the Trophy to and from the Winning Country as described in detail by a separate document. Before being allowed to "take possession" of the Trophy the persons representing the Winning Country" (Visiting Country Team sailors) shall be required to sign a document confirming their personal acceptance of the responsibilities and obligations which possession of the Trophy entails.

(9) **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS** – Amendments of this Deed of Gift may not be made without the written approval, permission and blessing of the Tzar(ina). Any "qualified person" who has a "good idea" of how to simplify, improve or render more intelligible this Deed of Gift may submit his/her comments (in triplicate) to the Tzar(ina) for possible consideration.