

## History of the Anniversary Cup Trophies

Kirk Smith, SFYC member and active Club Series participant, was instrumental in procuring the perpetual trophies and organizing the Anniversary Cup Regatta. Named for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SFYC, it was first raced in 1994. Since then it has been held each year on the Saturday before Opening Day (with the exception of 2011, when that day conflicts with the Vallejo Race), and is included as one of the races in the Club Championship Series.

The trophies were donated by John Lowe, a neighbor of Kirk's and a former junior member of the SFYC. The Anniversary Cup was won originally by John Lowe's great grandfather, John Robert Alexander Shakespeare Lowe, in a sailing match in Yarmouth, England, in 1816. It is probably the oldest trophy in the Yacht Club. The perpetual trophy for the Non-Spinnaker Division was originally won by John's father, John Bennett Lowe, skipping the R Class "Alert" in an SFYC regatta in 1917.

**In 2011**, the regatta will be held on April 23. If there is sufficient wind and conditions are good, the Race Committee will run two races, although only one is required for the Series. This is the second day of the Club Championship Series, and after the racing the racers will gather for hors d'oeuvres and beverages on the Deck. The trophy presentation should be between 4 and 4:30 pm.

### Spinnaker Division



### Non-Spinnaker Division

