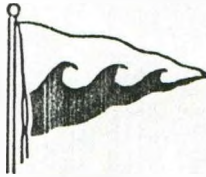


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Mr. Peter Brinckerhoff
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Dear Peter:

The Board of Governors met this past Saturday and your proposed William J. Donovan Trophy was on the agenda. There was considerable discussion and affirmation of the merits of having a Donovan Trophy, and sincere appreciation for your efforts towards making it a reality. The Board reviewed your suggested criteria for awarding the trophy and reached a consensus.

The bottom line is that Off Soundings would be delighted to have a perpetual honoring Bill Donovan, but the Board is not comfortable awarding a trophy for winning by the greatest margin for a number of reasons. Hence, I have been asked to invite you again to provide a William J. Donovan Trophy to be awarded for best results for two years combined in a class. To make this award more meaningful, the Board proposes to award this trophy to the class in which Bill Donovan competed most frequently in recent years, class C-2. To accommodate this the Nor'Easter Trophy would be shifted to another class for the best two year combined performance.

Peter, I hope you find this acceptable and can accept the position of the Board. Please let me know whether you still intend to supply a Donovan Trophy, and if so, what kind of trophy you have in mind.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bill Gunther.

William G. Gunther

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