

# OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



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## Donovan Memorial Trophy

### JANUARY 1992

Peter Brinckerhoff's letter to Commodore van Dyke proposing: "a new perpetual trophy named in honor of William J. Donovan.... (and) to award the trophy annually to a class winning yacht (based on cumulative corrected time, without penalty) who wins that honor by the greatest margin over the second place yacht in it's class."

### APRIL 4, 1992

A special committee consisting of Norm Rabe, Larry Jacobsen, Allen Anderson and Bill Gunther met and concluded that, for a number of reasons, a perpetual for winning by the greatest margin was not a desirable approach. We concluded and reported to the Board that, since three classes did not have perpetuals for two years combined, our best course was to follow precedent and invite Peter Brinckerhoff to supply such a trophy for Class C-3. A letter was sent to Peter Brinckerhoff on April 7, 1992.

### APRIL 10, 1992

Peter Brinckerhoff's letter attempts to address the mechanics of our committee's concern over his original proposal. He strongly urges that we reconsider our position and accept a trophy to be awarded to the yacht winning by the greatest margin.

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No one I have spoken with among the Board members has been overly enthusiastic about an Off Soundings Trophy to be awarded for winning by the greatest margin. Objections range from the concern over a proliferation of perpetual trophies beyond our current framework to the feeling that Peter Brinckerhoff's recommendation would not be in keeping with the spirit of our by-laws. We welcome the Board's input.