



CORA AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT (AGM) 2020

OVERVIEW

CORA Board did not have an Awards Committee in the past and does not have an official Awards Committee at present. The closest that CORA Board has come to coordinating Canadian outrigger canoeing Awards has been commissioning of the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** in 2016 and the adoption of a process that led to commissioning of the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** in 2019.

CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

CORA Board recognizes the challenges in administering trophies based on experience with the CORA Cup Series trophies and various Dragon Boat BC trophies that CORA Board members have found themselves caring for over the years. CORA Board recognizes that trophies are an investment and should be tracked to avoid having to replace quite often irreplaceable mementos. CORA Board introduced Chain-Of-Custody documents for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** and the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** to ensure that the last known whereabouts can be easily determined. These Chain-Of-Custody documents are to be found on the CORA Google Drive in the Awards folder.

PETER FORAND MASTERS CHALLENGE

Peter Forand left a lasting impression on everybody that he met during his time with Lotus Sports Club and Jericho Paddling Club and Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club (CVCRC). The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website has a perpetual page dedicated to the memory of Peter Forand. <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/peter-forand-masters-challenge-trophy/>



Ross Creasy of Open Ocean Outrigger had a friendship with Peter Forand that spanned many years. After the passing of Peter Forand, Ross Creasy petitioned CORA and PNWORCA to commission a trophy to be awarded after the PNWORCA Winter Series Championship race each year, to the top OC1 Masters (40+; 50+; 60+; 70+) paddler (female / male). This **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was awarded in the first year (2017) to Peter Marcus (Kai Pana Outrigger Canoe Club) and in the next three years (2018-2020) to Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club). The hand carved wooden fish hook sculpture at the top of the trophy represents the deep connection and reverence that we have with the sea. The trophy does make an occasional appearance at a PNWORCA Winter Series race to honour the memory of Peter Forand.

The Peter Forand Masters Challenge trophy was AWOL for 2017 and 2018 and 2019. Once the trophy was recovered, we were finally able to present it to Peter Marcus, the 2017 champion, at the 2020 PNWORCA FCRCC Winter Series race, and to Mignon Fontenelle, the 2018 and 2019 champion, at the 2020 PNWORCA Jericho Winter Series race.



2020 had been an exceptional year for the PNWORCA Winter Series. There had been a number of years where the PNWORCA Winter Series had lost two races due to weather. The 2020 PNWORCA CROCC race was cancelled due to icy winds. The 2020 PNWORCA Kai Ikaika race took a double hit with the COVID outbreak and a snowstorm in Portland that weekend. The Sand Point Championship race was cancelled for the first time ever.

There were only four PNWORCA paddlers and one CORA paddler who participated in at least three races to win their boat / gender / age division. There were only two OC1 Masters paddlers who participated in at least three races.



Discussions between PNWORCA and CORA resulted in agreement that there was indeed an OC1 Masters paddler who participated in a minimum of three events in the same Division and was first in Points.

The 2020 PNWORCA Winter Series winner for the Peter Forand Masters Challenge was once again Mignon Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club) in the Women Masters 40+ OC1 Division. The 2020 PNWORCA Winter Series event organizers recognized Mignon Fontenelle for the third

consecutive year as the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** winner in accordance with guidelines as the Female or Male Masters (40+ / 50+ / 60+ / 70+) paddler with the highest number of points across all age / gender brackets at the end of the Winter Series.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/mignon-fontenelle-sand-point-outrigger-canoe-club-wins-2020-peter-forand-masters-challenge/>

HUGH TOWN MEMORIAL BUILDER AWARD



The purpose of the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** is to recognize volunteers who have made significant and exemplary contributions to the Outrigger Canoe Racing Discipline of Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) within Canada in the Builder Category.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/hugh-town-memorial-builder-award-2019/>

Prior to the 2019 CORA AGM there was no formal Policy or Procedure for administering and bestowing this award upon an individual. An outcome of the 2019 CORA AGM was approval of a Policy and Procedure to administer and potentially bestow this award upon a member each year.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Hugh-Town-Memorial-BUILDER-Award-Policy.pdf>

The CORA Board reviewed nominations received for the 2019 season and recognized Grace Morissette of Lotus Sports Club as the 2019 recipient of the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award**.

Grace Morissette has a 30+ year legacy of selfless volunteer effort to paddling sports in general & outrigger canoe racing in particular. She has made contributions to support Canadian paddlers at the international, national, provincial, and club level. She has been part of the Lotus Sports Club that has organized the popular Lotus Iron, Lotus Icebreaker, Lotus Poker paddle, and Bill Alley Memorial Lotus Dragon Boat Regatta for many years. She has given freely of her time as a juniors & steering coach at Lotus Sports Club. She has served on the Lotus Executive & now the CORA Board.



<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/hugh-town-memorial-builder-award-2019/>

Pertinent points from the Policy or Procedure are as follows:

- *Nominations are to be received by the Awards Committee (CORA Board) from Paddling Association Members of the Outrigger Canoe Racing via a form posted on the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website (within 7 calendar days of the AGM). A decision shall be taken by mail or email ballot for each nomination received. Results shall be communicated to the Chairman of the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA).*
- *If approved by the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA), the selected Award recipient shall be advised and invited to attend the upcoming AGM with a guest at the Meeting of Members (AGM) as guests of CORA. The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) shall announce the*

Award recipient to the paddling community (via a CORA website perpetual page within 7 calendar days after the first CORA Board Meeting of the New Year).

- *The presentation of the Award shall be made on the occasion of the Meeting of Members (AGM) of the Outrigger Canoe Racing Discipline or, if the recipient is unavailable at that time, then at another appropriate time (via a CORA website perpetual page within 7 calendar days after the first CORA Board Meeting of the New Year).*
- *The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) shall formally present a trophy with engraved names of all previous winners to the recipient of the Award at the Canadian Iron Championships each calendar year.*

As the Canadian Iron Championships had been cancelled for 2020, best efforts have been made to present the trophy to the 2019 recipient at a mutually convenient time / place.

PETER FORAND MASTERS CHALLENGE ADMINISTRATION

PNWORCA Executive is responsible for administering the PNWORCA Winter Series Race Results and communicating standings in each boat / gender / age division. It is important that CORA and PNWORCA Race Directors communicate PNWORCA Winter Series Race Results in a timely manner and consistent format to the PNWORCA Race Chairman. Administration of the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** standings adds a level of complexity due to the consolidation of all female / male OC1 Masters (40+ / 50+ / 60+ / 70+) into a single division. CORA Board has taken the lead on PNWORCA Winter Series Race Points for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** standings and collaboration with the PNWORCA Race Chairman since 2017. There is a Series Points Template to assist with this process. There should be a knowledge transfer for this process.

HUGH TOWN MEMORIAL BUILDER ADMINISTRATION

The procedure for administration and bestowing is well-documented. There is a concern that this is a novel process and has not yet become ingrained in CORA Board business-as-usual or as an expectation by the membership as to how this should happen on an annual basis. Nor is there an individual who has been tasked with ensuring that the procedures are followed.

CORA AWARDS VENDORS

Note that Kerr's Recognition Services Inc. in Vancouver BC has provided trophies and glass awards and medals for CORA for many years. There are many recognition services vendors that provide comparable products / services. However, the proprietor (Sae Kerr) and the designer (Ross Lawton) have collaborated with CORA for many years and provide exceptional service and maintain records of design work and invoices going back to the 1990's. When plates on trophies require engraving to commemorate the current year recipient, they are able to deliver results in a very timely manner.

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