



Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy - Epilogue

Jericho Sailing Centre Members Lounge

The Jericho Sailing Centre has a history that has been captured in the [Jericho Paddling Club Legacy](#) [01] document found on the [CORA Cultural Continuity](#) [02] perpetual page. The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) AGM had been held for many years from the early 2000s until 2019 in various rooms at the Jericho Sailing Centre including the [North East Room](#), the [North West Room](#), and the [Members Lounge](#). [03] The spacious Burrard Banquet Room had never been used for a CORA event, but has a vast collection of trophies for many of the sporting events held at Jericho Beach Park. The Members Lounge (accessible only by Jericho members) with a Big Screen TV and Satellite and fireplace is the smallest of the Jericho Sailing Centre meetings rooms. The CORA AGM had been held in the Members Lounge for the last time in November 2016. The CORA AGM in 2017 and 2018 and 2019 had been held in the North West Room. After the COVID Global Pandemic arrived in early 2020, the CORA AGM had been held virtually at the offices of the CORA President. The next time that many of the outrigger paddling community would visit the Jericho Sailing Centre Members Lounge, would be the PNWORCA/CORA 2025 Winter Series Jericho Race in January 2025. This would be a key moment.



Peter Forand Legacy

The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) and the Pacific North West Outrigger Racing Canoe Association (PNWORCA) announced the annual Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy for the PNWORCA/CORA 2017 Winter Series Small Boat Races. CORA Past President Gralin Doubleday noted [Peter Forand's contributions](#) [11] to the paddling community in the November 2016 CORA President's Report.



The award was created to acknowledge a Female or Male Masters age OC1 paddler for both participation and performance throughout the 7-race series, The [Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy](#) [12] is named for the late Peter Forand, who passed away unexpectedly during a Winter Series race in Vancouver in 2016. Peter was an avid paddler throughout his life and a keen racer of the PNWORCA/CORA Winter Series since its inception.

Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy Origin / Disappearance

Ross Creasy of Open Ocean Outriggers (OOO) [21] had a friendship with Peter that spanned many years. After the passing of Peter Forand, Ross Creasy petitioned PNWORCA and CORA to commission a Trophy to be awarded after the PNWORCA/CORA Winter Series Championship event each year, to the top OC1 Masters (40+; 50+; 60+; 70+) paddler (female / male).

In early 2017, Ross Creasy collaborated with a Hawaiian retailer to acquire one small and one large hand carved wooden fish hook sculpture, and then collaborated with longtime CORA awards vendor Kerr's Recognition, to produce bases and plates for two trophies - a smaller one for Peter Forand's widow as a memento and a larger one to be presented as a perpetual Trophy at the PNWORCA/CORA Winter Series Championship each year.



However, the Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy had been not presented in-person to the PNWORCA/CORA Winter Series Champions for several years due to a confluence of events. One major factor had been a transition in both the PNWORCA Executive and the CORA Executive from 2017 and 2018, which involved turnover in the PNWORCA Race Chairman and the CORA Race Committee. Another major factor had been a lack of documentation and ownership of the process for identifying / recognizing the Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy Champion. Another major factor had been a lack of stewardship of the Trophy as to who had it last and where it had been seen last. The end result was that the original Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy had not been seen for 8 years.

Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy Search And Rescue

Yours Truly joined the CORA Race Committee after onboarding with the CORA Executive as of the CORA 2016 AGM. The CORA Race Committee collaborated with the PNWORCA Race Chairman after the PNWORCA/CORA 2017 Winter Series Championship and were in agreement that Peter Marcus (Kai Pana) was the *Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy 2017 Champion*, however the Trophy was nowhere to be found. The CORA Race Committee collaborated with the PNWORCA Race Chairman after the PNWORCA/CORA 2018 Winter Series Championship and were in agreement that Mignon Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club) was the *Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy 2018 Champion*, however the Trophy was nowhere to be found. The CORA Race Committee collaborated with the PNWORCA Race Chairman after the PNWORCA/CORA 2019 Winter Series Championship and were in agreement that Mignon Fontenelle was the *Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy 2019 Champion*, however the Trophy was nowhere to be found.

The PNWORCA Race Chairman and the CORA Race Committee recognized prior to the PNWORCA/CORA 2019 Winter Series that there would exist the possibility for a tie amongst multiple Masters (40+; 50+; 60+; 70+) OC1 Female & Male paddlers. Discussions held prior to the PNWORCA/CORA 2019 Winter Series solidified the eligibility criteria and tiebreaker rules such that in 2024, the Longevity Tiebreaker Across Gender with the most senior Date-Of-Birth winning the Peter Forand Memorial Trophy, was finally exercised to recognize a Champion and a Co-Champion.

And so, Yours Truly as a longtime friend of Peter Forand set forth to remedy this situation. We checked with past recipients Peter Marcus and Mignon Fontenelle as to if they had ever seen the Trophy, but the answer was no. We checked with past and current PNWORCA Executive members as to if they had ever seen the Trophy,

but the answer was no. We checked with past and current CORA Executive members as to if they had ever seen the Trophy, but the answer was no. It was recommended to check the Jericho Sailing Centre Members Lounge and Burrard Banquet Room which both housed a multitude of trophies. Unfortunately, both these Jericho Sailing Centre rooms were under renovation during all of 2019 with the hardwood floors being sanded and coated. The only access to these two rooms was via binoculars through the windows – and the Trophy was not visible. CORA even published a CORA website posting ([Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy – Have You Seen Me?](#)) [31] All Points Bulletin (APB). Fortunately, every CORA Treasurer going back to the beginning of CORA had kept detailed financial records. We were able to confirm that longtime CORA awards vendor Kerr's Recognition had indeed invoiced CORA for the (small and large) Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy, and had provided a photograph of the finished merchandise.



Three fortuitous events occurred between Nov-Dec 2019. First, the CORA Executive had approved the Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award Policy / Process that provided for a perpetual Trophy to recognize an annual recipient of this award. Second, Yours Truly had located a Hawaiian retailer ([Express Engraving](#)) [32] of hand carved wooden fish hook sculptures identical to the one that Ross Creasy had ordered in March 2017. Third, the CORA Executive had approved purchase of hand carved wooden fish hook sculptures for the new Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award Trophy and a replacement for the lost Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy – within an agreed budget.



Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy Replica

Shipping the hand carved wooden fish hook sculptures from Hawaii to Vancouver BC would have exceeded the CORA approved budget. And the Hawaiian retailer had communicated that the local Hawaiian artisan was retiring and there were only three hand carved wooden fish hook sculptures left. At that time, 2-months away from the onset of the COVID Global Pandemic, Yours Truly had an Information Technology colleague who was going to be in Honolulu on Holidays and had agreed to bring back those three hand carved wooden fish hook sculptures as carry-on luggage in exchange for a bottle of Tanqueray Gin. The order was placed with Express Engraving in Honolulu, and then the three hand carved wooden fish hook sculptures were hand-delivered to Yours Truly in Vancouver BC mid-January 2020.

The PNWORCA/CORA 2020 Winter Series Jericho Race was booked for the first Saturday in February. The schedule was tight. The day after the three hand carved wooden fish hook sculptures were hand-delivered from Honolulu, Yours Truly provided one of the hand carved wooden fish hook sculptures to the Kerr's Recognition Trophy specialist, who had procured the base and plates and shields and used the hand carved wooden fish hook sculpture to assemble the original Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy. The Kerr's Recognition Trophy specialist completed the replica of the original Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy by 5PM on Friday, while Yours Truly was waiting in the lobby, the day before the PNWORCA/CORA 2020 Winter Series Jericho Race. The story that CORA went with from that day forward was that the Trophy was found on the shelves at Kerr's Recognition at the last minute and the Trophy shields were engraved just in time for the PNWORCA/CORA 2020 Winter Series Canadian events. This was the story until the PNWORCA/CORA 2025 Winter Series Jericho Race.

At the PNWORCA/CORA 2020 Winter Series Jericho Race awards, Mignon Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club) was finally presented the Trophy and recognized as [Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy 2018](#)

Champion, [41] and Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy 2019 Champion. [42] At the PNWORCA/CORA 2020 Winter Series FCRCC Race awards, Peter Marcus (Kai Pana) was finally presented the Trophy and recognized as Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy 2017 Champion. [43] The COVID Global Pandemic prompted border closures and virtual racing, but the PNWORCA/CORA Winter Series continued. Year-after-year from 2017-2024 there has been a Peter Forand Masters Challenge Champion. Sometimes the Champion has been presented the Trophy in Peace Arch Park, [44] as this was the only place where Canadians and Americans could meet in-person during COVID. Sometimes the Champion has been presented the Trophy at another PNWORCA event. [45] But for 2023 [46] and 2024, [47] the Champion has been presented the Trophy in-person at the asked PNWORCA/CORA Winter Series Championship event, as PNWORCA and CORA have collaborated to ensure recognition of the Champion at the rightful time / place.

Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy Discovery

The Safety Meeting for the PNWORCA/CORA Winter Series Jericho Race for many years had been held in the North East Room, due to the large number of participants (prior to COVID), and then outside the Jericho Sailing Centre entrance for social distancing in the first few years after the worst of COVID, then once again in the North East Room as event participation grew. The Safety Meeting for the PNWORCA/CORA 2025 Winter Series Jericho Race [51] in January 2025 was held in the Members Lounge for the first time in many years, as the outside early morning temperatures were hovering at freezing and the 50 participants and 10 officials were not overwhelming. During the Safety Meeting, Yours Truly on one side of the Members Lounge waved to another participant on the other side of the Members Lounge and then saw something familiar. There on a shelf, lost in a clutter of sailing and rugby trophies, was a Trophy topped with a hand carved wooden fish hook sculpture with black braid. Once the crowd had cleared out, a closer look brought the realization that this was the original Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy that had been missing for 8 years – with a single Trophy shield engraved with the name of first recipient Peter Marcus. And so, after 8 years of wondering what ever became of this Trophy, we now know where it had been all along.



Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy Retirement

At the CORA 2025-February Monthly Board Meeting, the CORA Executive approved amendments to the Peter Forand Masters Challenge Award Policy & Process. If / when this Initiative reaches a conclusion, Jericho Paddling Club (Jan Chavarie; Bob Stewart; Jericho Executive) had offered to have the Trophy move from the residence of the CORA Board Member (where it had resided for many years) to the Jericho Sailing Centre Association Members Lounge. Any CORA Board Member who wishes to take custody of ownership / management / presentation of this Trophy for future years, has been asked to please put their name forward.

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