



Smither Trophy—Awarded to the Top Scoring Skipper  
Racing in the World Championship for the First Time

DEED OF GIFT

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS

THE SMITHER TROPHY

FOR FIRST TIME WINNERS IN THE ILLCA WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

This trophy is hereby donated to the International Lightning Class Association in perpetuity by Robert K. Smither in honor of his father Karl Smither, former International Champion and Past President of the International Lightning Class. The following conditions and regulations shall apply:

1. This trophy shall be competed for and awarded at each ILLCA World Championship Regatta to the top scoring skipper who is racing in the World Championship regatta for the first time.
2. This trophy shall remain the property of the International Lightning Class Association. It shall be surrendered and returned to the ILLCA by the previous winner thereof, prior to the next World Championship Regatta.
3. The winner shall be allowed to inscribe his name, location of the regatta and the year won, in a manner established by precedent.
4. Because Karl Smither believed that the crew is an all important factor in winning yacht races, the donor will supply three keeper trophies of equal size for skipper and his crew as long as possible, hoping that the ILLCA will continue to do so thereafter.

In tribute to the Lightning and the members of its Association.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert K. Smither". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert K. Smither

1 March 1989