

THE OCEAN CITY CUP

A History of the Ocean City Casting Tournament and The Cup

By R. Bruce Balderson

It was mid-August 1913 on what must have been a sweltering day in the sun. On the beach in Ocean City, three surf anglers - Churchill Hungerford, Sr., Fred H. Champion, and Peter F. Wright – had fished the entire flood tide and most of the ebb tide without a single catch to show for their efforts. After bemoaning their bad luck, Champion looked down the hard-level beach as far as he could see, stepped forward a few paces, and, with the wind at his back, completed a cast that was stepped off at 175 feet. Wright and Hungerford quickly followed.

The trio continued their good-natured competition right up until dusk, with Hungerford holding the winning distance at 216 feet.

That day was the genesis of Tournament Casting in Ocean City, a competition that would attract the best surfcasters from throughout the East Coast for 70 years.

In 1914, Charlie Magennis, an ardent surfcaster and member of the Ocean City Fishing Club (incorporated on September 4, 1913), conceived the idea of expanding the competition to include other fishing clubs. To implement his plan, the Ocean City Fishing Club decided to create a Trophy Cup which would be awarded annually to the winning team to be held for one year.

With the help of a \$500 appropriation from Ocean City's advertising budget, Magennis and the fishing club, through the J.E. Caldwell Company of Philadelphia, commissioned the Gorham Silver Company to craft the Cup.

The result was a truly magnificent trophy - a sterling silver Cup that measured 43 inches in height, including the wooden base on which it was firmly attached. The silver weighed 220 ounces. The workmanship was of the highest class. Perched at the top of the Cup was the winged Roman goddess, Victory, along with a mermaid employing a triton to protect the capture of a fish.



Atop the obverse side was the seal of Ocean City mounted over two crossed casting rods surrounded by sprays of laurel. A panel extending down the front was produced by placing a casting rod on one side and a gaff on the other. In the panel the following words were inscribed:

OCEAN CITY CUP
A perpetual Trophy
For Annual Competition
In Casting
Presented by
Ocean City, New Jersey
To The
Ocean City Fishing Club

The reverse of the Cup was left plain for engraving the names of the winning teams for years to come. When the names of the winning teams filled the Cup to capacity, a bottom base was provided for the names of future winners.

The Ocean City Fishing Club is the only club to field a team in every tournament during the history of the contest. The first Ocean City Cup Casting Tournament was held on August 12, 1916. The clubs entering the competition would send five men, each of whom made five casts, and the team whose twenty-five casts averaged the greatest distance would be declared the winner. The Cup would be awarded to them for the ensuing year. It was not until August 7, 1918, that the Ocean City Fishing Club team would win the Cup. The club's 1919 Yearbook reflects the exhilaration as members learned that the coveted trophy was returning home to Ocean City.

"Come, fisherman, in trousers white and caps of royal blue;

With fishing poles on your shoulder, come join the Grand Revue!

We won the Ocean City Cup, and proud the flag we fling;

Back Home to Stay Forever, is the joyous song we sing."

The spirits ran so high, the Yearbook reported, that on August 29, 1918 the Club members "marched from the Clubhouse to the Music Pavilion, carrying rods and reels."

Below is a list of all the winners from 1916, when the casting tournament began, to 1986, after which the Cup was retired. During World War II, 1944 and 1945, there were no winners recorded on the Cup.

Ocean City Fishing Cup Winners

70 years of surf casting competition 1916 - 1986

Engraved on the back of the Cup, top to bottom:

1916 ASBURY PARK FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 292FT. 7 3/5IN
1917 ASBURY PARK FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 299FT. 11 17/25 IN.
1918 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 310FT. 2 12/25In.
1919 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 322FT. 9 17/25IN.
1920 ANGLERS' CLUB OF OCEAN CITY-AVERAGE 342FT. 21/25IN.
1921 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 347FT. 2 4/5IN
1922 ANGLERS CLUB OF OCEAN CITY-AVERAGE 344FT. 5 3/25IN.
1923 ANGLERS CLUB OF OCEAN CITY-AVERAGE 386FT. 5IN.
1924 ASBURY PARK FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 380FT. 10 11/25IN.
1925 LONG ISLAND CASTING CLUB-AVERAGE 398FT. 10 3/5In.
1926 LONG ISLAND CASTING CLUB-AVERAGE 367FT. 2IN.
1927 LONG ISLAND CASTING CLUB-AVERAGE 355FT. 6IN.
1928 BELMAR FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 371FT. 4IN.
1929 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 383FT. 5IN.
1930 BELMAR FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 361FT. 11IN.
1931 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 346FT. 10 4/5IN.
1932 ANGLERS CLUB OF ABSECON IS-AVERAGE 331FT. 7 12/25IN.
1933 TRENTON ROD & GUN CLUB-AVERAGE 395FT. 6IN.
1934 TRENTON ROD & GUN CLUB-AVERAGE 397FT. 3 19/25IN.
1935 DOVER FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 370FT. 9 12/25IN.
1936 DOVER FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 383FT. 11 12/25IN.
1937 DOVER FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 373FT. 8IN.
1938 BELMAR FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE 368FT. 6IN.
1939 DOVER FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE-369FT. 11IN.
1940 DOVER FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE-419FT. 10IN.
1941 DOVER FISHING CLUB-AVERAGE-380FT.
1942 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB AVERAGE 339FT. 7IN.
1943 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB AVERAGE 342FT. 2IN.
1946 DOVER FISHING CLUB AVERAGE 442FT. 3IN.
1947 DOVER FISHING CLUB AVERAGE 435FT. 6IN.
1948 DOVER FISHING CLUB AVERAGE 470FT. 11IN.
1949 NEW YORK CASTING CLUB AVERAGE 372FT. 1IN.
1950 DOVER FISHING CLUB AVERAGE 419FT. 9IN.

Engraved on metal plaques on wooden base, front side below the Cup

1951 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB 251 FT 8 IN
1952 BEACHCOMBERS SURF & GUN CLUB 282FT 6 IN
1953 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB 273 FT
1954 DOVER FISHING CLUB 293 FT 5 IN
1955 BEACHCOMBERS SURF & GUN CLUB 319 FT 3 IN
1956 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 331 FT
1957 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 351 FT 2 IN
1958 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 382 FT 11 1/4 IN
1959 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 376 FT 10 IN
1960 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 354 FT
1961 VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB 337 FT. 8 IN
1962 VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB 363 FT. 3 IN
1963 VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB 358 FT.
1964 VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB 348 FT. 10 IN.
1965 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 355 FT. 8 IN.
1966 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 343 FT. 6 IN.
1967 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 348 FT. 9 IN.
1968 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 392 FT. 8 In.

Engraved on metal plaques on wooden base, right side below the Cup

1969 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 374 FT. 4 IN.
1970 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 365 FT. 9 IN.
1971 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 355 FT. 7 IN. AVG
1972 N. PHILA. SURFISHING CLUB 397 FT. 7 IN. AVG.
1973 TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB 407 FT. 3 IN.
1974 TIDEWATER ANGLERS OF NORFOLK, VA. 351 FT., 7 INS.
1975 OUTCASTER CLUB OF LONG ISLAND, N.Y. ASAC RECORD-
417 FT
1976 TIDEWATER ANGLERS OF NORFOLK, V.A. ASAC RECORD-
427 FT., 10 INS.
1977 THE OUTCASTER CLUB OF L.I.N.Y. AVERAGE 409 FT. 3 INS.
AUGUST 13, 1977
1978 TIDEWATER ANGLERS OF NORFOLK, VA. AVERAGE 406 FT.
3 INS. AUGUST 12, 1978
1979 THE SHORE SURF CLUB WON WITH AN AVERAGE OF 424 FT.
2 IN.
1980 THE SHORE SURF CLUB WON WITH AN AVERAGE OF 416 FT.
INS.
1980 SHORE SURF CLUB WON WITH AN AVERAGE OF 417 FT.
11 INS.
1981 TIDEWATER ANGLER OF NORFOLK, VA. CONVENTIONL
GEAR AVERAGE 425 FT., 6 IN AUGUST 8, 1981
1982 TIDEWATER ANGLERS NORFOLK, VA. WON WITH AVG 445
FT. 2 INS.

1983 TIDEWATER ANGLERS NORFOLK, VA. WON WITH AVG 459 FT. 4 INS.

1984 SHORE SURF CLUB AVER. CAST 516 FT.

1985 TIDE WATER ANGLERS AVER. CAST 475 FT.

Engraved on metal plaques on wooden base, left side below the Cup

1986 OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB AVERAGE 399.2 FT.

There are 18 plaques on each of the front and sides of the wooden base. On the left side is the 1986 Ocean City Fishing Club's plaque there are 17 blank plaques.

Note: All periods, commas, dashes, text size (capital or small letters), etc. are as engraved on this Cup/trophy. Fractions of inches are as they are engraved.

Sadly, the original Cup was destroyed in 1920 during a devastating Boardwalk fire. Fortunately, the Ocean City Fishing Club asked J.E. Caldwell to fashion an exact reproduction in order to continue the proud tradition. Metal from the original Cup was salvaged and used to make silver medals. These medals were awarded to tournament winners in the late 1920s. (Below are front and back pictures of this medal.)



The last time the Ocean City Fishing Club won the casting tournament was in 1986 - with an average cast of more than 399 feet. The Cup was retired after that accomplishment. One of the reasons was that over the years there had been many improvements to rods, reels, and casting lines, making it difficult to establish consistent "ground" rules.

With the end of the casting tournaments, the Cup was on display at the entrance to the City, in City Hall, and then Ocean City Bayside Center before being moved and stored in a locked vault at City Hall at 9th and Asbury Avenue.

(See letters/correspondence below. Note – John Corish’s response to Richard Deanery, City Business Administrator, memorandum, of July 22, 1987 stating the Cup was never donated to the City but was being held by the city “under protective custody.” Because it was on City property, the Cup had to be on an inventory list and insured. Sotheby’s New York appraised it at \$95,000. Circa 2002).

Obviously, a storage locker was not an appropriate resting place for a beautiful and famous trophy that is a vital piece of Ocean City’s and Ocean City Fishing Club’s history is a symbol of team supremacy in the surfcasting world. Its value is deemed to be greater than that of the Davis, Lipton, and Stanley trophies, all of which are well known in the sporting world.

Fortunately, help was on the way.

A fishing club member and Trustee, Bruce Balderson, became interested in the Cup and its treasured past. On June 4, 2002, he obtained permission to move the Cup temporarily from the vault to the Council Chambers Room (third floor) in City Hall, where he took digital photos and video of the Cup. The names of all the winning teams and their average casts were recorded. (Pictures taken before the Cup was restored below).



On June 21, 2002, Club President Ben Wertz appointed Balderson chairman of a new committee charged with assuring the Cup would be displayed in a secure Ocean City location where the general public could see and admire it. The committee that was formed on June 27 included President Ben Wertz, John Corish, Jim Currans, Bill Daley, Gene Lindacher, and, Bruce Balderson.

After several meetings, the committee unanimously agreed that the best home for the Cup should be the Ocean City Historical Museum.

Balderson and Currens inspected the Cup to get its dimensions and weight for a display case. On July 22, 2002, Balderson met with Paul Anselm, president of the museum's Board of Trustees, to review details about the display. Another meeting was held on September 30 with Mayor Henry "Bud" Knight, City Business Administrator, Richard W. Deanery, City purchasing agent Joseph S. Clark, administrative assistant Linda P. Macintyre, City publicist Mark Soifer, Paul Anselm, and Fishing Club representatives Bruce Balderson, Jim Currens, and John Corish. Once again, the consensus was that the Cup should be ensconced in the Historical Museum. (The issue of ownership was not discussed.)

Below is correspondence between OCFC and the City.



CITY OF OCEAN CITY

AMERICA'S GREATEST FAMILY RESORT

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum To: Roger Rinck

From: Richard W. Deaney *RWD*

Date: July 22, 1997

Re: Casting Cup

The Ocean City Fishing Club has previously donated a valuable silver casting cup to the City. The cup was once housed in the museum and also in a City Hall trophy case. I have discussed with John Corish, club treasurer, the idea of displaying the cup at the Bayside Museum. He has indicated club support for the idea. As per our telephone discussion, please arrange for this to happen this summer by preparing a secure display case, and keep Mr. Corish apprised of your progress. When completed, an appropriate picture can be arranged with club officers and Mayor Knight.

I am enclosing a 1997 year book of the Ocean City Fishing Club for your reference. Mr. John Corish can be reached at 398-5441 or by mail at 1927 Haven Avenue.

Enclosure

c: Mayor Henry S. Knight
John Corish

*THE Cup was not donated to the city
They have it under protective custody.
I told Mr Deaney the fact 7/24/97
John Corish*

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum To: Roger Rinck
From: Richard W. Deane *RWD*
Date: March 18, 1998
Subject: Casting Cup

I had another visit from John Corish, 1927 Haven Avenue (398-5441), who of course is interested in the casting cup display. I assured John of our intentions for the opening of the new season. Please contact him and work with him on this project. John gave me some written material which I am passing on to you. Included is club history and information on groins that you may find interesting.

Enclosures

c: *✓* John Corish

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August, 27, 2002

Mr. Richard W. Deaneay
City of Ocean City
City Hall
9th and Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226

SUBJECT: Your memorandums dated July 22, 1997 and March 18, 1998
regarding the Ocean City Cup.

Dear Mr. Deaneay:

Please refer to the above subject. The Ocean City Cup was presented to the Ocean City Fishing Club in 1916, by the commissioners of the City of Ocean City, to be a perpetual trophy for the winner of the Ocean City Casting Tournament. In 1914 Charlie Maginnis, an ardent surf caster and member of the Ocean City Fishing Club, conceived the idea of the Ocean City Fishing Club to be competed for annually in casting. Mr. Maginnis and the Ocean City Fishing Club proceeded to raise money for the design and creation of this cup. Being short of the total amount of money, the maker (J. E. Caldwell & Co) required, a committee was formed by the Ocean City Fishing Club to request the City appropriate money. The city appropriated \$500.00 from the cities advertising budget knowing this annual event would promote tourism and revenue to the city from the many visiting anglers, their families and friends. The OCFC then proceeded to have the Cup made.

The Ocean City Cup was in annual competition from 1916 to 1986 (70 years) before being retired. Why the annual competition was discontinued is not known. Just after the Cup was retired the City of Ocean City displayed the Cup in a glass case in the lobby of city hall. Because this protective case was not secure and the city hall lobby was not monitored the City thought it best to have the Cup placed in a secure location. The Cup was placed in a locked vault in city hall in protective custody for the Ocean City Fishing Club.

Recently the OCFC formed a committee to investigate having the Cup displayed in a secure location where the public could observe and admire the beauty of this historic trophy. We have contacted and are working with the Ocean City

Historical Museum (Paul Anselm) for this display. We (OCFC) will supply a secure display case, provide insurance and any maintenance.

The purpose of the correspondence is for you to have the Cup released from your protective custody to the Ocean City Fishing Club. We want this Cup to be on display where all the public can see it and again promote fishing in general and Ocean City, New Jersey.

Sincerely,

R. Bruce Balderson
Committee chairman (Ocean City Cup)

Cc
Ben Wertz, OCFC President
John Corish Cup Committee



CITY OF OCEAN CITY

AMERICA'S GREATEST FAMILY RESORT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 16, 2002

Mr. R. Bruce Balderson
Ocean City Cup Chairman
Ocean City Fishing Club
14th Street & Boardwalk
Ocean City, NJ 08226


Dear Mr. Balderson:

I received a copy of your letter regarding your interest in placing the Ocean City Cup on display at the Historical Museum. This work of art should be available to be viewed by the public, and I believe it would be in our best interest to formulate a common goal on how to display this valuable asset to ensure the cup's proper safeguarding in accordance with our insurance guidelines and policies.

I would like you to designate two people to serve on a committee to discuss the status of the cup and possible display at the Museum. I have scheduled a meeting to be held on Monday, September 30th at 10:00 am in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at City Hall. City representatives attending will be Joe Clark, Purchasing Director; Linda MacIntyre, Administrative Assistant; Mark Soifer, Public Relations Director and Paul Anselm of the Historical Museum.

We look forward to working with your club in coordinating efforts to have this beautiful cup on display for public viewing.

Sincerely,




Henry S. Knight
Mayor

lpm

c: Richard W. Deaney, Business Administrator
Joseph S. Clark, Purchasing Agent
Linda P. MacIntyre, Administrative Assistant
Mark Soifer, Public Relations Director
Paul Anselm, Historical Museum

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Once again, the consensus was that the Cup should be ensconced in the Historical Museum. (The issue of ownership was not discussed.)

Following this session, the Fishing Club set its sights on a display case.

The Club ordered a mahogany trophy case with a clear plastic casing. Doylestown Lumber and Millwork crafted the base, with a groove on the top to accept the plastic enclosure supplied by Trident Plastic Inc. of Ivy land, PA. The base was finished with a low-luster lacquer.

At the same time, the City arranged to have the Cup reconditioned. In July 2002, the City contracted with Silver Plating of South Jersey to restore the Cup and make any necessary repairs.

On November 7, 2002, the City attorney drafted a display agreement letter and sent it to the Club for approval. Club attorney and member Basil D. Beck III reviewed the draft and sent a revised agreement back to the City on December 26 for approval and signatures. On January 3, 2003, Joseph S. Clark indicated that the agreement had been approved and signed and was being sent to the Club that day.

Shown below is a letter dated January 7, 2003 from Basil Beck III with a copy of the signed agreement.

The original letter was copied and resized to fit in this publication.

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January 7, 2003

Benedict L. Wernitz, Jr., President
Ocean City Fishing Club
14th and the Boardwalk
PO Box 1215

Ocean City, New Jersey 08226

RE: Ocean City Casting Cup

Dear Ben:

Enclosed please find the fully executed Agreement regarding the Ocean City Casting Cup. Would you kindly file accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to Contact me.

Very truly yours,

BASIL D. BECK, III (Signed)

BDB: keg

enc.

cc: Paul Anselm

Bruce Balderson

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made on December 31, 2002 among the City of Ocean City (hereinafter referred to as "the City"), a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey with offices Located at 861 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey; the Ocean City Fishing Club (thereinafter referred to as "the Fishing Club"), a Not-for-Profit Corporation of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 14th Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, New Jersey and the Ocean City Historical Museum (therein after referred to as "the Museum"), a Not-for-Profit Corporation of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 1735 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Ocean City Fishing Club ("Fishing Cup") had commissioned design and creation of a cup to be completed for by fishing teams from various clubs; and

WHEREAS, said Cup came to be known as the "Ocean City Cup"; and

WHEREAS, in 1916 the First National Casting Tournament was held in the City of Ocean City; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean City Cup became a famous trophy that was awarded in competition each year from 1916 to 1986 (except 1944-45); and

WHEREAS, in 1986 the Ocean City Cup was retired; and

WHEREAS, the Fishing Club and the City are desirous of displaying the Ocean City Cup in the Ocean City Historical Museum ("Museum"); and

WHEREAS, the Museum has agreed to display the Ocean City Cup on behalf of the City and the Fishing Club.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration,

the parties agree as follows:

I. RECITALS

1. The parties affirm and acknowledge the Recitals and incorporate them herein.

II. DISPLAY

1. The parties agree that the Cup shall be displayed by the Museum on said premises.

2. The parties agree that the museum retains full control over the time, manner and location of the display of the Cup, provided that the Cup shall at all times be open and visible to members of the public.

3. The City shall purchase the casting within which the Cup shall be placed for display at the Museum. The casting shall be approved by the Museum, however, the approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

4. The City and the Fishing Club shall bear the cost of restoring, cleaning and otherwise maintaining the Cup, said costs to be borne in equal parts by the City and the Fishing Club.

5. The restoration, cleaning and maintenance of the Cup shall be performed in accordance with the recommendations of a professional retained by the City upon consultation with the Museum and the Fishing Club.

6. The City shall, at its sole cost and expense, arrange for Increased security as is needed for the casing and display of the Cup at the Museum.

III. INSURANCE

1. The City shall maintain appropriate property insurance for the Cup and shall provide copies of declaration sheets to the Museum and the Fishing Club.

2. In case of theft, loss, damage or partial damage, the City shall advise the Fishing Club of the claim(s) filed with the City's Insurance carrier as well as the receipt of any and all insurance proceeds resulting from the filed claim(s).

3. The City and the Fishing Club shall agree upon the use of any insurance proceeds towards the replacement, repair, or restoration of the Cup. In the event the City and the Fishing Club agree not to replace, repair, or restore the Cup, the City and the Fishing Club shall otherwise agree on the disbursement of the insurance proceeds.

IV. LIABILITY

1. The parties hereto agree that the action of the Museum in displaying the cup shall not rise to the level of a "bailment" pursuant to New Jersey Law.

2. The parties hereto agree that the Cup shall not be

considered “Loaned Property” as said term is defined in the Museum bylaws and, therefore, the display of the Cup is subject to the approval of the Museum and said approval shall be memorialized in a Resolution duly adopted by the Museum. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the City of Ocean City and the Fishing Club.

3. The City agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Museum from any claims that may arise out of the Museum’s display of the Cup.

V. REMOVAL

1. The City and the Fishing Club may, at any time, upon agreement of both parties, jointly elect to remove the Cup from the Museum.

VI. NOTICE

All correspondence and notices required under this Agreement shall be directed to the following individuals or their designee:

On behalf of the City:

Joseph Clark, Division of Purchasing
City Hall, Room 203
861 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, New Jersey 08226

On behalf of the Ocean City Historical Museum:

Paul S. Anselm, President
Ocean City Historical Museum, Inc.
1735 Simpson Avenue
Ocean City, New Jersey 08226

On behalf of the Fishing Club:

Benedict L Wertz, Jr., President
Ocean City Fishing Club
14th Street and the Boardwalk
PO Box 1215
Ocean City, New Jersey 08226

VII. AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties. This Agreement may only be modified or voided by a writing signed by all parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto set their hands, the day and first above written.

ATTEST:

Angela H. Pileggi*

CITY OF OCEAN CITY

Joseph S. Clark, City Purchasing Agent*

ATTEST:
John Rickards, Secretary

OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB
Benedict L. Wertz, Jr., President*

ATTEST:
MUSEUM

OCEAN CITY HISTORICAL
Paul S. Anselm, President*


* signed agreement

On October 26, 2003, the Ocean City Historical Museum and the Ocean City Fishing Club held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome the 90-year-old trophy Cup to the museum, where the public could see it and learn about its proud history. To officially start the event, Mayor Knight cut the ribbon. Speakers included museum board chairman Paul Anselm and OCFC Cup Chairman Bruce Balderson. The program of this event is shown below.


Ocean City Historical Museum, Inc.
welcomes you to our
Ocean City Fishing Club Trophy
Exhibit Ribbon Cutting
October 26, 2003 ~ 3:00 pm

Welcome & Introductions
OCHM ~ President
Paul Anselm

Ocean City Fishing Club
Bruce Balderson

 The 90 year old Ocean City Fishing Club Trophy has been installed in its permanent display case in our museum. It will officially debut when the Mayor of Ocean City, Honorable Henry "Bud" Knight cuts the ribbon on this new exhibit.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the program





After the dedication Paul Anselm, the Mayor Henry Knight, and Bruce Balderson shook hands in front of the Cup to complete the celebration.

In 2013 the Ocean City Fishing Club recorded a major milestone - the 100th anniversary of the founding of what is now the oldest, continuously operating fishing club in the country. Club member George Ingram, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, arranged to have a police escort for the movement of the Cup from the Historical Museum to the Garden Room of the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City, where the Centennial Anniversary Gala was held on September 28, 2013.

The beautiful trophy Cup was displayed at the entrance to the dining room for members and their guests, including Mayor Jay A. Gillian, to appreciate. The guest speaker was Dave Chanda, director of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. After the event, a police escort returned the Cup to the museum.

Below are pictures of the Cups movement for this Centennial Gala event.





Presently, the Ocean City Fishing Club's historic Ocean City Cup is on display at the Ocean City Historical Museum in the Ocean City Community Center at 1735 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City, NJ. For details on hours of operation and additional information, visit: www.ocnjmuseum.com



The above information on the history of the Ocean City Fishing Club's Cup was obtained from many sources. The Ocean City Fishing Club and the City of Ocean City hope you will visit the Historical Museum and look at this beautiful trophy and the other interesting items on display.

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