As the grandson and a blood relative of Wilmot Hughes Sr., I David P. Hughes would like to request that the deed of gift for the Wilmot Hughes Ladies Day Race Trophy be expanded to include female Junior Members of SBYC and daughters of SBYC members in addition to female Flag Members and wives of Flag Members.

The Santa Barbara Yacht Club Board of Directors may rededicate this trophy or revise this deed of gift, should it be necessary in the future.

Name VAVID T. HUGHES

Date

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January 12, 2003 Re: Wilmot Hughes Trophy

John Berryhill, Rear Commodore Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Dear John.

As you know last November the Sail Policy Committee presented a letter to the Board regarding "Restatement of the Wilmot Hughes Deed of Gift". A copy is attached for your reference.

At the meeting of the board on Nov. 21st the Restatement was tabled until 2003. Since I am not on the Board this year, I want to pass on to you my findings about the deed and my thoughts about a rededication.

First I would like to address the reasoning in the letter from the Sail Policy Committee.

- 1. I agree that society's views have changed towards women's involvement in racing activities. However, these changes should in no way affect a Deed of Gift, particularly when the maker has stated his wishes in the deed and subsequent conversations. In addition there is no provision in the deed for the Club to change the dedication.
- 2. Even though our By-Laws state that "The spouse and dependent children of members shall be considered as members for racing purposes" this statement can not supersede the wishes of the donor of a trophy unless those wishes conflict with the By-Laws of the Club. In this case I do not believe there is any conflict. I believe this by-law was made for another reason and Cork Otis may know the reason.

In this case the intent of the donor as documented in the attachments is very clear. When Ralph Luikhart asked Mr. Hughes in 1971, "if it was his intention that any female win his trophy", he answered, "No Indeed".

3. The races run by the Santa Barbara Yacht Club are inclusive to all members. We have a very active Junior Program and there are several special races held for women members and spouses of members and many women take the helm during regular races.

The Wilmot Hughes Ladies Day Race has been held every year since 1956, with one exception, in 1969. The Trophy was dedicated in 1962 and has not been changed. This race is very successful and I see no reason for any changes at this time. It is my belief that we should never change a Deed of Gift without a very good reason and certainly we should never go against the wishes of the donor. To do this, with one deed, would effectively nullify any Deed of Gift we hold.

We should honor those who donate trophies by adhering to their wishes and the Deed of Gift. If we want to add another race to our calendar then we should do so and find another trophy for the new race.

In accordance with the wishes of Madge Hughes, let the Trophy be awarded to a Lady Flag Member or the spouse of a Member as it has been for over 40 years.

I respectively request that the Board not rededicate the Wilmot Hughes Trophy.

Yours truly,
Wayne M. Harris, Trophy Chairman 2002



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November 21, 2002

To: Board of Directors Santa Barbara Yacht Club

From: Sail Policy Committee

Re: Restatement of Wilmot Hughes Deed of Gift

Sail Policy proposes:

1. The Wilmot Hughes Trophy be amended to allow any female of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club to be eligible for the trophy.

Reasoning:

- 1. Society's views towards women and women's involvement in racing activities have changed greatly since Mr. Wilmot Hughes dedicated the trophy.
- 2. SBYC Bylaws, Article VII, Section 10 states, "The spouse and dependent children of members shall be considered as members for racing purposes."
- 3. Sail Policy believes that races run by the Santa Barbara Yacht Club should be inclusive to members, not exclusive.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Grange

Race Director

Sail Policy Ex-officio Member



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Lady Flag members will be allowed to race in the Ladies Day Race along with wives of Men Flag members. No daughters or other females are allowed to participate. Madge Hughes, widow of Wilmot Hughes, agrees that participation by Lady Flags of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club is as appropriate as it is for wives of Men Flags of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club to participate in the Ladies Day Race.

November 22, 1972

Approximately one year ago I called Mr. Wilmot Hughes Sr. to ask him if it was his intention that any female win his trophy. His answer was, "No indeed." He explained that the purpose of his trophy was to make an effort to make up to many loyal wives of Flag Members who sat in the clubhouse day after day waiting for their husbands to come in after racing. His intention was that it would be awarded to a wife of a Flag Member and to no one else.

Signed,

Ralph Luikart II, M.D.

Trophy Chairman