

LARRY THOMAS CUP



The **LARRY THOMAS CUP** is a perpetual trophy awarded to the winner of the annual H.B.Y.C. HUDSON TO HOOTERS RACE.

Larry Thomas was a long time member of the H.B.Y.C. After he passed away, his family donated funds to purchase something for the club to remember Larry, since the Club was very important to him.

Larry had a powerboat that he used as a Committee Boat for the H.B.Y.C sailboat races. The HUDSON TO HOOTERS RACE was a favorite of Larry's so the club decided to use the funds to purchase a perpetual trophy in his honor, to present to the winner of that race each year.

The HUDSON TO HOOTERS RACE is traditionally held in October and is usually the last race of the racing season. The race starts near Marker 2 at the outer end of the Hudson Channel and finishes near Marker 1 at the outer end of the Port Richey Channel, which follows the Pithlachascotee "Cotee" River into Port Richey.

After the race, the racers, committee boat and spectator boats, motor through the Cotee River Channel to Hooters Bar and Grille where they are joined by other club members for food, drinks and comradery

Although the HUDSON TO HOOTERS RACE has been held annually since 1997, the LARRY THOMAS CUP has only been awarded since 2011.

WINNERS:

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| 2011 | DAVE ZIMMER | "CAT CAN DO" | |
| 2012 | MIKE NUNES | "ENTERPRISE" | |
| 2013 | IAN HODGES | "MISS LYNNE" | |
| 2014 | MIKE NUNES | "PLATYPUS" | |
| 2015 | MIKE NUNES | "PLATYPUS" | |
| 2016 | DEAN PERRY | "FINE ALEE" | |
| 2017 | DEAN PERRY | "FINE ALEE" | (Monohull) |
| 2017 | TIM SANDER | "PAISLEY MAE" | (Multihull) |