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"AN ELEGANT AND TRULY UNIQUE TROPHY"

The organisers are delighted to announce the commissioning of the main trophy for the COWES INTERNATIONAL CUP™. Currently being created and hand-carved by a renowned impressionist wood-sculptor and set on a plinth of genuine oak from Vice-Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson's flagship *HMS Victory*, the COWES INTERNATIONAL CUP™ will be an elegant and truly unique trophy.

As well as being a mark of the winning company's success, this contrast of modern sculpture and naval history will make the COWES INTERNATIONAL CUP™ a fascinating feature and conversation piece when displayed in any corporate boardroom or reception area.

Celia Lewis

Completely self-taught, Celia's wood sculptures are now in most parts of the world and in many collections. The grain and natural colours of individual woods are used to enhance her sculptures and create movement, often using flaws and disease lines to produce fantastic features.

Amongst Celia's early work was a trophy created from a Spitfire propeller blade, commissioned for the RAF's No. 11 Group as an annual award for best results in air-to-air gunnery. More recently, in Spring 2004, she was invited to become a supplier of impressionist wood sculptures to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens, Wisley. Celia lectures and exhibits for charity in many parts of the country.

'Victory' Oak

Reflecting the heritage of history's greatest naval hero, the plinth for the COWES INTERNATIONAL CUP™ will be made from the original oak removed from *HMS Victory* during the process of her refurbishment. It will come with a Certificate of Authenticity bearing the signature of her current Commanding Officer, Lt. Commander Frank Nowosielski MBE RN.

Charities

As part of the commissioning arrangements for this remarkable trophy, the ongoing restoration of *HMS Victory* and The Cystic Fibrosis Trust will both receive donations.

Acknowledgements

The organisers of the COWES INTERNATIONAL CUP™ would like to thank Lt. Cdr. Nowosielski and Peter Goodwin, Curator of *HMS Victory*, for their invaluable advice about the procurement of genuine 'Victory' materials.

Further Information

To enter the COWES INTERNATIONAL CUP™ or to request further information about this corporate yacht regatta and associated client entertainment opportunities, please call 023 8086 8595, e-mail info@cowesinternationalcup.com or visit www.cowesinternationalcup.com.



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