

In 1949 Tommy Johnson initiated the idea of promoting the development of the Sprog Class in the Transvaal by the presentation of a Floating Trophy for open competition. The winner of the Trophy would, in addition, be presented with a certificate duly signed and witnessed by all the competitors—and so Gorps Guzzle was born.

The name "Gorps" (being sprog spelt backwards) means, in Cockney jargon, "a happy-go-lucky fellow" and "Guzzle" one who partakes of a little beer or other beverage.

Tommy, who designed the Trophy and worded the Certificate, shaped and finished the plinth from an old discarded piece of wood. A rusty turnbuckle found on the shore of the E.R.Y.C. was mounted on a rampant wave (made from stainless steel) by Stewart Allan and the whole crome plated. Gordon Manson illustrated and donated the Certificates.

Certain conditions, under which the Trophy was presented, were formulated and are as follows :—

1. The holder of the Trophy can be challenged to a race by competitors at an opportune time and place where nine members of three or more clubs are present.
2. The entry fee to be two bottles of beer (or other beverage) per boat.
3. The race to be sailed hard and in such a sporting manner that protests would be rendered unnecessary.
4. The holder of the Trophy to make the presentation to the new winner, or if the holder be the new winner by the competitor who came second, at a get-together of all competitors immediately after the race.

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THIS PRIZE IS TRASH EXCEPTING THAT WORTH, WHICH YOU YOURSELVES, BY GOOD FELLOWSHIP, HAVE IT SO ENDOWED. THE RACE COMES FIRST, THE WINNING OF IT A GOOD SECOND AND IN BETWEEN THE ALSO SAILED, THE BEST GUZZLERS OF THEM ALL.

T. J.