

Women of Mystery and Wooden Boats  
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With the 1000 Islands Boat Show in Alexandria Bay this past weekend I thought I would write about four women of mystery who are, in some way, connected to the boat show.

A woman, probably in her 30's, rushed into the museum a couple of weeks ago asking if we had any trophies on display in the museum. She explained that she was running out of time and had been searching for her mother's name on an award. She had spent most of the morning in the Antique Boat Museum and was unsuccessful. She said she scoured each of their buildings and could not find the plaque she was looking for. She did not sign into our log as she was short on time, so, unfortunately, I did not get her name.

I sent her upstairs to our trophy section and she came rushing down after a few moments yelling "I found it!" She showed me the photo she took and then rushed out. This is mystery woman number one.

I recognized the trophy photo she showed me and went upstairs to see who her mother was. There were two women's names as winners: Karen Hoskins-Grace Beard and Jean Kincaid. They are mystery women number two and number three.

The fourth mystery woman is Grace Molvar Hoskins. She is the person the award is named after, and the award is for the Best Lyman. This award was given from 1991 to 2004 on the plaque that we have on display. It may have been given after 2004, but we do not have a record of the winners. Research revealed that on some years, only the People's Choice vote was taken, there was no judging.

I was unable to find any information about any of these women with google searches. Too many similar names, obituaries available to read for a fee, etc. I welcome and additional information at [info@alexandriahistorical.com](mailto:info@alexandriahistorical.com).

In honor of these four mystery women who seem to all be connected to the 'Best Lyman' award, I am listing the names of the Lyman boats that were listed on the Grace Molvar Hoskins Memorial plaque. *Miss Marie, Finale, Lady B, Quarters (a 3 time winner!), Christine, Verde II, Wild Winds, Special K, Falcon, Wood Be Good, Diamond Lady, Kara Louise, Aphrodite, Schatchen, Saint, Jack Pot II.*

Happy Boating!

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