

## The Moody Cup

Officer Moody served on the Royal Navy training ship HMS Conway in the River Mersey for two years from 1902 to 1903.

After the disaster his parents presented a cup which became known as the Moody Cup and was dedicated to his memory.

For many years it was the sailing dinghy trophy but after the Conway closed in 1974 this trophy was assigned to the Conway Club Association and is now awarded annually to the Old Conway belonging to that association who submits the best kept logbook. It is also known as the Moody Cup and is a prized trophy.

The cup is of silver and is inscribed on the front:

In Remembrance of  
JAMES PAUL MOODY  
1902-03  
6th Officer of the Titanic  
who was drowned doing his duty to the last,  
when his ship went down after striking an iceberg,  
on the 14th April 1912  
"Quit Ye Like Men Be Strong"  
(Conway motto from 1 Corinthians 16.13)

The back of the cup is inscribed:  
HMS Conway  
Challenge Trophy  
For Sailing Dinghy Races  
Winning Helmsmen  
(Followed by names and year)

In earlier years a small replica was presented to the winning helmsman to keep.

The Moody Cup is now displayed in the Titanic exhibition at the Liverpool Maritime Museum, where it is on loan from the Conway Cruising Association, West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire.

The cup now stands on a new plinth which has silver panels around it on which are inscribed the names of the winners of the annual award for the best kept log book of an Old Conway Person.

Once a year it is taken from the Museum, presented to the winner, inscribed with the winner's name and then returned to the Museum for safekeeping and display.

I feel sure that the Titanic and Lusitania exhibition would be of interest to any of our members if they are in the vicinity of Liverpool.

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