



Circa 1937 - Courtesy of the Bay County Library

Pictured are members of the St. Andrew Bay Yacht Club at their Candler Cup Ceremony held at 218 Bunkers Cove Road. Asa Candler, Jr., fourth from the left, donated the Candler Cup for the St. Andrew Bay Yacht Club's first regatta. Asa Candler, Jr., son of Coca-Cola founder Asa Candler, Sr., built a summer home on Bunker's Cove Road in Panama City.

Also pictured from left to right: Willard Oenslayer; A. M. Lewis, Sr.; E. H. Jackson; Asa; Tom Bingham; W. C. Sherman (in back of the Candler Cup); Fred Phillips; Alson Robert (A.L.) Rogers; Phillip Roll; Major Frank Wood; unknown; Floyd Davis; Dr. C. W. Roberts; Julian Bennett (at age 6).

Asa Candler Jr. donated the Candler Cup to the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club for the first Candler regatta held on May 30-31, 1936. Asa was born in 1880 and was the son of Asa Candler Sr., who was a co-founder of Coca-Cola of Atlanta, Georgia. Candler attended Emory University and has been described as eccentric. He and his family were quite famous in Atlanta and he built a mansion near Emory named Briarcliff where he collected a menagerie of exotic animals when he was travelling through Europe. The animals roamed freely on the property and one baboon broke into his neighbor's house and ate \$60 out of her purse. Eventually he donated the animals to what would become Zoo Atlanta. Asa was an automobile, aviation and yachting enthusiast.

By 1936 Asa had purchased a seaside summer home in Panama City, Florida, reportedly on Bunkers Cove Road but the exact location has not been identified yet. Asa donated the silver punch bowl trophy with the stipulation that the race route pass directly in front of his property so he could watch from the comfort of his patio. At the award ceremony he describes the event as "the most colorful regatta" he had ever seen.