

The Officers, Directors and Members of
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are pleased to present the
ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL
to
THE RESCUING CREW ON DUBIOUS
for the rescue as follows:

On August 7, 2010, while approximately five miles off Point Vicente, CA, Ms. Dubois and her crew saw black smoke rising from the stern of a 38-foot cruising sailboat, *Green Dragon*. A Mayday was quickly radioed to the Coast Guard. As *Dubious* approached to render assistance, *Green Dragon* burst into flame and her crew of four abandoned ship into the inflatable boat they were towing. Ms. Dubois (who is in her eighties) brought *Dubious* alongside the inflatable and the four sailors came aboard over the swim ladder.



Photo: U.S. Coast Guard

Later the boat burned to its waterline and sank. The only casualty was Ms. Dubois' daughter, Jeannie, who dislocated her shoulder as she was securing the raft.

A Baywatch patrol boat soon arrived and picked up the injured sailor and the four who had escaped the burning boat.



US SAILING's Safety-at-Sea Committee has awarded an Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal to Nancy Dubois, of Beverly Hills, CA, owner-skipper and her crew of the 56-foot power yacht *Dubious*, whose home port is Marina Del Rey.

Nancy DuBois, with Safety at Sea Committee member and presenter David Lumian.

Dr. Gino Bottino, MD
Chairman, Safety at Sea Committee
By Direction

Nov. 10 #1 Nancy Dubois, Dubious, Santa Monica, Cal., saved 4 from a burning boat

Aug 10

What Happened

Rescue at sea, burning sailboat

On August 14th, 2010 a Catalina 380 by the name of Green Dragon was sailing in the Catalina channel about 4 – 5 miles from Point Vicente. At the same time the Sailing Vessel Dubious, sailing 3/4 miles seaward noticed black smoke trailing at the transom on Green Dragon. They noticed 4 crew on board.

Their first response was to call the Coast Guard with the incident Latitude and Longitude. New white smoke came from the 'Dragon and then flames at the mast. Immediately Dubious turned towards the distressed boat to see what they could do until the Coast Guard arrived. The four crew of the stricken vessel made way to the trailing rubber raft.

Nancy Dubois, the skipper of Dubious was able to get close enough to take all 4 of the crew aboard her boat. Once aboard and safe from harm, the Baywatch boat arrived at the scene and took the Dragon's crew aboard along with only one casualty.

Nancy's daughter Jeannie dislocated her shoulder as she was securing the raft to Dubious. With the 5 aboard Baywatch, it headed to Redondo Beach to disembark the 4 crew and to get Jeannie to the hospital for a shoulder reset. Incidentally, Nancy is over the age of 80.

Sponsoring Yacht Club Del Rey Yacht Club
Event City Marina del Rey
Event State California
Body of Water Santa Monica Bay
Day or Night? Day
Air Temperature 68
Water Temperature 62
Wind Speed 7 mph
Wave Height 3 feet

VICTIM(S):

Boat Name Green Dragon
Boat Length 38 feet
Boat Make & Model Catalina

What position(s) was/were the victim working before they went in? The four crew were in various necessary positions to transit the boat. Once determining that the boat was lost, they abandoned it. They went to the trailing rubber raft and set it adrift to get away from the flames. The boat shortly after burnt to the water line and sunk.

Was a PFD worn by the victim(s)? No

---- Rescuing Boat #1 ----

Skipper's Name Nancy Dubois

Crew's Names and function each performed in the rescue: Nancy Dubois: Skipper/Helmsman Jeannie: Secured raft to "Dubious" Jeannie's Husband: helped fleeing crew aboard

Boat Make & Model 56 foot Mapleleaf

Boat Name Dubious

Boat Length 56 feet

Overboard Specific Questions

What recovery method was used (Quickstop, Reach Method, Figure 8, etc)? the "Turn and go get them"

Did the victim's boat lose sight of the victim? No

What search pattern was used? The smoke cloud was easy to see

Was GPS or other electronic MOB function used to track or help locate the victim? No

Was a rescue swimmer put in the water Y/N? No

Did the victim have a strobe light, a light or whistle? Na

What color clothes were visible above the water? Na

Was the victim able to help in the recovery? Yes

In what way? They did abandon the burning boat and luckily there was a small rubber raft trailing astern

How did the victim get hoisted from the water level up onto the deck? A ships ladder was used. All victims were able help themselves to get aboard.

Was any injury sustained by the victim? Yes

What type (hypothermia included)? only smoke inhalation a member of the rescue boat sustained a dislocated shoulder and required a trip to the hospital

Was a Lifesling aboard? No

Was it used? No

How much time did the victim spend in the water?

Outside Assistance

Did a Mayday call go out? Yes

Who responded? Baywatch

Nominator's Information

Name Paul Artof

Do you give permission? Yes

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event Y/N?

Yes

4 saved from burning boat off San Pedro

August 8, 2010 | 8:45 am

The Coast Guard rescued four people from a burning boat off San Pedro on Saturday, officials said.

The incident occurred at about 2:15 p.m. when a boater noticed that another vessel was on fire.

The Coast Guard received a distress call and sent a 25-foot rescue boat to a spot about four miles off Point Vicente on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

According to a Coast Guard press release, smoke and flames were coming from the boat. The Coast Guard extinguished the fire, and there were no injuries. The cause of the blaze was under investigation.

-- Shelby Grad

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