

The Officers, Directors and Members of
US SAILING
are pleased to present the
ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL
to
Odyssey
for the rescue as follows:

A Catalina 400 owned and skippered by Wally McMinn (Farmington Hills, Mich.) rescued a kayaker on Lake Erie September 4, 2009. Just after sunset, Odyssey, was motorsailing along the Ohio shore when McMinn and his wife, Ann, heard a faint cry. They found a man in the water holding onto a swamped kayak while wearing a life jacket. The man had been fishing for perch in the lake and was pulled offshore by a large fish. McMinn deployed a Lifesling and circled the man, but was unable to get the device into his hands. McMinn then tossed a throw rope and pulled the man to the boat, which he boarded by the swim ladder. The McMinn's hauled the kayak on deck and dropped the man and his kayak off at the Conneaut (Ohio) Boat Club, where he was met by friends. Odyssey continued on to the North Cape Yacht Club rendezvous in Leamington, Ontario.



The US SAILING Safety-at-Sea Committee awarded the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal to Wally and Ann McMinn.

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