

The Officers, Directors and Members of
US SAILING
are pleased to present the
ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL
to

David Pensky and Richard Holden

for the rescue as follows:

On the 8th of November 2005 David and Richard were underway in David's 55-foot trawler PURSUIT, approximately eight miles off the coast of Boca Raton, Florida on a voyage to Fort Lauderdale. The seas were near seven feet. At about 1:30 in the afternoon David spotted a person in the water holding on to an ice chest and waving frantically. David and Richard skillfully maneuvered Pursuit alongside in the choppy seas and helped the victim on to the swim platform.

The victim identified himself as Rogers Washington, the owner of a 22-foot sportfishing boat that had capsized and sank nearly five hours earlier, tossing himself and his crew in to the water. Nearly exhausted and hypothermic, he relayed that sharks had approached him and crew member. David contacted the Coast Guard who sent a helicopter to search for the crew member and a boat to take Mr. Washington to medical attention, where he fully recovered. The crew was found deceased a few days later.

The effective lookout and quick actions of the crew of the motor vessel PURSUIT, combined with the skillfully executed man overboard recovery effort resulted in the successful lifesaving rescue of a person in need and reflected great credit upon themselves, while upholding the best traditions of seamanship.

US SAILING is proud to present the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal in recognition of their accomplishment.

Bill Stump
Chairman, Safety at Sea Committee
By Direction

**The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal was presented to
David Pensky and Richard Holden on May 7, 2006 at Annapolis Yacht Club
by US SAILING President Janet Baxter**

DETAILS:

Date of Incident:	8 Nov 2005
Body of Water:	Atlantic, 8 miles off Boca Raton
Was this day or night:	day
Wave height:	7 ft
First Victims Name:	Rogers Washington
First Boat Make Model:	22 ft Cobia sport fishing boat
Was a PFD worn:	N
What type:	small one under his arm

Rescuing Skipper 1: David Pensky
 Rescuing1 Boat Make Model: trawler
 Rescuing1 Boat Name: Pursuit
 Rescuing1 Boat Length: 55
 What was the nature of this incident: MOB
 What recovery method was used: pulled up under power
 Did the victims boat lose site of the victim: n
 What search pattern was used: none
 Was electronic MOB function used to locate the victim: n
 Was a rescue swimmer put in the water: n
 Did the victim have a strobe light or whistle: y
 Was the victim able to help in the recovery: y
 Was any injury sustained by the victim: y
 Was it used: n
 How much time did the victim spend in the water: 6 hours
 Did a Mayday call go out: y
 Who responded: USCG
 Was the race sailed under ISAF regulations: n
 Nominators Name: Gary Jobson
 Can your story be published: Y
 Can you provide articles about this event: Y
 what position: fishing
 Rescuing Crews Names: Richard Holden, pulled victim on board
 What happened:

The 22 foot Cobia sank after being swamped at about 0830. Washington treaded water and held on to a cooler top for more than six hours before being spotted by the crew of Pursuit. They maneuvered alongside and hoisted him aboard. The other crew member of the Cobia died and was retrieved three days later. During the six hours in the water, sharks approached the victim.

The information is based on an article in the November 11 issue of the Capital newspaper.

How did victim help himself back onboard: Held on to a heaving line
 How did the victim get hoisted onto the deck: wave assisted
 What type hypothermia included: exhaustion, possible hypothermia