

The Officers, Directors and Members of

US SAILING

are pleased to present the

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to the crew of

HOT LIPS

FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

REPORT:

On June 8, 1996, the Chicago Yacht Club held the Kendall North Regatta. It was a one day two race regatta, choppy water, 10-12 knots of wind and foggy. The course was windward/leeward. The weather cold. During the first race, two IMS-1 yachts *Voodoo*, a Nelson/Marek 1200, and *Hot Lips* approached a leeward mark. *Hot Lips* rounded inside of *Voodoo*. Rounding the mark, both yachts raised their headsails. *Hot Lips* separated to windward. Looking back, one of *Hot Lips* crewmembers saw four of *Voodoo's* crew fall into the water and yelled. The Kevlar rope serving at the attachment of the lifeline to the pushpit failed. With the weight of the crew leaning on the broken line, a stanchion then failed. None of the victims were wearing PFD's. The overboards included John Connelly - foredeck, Xavier Dreze - trimmer and Laura Buckman - trimmer.

Hot Lips immediately jibed and began dropping her headsail. Circling, coming head to wind to slow the boat and threw out a heaving line. They physically pulled three of *Voodoo's* crew members out of the water. The fourth had hung onto the broken lifeline and was pulled onto *Voodoo*. It is estimated that the three people were out of the water in less that 30 seconds. The water temperature was in the low 50's. Both boats retired from the 4-leg 8.1 mile race and headed back to shore.

**The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Award was awarded to
Dr. Steven Mash and the crew of Hot Lips**