

The Officers, Directors and Members of

US SAILING

are pleased to present the

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to

BARRY SCHULTZ and MRS. JOHN SPARADO

FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

John Sparado was sitting on the leese side cockpit combing at night in the Columbia 50' Ketch, in full foul weather gear (no PFD), monitoring the GPS when a wave washed him silently over. Barry Schultz noticed he was missing and went hove to. Mrs. Spadaro put PFD's in the water after calling the USCG for help. They furled the jib, started the engine and headed back to Spadaro, but he was 400' – 500' away and hard to find in the waves. As the boat neared, Spadaro was able to yell out directions that were relayed to Schultz. Mrs. Spadaro mistakenly threw over all the PFD's so there were none to pass to him. The Quick Stop maneuver was used on the second pass. A crew member threw a line which was caught by Spadaro who pulled himself to the side of the boat. He was manually pulled to aboard by Schultz and another crew. The incident took 6-8 minutes in the 25 knot winds and 8' – 10' seas.

**The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal was presented to
Barry Schultz and Mrs. Sparado for this rescue event.**