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are pleased to present the

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to the crew of

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FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

It was Sunday, the last day of the PHRF Championship Regatta of Lake Michigan, Aug. 29, 1993, sponsored by the Waukegan Yacht Club. The wind had built to 15-20 knots, waves were 1-3 feet and water temperature in the low 60's. *Salacious*, a J30 skippered by Dan Darrow, was approaching the finish line when her crew saw a person go overboard on *Seaquel*, a Hunter 34. The MOB was in yellow foul weather gear, but no boots and was not wearing a PFD. On *Seaquel*, Bobbie Bennett, who served as spotter, was able to get a throwable cushion to the MOB immediately. *Seaquel* owner Dick Bennett did a quick stop and returned to the MOB under sail. One of his crew, Steve Orser, almost locked arms with the MOB (Bob, no last name available), but missed on the first pass due to the choppy water and confusion of boats approaching the finish.

Meanwhile, *Salacious* crew member CJ Carlson kept an eye on the action. *Salacious* crossed the finish line and foredeck person, Steve Cohen and Tom Tutein immediately dropped the genoa. *Salacious* jibed around and seeing that *Seaquel* had not made the recovery, *Salacious* reached back to approach the MOB from downwind. Crew member Jim Davis got a hold of his arm and firefighter, Sara Rickert, grabbed his belt and hoisted him on board. The MOB was in the water approximately 5 minutes and there were no injuries. He was then brought back to shore. The crew of *Salacious* attributed their ease of making the rescue to regular "Hat Overboard" rescues and going after floating party balloons often found on the lake. Neither boat ever lost sight of the MOB.

The following is information from *Seaquel* skipper Dick Bennett on what caused the person to go overboard.

"*Seaquel* had just tacked to a starboard tack and the loaded port jib sheet fouled on the spinnaker car on the front of the mast. Bob (no PFD) ran up the port side to free the line. The skipper yelled....NO or STOP or something like that...but it was too late. Bob freed the line but was standing in the 'deadly triangle' of the fouled line. When the line straightened...it caught him across the front of his chest and literally flipped him overboard. Picture a sling shot. The sheet did not really slap him in the chest...it just began pushing him immediately outward from the cabin top. When the sheet straightened and pushed him backwards to the outside of the boat...the lifelines flipped his feet up. He hit the water butt first. He never went under water."

The entire incident was witnessed by Ann Moorman, from the Chicago Yacht Club, who was serving as principal race officer on the Waukegan Yacht Club Committee boat and it was she who nominated

Salacious for the US Sailing Hanson Rescue Medal.

The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal was presented to the crew of *Salacious* as a result of this event.