

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

for the rescue as follows:

Rainbow, a Crowther 10 Metre catamaran owned and skippered by Clifford Shaw (Walnut Creek, Calif.), was twenty miles off the California mainland, in 12-foot seas, 50-degree water, and wind gusting to 30 knots, Rainbow was following the San Francisco Bay Area Multihull Association's Doublehanded Farallones Race. Shaw noticed a competing boat, Pterodactyl, sailing erratically near the Farallon Islands with no one on deck. He spotted two swimmers wearing inflated life jackets and threw them a Lifesling, but it fell short. He turned on his engines and circled the men until they grabbed the Lifesling. Shaw shut down the engines and with his crew, Gregory Yankelovich, pulled the men to the boat and helped them up the swim ladder. Rainbow chased Pterodactyl, which was sailing west, for 90 minutes until a Coast Guard 44-footer arrived on the scene. Neither crew wanted to risk boarding in these rough conditions. Shaw requested that the Coast Guard put Rainbow's EPIRB (tracking transmitter) on Pterodactyl. The boat was subsequently spotted in the Pacific but not recovered and is presumed lost.



The US SAILING Safety-at-Sea Committee has awarded Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medals for rescuing the two sailors near the Farallon Islands on March 29, 2008.

Alan McMillan
Chairman, Safety at Sea Committee
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