

The Officers, Directors and Members of
US SAILING
are pleased to present the
ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL
to
The Rescuing Crew on Wings
for the rescue as follows:

An Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal has been awarded by US SAILING's Safety-at-Sea Committee to Wings, owned and skippered by Michael S. Bruno, Jr., for a man overboard rescue on April 20, 2008. The rescue occurred off Rye, N.Y. on the waters of Long Island Sound.

The rescue occurred while Wings, a J/122 out of the American Yacht Club (Rye, N.Y.), was practicing for the club's Spring Series. The wind was approximately 20 knots, with gusts to 25, and there was a lumpy three-foot sea. The air temperature was in the low 50s and the water temperature was in the mid-40s.

During a tack, Wings crewmember, Chris Kramer, slipped and went overboard under the lifelines amidships. Kramer was wearing a life jacket. As crewmember, Bob Fryer, kept his eye on Kramer, he advised Bruno to tack Wings onto a reach away from Kramer, and subsequently jibed and reached back. When the boat was downwind of Kramer, Bruno luffed into the wind to bring Wings to a stop alongside him.

Crewmember, Tom Boyle, reached over the rail, grabbed Kramer, and hauled him back onboard less than three minutes after the accident. The crew never lost sight of Kramer during the maneuver. Kohl Brinkman, John Fryer, Chris Gennarelli, Tyler Lockton and Glenn Morrison were also part of the Wings racing crew.



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