

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

Time Machine, a J/35 sloop, was returning to the North Cape Yacht Club after finishing the Port Huron-Mackinac Race in a 25-knot headwind and rough seas. Approximately five miles offshore, Gordenker spotted a paddle waving above the water. Clinging to a capsized small sailboat (Flying Junior) were two people in life jackets. Gordenker and his crew, Dee Adkins and Dennis Maurer, hauled both of them on deck by hand.

Throughout the experience, Time Machine kept both the U.S. and Canada Coast Guard informed what was occurring step by step. Both victims, father and son, were extremely cold willing to abandon their boat to the sea. They were weak, lips were blue and shivering and not talking very clearly. The Coast Guard advised that immediate medical assistance was not required. Time Machine wrapped the two in blankets below decks.



(Robert Gordenker, Dennis Maurer)

The father wished to reward Time Machine, and the response was, “Just seeing you and your son, alive and here aboard TIME MACHINE is the biggest reward I could possible get. Helping you is what sailors do for each other.”

They were returned to their home port Lexington Harbor into the hands of their wife and mother. A good Samaritan recovered the Flying Junior and returned it to Lexington Harbor.

Time Machine (Robert Gordenker, owner-skipper, Ann Arbor, MI) received the award for rescuing two people on Lake Huron on August 1, 2009.

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