

The Officers, Directors and Members of
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are pleased to present the
ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL
to
THE RESCUING CREW ON VALKYRIE
for the rescue as follows:

On October 23, 2010 during the Baltimore Leukemia Cup in six knots of wind and one foot seas, David Andril's yacht Valkyrie, a Beneteau 44 S7, was underway to the start of the Baltimore Leukemia Cup race rendezvous at Baltimore Light, off of Gibson Island, just north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

They just gybed with the spinnaker (pre-race practice) and were crossing the main shipping channel when they heard someone cry for help. One of the crew spotted a man hanging on to a channel buoy. Quickly they doused the spinnaker and tacked to come back to where the victim was. They threw a life ring to the victim and were able to get him close to the boat.

The Valkyrie crew struggled to get the victim on board (there was no Lifesling, and the victim was hypothermic and not completely coherent).

Two crew members stood on swim platform and with assistance from one or two others reaching over the stern railing, pulled the swimmer from under the arms, taking care not to hoist him by his extended arms. The victim had scrapes on his side, probably from the marine growth on the buoy he was clinging to.

They learned that the victim had been solo sailing on a sailboat (Precision 18) which had gotten fouled on a crabpot. The victim had anchored and was swimming under the boat trying to free the trap when he became separated from the boat. He somehow ended up at the channel buoy and had been clinging there for about an hour in the 62-degree water.

Valkyrie radioed the Coast Guard and Valkyrie proceeded to look for his boat, which they did not find. Eventually, a Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police boat met Valkyrie and took the victim as they awaited a larger, faster rescue boat, so that Valkyrie was able to participate in the race. The rescued person's boat apparently did not stay anchored and drifted several miles to the eastern side of the bay.

Congratulations goes to David Andril, John Ahrens, Guido Cervone, Charles Krafft, Justin Bell, Caroline Andril, Matt Fafoutis, Patrick Farkous, and Jeff Mathewson. As a bonus, Valkyrie won the Leukemia Cup regatta.

Dr. Gino Bottino, MD
Chairman, Safety at Sea Committee
By Direction

Nomination 1

WHAT HAPPENED?

Date of Incident Saturday, October 23, 2010

What was the nature of this Incident? Rescue sailor separated from his boat
What happened? David Andril's yacht Valkyrie, a Beneteau 44 S7, was underway to the start of the Baltimore Leukemia Cup race rendezvous at Baltimore Light, off of Gibson Island, just north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. We had just gybed with the spinnaker up (pre-race practice) and were crossing the main shipping channel when we heard someone cry for help. One of our crew spotted a man hanging on to a channel buoy. We quickly doused the chute and tacked to come back to where he was. We threw a life ring to him and were able to get him close to our boat. After struggling to get him on board, (we did not have the lifesling onboard, and he was hypothermic and not completely coherent at that point, we discovered that he had been on a small sailboat (Precision 18) which had gotten fouled on a crabpot. He had anchored and was swimming under the boat trying to free the trap when he became separated from the boat. He somehow ended up at the channel buoy and had been clinging there for about an hour in the 62 degree water. We radioed the Coast Guard and proceeded to look for his boat, which we never did find. It was sheer chance that we passed as close to this buoy as we did, as we would never have heard him otherwise. Eventually, a Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police boat met us and took the person off of our boat, as they awaited a larger, faster rescue boat, so that we were able participate in the race. The rescued person's boat apparently did not stay anchored and drifted several miles to the eastern side of the bay.

Event Name Baltimore Leukemia Cup

Sponsoring Yacht Club Baltimore City Yacht Association

Event City Baltimore

Event State Maryland

Body of Water Chesapeake Bay

Day or Night? Day

Air Temperature 10 C

Water Temperature 16 C

Wind Speed 6 knots

Wave Height 1 foot

VICTIM(S):

---- Victim 1 ----

Name and Home Town (City, State) Paul Dziorny, Mount Airy, MD

Boat Length 18

Boat Make & Model Precision 18

What position(s) was/were the victim working before they went in? Sailing solo

Was a PFD worn by the victim(s)? No

---- Rescuing Boat #1 ----

Skipper's Name David Andril

Crew's Names and function each performed in the rescue: John Ahrens - main trimmer and helped helmsman, calling out speed to get boat at a standstill, abreast of the mark on the first pass, and along with skipper, Helped hoist victim out of water; Guido Cervone - attended to victim after rescue; Charles Krafft - helmsman; Justin Bell - spotted victim initially; Caroline Andril; Matt Fafoutis - helped get victim out of water; Patrick; Farkous; Jeff Mathewson

Boat Make & Model Beneteau 44S7

Boat Name Valkyrie

Boat Length 44

Overboard Specific Questions

What recovery method was used (Quickstop, Reach Method, Figure 8, etc.)? Quick douse, return to victim's location

Did the victim's boat lose sight of the victim? victim was solo

What search pattern was used? none

Was GPS or other electronic MOB function used to track or help locate the victim?
No

Was a rescue swimmer put in the water Y/N? No

Did the victim have a strobe light, a light or whistle? no

What color clothes were visible above the water? none, victim had taken his shirt off

Was the victim able to help in the recovery? Yes

In what way? he was able to grab horseshoe life ring.

How did the victim get hoisted from the water level up onto the deck? We pulled him to the stern of the boat using the lifering he had grabbed - two crew members stood on swim platform and with assistance from one or two others reaching over the stern railing, pulled the swimmer from under the arms, taking care not to hoist him by his extended arms

Was any injury sustained by the victim? Yes

What type (hypothermia included)? Victim had been in the water for over an hour and was hypothermic and unable to assist in his rescue, other than grabbing the life ring. He had scrapes on his side, probably from the marine growth on the buoy he was clinging to. He did not sustain any further injury during the rescue.

Was a Lifesling aboard? No

How much time did the victim spend in the water? over an hour

Outside Assistance

Did a Mayday call go out? no, however we promptly called the Coast Guard

Who responded? the coast guard, and MD DNR police

Nominator's Information Name Charles Krafft

Nomination 2

WHAT HAPPENED?

Date of Incident Saturday, October 23, 2010

What was the nature of this Incident? Chesapeake Bay

What happened? I don't have all the details, but David Andril, Skipper of Valkrie (Beneteau 44.7) was en-route to Baltimore for the Leukemia Cup regatta. He saw a man who had become separated from his boat holding onto a government buoy. Andril, a member of Annapolis YC and West River Sailing Club, rescued the man, turned him over the Maryland DNR, and then continued on to Baltimore, where he won the Leukemia Cup regatta!

Event Name Baltimore Leukemia Cup

Sponsoring Yacht Club Baltimore City Yachting Assoc.

Event City Baltimore

Event State MD

Body of Water Patapsco River

Day or Night? Day

Air Temperature 50

Water Temperature 60

Wind Speed unknown

Wave Height unknown

VICTIM(S):

Was a PFD worn by the victim(s)? No

---- Rescuing Boat #1 ----

Skipper's Name David Andril

Boat Make & Model Beneteau

Boat Name Valkrie

Boat Length 44

Nominator's Information Name Anonymous - Dave would kill me if he knew