

The Officers, Directors and Members of
US SAILING
are pleased to present the
ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL
to the crew of

GROVER

for the rescue as follows:

On October 6, 2001, at the Jimmy Talbot Memorial Regatta in Chicago, with seventeen Lasers and twenty-four Vanguard 15s participating, a cold front started through the race area during the second race. Winds increased and shifted to the Northwest. After the wind shift, boats had a tight reach back to the harbor. A number of boats capsized enroute.

All competitors were wearing PFD's. The race committee had many rescue boats in operation at this point.

About then Ray Teborek came out on the lake to test repairs to his Dyer 29 powerboat, Grover, with Gerry Hedlund and John Vandemoer aboard. They immediately recognized that additional help was needed and returned to the harbor to drop off John Vandemoer, who picked up a Boston Whaler and Nicole Rothstein. These two boats then headed back out working as a team. The Boston Whaler meanwhile picked people out of the water and delivered them to Grover so that they could get inside the cabin.

Congratulations to the crew of Grover, Ray Teborek and Gerry Hedlund for their role in recognizing a perilous situation, providing additional support to an ongoing operation, and for rescuing many sailors in the water from capsized boats. US SAILING is pleased to present the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal in recognition of this accomplishment.

David D. Rosekrans
President
United States Sailing Association

The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal was presented to Ray Teborek, Gerry Hedlund, and John Vandemoer on January 31, 2003 at Strictly Sail Chicago by US SAILING representative Bill Parks on behalf of US SAILING.

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US SAILING representative Bill Parks presenting the medals and citations

Left to Right: Ray Teborek, Gerry Hedlund,
and John Vandemoer.

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