

The Officers, Directors and Members of

US SAILING

are pleased to present the

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to

Capt. Stamatios Vogiatzis

And Crew of

M/V PEARL

FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

REPORT #1

It is with great pleasure that I enclose herewith the US SAILING Rescue Medal, which contains the following engraving on the reverse:

**Arthur B. Hanson
US SAILING
Rescue Medal
Capt. Stamatios Vogiatzis
And Crew of
M/V PEARL**

This medal has been awarded on very few occasions by the national sailing authority in the United States, and it is indeed an honor to receive it.

We confirm our telephone conversation that Capt. Vogiatzis is due in your office within the next week or so, and that you will present the award to him. As I suggested to you, I believe it would be very appropriate to take a photograph of the presentation of the medal to the captain. I would appreciate print being sent to M. Jacqueline Rees, Director of Information at the U.K. Club, who is receiving copy of this letter, and to me, so that I can forward same to US SAILING, who may publish it in their magazine.

As a sailor I often find myself in international waters, and it is indeed comforting to know that there are still seamen who perform their duties of lookout in such an admirable fashion as did the captain and crew of the M/V PEARL on January 13, 1997 when they rescued the PEREGRINES crew in the Gulf of Mexico.

**The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Award was awarded to
Capt. Stamatios Vogiatzis and Crew of M/V PEARL**