

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

David Scott, Denise Allard and Martin Jakob

for the rescue as follows:

On Wednesday, January 25th, 2006, a Club Nautique sailing class was on board the 31-foot sailing vessel Vienna. David Scott was the instructor and the students were Denise Allard and Martin Jakob. Just after noon, the class raised anchor in Richardson Bay (part of San Francisco Bay) and the boat was under power moving away from the anchorage.

The winds at the time were estimated as a sustained 10 to 12 knots with flat seas. Shortly after an 18-knot gust passed, Denise stated she heard someone yelling for help. When the crew turned around they saw a capsized vessel and someone waving to them and yelling.

David Scott operated the Vienna as it moved under power to the person in the water. The person was pulled to the Vienna with the aid of a lifesling. A swim ladder was placed in the water and the individual was able to climb aboard without incident.

The person in the water was not identified. The capsized boat was described as an 18 foot sailing dinghy. David took the individual to the nearest Sausalito dock.

The effective lookout and quick actions of the crew of the sailing vessel Vienna, combined with the skillfully executed man overboard recovery efforts resulted in the successful rescue of a person in need and reflected great credit upon themselves, while upholding the best traditions of seamanship.

US SAILING is proud to present the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal in recognition of their accomplishment.

Bill Stump
Chairman, Safety at Sea Committee
By Direction

**The Hanson Medal was awarded by US SAILING Safety at Sea
Committee member Sheila McCurdy at the Pacific Sail Expo in
Oakland, California at 1630 on April 28, 2006.**

THEIR STORY:

Nomination for Arthur B Hanson Rescue Medal

On 25 January 2006, a Basic Cruising Class underway on Richardson Bay, an arm of San Francisco Bay, heard the screams of an individual who had capsized his sailboat and was in the water. The Basic Cruising training boat was subsequently maneuvered near the person in the water allowing the quick and safe recovery of the person in the water.

The Basic Cruising class was underway on the 31 foot S/V Vienna, home ported out of Sausalito, California. The class is part of the Club Nautique sail training program with Dave Scott as the instructor and licensed boat operator. On board the boat were students Denise Allard and Martin Jakob. The class had anchored as part of the class objectives in the vicinity of Cone Rock Light, Richardson Bay. Just after noon, the students had raised anchor and the boat was under power moving away from the anchorage.

The winds at the time were estimated as a sustained 10-12 knots. A stronger gust, estimated at 18 knots crossed thru the area. Soon after, Denise stated she heard someone yelling for help. When the crew turned around they saw just a small portion of a boat hull out of the water and someone waving to them and yelling.

David Scott operated the S/V Vienna as it moved under power to the person in the water. David received assurance from the individual in the water that only one person was in the water, then had a student throw a life sling to the person. The person was pulled to the Vienna. Once along side, the person in the water was instructed to strap himself into the sling. Once at the stern of the S/V Vienna, a swim ladder was placed in the water; the individual was able to climb aboard without incident.

The person in the water was never identified. He stated he was new to sailing; when a stronger gust occurred he failed to release the mainsheet. He was not wearing a life jacket; two life jackets were observed floating in the water about 15 feet from him. The capsized boat is described as an 18 foot sailing dingy.

The crew of the S/V Vienna then recovered the life jackets and oars. David Scott declined to provide salvage of the boat but did allow the owner to contact a commercial salvor on David's cell phone. When it appeared the salvor would be recovering the capsized S/V, David took the individual to the nearest Sausalito dock.

David Scott is an instructor at Club Nautique. The S/V Vienna is moored at Club Nautique's facilities in Sausalito, CA. Water temperature at the time was estimated at 53 degrees F. Air temperature was estimated at 60 degrees F.

The area where this person was recovered is well away from land and other boaters. Without survival gear, this individual was in immediate danger of succumbing due to hypothermia. In an interview with David after the incident, he stated how important the training and emergency discussions held as part of the US SAILING and Club Nautique instructor training had been to this incident. There was no panic or confusion; the class was able to continue with the course having received an exemplary lesson in person in the water recovery.

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| Date of Incident: | 25 Jan 2006 |
| Event Name: | Basic Cruising Class |
| Sponsoring Yacht Club: | Club Nautique |
| Event City: | San Francisco Bay |
| Event State: | CA |
| Body of Water: | Richardson Bay |
| Was this day or night: | Day |
| Water temperature: | mid 50s |
| Wind speed: | 10-18 |
| Wave height: | flat |

First Victims Name: unknown
First Boat Length: 18
First Boat Make Model: sail
Was a PFD worn: n
Rescuing Skipper: David Scott operator and instructor
Rescuing Boat 2 MakeModel: Hunter 31
Rescuing Boat 2 MakeModel: Vienna
Rescuing Boat 2 Length: 31
What was the nature of this incident: person in water from capsized and swamped sail boat
What recovery method was used: under power
Did the victims boat lose site of the victim: no
What search pattern was used: no
Was electronic MOB function used to locate the victim: no
Was a rescue swimmer put in the water: n
Did the victim have a strobe light or whistle: n
Was the victim able to help in the recovery: y
Was any injury sustained by the victim: n
Was a Lifesling aboard: y
Was it used: n
How long was the victim in the water: 8 min
Did a Mayday call go out: no
Nominators Name: Gary Walker
Can your story be published: y
Can you provide articles about this event: n
What position: single handed sailing
Rescuing Crews Names: Denis Allard, Martin Jakop students and crew
Rescuing Boat 2 Crews Names:
What happened:

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Awards Committee
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