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are pleased to present the

U.S. YACHT RACING UNION RESCUE AWARD

now known as

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to the crew of

CREDIT

FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

This event centers around the Golden Gate Yacht Club Midwinters. They are held the first Saturday of each month, rain, shine, highwater or moderate gales. 3/2/91 was no exception. The race was held after a front had passed through, it was a blustery day with about 25 knots gusting to 40 plus; choppy and more unsettled than a normal "light wind" winter day. "Credit," was a Stephens Brothers Farallone Clipper (FC) (see Wooden Boat Magazine-March/April 2001) designed and raced in San Francisco Bay since the early 50s. The crew on that day were Jon Huebsch, the now late Randy Waggoner and the now late Bob Heifetz--plus myself Bill Belmont. We were amblying along, sailing the course with a 90% jib instead of the standard 155% FC's normally carry (in all but truly ugly situations).

The Islander 36 "Blockbuster" set a chute, and about 30 seconds later broached badly. 2 crew were thrown overboard, but they only noticed and picked up one. We saw the man in the water, sailed to him, heaved a horseshoe, spun around and picked him up over the transom under sail.

We called the race committee and let them know----"Blockbuster" came on thanking us as they hadn't noticed he was "missing"..... We couldn't get him back on the Islander, so John Ferrara--who was quick to point out that he was from Chicago and this wasn't a really big deal--- opted to sail the rest of the race with us. He was cold, and wet and had on inadequate gear for the Bay, but was cheerful and had a good time. We warmed him up the best we could for the 1/2 hour or so remaining in the race.

**The U.S. YACHT RACING UNION RESCUE AWARD was awarded to
the crew of Credit for this rescue event.**