

**The Officers, Directors and Members of**

**US SAILING**

are pleased to present the

**ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL**

to

**LINCOLN WHITE**

**FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:**

**THE VICTIMS WORDS:**

Dear Mr. White:

As this Thanksgiving season approaches, our family's thoughts are drawn again and again to you, Mr. Lockhart and his daughter and one cool, spring, 13<sup>th</sup> day of May. Were it not for you, your crew and your quick, clear, selfless thinking, the Thanksgiving we are facing – and many more to come hopefully – would indeed be quite different.

Because of your actions, the worst is now behind us. For that, and you, we are thankful! Dave Meredith and Bill Schmid were only a little cold as a result of the ordeal. Karen Grotto still has a little swelling in her foot – but all is well. Adam Meredith's broken leg has healed, the infection has been successfully arrested and most of the feeling has returned to his legs. Joe Grotto, whom you met with this summer, has been the stoic – significantly more seriously hurt, and thus longer in the mending process. Hopefully the recovery will be complete – and soon.

We will be thinking of you and your family this Thanksgiving and many more to come. Our only hope is that we can find a way to repay you – with service to others – in a fashion that is fitting to honor you lifesaving service. Those still-chilling May waters of Long Island Sound will forever be warmed by the sweet memory of seeing the Beneteau-281 change course and head in our direction.

**REPORT:**

The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal was presented to Lincoln White at the 0800 Madison Town Council meeting, Madison, CT in the presence of the Town Council. CT CEP Madison Marine Patrol Commander Ron White (Lincoln's father) and his mother, and fiancé, several spectators, the local press and a TV taping to be put on Public Access.

As an interesting aside, it turns out that Lincoln used to come sail at the CGA as part of my high school program. Lincoln is a Level I certified Keelboat Instructor, works for Brewer.

Thanks for the opportunity to help. It's great to see the traditions of the sea and Christianity alive in yet another generation.

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