

The Officers, Directors and Members of

US SAILING

are pleased to present the

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to

MARGIE BROWN

FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

Getting underway from an anchorage at Geiger Cove on Catalina Island on May 24, 1996; Margie was steering under power while husband Don went forward to raise the mainsail. The seas were "lumpy" and without sail the 33' sloop was rolling quickly. As Don worked to hoist the main, the loosened boom swept Don overboard. Fortunately, he was wearing an inflatable life vest and promptly inflated it. Margie deployed the Lifesling, began turning the boat, secured the errant main halyard and donned her life vest. She circled Don until the floating line came to him and then stopped the boat and pulled Don to the boat, with the Lifesling line. The boarding ladder was attached to the starboard side, and Don climbed aboard. The rescue was a classic case of being prepared for the worst, and following the well-proven procedures.

John B. Bonds
Chairman, Safety-at-Sea Committee
By Direction

**The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Award was awarded to Margie Brown
on October 19, 1996 at Newport Yacht Club, California.**