

The Officers, Directors and Members of

US SAILING

are pleased to present the

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to the crew of

LIVELY

FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

John Ahrens was on the foredeck during the Newport to Bermuda, on board *Lively*, a Navy 44' Cutter, putting a sail through the hatch when the boat hit a wave and he lost his balance, falling backwards over the leeward rail. The crew was alerted, the Quick Stop performed and they pulled next to Ahrens. The Lifesling was deployed and with some effort, he was manually brought aboard by Alex DelCastillo, who left the helm to help assist in bringing Ahrens aboard from the leeward side. The entire incident took about 30 -45 seconds allowing them to continue racing in under one minute. Ahrens never got further than 1 boat length away. Ahrens suffered a laceration on his hand from the lifeline.

**The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal was awarded to the crew of
Lively for this meritorious rescue event.**