## The Officers, Directors and Members of US SAILING

are pleased to present the

## **ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL**

to

## **JOHN CALLAHAN**

## FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

PICYA Big Lipton Trophy Regatta, San Francisco Bay, 30 kts.

Craig Heff caught a glancing blow to the side of the head by the boom on the 57' sloop while grinding the pedestal which was during the race aboard Swiftsure. The blow tossed him over the side without a life jacket. John Callahan was windsurfing behind Swiftsure and had been watching the race curious to see how the windy jibe would work out. Windsurfers don't normally use this part of the bay. Within 15 second of the incident, Callahan coasted up to Heff who was alert enough to grab the sailboard firmly.

It took Swiftsure about 5 minutes to get back to pick up Heff, but without a life jacket, 30 knots of wind and being dazed by the blow to the head, it was fortunate Callahan was there.

The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal was presented to John Callahan as a result of this event.