

**The Officers, Directors and Members of**

**US SAILING**

are pleased to present the

**ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL**

to the rescuing crew of

**KOALA FLYER**

**FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:**

On Saturday night at 10:30 after the start of the 1992 Chicago to Mackinac race, Scott Fruechtl was coming off the bow to the back end after cleaning up the foredeck. Koala Flyer, a Farr 37 was flying a chute in 10 knots of wind with 1' seas. He grabbed the lifeline for support, which was lashed with line at the attachment point to the pushpit and this messenger cord type line failed. The now loose detached lifeline didn't stop Scott and he went overboard with his PFD on. George was not steering at the time, yet was on deck and shouted to the helmsman Tom Knudtson to head up into the wind. The chute wrapped around the front of the mast bringing the boat to a quick stop. The crew dropped the mainsail, leaving the chute up and threw the heaving line to Scott pulling him back to Koala Flyer. The entire recovery took 3 minutes.

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