

The Officers, Directors and Members of

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are pleased to present the

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to the crew of

CHEAP SHOT

FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

MORC International Championship, Lake Erie. Squall with wind up to 60 kts and 6' seas.

Around 5:00 PM, while racing in the 27-foot sloop Nitro caught a rogue wave and dove 30 degrees into the lake, losing steerage and then rolling onto its side pitching two crew members (Comer & Modrowski) into the water. Both were wearing PFD's. NITRO righted itself and the crew hauled down the sails. One of the lines wrapped around the prop so the skipper (Fred Hibbert) dove in to untangle it.

Cheap Shot skippered by Joe Cutcher was racing nearby and noticed the two sailors in the water. Cheap Shot's crew immediately threw over a horseshoe buoy, a flashing strobe light and man-over-board pole, then started the motor. After circling the two a few times, they were able to throw Modrowski a line and heave him aboard. They made a few more passes and did the same with Comer.

Nitro's crew in the meantime had lost sight of the two victims and did not know they had been rescued until Cheap Shot came along side them about 15 minutes later.

**The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal was presented to
the crew of Cheap Shot as a result of this event.**