

**The Officers, Directors and Members of
US SAILING**

are pleased to present the

ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL

to

BILL GILES

and the CREW of

FALL LINE

FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

While sailing in the 60th annual Falcon Cup Race on August 16, 1997, from Cleveland Yachting Club to Mentor Harbor, the fleet was impacted by a line of thunderstorms with winds reported to be 60mph or more. While attempting to douse the spinnaker, the crew of *Spaceman Spiff*, a Mumm 30, was hit by wind gusts estimated to be 60mph or more. The boat broached and subsequently sank, leaving the crew hanging onto about three feet of bow pulpit that remained above the water. The crew, fortunately, were all wearing lifejackets and were able to maintain themselves while awaiting rescue.

Some fifteen minutes after *Spaceman Spiff* sank to this position, Captain Bill Giles and his crew in *Fall Line* approached and began circling the victims in the water. As the skipper maneuvered, the crew threw a line with a lifejacket attached for buoyancy. The crew of the Mumm 30 were pulled aboard one at a time by this method, dragging them aboard over the side until they were all aboard. The rescued personnel were observed for medical complications, but fortunately there were none and the crew was landed ashore with no injury.

Captain Giles and the crew of *Fall Line* were directly responsible for the safe return of the Mumm 30 crew. US SAILING is pleased to recognize their seamanship skill and adherence to the first law of the sea - to give assistance to all mariners in distress.

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

**The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Award was awarded to
BILL GILES and the crew of FALL LINE**