

**The Officers, Directors and Members of**

**US SAILING**

are pleased to present the

**ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL**

to the crew of

**ACTIVE**

**FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:**

AM during cruise from Annapolis to Newport. 17-20 kts. 4'-5' seas

Active, a Navy 44' Cutter, came off it's heading to reef #1 in its main. During the reefing, the wind shifted causing the boom to swing across and knock Rick Valerga overboard. Jim Grunseth turned into the wind to perform the practiced Quick Stop. Also, the Life Sling was deployed over the stern pulpit. The engine was started to speed the rescue. The sling encircled the MOB during the turn. Main and jib were dropped. Valerga swam a stroke to reach the sling and was hoisted aboard by the starboard spinnaker halyard. It all took less than four minutes.

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