

2021 US Sailing One Design Association Awards: One Design

San Francisco (March 24, 2022) – The annual US Sailing Association Awards were celebrated Thursday evening at St. Francis Yacht Club. Award winners were honored for their contributions to the sport of sailing, from racing to race management.

View Recorded Facebook Live-Stream event: <https://fb.watch/c47CgXRrPv/>



Rich Jepsen: US Sailing President, Steph Arnold Regatta Committee OIYC: Recipient OD Club Award, Chris Snow: US Sailing OD Class Committee Chair. Ron Rosenberg OIYC: Recipient OD Club Award

Orcas Island Yacht Club (Eastsound, WA) received the One Design Club Award for their support of the local J/70 fleet. ***The One Design Club award*** is awarded to the Yacht Club that has shown great success throughout its entire organization. The winning club has thoughtful administrative excellence, proven fleet growth, creative programming, focused regatta support and significant member contributions to one-design sailing. This year's winner is Orcas Island Yacht Club represented by Ron Rosenberg.

The J/Pod J/70 Fleet at Orcas Island YC has been shepherded by Ron to become a small movement in the area. Starting with creating a J/70 fleet, Ron and his group have introduced new people to one design racing, encouraged others to compete internationally and gone far to promote one design sailing in the area. Members of the J/Pod (named after the pods of Orca whales that frequent Puget Sound) are often seen coaching other groups including a women's learn to sail group and the local Laser fleet. Pod members are also instrumental in local fundraising efforts

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to assist local sailors to participate international events as well as raising funds for the local junior sailing program. Under Ron's leadership, the group often conducts debriefs after a day's sailing so everyone can learn and progress. US One Design Class Committee Chair: Chris Snow

J/Pod West Sound, WA: <https://youtu.be/o6z784zdKzE>

