

Bernie Kuse

John H. Gardiner, Jr. One-Design Award

presented to

Bernie Kuse of Jacomo Sailing Club, Kansas City, Missouri

On behalf of the United States Sailing One Design Class Council, it gives me great pleasure to present Bernie Kuse the John H. Gardiner, Jr. One Design Award for distinguished service and exceptional leadership in the promotion of one-design sailing and class organization.

Bernie Kuse's dedication to sailing has helped make sailing in the greater Kansas City area and the Central Sailing States enjoyable for all sailors.

Bernie has been instrumental in turning Jacomo Sailing Club into the Kansas City's sailing resource and he has created a strong sailing family in the community.

By sharing his experience with all the one-design classes in area, Bernie has improved the skills of sailors at the Jacomo Sailing Club and Midwest by giving numerous race committee training seminars and offering his services for teaching basic sailing and racing.

He has run race committees for many one-design regattas and has served as one of the prime judges in the Midwest (CSSA).

Bernie has won numerous awards at the Jacomo Sailing Club for his sportsmanship, contributions, and performance above and beyond the call of duty.

Bernie loves sailing for all the right reasons: the competition, intellectual nature of the sport, and interaction with nature. Most of all, he loves it because of the web it weaves around sailors, drawing them closer to the sport and one another. Because of his passion, three generations of his family are involved in sailboat racing and he continuously motivates the Jacomo club members. Bernie is truly passionate about sailing.