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US Sailing Announces Training, One-Design and Community Sailing Award Winners for their Contributions to the Sport in the U.S.



US Sailing is proud to announce the 2017 Community Sailing, Training and National One-Design Award winners for their contributions to the sport of sailing in the United States. To celebrate the accomplishments of these individuals and organizations responsible for



advancing sailing forward in their respective areas of focus and within their communities, US Sailing recognized them on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the Sailing Leadership Forum in St. Pete Beach, Florida, hosted by the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort.

The following 2017 Community Sailing, Training, and National One-Design Award winners are:

- **Malin Burnham** (San Diego, Calif.) received the prestigious *Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy* for his extraordinary contributions to the sport of sailing.
- **Rich Jepsen** (Alameda, Calif.) received the *Timothea Larr Award* for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of sailor education in the United States.
- **Stephanie Webb** (Fort Myers, Fla.) was awarded the *Martin A. Luray Award* for her outstanding and unselfish contributions to further public access sailing.
- **Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club** (Oyster Bay, N.Y.) received the *Captain Joe Prosser Award* for excellence in sailing instruction.
- **Tom Duggan** (East Sandwich, Mass.) was awarded the *Harman Hawkins Trophy* for his contributions to race administration.
- **Carolina Yacht Club** (Wrightsville Beach, N.C.) received the *St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy* for its excellent planning and execution of the year's best run regatta.
- **Judy Clagett McLennan** (Portsmouth, R.I.) received the *Gay S. Lynn Memorial Trophy* for her outstanding contributions to sailors with disabilities and to adaptive sailing.
- **Park City Sailing Association** (Heber City, Utah) received the *Robie Pierce Award for Outstanding Adaptive Programming*.
- **Lynn Handy** (Baltimore, Md.) received the *Virginia Long Sail Training Service & Support Award*.
- **Andrew Alletag** (Tewksbury, Mass.) of Community Boating, Inc. in Boston, Mass. received the *Jim Kilroy Outstanding Outreach & Inclusion Award*.
- **Erik Skeel** (Woodinville, Wash.) of Sail Sand Point in Seattle, Wash. received the award for *Excellence in Instruction*.
- **Jamie Jones** (Westerville, Ohio) of the Hoover Sailing Club received the award for *Outstanding Organizational Leader*.
- **Joan Storkman** (Gig Harbor, Wash.) was named *Volunteer of the Year* for her ongoing dedication as a volunteer at Gig Harbor Junior Sail Program.
- **Wayzata Community Sailing Center** (Wayzata, Minn.) received the award for *More than Ten Years of Hallmark Performance* for their continued commitment to community sailing.
- **Sail Nauticus** (Norfolk, Va.) received the award for *Creative Innovations in Programming*.
- **Delavan Lake Yacht Club** (Delavan, Wis.) received a the *National One-Design Regatta Award* for excellence in development, promotion and management of the year's most outstanding one-design regatta.
- **Jon VanderMolen** (Richland, Mich.) and **Don Parfet** (Richland, Mich.) received the *National One-Design Creativity Award* for their inaugural Vintage Gold Cup.
- **San Diego Yacht Club** (Calif.) received the *National One-Design Club Award* recognizing administrative excellence, fleet growth, creative programming, regatta support and member contributions.
- **Matt Thompson** (Wayzata, Minn.) was named *Outstanding Community Sailing Program Director*.
- **Duxbury Bay Maritime School** (Duxbury, Mass.) was named *Outstanding Community Sailing Program*.
- **Chuck Hawley** (Santa Cruz, Calif.) was honored with the *President's Award* for special contributions to the sport and partnership with US Sailing.
- **Kevin Keogh** (Hilton Head, S.C.) was honored with the *President's Award* for special contributions to the sport and partnership with US Sailing.
- **Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Ron Rostorfer** (Plantation, Fla.) were honored with the *President's Award* for special contributions to the sport and partnership with US Sailing.

Peter Duncan, Erika Reineke Selected as US Sailing's 2017 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year

A seasoned veteran steeped in determination and a breakthrough performer on the verge of stardom are the subjects of US Sailing's 2017 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year. J/70 World Champion **Peter Duncan** (Rye, New York) and Enoshima Olympic Week Laser Radial Gold Medalist **Erika Reineke** (Fort Lauderdale, Florida) were selected as Rolex Yachtsman

and Yachtswoman of the Year for their remarkable sailing performances in 2017.

The selection follows the announcement in December

of the six men and eight women who were shortlisted for these prestigious awards and recognized as sailing's top performers of the year by US Sailing.

ROLEX YACHTSMAN & YACHTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR



Peter Duncan, 58, a life-long one-design sailor, was once again at the top of his game in 2017 at the highest-levels of international competition and in a variety of sailboat classes. He received this honorable distinction for first time in his illustrious career.

"With all the racing and training we did in 2017, I was actually on the water for 110 days last year, which is absolutely extraordinary. That's what you have to do to accomplish what we did last year."

His year was highlighted with a win at the ultra-competitive Audi J/70 World Championship in September off the waters of Porto Cervo in Sardinia, Italy. Duncan and his talented crew including Jud Smith, Victor Diaz de

Leon and Willem van Waay, won the 161-boat World Championship by a 15-point margin over contender Brian Keene. Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* was dominant through six races. They placed in the top three in each race, including three wins.

"You can't find a better crew to sail with as far as I'm concerned," added Duncan.

He won four other J/70 regattas in 2017, including the Italian National Championships (Alcatel Cup), New England Championships, Bacardi Cup and Sail Newport Regatta. His team placed second out of 58 at the J/70 North American Championship in Rye, N.Y. and third at the European J/70 Championship.



DUNCAN



Photo: US Sailing Team/Will Ricketson

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Reineke, 24, will be honored for the first time as US Sailing's Rolex Yachtswoman of Year. The Florida native and veteran US Sailing Team athlete distinguished herself nationally and internationally while competing in both College Sailing and the Olympic Laser Radial class in 2017.

Reineke's 2017 highlights include being honored as the 2017 Quantum Women's College Sailor of the Year, winning A-Division at ICSA Women's College Nationals, placing third in the A-Division at ICSA Coed College Nationals, winning silver at the Aarhus World

Championship Test event in the Laser Radial, and winning gold at Enoshima Olympic Week 2017, the first major multi-class regatta held at the 2020 Olympic Games venue.

2017 was a time of transition for Reineke, who started her year focusing on intercollegiate competition for perennial contender Boston College. After graduation, she moved into training with the US Sailing Team in the Laser Radial full-time, and continued chasing her Olympic dream.

"Looking back on my last year of college sailing, I was

a fifth-year senior," said Reineke. "I took a year off [for the Rio 2016 Olympic Trials] and came back to a team that I didn't know as well, but they welcomed me back with open arms. Going into Nationals, it just felt like we were a family, and I think that's what made our performance so strong."

Reineke has worked hard to balance school and competitive sailing for much of her career, but only in the latter half of 2017 was she able to turn her entire focus towards international Laser Radial sailing.

"It's definitely hard to balance the two worlds of school and sailing, but I think it was worth it," said Reineke. "I have learned a lot of different styles of sailing. I think I have a better perspective on sailing in general, and it was totally worth it. After college, there is more time to focus on little things that maybe I didn't before."

Learn more about these awards at rolex.ussailing.org.

