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US SAILING
ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT THE
ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL
TO
CAL KARR
FOR THE RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

On June 15, 2002 in the Chicago to Mackinac Singlehanded Challenge race, run by the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, Fred Ball was sailing Lucretia, a 50' Newick trimaran 20 miles east of Racine, WI in 55-degree air and water temperature, when a late day thunderstorm with 50 knot winds and 1-2 foot seas forced Ball to run from the storm, leading to his running the main and jib sheets, burning the skin of his palms, eventually pitchpoling, with the hull fracturing and capsizing.

Prior to the storm, Ball had donned his orange Mustang survival suit. The boat now upside had trapped Ball underneath the netting. Ball had torn his rotator cuff during the capsize. Ball swam out from under the boat and struggled to climb on the upturned hull. With a severely injured shoulder and no inverted egress to the boat, a swim to get inside the hull to get at emergency equipment was out of the question and all Ball could do was wait. Night came, and the cold set in. Ball sat there for 12 hours in the cold water.

Before sunrise, at about 5 am, Ball saw the lights of a boat heading his direction. Ball yelled for help. Cal Karr competing with his Island Packet 45 Belle heard the call and came to Ball. Karr dropped sails, turned on his motor and backed up to the trimaran to make it as easy as possible to board Ball who was stiff with hypothermia. Karr then treated Ball's hands and hypothermia, while heading the boat straight for Milwaukee, retiring from the race.

Congratulations to the Cal Karr for coming to the aid of a stricken sailor, rescuing the sailor, treating his injuries and getting him to medical attention promptly. US SAILING is pleased to present the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal in recognition of this event.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald C. Trossbach".

Ronald C. Trossbach
Chairman, Safety at Sea Committee
By Direction