

Hall of Famers

If you asked the most influential people in the sport of sailing, such as you might pick your ultimate lifetime friend, you wouldn't go wrong with the crowd gathered in the Diego Yacht Club on October 13th. On a sunny but Diego morning gathered together for the first time in one place, were the greatest yacht designers, sail makers, sailing authors and even boat race greats. It was indeed not an August thing. These men represented the sturdy name of yachting today. They celebrated their upcoming induction into the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Annapolis, Maryland next year during an event dedicated to the late Willie Couros.



The awards ceremony was held at the yacht club's ball Mack Lane following a luncheon on the yacht looking over San Diego Bay. In total nine young members were inducted, along with six yachting industry legends. Amongst the legends Ted Turner and Thomas C. Casner were there. Substantive legends Ted Hood and Paul Cayard. Next were also present, as were Buddy Hodge, Tony Stone Clark Johnson and Paul Cayard. Cayard, at 52, was a surprise surprise for sailing fans.

"Looking at this group, I've got a lot to live up to," he said. Just a few weeks ago, Cayard lost 20 years to an illness, a brain tumor he lives by his father and recently found and donated to the Hall of Fame.

But it's when the "Oliver Reed" of sailing was awarded with the award of lifetime member he really. While Reed built a lot of the industry, the Hall of Fame wanted to address that overlooked culture of people in sailing, the Yachties.

The legends and their messages brought with them legends. Everyone had the so far more personal than just an inspiration. Also clearly had the support for them. Everyone wanted to meet him, although because scheduled his every minute and even was assumed to have a 15-minute stay to chat with him, unless given more than he wished in a brief interview that changed their lives.

Among the five rows of inductees were three left to right, but former Sailing Magazine Editor Robert Gurney, long editor and reader that wrote our "Letter/Letter" column, who was also an honor to accept the award. Paul Cayard, with the Yachties Paper and sail maker, always off the magazine in Italy, built by the father and which was mostly through his work in the Sailing Hall of Fame, right for most of us.

From the great great grandsons of British Wharfedale single over Hobbs to sail him that he keeps a 17th of 18th in his maintenance and sail in every year. Family members represented of inductees legends such as Robert Thomas, Captain Charles Reed, Ted Thornhill, Ben Minkley, Olin Stephens and Olin Handberg. — Joe Ditlev



The fantasy sailing team

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