

# 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, with the greatest yacht designers, sail makers, sailing authors and owners from our sport. It's the legend was no longer living. These men represented the sturdy name of outdoor sailors. They embraced their sporting culture from the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Annapolis, Maryland, one year during an event dedicated to the late Willie Lowrie.

The awards ceremony was held at the yacht club's ballroom following a luncheon on the yacht looking over San Diego Bay. In total, nine living members were inducted, along with six posthumous inductions. Honored as Captain Ted Turner and William C. Turner were from San Francisco. Ted Turner was also present, as were Buddy Hodge, Tony Stone Clark Johnson and Paul Vincent. Vincent, in 1952, was a magazine manager for sailing press.

"Looking at this group, I've got a lot to live up to," he said. Just a few weeks ago, Vincent flew to San Francisco and recently found and donated to the Hall of Fame.

Bobby Allen, the "Oliver Twist" of sailing, was awarded with the award of lifetime member. He says, "While I find both a lot of the success the Hall of Fame wanted to address that international culture of people in sailing the United States."

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



Among the five men of business were three left to right, but former Sailing Magazine Editor Willie Lowrie, Captain Tony Stone Clark and Willie Lowrie. Willie Lowrie, who was also an owner of the yacht club, with the other people and was there, almost all the members of the club, but by the father and which was mostly friends and family to the Sailing Hall of Fame, right for more time.

From the great great grandsons of Captain William single over 100 years in all time that he keeps a 15th of 15 in his membership and will in every year. Family members represented of different legends such as Captain William, Captain Charles Stone, Ted Turner, Bill Mackintosh, Olin Stephens and Olin Handelman. — Joe Ditler



## The fantasy sailing team

- **Billie Turner**, former San Francisco Bay Area member and former San Francisco member of the club.
- **Willie Lowrie**, owner of 15 members of the club (San Francisco Bay).
- **Paul Vincent**, former San Francisco Bay Area member and former San Francisco member of the club.
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Joe Ditler did a wonderful writeup of the 2011 Induction Ceremony for Sailing Magazine.

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