



The Officers, Directors, and Members of US Sailing  
Are pleased to present the  
ARTHUR B. HANSON RESCUE MEDAL to  
***The Rescuing Crew of S/V Madcap***  
For the rescue as follows:

On the night of July 15, 2024, a crewmember fell overboard during the Race to Mackinac on Lake Michigan. With winds at 20 knots gusting to 30 knots, S/V Callisto, a J/125 was making a sail change sailing downwind when crewmember Shawn Dougherty was lost overboard.

The navigator on board Callisto hailed the US Coast Guard and all nearby vessels by VHF radio, and the DSC alert button was depressed, and MOB unit was deployed. By the boat was able to get sails down and motor on, they were quarter to half a mile downwind of the man in the water.

Madcap, SC52, was coming up the course behind and immediately responded to the hail. Via radio it was established that they would be the first vessel to the crewmate, and plans coordinated. Aboard Madcap, John Hoskins and his crew got the sails down quickly and their engine on. They used a Lifesling to rescue Shawn.

Callisto arrived on scene as the rescue was concluding. Via VHF it was confirmed that Shawn was uninjured, and a transfer at sea was rejected as unsafe. Both vessels resumed racing. From the time of the rescue to resumption of racing it was estimated 20 minutes passed. It was a consummate recovery underway.

For their outstanding seamanship, watchkeeping, and situational awareness resulting in the rescue of a fellow sailor, US Sailing is pleased to award the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal to the rescuing crew of S/V Madcap.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard W. York".

Richard W. York  
Chairman, US Sailing Safety at Sea Committee