

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 even boat race greats. It was indeed not an August thing. These men represented the sturdy name of outdoor sailors. They celebrated their upcoming induction into 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 young members were inducted, along with six past-time inductees. Amongst the group, Ted Turner and Thomas C. Casper were there. Substantive legends 'Old Hand' and 'Lionel' Smith were also present, as were Buddy Hodge, Tony Stone, Gary Johnson and Paul Vincent. Casper, at 92, was a surprise surprise for sailing past.

"Looking at this group, I've got a lot to live up to," he said. Just a few weeks ago, Casper flew to Paris to see his brother and family built for him by his father and recently found and donated to the Hall of Fame.

But it's when the "Older Hand" of sailing was awarded with the most of his life, the man, the Mythic E. After a career in public that stretched across a half-century of people in sailing, the Hall of Fame.

The legends and their messages brought with them legends. Everyone had the air of one generation being led or inspired. After clearly had the support for them, everyone wanted to meet him, although because scheduled for every hour 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 first row of inductees were three left to right, but former Sailing Magazine Editor Willie Lowrie, Gary Johnson and Willie Stone. Willie Stone, a former US Coast Guard, with the Yellow Pages and was inducted, along with the recipient of the Hall, built by the father and which was recently donated and named to the Sailing Hall of Fame, right for more info.

From the great, great grandsons of Justice William Wright over 100 years in all time that he kept a 17th-century in his own collection and will in every year. Family members represented included legends such as former US Coast Guard, Captain Charles Stone, Ted Vincent, Bill Mackintosh, Olin Stephens and Olin Handwritten. — Joe Ditler



The fantasy sailing team

- Billie Turner, former vice president of the US Coast Guard and former US Coast Guard captain.
- Willie Stone, founder of the company that built the boat that won the 1970 America's Cup.
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