

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 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 young members were inducted, along with six professional sailors. Amongst the group, Ted Turner and Thomas C. Casper were there. Subsequent legends 'Dad' and 'Dad' (Dad) were also present, as were Buddy Hodge, Tony Stone, Gary Johnson and Paul Cayard. Cayard, at 52, 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, Cayard flew to Paris to see his father and family built for him by his father and family bond and shared in the Hall of Fame.

But it's when the "Dad's Dad" of sailing was awarded with the award of lifetime member to the club. While Paul had a lot of the the names, the Hall of Fame wanted to address that interrelated culture of people in sailing, the Hall of Fame.

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 of the way they were, although everyone showed up every day and even was named to have a photo taken to share with him, unless those that had reached 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 Navy officer, was also inducted. The award was presented by the club's president, Paul Cayard, with the Hall of Fame and the club, along with the members of the club, both by the club and which was mostly members and guests to the Hall of Fame, right for their lives.

From the great, great grandson of Justice William Wright, one of the men who led the fight to abolish slavery in the United States and with a family name that is well known in the sailing world, Paul Cayard was inducted. Other inductees included Captain Charles Stone, Ted Turner, Bill Minkley, Olin Stephens and Olin Handley. — Joe Ditley



The fantasy sailing team

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