

2011 Awards Dinner—Special Supplement

A truly pleasant way to spend a cold winter evening is to join a warm crowd, share a hot meal, hot mulled wine, and reminiscences of the warm sailing season past. Such was the pleasure of this writer in the chill of a January evening celebrating the special sailing achievement and service contributions of several of our members.

Held on January 15th, the event is organized to recognize members who, during the previous year, consistently demonstrated sailing skills that helped them win competitive events, who made service contributions to the club at a consistently high level throughout the year, and who well represented our club while improving their sailing skills or making significant contributions to the sport of sailing. It gives us a great opportunity to let our achievers know that we recognize the value of their efforts and appreciate their accomplishments.

Following a wonderful “potluck” meal with far too many excellent dishes to sample, a suitably “stuffed” and cozy audience applauded award recipients as follows:

- Commodore’s Service Award—Bud Buckwell
- Sailor of the Year—Debbie Beck
- Rodesiler Award—In a deadlocked tie shared by Allan & Janie Gowans and Tommy Weaver & Deb-

bie Weaver.

- Flying Scot Fleet Champion—Ryan Gaskin. Crew Robert King
- MC Scow Fleet Champion—Ryan Gaskin
- Youth Sailing Coach Award—Allan Gowans

Fleet Captains also gave place awards or honorable mention of finishing position to other sailors and crew participating in fleet and club competitions throughout 2010. Allan Gowans, as Executive Director of LMSA, Recognized Tom Ricciuto and Scotty Scot for their contributions to the association and to youth sailing by naming two of the FJ fleet boats in their honor. Their support of the association and youth sailing has been invaluable to the program.

It always, especially in the throes of winter, generates a warm feeling to share a mutual sense of accomplishment with fellow members and to realize that, by simply making the effort to recognize their contribution to the strengthen and vitality of our club, we ourselves offer them a measure of support.

A great big “Thank You” to Kirk and Sue Johnson for coordinating our annual Awards Dinner for 2011, and thank you to all the award winners for being LMSC achievers.

Ryan Gaskin, Editor



Top: Allan Gowans receives Coaching Award from Youth Sailors
Middle: Ryan & Robert receiving Flying Scot Championship award
Bottom: Youth sailors enjoy dinner and camaraderie

