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8 Inductees Named for Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame

Eight inductees will be recognized on Saturday, October 6 at Ocean County College

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Outstanding sailors who earned their sea legs on the Barnegat Bay will have

their names entered into the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame, Class of 2012. Eight inductees will be formally recognized at the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m. on Ocean County College's Main Campus, College Drive, in Toms River. Proceeds will be used to support the Ocean County College Sailing Program.

The 2012 inductees are:

John J. Applegate (Lavallette Yacht Club) – In 1953, at age 13, Applegate won his first Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) championship in the Moth class. He has since won 16 additional BBYRA championships, in five different classes, including Moth, Jet 14, Laser, Sneakbox, and in the last eight years M Scows. Applegate won a National Championship in the Jet 14 class, and a North American championship in the M Scow Class. As crew for Dave Magno, he won a National Championship in the E Scow class in 1994. Applegate currently serves as Measurer for the BBYRA.

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Roger Brown (Metedeconk River Yacht Club) – Brown has capably served Barnegat Bay sailors for many years as a Race Officer and Judge. He has been recognized by U.S. Sailing as a Certified Senior Race Officer and was chosen to judge at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Brown is a past commodore of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) and the Metedeconk River Yacht Club. In earlier years, he was very active racing in the Comet, Penguin, and Sanderling classes. More recently, Brown founded the BBYRA Race Management Award and was instrumental in organizing the BBYRA

Championship of Champions Regatta. He has also served on the New Jersey Boat Regulations Commission, using that forum to advocate speed and noise controls on New Jersey waters, including the establishment of “No Wake” zones for the benefit of all who enjoy the Bay.

Britton Chance, Jr. (Mantoloking Yacht Club) – This world-renowned yacht designer worked for the likes of Ray Hunt and Ted Hood before forming his own design firm, Chance and Company, in 1962. Chance’s designs have won numerous awards including three America’s Cups, Olympic Gold and Silver Medals, One Ton Cup, Gold Cup, and 5.5 Meter Worlds. Chance has crewed, or skippered, in major events including the America’s Cup Trials, One Ton Cup, Admiral’s Cup, 5.5 Meter Worlds, and offshore in the Bermuda, Fastnet, Middle Sea, and Southern Ocean Racing Conference races. For a change of pace, he rows competitively and his design portfolio includes championship rowing shells. Chance follows in the footsteps of his father, Britton Chance, Sr., and sister, Jan Chance O’Malley, as inductees into the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame.

Paul Coward (Brant Beach Yacht Club) – A four-time National Champion in the Mariner Class, Coward has raced successfully in Lasers, Sunfish, and other dingy classes. He has gone on to excel in the area of race management, having served as Principal Race Officer for many world and national championship events hosted by Brant Beach Yacht Club. Coward has managed the 2012 U.S. Optimist Class Team Trials, 2011 Laser North Americans, 2010 Club 420 North Americans, and 2007 Sunfish World Championships. In addition, Coward has served as Sailing Coach for Southern Regional High School, Commodore of Brant Beach Yacht Club, and Trustee for Sailability, which is devoted to providing sailing opportunities for the physically challenged.

John P. Harkrader (Bay Head and Manasquan River Yacht Clubs) – Harkrader has been a Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association champion seven times in three different classes including Thistle, Penguin, and M Scow. His other notable titles include Penguin Atlantic Coast Champion, M Scow National Champion (1973) and two-time M Scow Eastern Champion (1998, 1999). Harkrader has also successfully competed in E Scows, Comets, and a variety of other dinghy classes. He is well known as the person singly most responsible for the revival of the M Scow class on Barnegat Bay in the 1990's, and remains active in that class to this day.

Charles J. Horter (Island Heights Yacht Club) – Among his impressive sailing credentials, Horter won an Olympic Bronze medal as crew for Don Cohan in the Dragon class in the 1972 Munich Games, sailed in Kiel, Germany; he was also a participant in Olympic Trials campaigns from 1968 to 1980, in four different classes. Horter's extensive sailing resume includes a North American Championship in the Tempest Class (1975) as crew for Bruce McLeod; a third place finish in a 104 boat fleet at the 1972 Laser Nationals; and winner of five Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association championships in three different classes. Horter also had a very successful intercollegiate sailing career at Drexel University and is a past-Commodore of both the Island Heights Yacht Club and the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia.

Mark Schleckser (Shore Acres and Lavallette Yacht Clubs) – Schleckser has an exemplary racing record in a variety of different classes of Hobie Catamarans. His titles include a first in the 1993 Hobie 20 Mid-Winters East and Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) Championships in the Hobie 16 class (1982, 1983) and in the Hobie 18 class (1985, 1988, 1989, 1991, and 1992). Schleckser's titles also include seven consecutive Division 11 High Point Championships in the Hobie 18 class (1984-1990) and three in the Hobie 20 Class (1997-1999). He then switched to the Marshall Sanderling

class and won seven consecutive BBYRA championships (2005-2011), bringing his total number of BBYRA championships as a helmsman to 14.


Doug and Peg Galloway (*posthumously*) (Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club) – The first “couple” to be inducted into the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame, the Galloways were an inspiration to three generations of Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club (LEHYC) sailors. They were early pioneers in the very competitive E Scow class, having won three Eastern Championships (1941, 1948, 1952), and eighteen consecutive LEHYC championships, all the while encouraging others, notably younger sailors, to take up the sport. After retiring from racing in 1968, the Galloways shifted seamlessly into Race Committee work and various other leadership roles at LEHYC. Together they served on committees hosting several national championships including the 1970 Mallory Cup Finals, 1973 O’Day Championship Finals, and the 1975 E Scow Nationals. Along with their sterling racing records and leadership roles, the Galloways were equally well-known for their extensive cruising up and down the East Coast aboard their beloved 39’ sloop *Adhara*.

The Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame promotes and preserves the area’s maritime heritage by recognizing individuals whose accomplishments on the water and/or on shore have significantly enhanced Barnegat Bay’s maritime character and strengthened its status as a maritime center. Organized in 2004, the BBSHOF recognizes not only those sailors with ties to Barnegat Bay but those who have achieved excellence in the sport of sailing and/or contributed to the sport in some extraordinary manner.

As New Jersey’s largest inland body of water, Barnegat Bay has attracted sailors ever since Henry Hudson’s first looked through Barnegat Inlet some four hundred years ago. Sailing the bay has evolved over the years from a means of local transportation for commercial watermen to all forms of

recreational sailing, including fiercely competitive sailboat racing. Boat builders from the Barnegat Bay area have been recognized throughout the world for their skills. Racing sailors from Barnegat Bay have reached the pinnacle of their sport, having won countless regional, national, and world championships. Others have been named Collegiate All-Americans, won Olympic medals, or been part of winning America's Cup teams.

Tickets for the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony are \$75. For information, call Ocean County College's Office of Student Life at 732-255-0348.

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