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NINE INDUCTEES TO 2010 BARNEGAT BAY SAILING HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCED

TOMS RIVER – Outstanding sailors who earned their sea legs on the Barnegat Bay will have their names entered into the **Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame**. Nine inductees will be recognized at the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on **Saturday, October 2**, at 6:00 p.m. on Ocean County College's Main Campus, College Drive, in Toms River. Proceeds from the Induction Ceremony will support the OCC Sailing Club.

The Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame promotes 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.

The 2010 inductees are:

Faye Bennett: Lifetime pioneer, sponsor, and coach of sailing on Long Beach Island, on Barnegat Bay, and around the world, focused on youth and women's sailing; 2002 recipient of the Nathaniel G. Herreshoff Trophy for outstanding contributions to the sport of sailing; founded the Spray Beach Yacht Club junior sailing program in 1950; instrumental founder of the Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association in 1983; first certified female judge for US Sailing; first woman to: compete in U.S. Men's Sailing Championship, chair U.S. Junior Championship Committee, and serve on US Sailing Board of Directors; President, North Jersey Yacht Racing Association; Commodore, LBYRA, 1987; SBYC Flag Officer, 2006-2008; Chair, US Sailing Women's Sailing Committee; Chair, US Sailing Sears/Bemis/Smythe and Adams Committees; Trustee, US Sailing Foundation; advocate for Opti-based junior racing for all clubs on LBI; U.S. Moth Class President and International Secretary.

F. Gardner Cox: Member, Princeton University Sailing Team, Class of 1941 – Princeton won the Morss Trophy (Dinghy Championship) in 1940 and 1941, and placed second in 1939; International Penguin Class Dinghy Champion in 1958, 1960, and 1964; inducted into the inaugural class of the Intercollegiate Sailing Hall of Fame in 1969; U.S. National Champion in 5.5 Meter Class in 1968; U.S. Olympic Representative, 5.5 Meter Class, in 1968; well-known author/columnist for *SAIL* magazine, among others; honored by US Sailing in 1988 with the creation of the F. Gardner Cox Sportsmanship Award, to be awarded annually at the Sears Cup Junior Triplehanded Junior Sailing Championships; active Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association participant in Penguins and E Scows; member of Mantoloking Yacht Club.

Donald Launer: Designed and built his first boat at age 11; obtained his commercial Coast Guard Captain's License 30 years ago; has sailed Barnegat Bay for 76 years; has written about numerous sailing trips in international, national, and regional periodicals, including *Cruising World*, *Offshore*, *SAIL*, *Soundings*, *The Chesapeake Bay Magazine*, *Coastal*

Cruising, and *NJ Waterways*; was co-contributor for several nautical books; had his own newspaper column; was the field editor for the yearly *Waterway Guide* for 15 years; currently a contributing editor for *Good Old Boat Magazine*; his book *A Cruising Guide to New Jersey Waters* was published in hardcover in 1995 and is now in paperback in its second printing; wrote the reference book *Dictionary of Nautical Acronyms and Abbreviations*, as well as *Lessons From My Good Old Boat*, *Navigation Through the Ages*, and *The Galley – How Things Work*; has lectured extensively on navigation; member of Alliance for a Living Ocean on Long Beach Island, the Boat US Speakers Bureau, and Boating Writers International.

Dr. Albert Mulford: Member of Island Heights Yacht Club from 1908 to 1917, including a stint as vice commodore; won the Sewell and Morgan Cups for catboats and the open challenge regatta at the Ocean City Yacht Club in 1908; took on and defeated all challengers from Long Island to Ocean City in 1909; took on all challengers from Long Island in open events up and down the East Coast and was undefeated from 1910 to 1914; selected by the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia to captain a cup defender to be built by a Philadelphia syndicate for the America's Cup, though unfortunately, World War I scuttled the syndicate's plans.

Robert B. O'Brien, Jr.: President of Hubert Johnson, Inc. and WoodenBoatsNJ.com, through which he sells and restores classic wood boats; past Commodore of Bay Head Yacht Club and Delray Beach Yacht Club; Member of New York Yacht Club; Chairman of Advisory Board, Palm Beach Maritime Museum; Founding Director, New Jersey Museum of Boating; past President of Bay Head Historical Society – in charge of boat restoration program; past Chairman of the New Jersey Historical Society; patron of the National Maritime Historical Society; life member of the Antique and Classic Boat Society and Museum in Clayton, NY; President of Antique and Classic Boat Society Barnegat Bay Chapter; 2002-2003 President of the Toms River Seaport Society; member of the Ocean County Council of Maritime Museums, the Mystic Seaport Society, the Mariners Museum, and Tuckerton Seaport.

Andy Schoettle: In the mid-1940s, at age 14, was second in a Sneakbox to lead the Bay Head Yacht Club Team to win the Barclay Cup, the Barnegat Bay team race cup for 21 and under; placed in the top three in two Atlantic Coast Penguin championships; won the Sir Thomas Lipton and Johnson Trophies at Gibson Island, MD in Stars, in 1958; won the 5.5 Prince of Wales Cup in prior to the 1956 Olympics; was skipper of the 5.5-meter class in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, where he finished fourth; alternate for the 1960 Olympics in Rome; second in the Gold Cup in Sweden; second in the North American Finn Championship twice; first out of 88 at the Inland Lake M Scow Championship in 1973; first out of 60 at the 1983 Inland Lake C Scow Championship; 1974-76, sixth at Tempest Holland Worlds, first in the East Coast J/22 Championship, third in the North Americans, and second at both the U.S. and World Championships; at age 67, finished second in Lasers in his age group.

Walter Smedley, Jr.: Race Committee Chairman at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club for 14 years; 1967 LEHYC Commodore; LEHYC Trustee and Senior Trustee; winner of LEHYC Carrigan Trophy for contributions to sailing; winner of LEHYC Commodore's Trophy for sustained contributions to the club; LEHYC was a two-time recipient of the St. Petersburg Cup for Excellence in Race Management under his leadership; creator, founding member, and Commodore of the National E Scow Association; Commodore of the Eastern E Scow Association; served as an adjunct professor at Princeton, his alma mater, before becoming a

faculty member at the United States Naval Academy; enjoyed a long career as a manufacturer's representative to the shipbuilding industry; known as a unique, congenial, and enthusiastic ambassador of sailing.

Allan K. Terhune, Jr.: 2008 US Sailing Rolex Sailor of Year; 2008 US Sailing Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Finalist; 2007 US Sailing One Design Leadership Award for the ILCA Boat Grant Program; won eight national championships from 1995 to 2009, including the US Sailing Sears Cup Junior National Champion in 1995 – the only BBYRA team to ever win; recorded many top finishes in many other championships from 1998 to 2009, including second in 2007 Lightning World Championship, 2009 Thistle Atlantic Coast Champion, 2009 Lightning Southern Circuit Champion, 2003 Lightning Atlantic Coast Champion, 2008 Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Champion, and 2004 Lightning Midwinter Champion; certified US Sailing Level 1 and Basic Keelboat Instructor; worked as instructor at Bay Head and Surf City Yacht Clubs; Keelboat Sailing Director at U.S. Naval Academy, 2005-2007.

Jonathan Wright: Member of the Cruising Club of America, the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May, and the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor; won College Sailor of the Year Morris Trophy in 1971, the same year he was designated a member of the All-American Collegiate Sailing Team; named Yachting Magazine Crewmember of the Year in 1989; was mainsheet trimmer on five America's Cup teams, winning in 1974, 1980 and 1987; skippered boats to first place in the 1989 Volvo Regatta, in a number of North Americans in the late 1980s-early 1990s, and in East Coasts in 1990; skippered other boats to top finishes in early-mid 2000s; crewed in the Maxi World Championships, SORC, the Newport-Bermuda race, the San Francisco Big Boat Series, the Congressional Cup, the 12 Meter Worlds, the Middle Sea Race, the Clipper Cup, Marble Head to Halifax, the Annapolis to Newport Race, Key West Race Week, Block Island Race Week, and Acura SORC; watch captain for Annapolis to Bermuda "Chessie Racing."

Tickets: \$75. Call Ocean County College's Office of Student Life at 732.255.0348.