

NEWS US SAILING ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNITY SAILING AWARD WINNERS CELEBRATED – WATCH THE CELEBRATION!

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2020 US Sailing Award Winners Jeff Johnson, Karen Harris, Philip Muller, and Brad Schoch
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BRISTOL, R.I. (March 10, 2021) – The annual US Sailing Association and Community Sailing Award winners were celebrated Wednesday in a special edition of US Sailing’s Starboard Portal. Individuals and organizations were honored for their contributions to the sport of sailing in the United States in the areas of Community Service, Training and Education, Olympic Coaching and Volunteerism. [Watch the ceremony on The Starboard Portal!](#)



Congratulations to the following US Sailing award winners:

- Karen Harris (Chicago, IL) received the Outstanding Organizational Leader Award.
- PYC Satori Foundation (Pensacola, FL) received the Jim Kilroy Award for Outstanding Outreach & Inclusion.
- Elli Ansari (Wayzata, MN) received the Volunteer of the Year Award.
- Jeff Johnson (San Diego, CA) received the Timothea Larr Trophy.
- Donna Sue Marks (Clearwater, FL) received the Virginia Long Sail Training and Service Award.
- Bradley Schoch (Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA) received the Dick Allsopp C.R.E.W. Award.
- Giulia Conti (Rome, Italy) received the National Coach of the Year Award.
- Philip Muller (Miami, FL) received the Developmental Coach of the Year Award.

Jim Kilroy Award for Outstanding Outreach & Inclusion – PYC Satori Foundation (Pensacola, FL)

The PYC Satori Foundation's mission is to inspire interest in and encourage and promote the sport of sailing and yachting and a broad range of maritime activities in Pensacola, Florida. They do this by providing outreach sails including STEM education; seasonal scholarships for underserved youth; and year-round scholarships to camp recipients that show skills, motivation, and a commitment to making sailing accessible.

The Satori Foundation is notable in their community for going above and beyond to establish partnerships with local organizations for their outreach sails. Some of their youth partners include the Boys and Girls' Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Seastars Aquatics, a program for swimmers with disabilities, and FSU CARD, the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. They engage each group in a STEM lesson prior to sailing and get every participant hands-on learning during their sail. Participants learn in an exciting environment, understanding the science of waves, wind and currents, and the technology of instruments and modern navigation. They learn they can steer a large sailboat and in turn steer their own path through life.

Each of Sartori's adult groups deals with an extraordinary level of stress in their lives, but their time out on the water gives them an experience of peace and well-being. Sailing is Sartori's way of offering a place of peace to de-stress and recharge.