

Remarks from the 2021 Inductees to the National Sailing Hall of Fame

“What our families are most proud of is that at a time when all of America was trying to get back to normal family life after the war, Alcort made a boat that was inexpensive, especially in kit form, fairly portable and very easy to sail. It introduced thousands to the basics of sailing and the freedom and exhilaration it can bring.” Sage Dunlap Chase

“Anything I’ve ever done sailing/racing wise, I’ve always done it because I enjoyed it and it was fun. Any project has never been contingent on the winning... I’ve always wanted to win... but I think I enjoyed the preparation, and that includes working on the boat and getting that ready, sailing for the pure joy of it, the competition, seeing old friends and meeting new ones.” Carl Buchan

“My sailing career comes down to the people I have sailed with and the mentors there have been along the way! ... The most important thing I learned from my father was how to be a sportsman. My father sailed with a great sense of fairness and that’s something that I’ve been able to learn from him and try to execute on.” Augie Diaz

“What a magnificent foundation you have here honoring the many people who have made significant contributions to the world of sailing and sailors over the many decades. Praise to the current and prior inductees in the National Sailing Hall Fame and congrats to the people who put this together and the people who run this fine organization allowing sailors to get recognition that otherwise might go unnoticed. Thank you for letting me honor and share my admiration of Gilbert for joining this group of lifetime achievers.” David Vosbein, Gilbert’s nephew

“I am part of the Title IX generation so it never occurred to me there would be separate events for each sex. Some opportunities for women were limited, but I wanted to compete against the top athletes in the field, and more often than not those athletes were men. It wasn’t easy, there were hours spent in the gym working on my physical strength and I invested a lot of time building up my mental toughness. Resilience, determination, and fearlessness all played a part in becoming a strong top athlete... there was no other way. Jane Pegel, Jan O’Malley; Timmy Larr, to name a few, were a part of the first generation of sailors to go up against top ranking male sailors. It was not an easy thing to do, but their first step in the ring laid the foundation for me and a new generation of female sailors, several of whom have already been inducted into the Hall of Fame. I hope by following their example, I have continued to pave the way for the next generation of female sailors.” Lynne Jewell Shore

“I am pleased to be inducted into the Sailing Hall of Fame ... it’s a true honor to join the ranks of national top sailors. Growing up on Lackey Drive in Williams Bay Wisconsin, sailing was the neighborhood thing. As a first-generation sailor I learned how to sail by the trial-and-error method. Those in the know ‘round Geneva Lake told my father Dr. Clifford Wiswell the sort of equipment I should have whether it be sailing equipment or ice boating equipment. I learned many valuable lessons competing against great sailors and watching great sailors in action.” Jane Pegel

“He is someone I have always felt close to because of growing up in a navy family and seeing how much my father admired him. I would say this, in my own words, no one loved the sea as much, or believed in the sailor as much, or was a man of higher principle than Admiral Stephen B. Luce.” Anne Dubose Joslin, great grandniece of S.B. Luce.

“Having three women and Bill, who is kickass, in this group is amazing. And I want to recognize that we need to continue to do this in all of our teams whether it’s business or sailing. We know that for some groups it’s 10 times harder to get in, so can we all just agree to ask three times more: How are you? Would you like to come sailing? Have you ever been sailing? ... I see a future in our sport with equity, equality, diversity and with leaders who naturally ask these questions.” Dawn Riley

“I’ve had a goal that I wanted to preserve the sport with its basic principle that we govern, we follow the rules, we don’t need umpires and we don’t need referees. And I’ve wanted to see it grow as I think it’s such a magnificent game. It’s three games in one: you’re against Mother Nature, you’re against your boat ... you’ve got to tame your boat you’ve got to bring your boat under control, and it’s a chess game where all the players and the pieces on the board are in motion and you have to position your boat relative to that. But if we don’t have a set of rules, we don’t have that game. The rules govern the tactics greatly, but they also make it so that the boats come home in relatively large pieces.” Dick Rose

To watch the entire induction ceremony please click [here](#).