

Trib's Morris Receives Ole Evinrude Boating Award



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FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE—Everett B. Morris (left), Herald Tribune boating editor, receives the 11th Ole Evinrude Award yesterday for "lifetime contributions to recreational boating" from Ralph S. Evinrude, chairman of the Evinrude Boating Foundation. Morris is the first newspaperman honored by the foundation.

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Yachting and boating people, together with a lot of indoor sailors, gathered in goodly numbers at the Plaza yesterday to do honor to Ev Morris, who was receiving the Ole Evinrude award. Readers of the Herald Tribune do not need to be told that this is Everett B. Morris, yachting and boating editor of this paper.

In presenting the beautiful glass receptacle that is the award and a check for \$1,000, Ralph Evinrude, son of the founder of the Evinrude Boating Foundation, said it was being given for "significant, lifetime contributions to recreational boating."

Then he ran off a long list of reasons why Everett was chosen for the honor. When he had done Robert H. Scott, trustee of the Foundation, who presided, returned to the micro-

phone and recited many more reasons.

Ev Morris has devoted his whole life, or nearly the whole of it, to boats and those who man them and many of the things he has accomplished have been remarkable.

Morris was born in New Bedford, Mass., the habitat of

wooden ships and iron men, and he was born looking eastward to the sea. In the 60-odd years that have passed since that day he has seldom been

out of sight of the sea or some tributary of same, except for one brief period devoted to coaching basketball.

Even during his many years as an outstanding reporter of yachting and all other sports on the staff of the Herald Tribune, Ev was a seafaring man.

He took time off from those duties to fight in two World Wars and the Korean conflict; in the Navy, of course. He began as a gob in World

War I and was discharged in Channel, between Wales and England; Port Director of having passed as they say in Omaha Beach during the Normandy landings; and Navy

Ev also was probably the most important official of the Junior Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound an