

# Charles F. Chapman Memorial Award



*Presented annually by the National Marine Manufacturers Association.*

*The Award, named after MotorBoating's former publisher and editor, author, yachtsman and racer, honors individuals or groups within the marine field who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of boating for the benefit of the recreational industry and the public.*

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## NATIONAL AWARD HONORS CHAPMAN

The Charles F. Chapman Memorial Award was established in 1977 by the national association of the boating industry and *MotorBoating & Sailing* magazine in memory of the magazine's former editor and publisher, who died in March of 1976. It honors individuals or groups within the marine industry who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of boating for the benefit of the recreational boating industry and boating public.

The award, presented each year during the Miami International Boat Show, consists of a medallion and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be donated to a worthy marine-oriented organization of the recipient's choice.

Recipients have been:

- ★ 2005, Richard Schwartz, Chairman and Founder of BoatU.S.
- ★ 2004, Skip Allen, Sr., *Southern Boating*
- ★ 2003, Lars Granholm, Chairman, IMCI
- ★ 2002, R.C. "Dick" Rowe, Chairman and President, INDMAR Products Co.
- ★ 2001, J.J. Marie, Zodiac of America
- ★ 2000, Bill and Bob Healey, Viking Yachts
- ★ 1999, United States Coast Guard
- ★ 1998, Jeff W. Napier, NMMA President 1980-1998
- ★ 1997, United States Power Squadrons
- ★ 1996, Lysle Gray, Former ABYC Executive Director
- ★ 1995, Robert Cox, Chairman of the Board, Lauderdale Marina, Inc.
- ★ 1994, Ham Hamberger, CEO, Tracker Marine
- ★ 1993, Don Rocheleau, Chairman/CEO, Attwood Corp.
- ★ 1992, Robert Nordskog, Former Publisher, *Powerboat Magazine*
- ★ 1991, Partners in Achievement, Scholarship Program of Chapman School of Seamanship
- ★ 1990, George Van Zevern, Publisher, *Boat & Motor Dealer*
- ★ 1989, James Lippmann, Former Executive Director American Boat & Yacht Council
- ★ 1988, Charles A. Jones, *Boating Industry Magazine*, New York, NY.
- ★ 1987, Jules G. Fleder, former President, Westlawn School of Yacht Design
- ★ 1986, David R. Parker Jr., former President of Hatteras Yachts
- ★ 1985, Jim Wynne, World Class Designer, Board of Trustees, International Oceanographic Foundation
- ★ 1984, William (Bill) Clifford, American Water Ski Association, Winter Haven, FL.
- ★ 1983, George M. Good, Bertram Yacht Division of Whitaker Marine, Miami, FL.
- ★ 1982, Alan J. Freedman, Aqua Meter Instrument Corp., Roseland, NJ.
- ★ 1981, William (Bill) Shaw, Pearson Yachts Division of Grumman Corp., Portsmouth, RI.
- ★ 1980, James R. McQueen Jr., Trojan Yachts; most recently, Chris Craft, Pompano Beach, FL.
- ★ 1979, E.C. (Carl) Kiekhaefer, Kiekhaefer Aeromarine Motors, Fond du Lac, WI.
- ★ 1978, Ralph Thacher, Burr Bros. Boats, Marion, MA.
- ★ 1977, J.T. Lowe, Jacksonville (FL) Marine Association
- ★ Inaugural award, to Ralph Evinrude, Outboard Marine Corp., Milwaukee, WI

Selections are made by the NMMA Board of Directors. All entries should be submitted by December 10, 2010 to Charles F. Chapman Memorial Award, c/o Bryan Welsh, NMMA, 231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2050, Chicago, IL 60604.

Distinguishing contributions may be in areas of safety, standards, education, promotion, legislation, racing or any other area which enhances the welfare of boating.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Consideration in choosing the award winner is given to:

- ★ Time and effort given to establishing or promoting a boating program or activity
- ★ Ability to organize and effectively bring about changes in community groups
- ★ Originality in setting new directions which help solve problems or otherwise facilitate enjoyment of boating
- ★ Accomplished knowledge and skills

## QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate must be a United States citizen of at least 21 years of age. He or she must be able to document the boating activities described in the entry form with photographs, newspaper or magazine reports, letters, affidavits or other prima facie evidence of success.

Candidates shall agree that information provided and pictures taken in connection with the Charles F. Chapman Memorial Award shall be the property of NMMA may be used in connection with the promotion of the award.

## CHARLES FREDERIC CHAPMAN

Charles Frederic Chapman, perhaps best known as author of "Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling," a standard reference for boaters since 1922, was outspoken in his dedication to boating safety, navigation and competition during a career that lasted 56 years. He died in March 1976 at the age of 95, having influenced generations of boaters.

Chapman grew up in Norwich, Connecticut, where he developed an early love of the water from outings on the Thames River. He went to Cornell University to study naval architecture and mechanical engineering. After graduation in 1905, he accepted a job with the New York Telephone Company, but kept his interest in boats and joined the New York Motor Boat Club. His first boat was a 16-footer powered by a two-horsepower engine. A year later he was racing a 40-footer and began earning a reputation for racing skills in offshore powerboat racing circles.

Continuing to set his sights high in many areas of boating safety, navigation and competition, Chapman was instrumental in launching the U.S. Power Squadrons in 1914, formed the National Outboard Race Commission in 1927, served as chairman of the American Power Boat Association's Race Commission, and was a co-founder of the Chapman School of Seamanship. He was one of the first two men to be elected to APBA's Hall of Fame when it was formed in 1953; the other was Gar Wood, the legendary designer/helmsman of fast powerboats.

Away from the starting gun, "Chappy's" personal taste in boats ran toward low-powered cabin cruisers. He kept a 38-foot Matthews for 20 years and, from 1953 until his death, had a 22-foot Palmer Scott fiberglass utility boat which he used for fishing in the Long Island Sound near his home in Essex, CT.

