

## **Alan Posnack from Alton Awarded US Sailing Volunteer of the Year Award**

US Sailing held its Annual National Sailing Programs Symposium in Savannah Georgia on February 1-3. One of the highlights of the event was the awards held to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to community sailing programs in the United States.

This year, the prestigious US Sailing Volunteer of the Year Award went to Alan Posnack from Alton for his work with youth sailing at the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association (LWSA).

When presenting the award, US Sailing said the following:

“The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes an individual whose contributions went ‘above and beyond’ while not receiving any financial compensation. Alan Posnack is actively involved in nearly all aspects of the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association youth sailing operations. Alan helps with the website and online registration and develops new programming and course content. Alan has single-handedly pulled in hundreds of thousands of dollars for the donated boat program. Alan is invaluable to the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association and has been a tireless volunteer supporting and promoting the sport of sailing in the Northeast for decades.”

Al has volunteered for several decades at the LWSA, and was nominated for this award by Kim Scamman, a member of the LWSA Board of Directors whose children have attended the sailing school and worked their way up to instructors.

During Al’s acceptance remarks in Savannah, he noted that working with kids and helping them develop self-confidence and independence while sailing on the big lake was one of his greatest rewards while volunteering over the years. He also noted the pride he felt in watching young student sailors develop into young instructors and then becoming successful in their adult endeavors.

The Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association operates in Gilford to encourage the sport of sailing and to teach youth and adults the skills needed to enjoy the sport for a lifetime. For more information, please go to [www.lwsa.org](http://www.lwsa.org).



Photo Shows Al Posnack receiving US Sailing Volunteer of the Year Award from the President of US Sailing Richard Jepsen in Savannah Georgia.