

Inland Lake Yachting Association - Class of 2014



It is rare that an audience is moved to such emotion with the presentation of an award. The pictures in this edition of Scowlines feature men in bright ties. Throughout the day, the presence of the RISQUE tie served as a reminder of the fun, frivolity, respect and remembrance of one of the greatest innovators, visionaries and facilitators this organization has known. In fact, the Winter Inland itself is a creation during the time of Lou Morgan's tenure on the Board. Not mentioned in the speeches presented was Lou's involvement in introduction of Optis as a class to the Inland. And look where we have come today - 150 folks coming out in below-zero, blizzard snow conditions to follow the concepts formed by Morgan.

Jeff Baker spoke of this man he and others loved so dearly. And not hard to wonder why. Baker spoke of "connecting the dots" so the young folks in attendance could understand the contributions of a single man who so changed the direction and energy of this organization. He involved everyone and made ALL members feel a part of his own personal club. He took many in attendance to Antarctica, crossed the Atlantic, traveled around the world with a sense of humor and hospitality unparalleled.

Tom Hodgson summed up his life with this, "open arms, open heart and often . . . open wallet." Lou gave his heart to all - his family, his interests, this organization. We are rich, indeed, from his touch.

Above, Lou's wife, Jackie, and family are pictured receiving Lou's induction plaque into the Hall of Fame. Jackie thanked the sailing community for all the support after Lou's sudden passing. Son LJ continues in Lou's steps as Admiral in the ILYA Bilge Pullers.