

## Inland Lake Yachting Association Hall of Fame - 2016 Inductees



**Bill Allen Active Sailor** – Minnetonka – Bill Allen brought one of the most impressive set of sailing credentials to the Hall of Fame. It is little wonder that he was elected on the first ballot for which he was eligible after retiring as an active competitor. Leading his resumé is an Olympic Gold Medal (1972 – Soling Class) and a Pan Am Games Gold Medal (1971 – Finn Class) and the 1972 Finn National Champion. In scow competition, he was a six-time ILYA Champion in Classes E and C and added an A Scow Championship to that record in 1996. He won the E Blue Chip eight times and was runner-up another six times, and also won the NCESA National Championship five times. Bill Allen could rightfully be called a “natural.” He was only four years out of X Boats when he won his first E Scow Championship in 1967. Hall of Famer Jane Pegel described Allen as “the best helmsman I’ve ever seen.”

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**Don Williquette** – Nagawicka - Served on the Board of Directors of the ILYA as Chair of the Race Management and Judges Committee from 1980-1993, and was honored as and Chair Emeritus from 1993 until his passing in 2013. Don was named ILYA Member of the Year in 1994. He built the race management corps of the ILYA around teams of race officers at each lake, based upon his experience as PRO at Lake Nagawicka, Don also spent countless hours organizing and conducting race management seminars, often bringing guest experts at his own expense. Admiral of the Bilge Pullers 1977-1978, Commodore of the Nagawicka Yacht Club and was the driving force in the NYC acquiring the land for their clubhouse. Served as Commodore of the WYA. Created the race officer recognition program, and co-wrote the ILYA race management manual. Was honored with the Year Book dedication in 1986, which cited his extraordinary record of service to the ILYA.