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Chris Bedford wins President's Award from US SAILING

WATERTOWN, MASS., October 23, 2004 - United States Sailing Association President Janet Baxter announced on Saturday, October 23, that the President's Award will be presented to Chris Bedford for the outstanding meteorological services he provided to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Teams in Athens last summer, as well as to the US Sailing Team throughout 2004.

United States Sailing Association (US SAILING) is the national governing body of the sport. US SAILING recently recognized volunteers for their contribution and dedication to the sport of sailing during an awards presentation at the organization's annual general meeting in Portland, Ore. Bedford has provided forecasting and training services to US SAILING since the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Bedford is Chief Meteorologist for Sailing Weather Services in Watertown, Mass., a small business corporation member of the AMS. A Certified Consulting Meteorologist, Bedford is the current President Elect of the National Council of Industrial Meteorologists.

Founded in 1998, Sailing Weather Services provides weather consulting and forecast services to sailors, adventurers, and industry. Sailing Weather Services has assisted participants in hundreds of competitions world-wide by producing thousands of forecasts. In addition to operational forecasting, services include custom weather training courses, historical weather analyses for yacht design, strategic review and adventure planning. More information is available at <http://www.sailwx.com>.

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