

# News Release



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## **Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Inducts Jack Henriques of Henriques Yachts into Hall of Fame**

**Manasquan, NJ** – The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) is pleased to announce the induction of the late Jack Henriques into their Hall of Fame. The award was presented at the MTA/NJ Annual Dinner & Elections at Doolan’s Shore Club, Spring Lake, and was accepted by the family of Mr. Henriques on his behalf.

The MTA/NJ Hall of Fame was established to honor an individual, group or organization who, over the years, has proven to be outstanding in furthering MTA/NJ's objectives of promoting and protecting the marine industry. The award is presented by the MTA/NJ in recognition of extraordinary achievements, dedication and perpetuating the highest ideas, trust and professionalism for the recreational boating industry.



Joaquim “Jack” Henriques had worked alongside his father, a boat builder, where he developed a strong passion for building boats; one in particular known as the Moliceiro which had been used for the harvesting of seaweed.

Today, Henriques Yachts is reputable for their strong and solid hull design known to endure any weather conditions out at sea. He also acquired Lanoka Harbor Marina, a place he used to launch boats and further relationships with boat owners.

Jack Henriques was a man who formed his own path, motivated others to become involved in the boating world, and never stopped working towards the future. His passion for the industry and his eagerness to teach others is what made him a familiar face in the marine space. He leaves behind a legacy; a family business, and a family of boaters who will forever fish his boats all over the world. He sadly passed away on January 2, 2019 surrounded by his family and friends.

Ray Bogan, Secretary on the MTA/NJ board and legal counsel for the MTA/NJ and RFA presented the award to the Henriques family. *“Jack designed and built boats with beautiful lines that are totally accommodating to the needs of recreational fishermen and women,”* stated Mr. Bogan. *“Tens of thousands of fishermen and women have fished from the decks of boats designed by Jack. His talents were innate and will live on for years to come in his boats.”*

*“As a family, we were very excited to accept the Hall of Fame award on behalf of Jack Henriques,”* stated Natalia Henriques Costa, his daughter. *“Thank you for recognizing the impact he has made on the marine industry and for celebrating the legacy he left behind. We truly believe his enthusiastic spirit and love for the trade will live on forever in his boats all over the world.”*



The first Hall of Fame award was presented in 1995 to Al Davidson of Green Cove Marina in Brick. Past Hall of Fame Inductees also include: 1996 - Don Challoner, Antique & Classic Boats of NJ, St. Michels, Md.; 1997 - The Harrison Family, Baywood Marina, Brick; 1998 - Bob Healey, Viking Yacht Company, New Gretna; 2001 - Georgianna Forlenzo, MTA/NJ Executive Director 1991-2001; 2002 - Larry Polizzotto, Ocean Beach Marina, Lavallette; 2003 - Walter F. Johnson, Jr., Johnson & Towers, Inc., Mount Laurel; 2004 - Kenneth Winter, Winter Yacht Basin, Inc., Mantoloking; 2008 - Genevieve Boehm Clifton, NJDOT Office of Maritime Resources; 2011 – John C. Curtis, The Ship Chandlers, Inc. Point Pleasant Beach; 2017 – Bob Martin, DEP Commissioner.

### **About the MTA/NJ**

The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ), established in 1972, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, advancing, and protecting the recreational marine industry and waterways in the State of New Jersey. The MTA/NJ is dedicated to the interests of the industry for the benefit of its individual members and the consumers whom they serve. In addition to many accomplishments, the MTA/NJ produces two boat shows, the Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo held in September at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood and the New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo held in February at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center in Edison. The MTA/NJ proudly endorses the Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show.