

## Letter of Appreciation and Thanks

The 2004 Vintage Regatta at the Mariners' Museum September 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 was an overwhelming success.

First and foremost, the event would not have been such a success without the Mariners' Museum's dedicated staff who worked tirelessly while dealing with uncooperative weather. The Museum's staff performed exceptionally in every respect, and we all certainly appreciate a job well done.

A vast amount of behind the scenes work went into hosting this regatta utilizing many museum personnel who were directly involved in coordinating, planning and working on-site and behind the scenes on this event. As an example of the work involved, there was twenty-four hour on-site security, maintenance personnel to help with all the details entailed in setting-up and monitoring unforeseen problems, and providing breakfast and lunch for all competitors. The Museum staff provided an informational package to each participant which included brochures about their beautiful Museum and the surrounding area's points of interest. The information packets also included a pair of 2004 Vintage Regatta brass plaques for each participant. They also generously provided the gorgeous trophies along with T-shirts, and a Museum coffee cup. All participants who were asked said they had never been treated as well and as graciously as they were at this Regatta. We all want to convey a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the Mariners' Museum!

Lake Maury gave us lasting memories of friendship and camaraderie that will last a lifetime.

A special thanks to the Mariners' Museum staff:

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