

HALL OF FAME

**BEYOND THE SEA**  
 Gary Jobson,  
 aboard *Whirlwind*,  
 on Chesapeake Bay,  
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VANITY FAIR NOMINATES **GARY JOBSON**

**B**ECAUSE as national chairman of the Leukemia Cup Regatta since 1994, the champion sailor, commentator, and lymphoma survivor, 58, has raised more than \$26 million for cancer research. As the tactician of the 1977 America's Cup winner, *Courageous*, alongside skipper Ted Turner, Jobson established himself as a yachting legend. He has built on that reputation as sailing analyst for ESPN since 1985, producing up to 30 shows a year and covering America's Cup matches since 1987. (His 15 books and more than 2,000 lectures around the world have helped dispel the myth that yacht racing is merely a pastime of the privileged.) His enthusiastic and clear broadcast style is entertaining to landlubbers, yet opinionated enough to ignite controversy among the pros. (He earned an Emmy for his sailing coverage on NBC during the 1988 Olympics, in Seoul.) In 1999 he was awarded the Herreshoff

Trophy, one of the sport's highest honors, for his outstanding contributions to sailing in the U.S. Five years later, he was a driving force behind the opening of the National Sailing Hall of Fame & Museum, in Annapolis.

When Jobson was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2003, he had a stem-cell transplant to rebuild his immune system. Through the difficult course of recovery he maintained his lecture and television schedule, and was part of the broadcast team that covered the sailing events at the 2004 Olympics, in Athens. For his tireless efforts on behalf of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, he was awarded his most important cup: the Spiral of Life Award. Now cancer-free, Jobson produced the sailing coverage for the 2008 Beijing games in an entirely new format: on the Internet, with racing videos streamed along with his blog posts and commentary—proof that he's still first around the marks.

—SUSAN RASCO

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