

MLAOC 2018 "Spark Plug" Award to Peter McDowell

Report: Ken Kirk

Photo: Dave Hymers

After a considerable period of time your Steering Committee has reestablished the annual tradition of recognizing a worthy member by the presentation of the MLAOC "Spark Plug" Award.

This years "Spark Plug" Award recipient is Peter McDowell. The Award was presented to Peter by Ken Kirk at the Whitby "Ice Breaker" Meet in April.

Peter joined the Antique Outboard Club about 1985. He was one of our first new young members after the original founding group. Peter almost immediately became a member of the Steering Committee.

In 1991, that's 27 years ago, Peter initiated our **first** NEWSLETTER and became its **first** Publisher/Editor, a role he filled for a number of years

In 1996 he bought North York Marine and hosted our Winter Workshop & "Ice Breaker" Meets at his Shop every year for almost a decade.

Peter also created and developed our very **first** Club website and was our **first** webmaster. Over the years Peter has stepped in to act as Webmaster from time to time when the role needed to be filled.

Peter is currently our Membership Chairperson and has served in that important capacity for the past three years.

Peter also wrights' technical articles for our NEWSLETTER on a regular basis. He was also one of three presenters at our extremely successful **first** ever Technical Seminar last November.

Congratulations Peter and thank you very much from all MLAOC Members, past and present, for your significant contributions to the Club and its members over the past 30 years.

The MLAOC "Spark Plug" Award recipient is selected on the basis of their significant contributions to the MLAOC as an Organization and to enhancing the membership experience of their fellow members.



Ron Stevenson (Left) & Ken Kirk (Right), present MLAOC "Spark Plug" Award to Peter McDowell.

The selection criteria include....

1. Having made multiple contributions over a period of time.
2. Initiatives and actions that have been beneficial to the membership as a whole as well as to the experience of individual members.
3. Have improved the organization and enhanced its ability to serve the needs and wants of our members.
4. Have contributed to the public awareness and understanding of the MLAOC and our purpose.
5. Have worked for the "greater good" of the MLAOC without concern for immediate benefit and reward for themselves.

Previous "Spark Plug" Award Recipients

-Art Doling	-Jim Smith
-Roy Cameron	-John England
-Ken Kirk	

2018 Selection Committee

-Ken Kirk, Chair	
-Dave Morrison (Past Pres.)	- Rob Abbott (Past Pres.)
-Roy Cameron (Orig. Sec./Tres.)	- John England (Past Pres.)

Special thanks to David Hymers for designing and creating the 2018 "Spark Plug" Award trophy. It's a treasure.