

# The 2021 MLAOC "Spark Plug" Award Presented To Sandy Kennedy

Report by: Ken Kirk

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 for their fellow members.

The criteria include:

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

This years deserving recipient is Sandy Kennedy. The Award was presented to Sandy by Ken Kirk at our AGM in Aurora on Oct. 16.

Sandy has been a member of MLAOC for more than 20 years. He has served on the Steering Committee for the last 12 years.

Sandys many contributions include.....

1. Spearheaded the search and contract negotiations for our own Canadian insurance provider and manages the ongoing relationship making sure each and every one of our events are adequately covered by liability insurance on an ongoing basis.



**Ken Kirk, (left), presents MLAOC "Spark Plug" Award to Sandy Kennedy (photo by Adam Gibb)**

2. Spearheaded the development of our new website and continues as our Webmaster controlling the relationship between MLAOC and our Website provider. Sandy coordinates updates and revisions keeping our website current and relevant on a continuous basis.

3. Sandy is a regular contributor to our MLAOC Newsletter with all important photos of members and motors at Club events.

4. He has put together a fantastic collection of outboard motors and related advertising and promotional material and has organized and curated his collection in a professional display at his Kennedy Marine Motor Museum.

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5. In 2019 Sandy hosted MLAOC, ACBS, TSACBA and the Dispro Club in an Open House at his Marine Motor Museum. A great event promoting the collectability of the outboard.
6. Sandy has made major contributions to our MLAOC displays year after year at the ACBS Antique and Classic Boat Show at Gravenhurst displaying both motors and advertising signs and promotional materials from his large collection.
7. Most recently Sandy represented us extremely well in a segment on Power Boat Television, showing his Marine Museum collection and articulating the history of the development of the outboard motor.
8. Sandy is always highly active...full of energy with a personality that is contagious and sends a positive vibe to everyone who engages him.

On behalf of all our MLAOC Members.....Congratulations Sandy. We appreciate all the work you do for our Club on an ongoing basis. Well deserved.

**MLAOC "Spark Plug" Award Selection Comm.**

**Ken Kirk, Chair,**

**Rob Abbott            Ron Stevenson  
Roy Cameron        Peter McDowell**

**Special Thanks to David Hymers who hand crafted the impressive "Spark Plug" Award trophy and donated it to the Club.**

**Previous "Spark Plug" Award Winners**

**Art Doling            Ken Kirk  
Jim Smith            Peter McDowell  
Roy Cameron                    Ron  
John England        Stevenson**