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## **The RTCM Chuck Husick Memorial Award**

The 2015 Chuck Husick Memorial Award is awarded to

### **Capt. Joe Ryan (The Skip'r)**

for outstanding contributions to the marine industry and safety of the boating public, through development of marine radio and electronic navigation systems.

Captain Joseph Ryan is hereby recognized by RTCM for his lifetime of contributions to maritime communications and related safety issues spanning over 30 years. Captain Ryan was an integral part of many RTCM initiatives and served on the Board of Directors since 2004. He was a member of the American National Standards Institute since 1996 and also worked with other standards bodies such as International Electrotechnical Commission, International Hydrographic Organization, and International Maritime Organization. Captain Ryan was a special member of the Council of American Master Mariners and was a member of the International Organization of Masters Mates and Pilots since 1992. He was especially valued for his ability to chair meetings on complex technical subjects with members of competing interests and bring the group to consensus with precise, well-written standards.

He served as the chairman of the RTCM e-Navigation Steering Committee and Special Committees (SC) 121 on AIS and Digital Messaging and SC 129 on the Portrayal of Navigation-Related Information on Navigational Displays. He was a participating member on special committees: SC 109 on Electronic Charting Technology, SC 112 on Ship Radar, SC 123 on Digital Message Services over Maritime Radio Frequencies and SC 131 on Multi- System Shipborne Navigation Receivers. He was a member of the RTCM Communications Committee and served as the technical editor with the amazing skill of being able to cite chapter and verse of source material.

He began his career as a commissioned U.S. Coast Guard Officer, serving for five years. Later he served as a Master for Tri-Star Marine for 5 years. As the owner of a maritime communications small business he became a recognized Subject Matter Expert in computerized applications of marine navigation and his papers were published internationally. His clients included the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Canadian Coast Guard and numerous large and small commercial clients. His services included the full gamut from acquisition support, requirements, specifications, test and evaluation and concept of operations.

He was a tireless worker and was active in many concurrent RTCM projects and he will be missed.

Captain Joe Ryan, through his dedication, professionalism, and leadership, is hereby recognized as a most worthy recipient of RTCM's Chuck Husick Memorial Award\*.

**\*This award honors the memory of Mr. Chuck Husick  
who made lasting contribution to the  
goals of the RTCM.**