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Media Alert

Captain John Zuzick of Harwich Named American Red Cross “Hero” for Act of Courage



Captain John Zuzick

Hyannis, Mass, February 16, 2011 –The American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter announces that Captain John Zuzick of Harwich has been named “Act of Courage” hero and he will be honored posthumously at the 9th Annual Heroes Breakfast at the Resort & Conference Center in Hyannis on March 31, 2011 from 7:00-9:00 am. To purchase tickets, go online to www.cciredcross.org or call (508) 775-1540 ext. 21. You can also write to: Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, American Red Cross, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Captain Zuzick was nominated by Sharon Hawkins of Hyannis for his courageous actions while trying to rescue one of his crewmen, Bill Silva, who fell while trying to untangle some line that was caught in a propeller of the *Silver Fox*, a 60-foot clam dredge. The fouled line had disabled the vessel and it had gone adrift.

A Coast Guard helicopter, with the aid of a rescue swimmer, hoisted the two men out of the water roughly 45 minutes later, but John Zuzick suffered a fatal heart attack in his rescue attempt. Silva, who was not wearing any survival gear, survived by clinging to Zuzick for more than 30 minutes.

Through his unselfish actions and bravery, Captain John Zuzick saved the life of another. His training, preparedness and courage resulted in saving another’s life, while losing his own. His example of leadership, character and sacrifice best represent the spirit of the Act of Courage honor, making him worthy of the 2010 Red Cross Heroes Award.

To find out more about the 9th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast, Red Cross training schedules, volunteering for the Red Cross, for disaster preparedness information in English, Spanish or Portuguese, or to donate, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit www.cciredcross.org

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