Reception Honoring

Charlie Ogletree

Olympic Silver Medalist in Sailing

Sunday, October 3, 2004
Houston Yacht Club
Charlie Ogletree learned to sail at age six, when, following the directions of his sailing parents, he had his first solo in a Sunfish. For three summers he attended a camp that specialized in sailing before heading to New England and a boarding school that was well-known for its strong sailing program: Tabor Academy.

His experience at Tabor, under the guidance of coach Toby Baker, showed Charlie the importance of teamwork. He was recruited by Old Dominion, for their collegiate sailing program, and was named an ICSA All-American his senior year. While at ODU coach K.C. Fullmer taught Charlie not only how to think like a winner, but also how to be a winner: "He showed me that winning and achieving requires a great deal of personal sacrifice."

After graduation, Charlie went to work as a sailmaker in Annapolis, before moving to Newport Beach, California, to join Ullman Sails. Twelve years on he is still with Ullman, although now based in Houston. Around the same time that he made the move to the West Coast he competed in the 1992 US Olympic Team Trials, placing sixth in the 470 Men's event.

In 1993 he and Johnny Lovell, who he had known from the college sailing circuit, sailed their first Tornado regatta together – the Miami OCR. Not only did they win, they enjoyed themselves. Their subsequent success, including winning the National Championship, earned them the number one ranking on the 1993 US Sailing Team, and convinced them to pursue the Olympics.

Their win of the 2004 US Olympic Trials makes the pair three-time Olympians. At the 1996 Olympic Regatta they finished eighth out of 20 Tornado teams in Savannah. In 2000, they moved up a spot to place seventh overall in Sydney. Winning the silver medal in 2004 in Athens, they have completed their spectacular campaign. Charlie has said this is his last Olympics: "I'm 36, and that's pushing the upper end in Tornado competition."
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