

Crafty Sailor

Inducted 2008

Horse with the Iron Legs, Ancient Mariner and Cranky Sailor are but a few of the phrases that have been used to describe one of harness racing's unique race horses. Crafty Sailor and owner David Carter of Eau Claire, Wisconsin have been a dynamic duo throughout their careers.

Crafty Sailor retired at the end of 2007 at the tender age of 14, but not before leaving his mark all over the United States. He has a racing career spanning 11 years, comprised of 330 starts and bankrolling over \$130,000, all earning it all by grinding it out on fair circuits and in the amateur driving series. His 107 wins makes Crafty a member of the elite "Century Club".

Crafty Sailor's accomplishments include setting numerous track records throughout Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota - many of which stand to this day. He has been a top ten trotter in Wisconsin for 9 years, triumphing as Trotter of the Year in five of those years. Crafty and owner/trainer/driver Dave Carter, were awarded the prestigious James Laird Memorial Award for Excellence in 2004. He campaigned on the Billings circuit for many years, which has helped him to be covered in two articles published in Hoof Beats.

Crafty has been a great ambassador for harness racing throughout Wisconsin and this country. He has been a popular race horse wherever he races and his appearance on the track always excited fans and put fear into his competition.

Nominated by Rick Davis