



Photo Contest Winner

Cathy & Bill Norrie

The twins!! An offshore sailing winning combination using two headsails poled out. Our favourite setup is poled out the jib with our spinnaker pole and the drifter on the whisker pole. Absolutely perfect for downwind sailing in the tradewinds. We would often have this combination up for days at a time.



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From the Commodore's Desk

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**Bluewater Cruising Association =
Powerboaters, Sailors and People without Boats**

Hello my fellow Bluewater Cruising Association members!

I write this message finding myself so full of energy and excitement for the oncoming cruising season. The weather is changing and bringing more and more sun. This means that we will all be coming out of hibernation, getting our boats ready, and heading out on the water.

Our first [rendezvous](#) of the year is approaching quickly. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Let's see if we can't come out of the COVID coma with record breaking numbers of boats at this Vancouver Island Chapter hosted event. BCA burgees abundant!

All should be finding this year's Member Directory arriving in their mail. Once again the directory team has worked tirelessly to ensure that our Directory is all that you want it to be. I am certain that you will find this year the team has, unbelievably, surpassed their usual outstanding standards and produced the best Member Directory to date. Thank you Directory Team!!

At this time, I would like to highlight the fact that BCA is not just for sailboats. The Bluewater Cruising Association has always been, and always will be, an association that is made up of powerboat owners, sailboat owners, and those who have no boats at all. Many of our members have managed to find

themselves in each of these categories as they journeyed through life. The fact is, it's the diversity of our membership that makes us special. With that said, I invite all of you to share your varied experiences. Share your stories in conversation, write an article for [Currents](#), offer to present at a club night. We would all like to hear from our dreamers, doers, and doners; those in power and sail; and those experiencing the cruising life without boats.

I am looking forward to talking with each and every one of you over this summer. Please fly your burgees and seek each other out. If I see your burgee, I will come over to say hello. Trina and I will be flying ours as an invitation to all of you.

Thank you for making the Bluewater Cruising Association all that it is.

Yours aye,

David Mitchell
Commodore

About The Author

David Mitchell

Salt - Island Packet 40

David is a dreamer who is planning to begin his offshore adventures in 2024. However, he is no stranger to the sea. His career in the Royal Canadian Navy reached 34 years in March 2021. Upon retirement, David and his partner in life and adventure, Trina Holt, plan on cruising the world. Time will not be rushed for this couple as they, likely, make their way through the many local spots and up to Alaska. Eventually, SALT will carry David and Trina south and onward with the winds.

David's volunteerism within BCA started quite quickly. He had committed himself to the position of Vancouver Island Vice Commodore prior to the end of his first year as a BCA member. After cutting his teeth in the VI Chapter he took on the role of Bluewater Cruising Association's Commodore, where he sits today. David often states, "It is never too early to take on a position within BCA. In fact, it enhances the experience and increases your level of preparedness for offshore sailing."

David and Trina are extremely happy living on SALT, which they purchased in February of 2020.

Books Aboard a Cruising Boat

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/articles/books-aboard-a-cruising-boat/>



Many of you will have heard Bill Norrie, from the Calgary Chapter, in February 2021 as he talked about and showed photos of his solo circumnavigation September 2019 to September 2020.

He began the presentation with reference to famous sailors like Ulysses and the fictional *Ancient Mariner*, whose exploits come down to us in literature. Later on he mentioned reading classic books like those of Homer and Jane Austen, as his wind vane steered *Pixie*. That was in between tweeking sails, eating, sleeping, and communicating with Cathy, his wife, of course.

His presentation put me in mind of the books Stephen and I had with us on *Fairwyn*, while we were cruising to the Mediterranean and back for 15 years, from 1999-2014.

Book Story From 1981

First, however, I have a short book story from 1981. Stephen and I were sailing south on the outside of

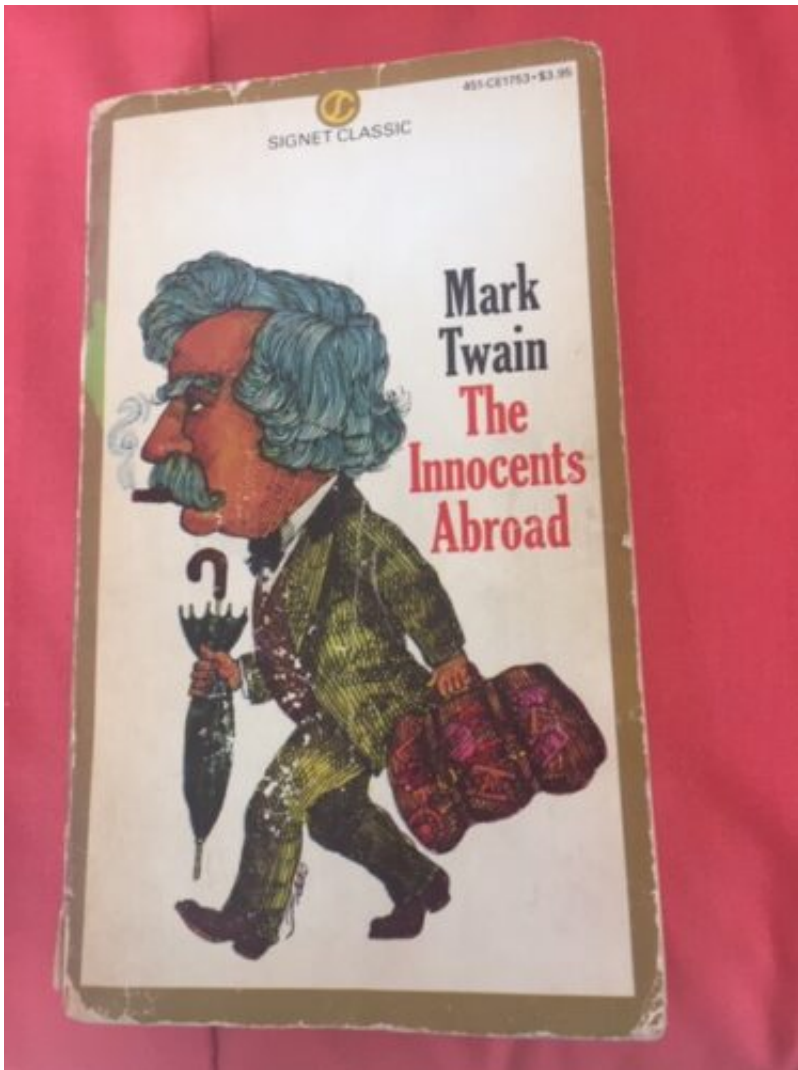
Vancouver Island at the end of June in our Contessa 32' *Aquavit*. We were sailing downwind at 6 knots with only a double-reefed main in 25-knot (A) NW winds and full sunshine as we passed the Brooks Peninsula. The hydrovane was steering.

I was below on the starboard side listening to the weather forecast on the VHF, and Stephen was sitting in the cockpit reading a paperback edition of *The Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain.

Without warning, the boat gybed, and we got pooped. Water pushed Stephen off his seat, filled the cockpit, splashed into the cabin on the port side, and carried on across the cabin top, lifting halyards off their cleats on the mast.

Cushions, a gas can, and *The Innocents Abroad* floated in the cockpit. The water took a long time to drain (that winter we replaced the cockpit drains with larger ones). The hydrovane carried the boat onto the other tack that turned out to be a better one, and we continued overnight to anchor near Effingham Island in Barkley Sound.

We dried out *The Innocents Abroad*, and Stephen finished reading it. It survived the ordeal quite well.

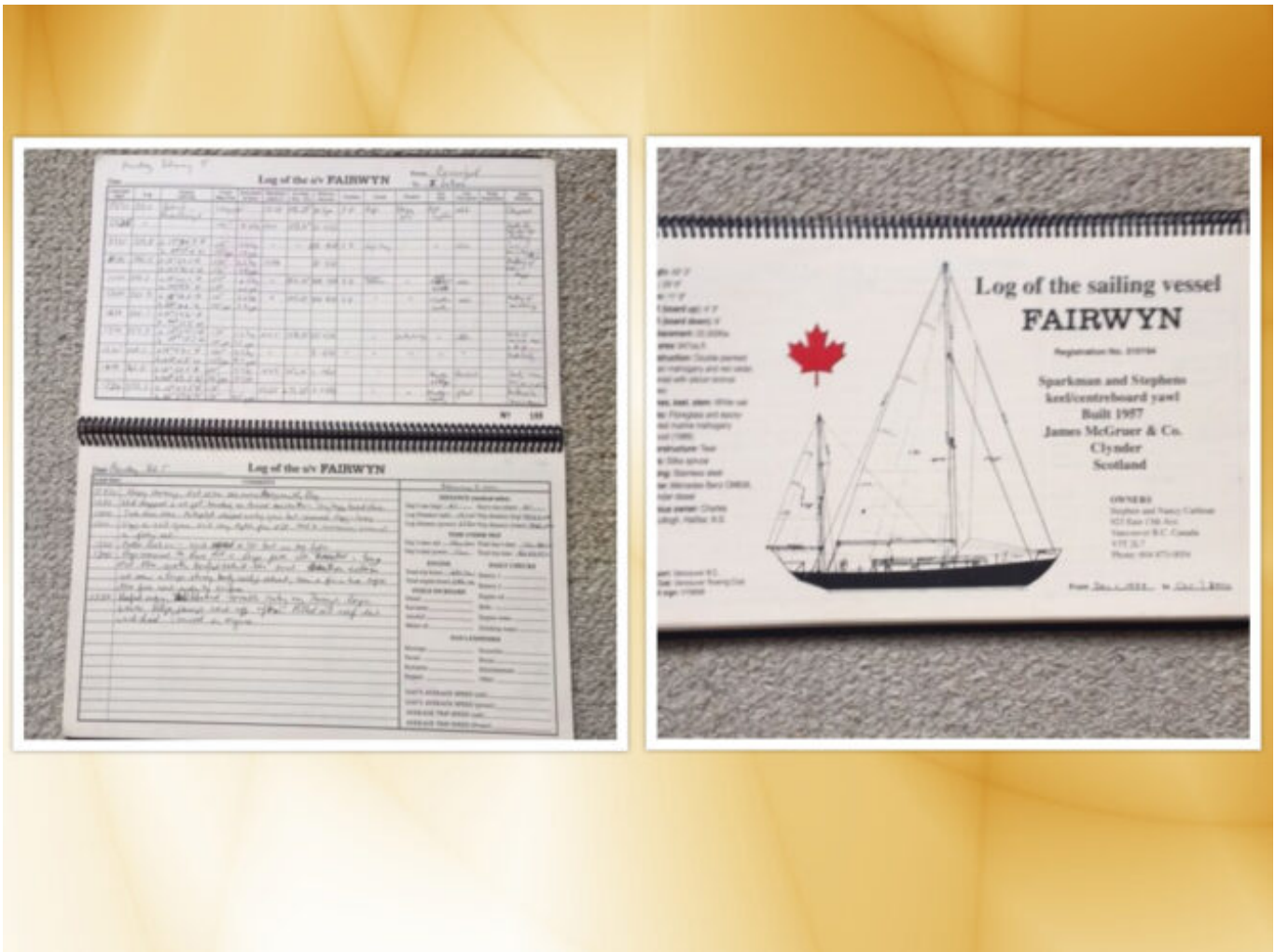


Books Aboard *Fairwyn*

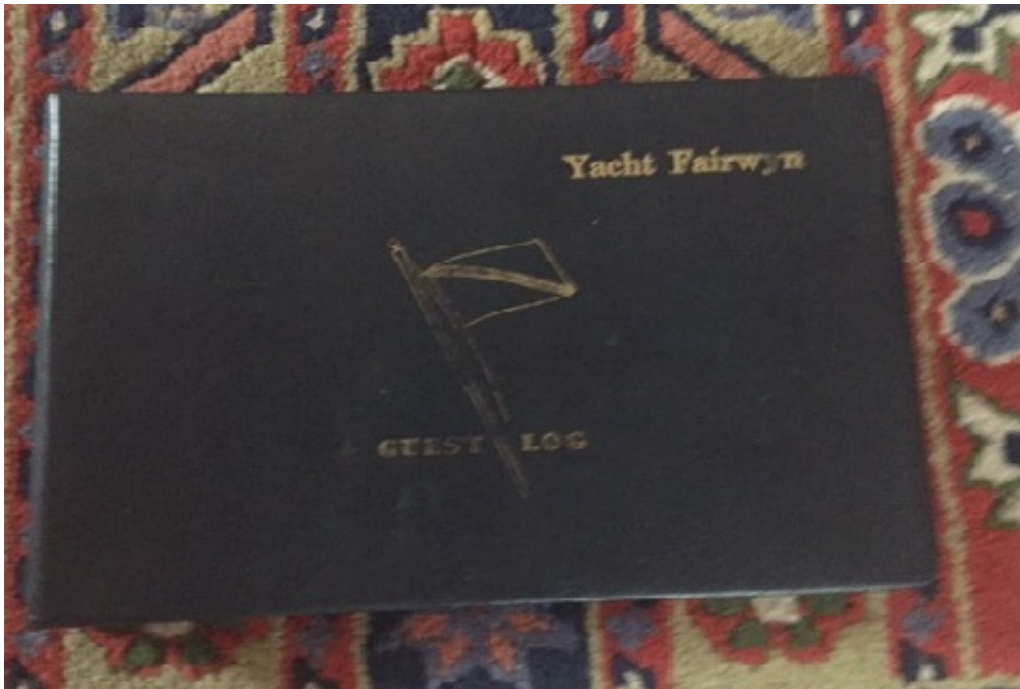
Fairwyn is a 42' classic wooden yawl built in 1957. Over the years, more and more electronics and electricity-drawing features have been added to what was originally, at least compared with this Century, a basic boat with compass, VHF, wind indicator, knot meter, and depth sounder. The additions included radar, SSB, computer, modem, plotter, autopilot (we couldn't use a wind vane with the mizzen boom), AIS, GPS, EPIRB, 12-V refrigerator with a small freezer compartment, Webasto furnace, and solar panels.

However, we were always conscious of electricity use, so tried not to use any more than we had to. If Kindles had been around when we left BC, I don't know whether or not we would have bought one.

For starters, we had bound log books, specifically printed for *Fairwyn*, to show what we really wanted to record, because off-the-shelf log books include items we're not interested in and omit the items we do want to keep track of. We now have 15 that recorded our cruise, with details of date and time, log, position (place or Lat/Long), course, sailing or motoring, speed through the water and over the ground, barometer, air and water temperature, weather, wind direction and speed, visibility, clouds, sea state, tide, as well as marine traffic and hand-written entries relating to depth and bottom of anchorages, marinas, fuel and water used, shore visits, boats and people we met.



We also had a guest log which people who came aboard *Fairwyn* signed. It now rests in our bookcase at home and serves as a record of when and where we met other cruisers, often with email addresses in case we want to get in touch with them.

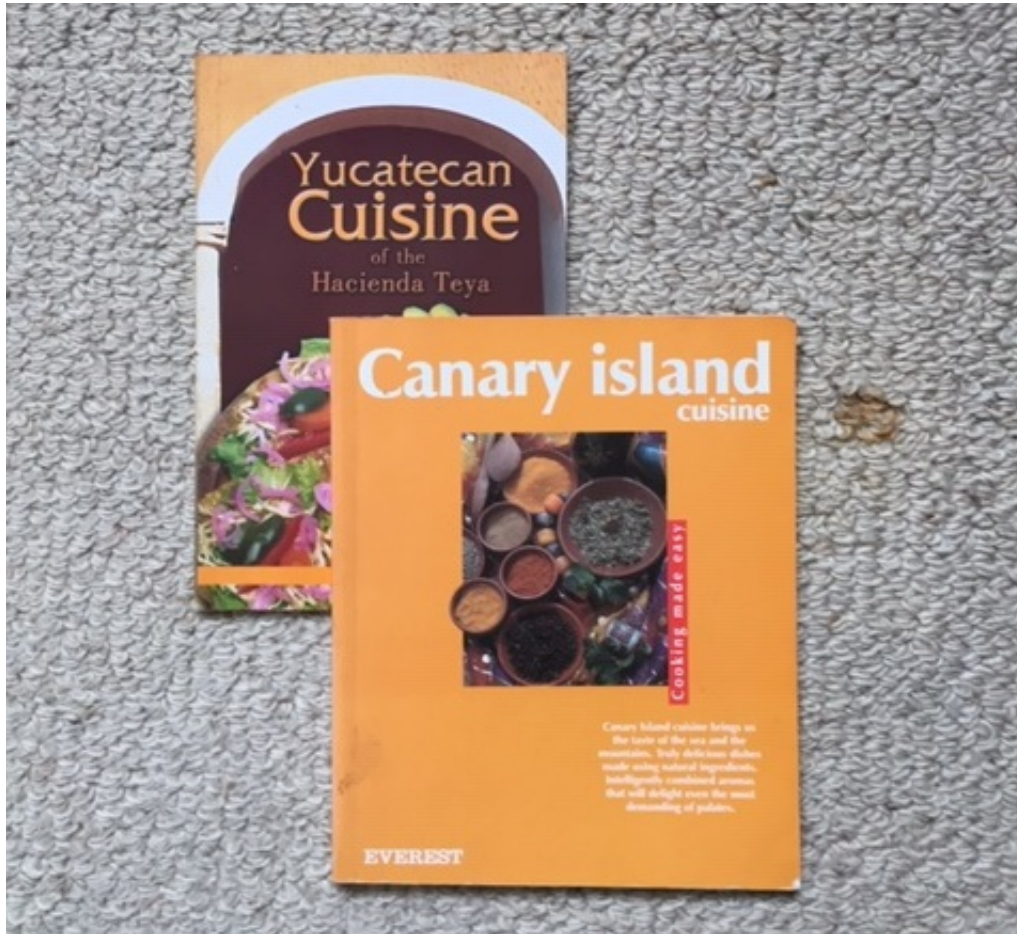


Knowing that we wanted to keep books aboard to a minimum, I scanned (in the old-fashioned rather than computer sense!) my collection of cookbooks to choose the ones I thought I was most likely to need. *The Joy of Cooking* (1964 printing, which I've had for 55 years) I chose as a basic cookbook since it covers almost everything, even how to skin a squirrel (something I never had occasion to do). Although it has a big section on bread making, I took *Northern Cookbook*, issued by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, because I like the recipe for light whole wheat bread. (It also has an extensive section on game, but I never used that either.)

Because we hoped to (and did) catch fish, I took James Beard's 1954 paperback *Fish Cookbook*. Note from the photo how that held up!



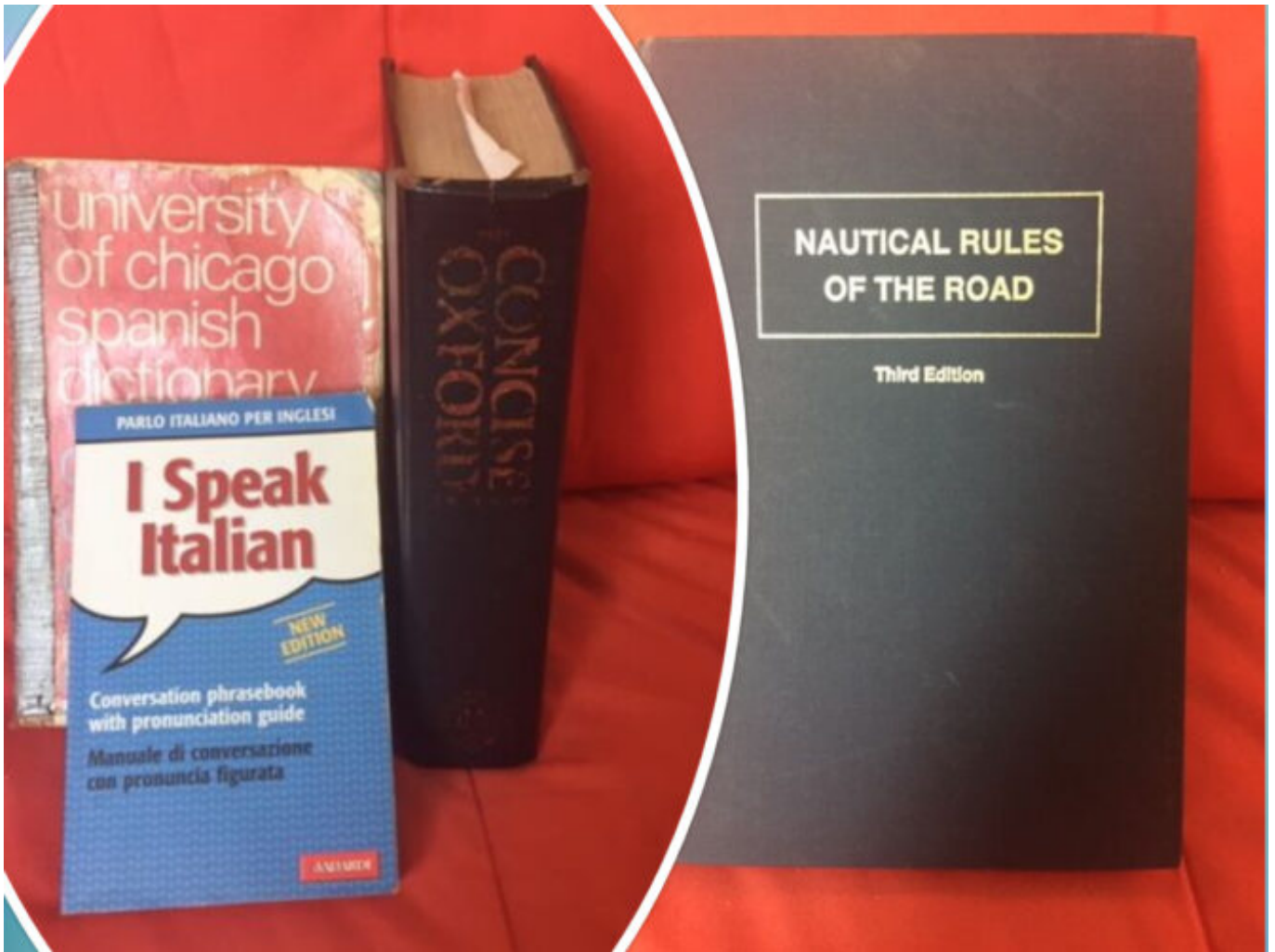
Over the course of our cruise, I added some cookbooks: *Yucatecan Cuisine*, *Cooking in Sardinia*, and *Canary Island Cuisine* (all published for tourists with no authors or dates), *The New Orleans Cookbook* by Rima and Richard Collin (1984), and *Curry Easy* by Madhur Jaffrey, given to us by English friends in 2010 and still used weekly back here in Vancouver.



Important Books

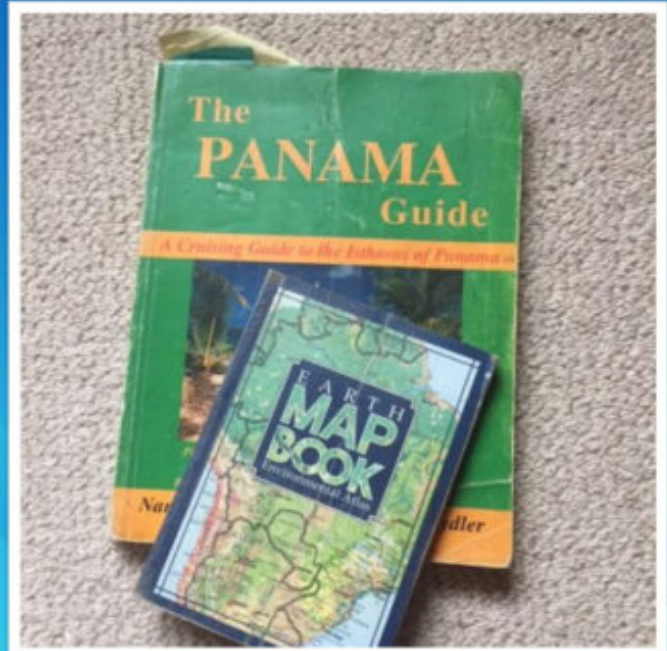
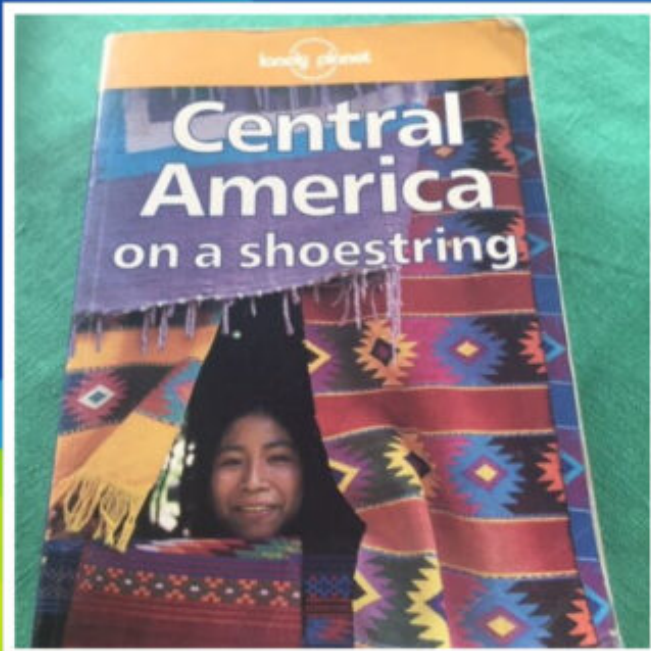
Fortunately we had all the instruction manuals for our equipment. It is inevitable that problems will occur—and they did. The manual for our quite old OM 636 Diesel engine was used a number of times when we suffered breakdowns. Our Robertson autopilot quit as we started our return crossing of the Atlantic from the Canary Islands, causing the three of us aboard to have to hand-steer for 22 days. In Antigua, a technician was able to use the instruction manual to repair the autopilot. We have no photos of these important books since they went to the new owner of *Fairwyn* in 2017.

We had some reference books aboard: a dictionary, foreign language phrase books, bird, tree, and fish identification guides, as well as *Nautical Rules of the Road*, which turned out to be very important when the US Coast Guard boarded us in 2006 in Gulfport, Mississippi, since they had that on their list to check, as well as for navigational charts, fire extinguishers and anti-dumping plaques in the engine room.



Besides paper charts, we also had cruising guides to all the areas we visited and *Lonely Planet* guides for shore travel. Many of these we bought while underway, since we did not know at the beginning of our cruise exactly where the winds would take us. We often had occasion to give these guides away to other cruisers when we knew we would not be revisiting countries.

We had a little pocket atlas, not, of course, for navigation, but to look at the big picture.



We carried our address book and the directories for Bluewater Cruising and the Vancouver Rowing Club. Yes, these addresses could have been saved electronically. Fortunately, they were not because our Mac was stolen when we were at the *Club Nautico* in Cartagena, Colombia. We think it was taken by a cruiser who left at daybreak before we discovered the theft. (There were no Apple stores in Cartagena in 2004.) These days I'm sure we would have backups for the computer.

Less Important Books

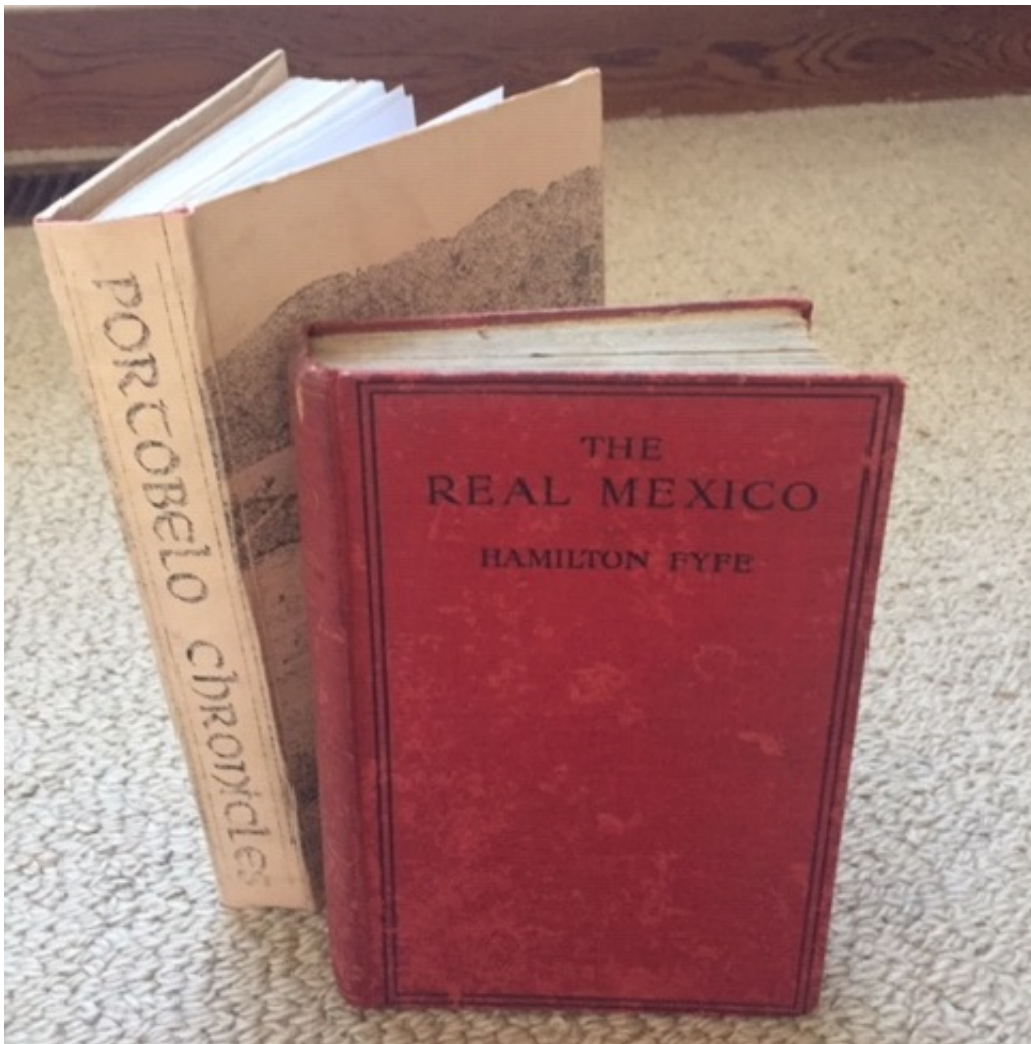
For reading while sailing (in easy waters, of course) or in anchorages, we took a few books we had been wanting to read. Some, like the Patrick O'Brian and Dudley Pope series, were good to trade when we encountered other cruisers or were in marinas. Most marinas had book exchanges. In Europe, you could find books in many languages, including many in English. Most of these books were "read 'em, trade 'em" paperbacks, but occasionally we found philosophy or history books, like *The Real Mexico* (1914), which we still have.

In our collection is one unique book, *Portobelo Chronicles* by Patricia A. McGehee, 2001. Well, I thought it was unique. The copy we have we bought from the author in her house on the harbour in Portobelo, on the Caribbean coast of Panama in 2003. The book was self-published and printed, very badly, in Colon in 2001. The hard cover has worn so it is difficult to see the title and the lithographs of

the Portobelo forts.

McGehee researched the history of Portobelo in libraries and museums in Panama, the U. S., Spain, England, and Colombia. Portobelo, on a safe, deep harbour, was the port through which the gold and silver riches stolen from the Incas in what is now Peru were carried by slaves across the isthmus of Panama and loaded on ships for transport to Spain. Though not a historian, McGehee recorded Portobelo's story from its 1502 sighting by Columbus to the restoration of the Spanish Customs House in 2001.

Little did I know until I checked on the internet that the book was republished in 2014 and is available on Amazon and at Barnes and Nobel.



I took *Ulysses* by James Joyce, a slow, difficult read, on the boat. I had read it once but knew I could start it again if I had nothing else to read. Over the 15 years, I think I started it twice, neither time getting beyond the first chapter before something else turned up. We also had Melville's short novels but not, for some reason, *Moby Dick*, perhaps because we purposely avoided sea disaster books. A friend gave us *A Suitable Boy* by Vikram Seth, but Stephen never started it because it is so big!

Even in the age of the internet, I still think many of these paper books are important to have on a cruising

boat.

About The Author

Stephen and Nancy Carlman

Fairwyn - Sparkman & Stephens, 42 Yawl

Stephen and Nancy Carlman first joined BCA in the very early days--1979 we think--but let our membership lapse until 1993. In 1999 we sailed away from Vancouver and ended up cruising for 15 years mainly to the Mediterranean and back, with long stops in Mexico, Ecuador, Cartagena, the Rio Dulce, Louisiana, Virginia, Halifax, the Azores, Sardinia, Malta, and Sicily.

Humpback Whale Research - A Follow Up from Club Night Presenter Jackie Hildering

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/articles/humpback-whale-research-a-follow-up-from-club-night-presenter-jackie-hildering/>



On April 6, BCA was privileged to hear from Jackie Hildering of the Marine Education and Research Society, who delivered a powerful and passionate presentation on humpback whale research and boater safety around these giants. “It really lifted me up to note the interest and engagement from BCA. It helps it feel so worthwhile too to know this was a big audience of very active boaters. Thank you again.”

Jackie shared several important links during her presentation and during the ensuing question period, and has provided them for our reference. These include the link to the online auction she was so excited about, where to find hydrophones, where to report sightings, what to do if you see an entangled whale, and more.

Links relevant to questions resulting from BCA Club Night

- Good media coverage of [Orca interactions with boats in the Atlantic](#)
- The Marine Detective on social media:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- Information on some Humpbacks interacting with boats which gets referenced as “[mugging](#)”
- Our [trap-feeding](#) research (novel feeding strategy)

Recorded Presentations

- [Marine Education and Research Society](#)
 - “Return of Giants” recording is a slightly longer version of the Club Night presentation
 - “Boaters and Marine Mammals – Safety and Stewardship” focuses more on regulations and best practices

How to Save a Whale

- MERS short video about [what to do \(and not to do\) when you see an entangled whale](#)
- [See a Blow, Go Slow](#) is a summary of the Canadian Marine Mammal Regulations, Emergency Measures for the Southern Resident Orca and best practices

Sightings Related

- To [share photos](#) (taken outside 200 m) with us for the purposes of identifying individual whales or sightings of branded sea lions
- To download the [BC Cetacean Sightings WhaleReport app](#)
 - For information on how this interfaces with the “[Whale Report Alert System](#)”

Social Media

- By sharing content from our social media, you help expand the reach of our education efforts
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Instagram](#)

Online Auction

- This [MERS fundraiser](#) starts on April 22nd but you can already “sneak peak” and mark your favourites.

Whale Warning Flag

- Available in our [OceanStore](#)

Hydrophones

- MERS has a model from [Cetacean Research Technology](#)
- [Dolphin Ear](#) models are a possibly more affordable option

Further Ways to Help

- Includes Humpback Whale [sponsorship and donations](#)

Photo credit: Humpback Whale “Jigger” breaching (catalogue number is BCX1188). Photo taken with telephoto lens under Marine Mammal License MML-42, ©Jackie Hildering, Marine Education and Research Society.

About The Author

Heather Marshall

Mischief - Catalina 27

Bluewater BCA member Heather Marshall first fell in love with sailing as a teenager. She sailed to the Mediterranean and back aboard a Bavaria 38 sloop, 'Sea Otter of Canada', with her former husband. Heather single-hands 'Mischief' to destinations in the Salish Sea.



BCA 2022 Member Directory

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/articles/bca-2022-member-directory/>



The 2022 edition of the Bluewater Cruising Association (BCA) Member Directory is arriving in mailboxes from Vancouver Island to Calgary to Ontario and beyond – have you received your copy? If not, you might want to contact [BCA’s Administrator](#) to ensure your membership and mailing address are up-to-date.

The Directory is a great way to learn more about BCA and its programs, meet the 2022 Watchkeepers and Board of Directors, and, most importantly, to connect with other BCA members. Perhaps you’ll keep your copy on your boat – when you drop the hook and see another vessel proudly flying the BCA burgee, you can look them up and connect with new friends – or you may want to keep it close at hand at home. And no matter where your hard copy is, you can now also find a downloadable and searchable PDF version [online](#) (note: you will be prompted to log in).

This year’s Directory also includes a letter from the BCA Board of Directors and two BCA postcards that you are encouraged to give to other boaters who are interested in learning more about BCA and potentially going offshore. You may have found a new friend... and a new BCA member!

Please take a minute to check your own listing and the additional details published in the “sorts” (boat name, boat type, where moored, yacht club affiliation, etc) found in the latter half of the Directory. Every effort is made to include accurate, up-to-date info (as of March 1, 2022), but we know BCA members are active and move, change contact info, boats, moorages, etc throughout the year.

If your information or that of your boat is out-of-date or incomplete, please [update your profile](#) and your [boat's sub-account](#) or email your changes to [BCA's Administrator](#).

Thanks to our Directory Advertisers

BCA is very appreciative of the marine industry businesses who purchased advertising in this year's Directory. Should you have the opportunity to support them, please identify yourself as a BCA member and say "thank you".

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- [Yacht Sales West – Max Shaw](#) (Inside Back Cover)

If you are interested in advertising in either the Directory or *Currents*, please contact [Nello Angerilli](#), [BCA's Advertising Watchkeeper](#).

Directory Coordination Team

The Member Directory is published thanks to the volunteer efforts of many, including Donna Sassaman, Rhonda Schuller, Jennifer Handley, Doug England, Sally Holland, Cathy Norrie, Deb O'Connor, Shawn Wright and a fabulous support team consisting of Guylain Roy-Machabée (BCA's web guru), Nello Angerilli (advertising sales) and Linda Mitsui (our publisher). If you are interested in volunteering with a passionate group of talented individuals on next year's directory, or if you have any feedback about this year's edition, please contact [Donna Sassaman](#).

Old Directories?

If you have old Member Directories that you no longer need, please be sure to properly shred them. Thank you!

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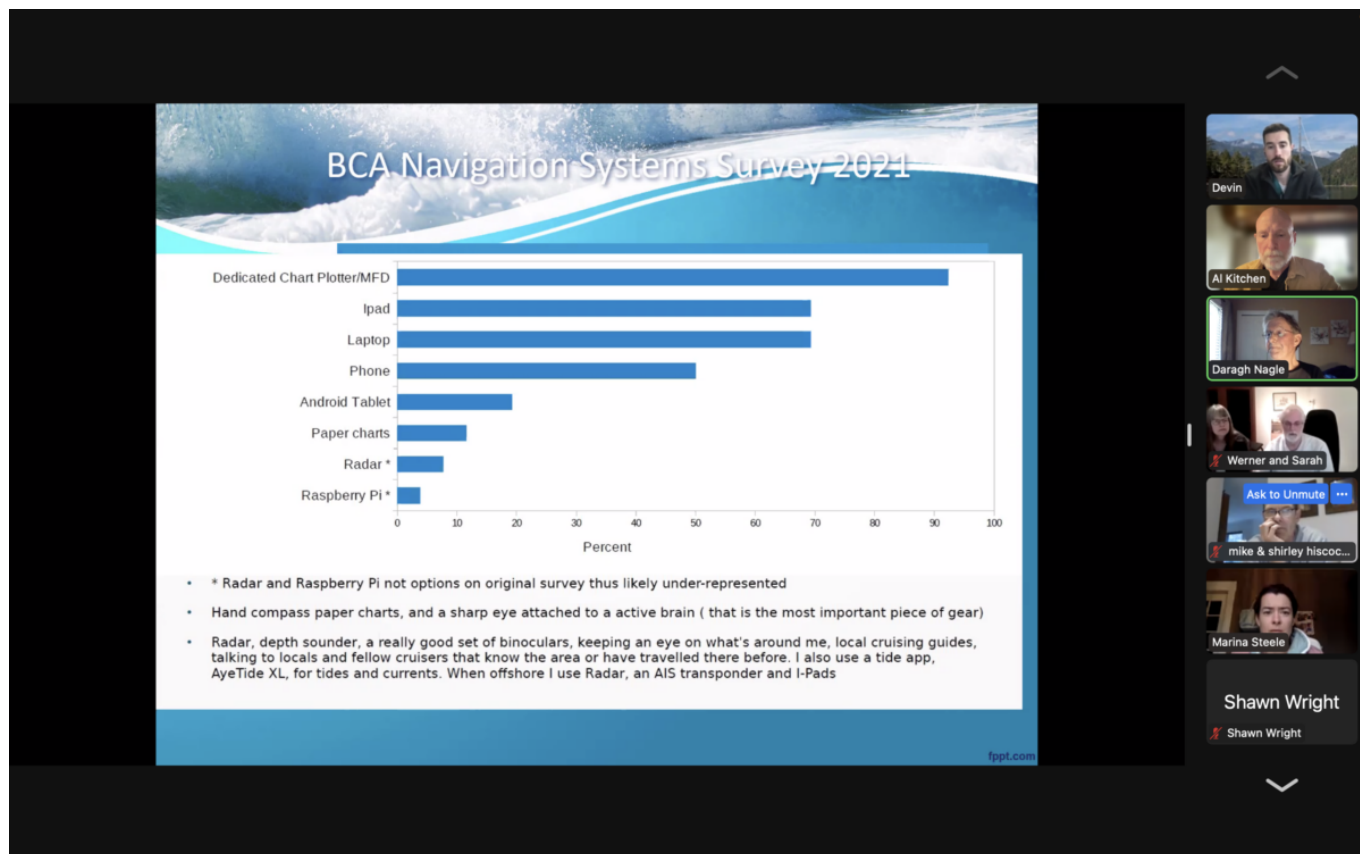
Jennifer Handley

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Jennifer and her husband, Campbell Good, sailed Camdeboo to the South Pacific in 2006 with their two daughters, a niece, nephew and Jennifer's brother. By the time Camdeboo returned to Victoria in 2011, she had 25,000nm under her keel, visited 14 countries and 27 people had come aboard as crew. Jennifer served as BCA Commodore 2014-2016 and Past Commodore from 2017-2019.

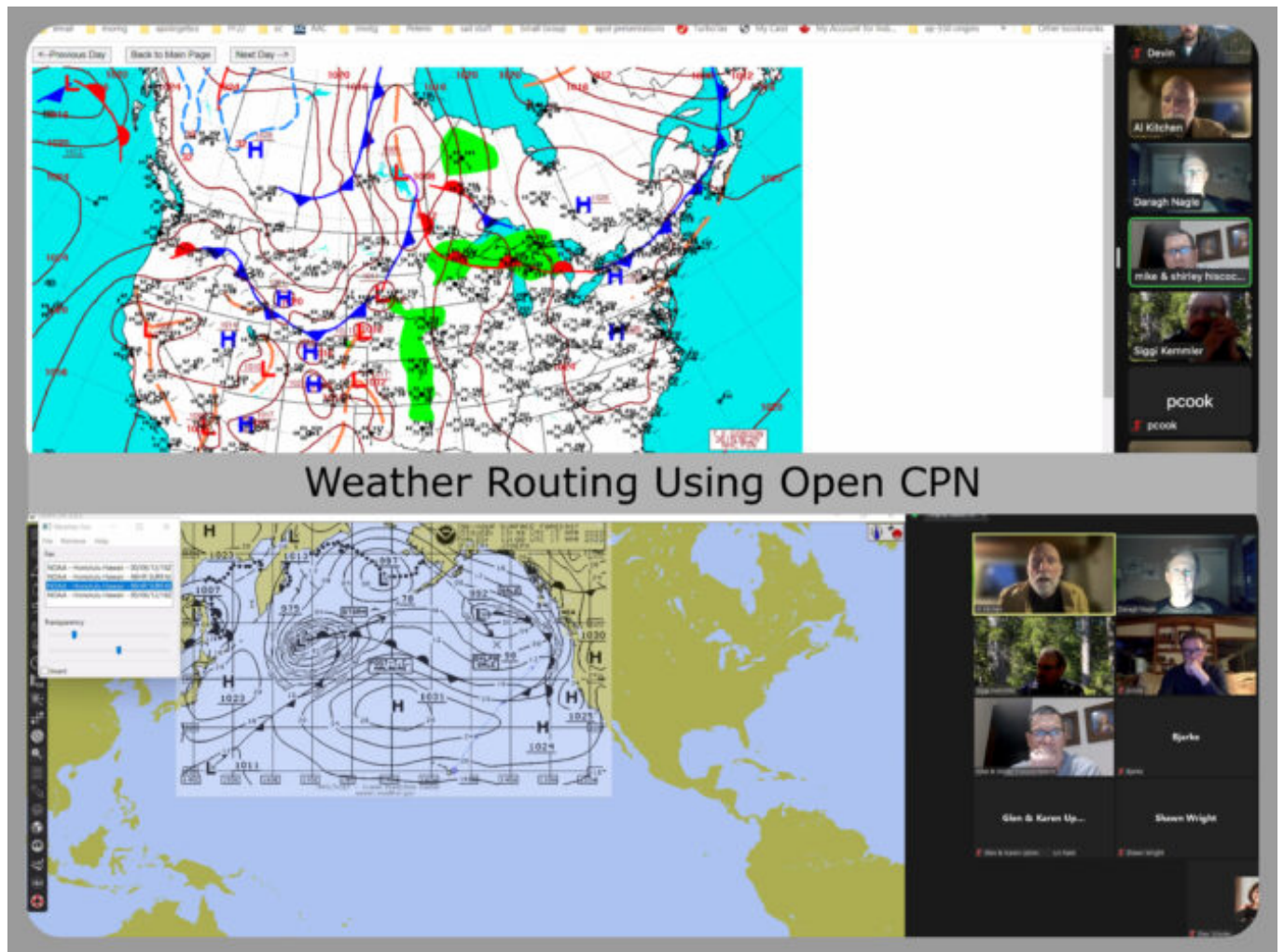
Vancouver Island Fleet Report - April 2022

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/news/vancouver-island-fleet-report-april-2022/>



The BCA Vancouver Island Fleet wrapped up the year with a presentation on Weather Routing using Open CPN.

The VI Fleet Coordinators cooperated on this project with an introduction to Open CPN and how it compares and complement other navigation options by Daragh Nagle followed by a look at Weather Routing offshore using the plugins available with Open CPN and Grib Weather files by Al Kitchen. It was helpful that several in the audience had experience with Open CPN and Zoom as they were able to assist in sorting out an Open CPN / Zoom screen sharing glitch as well as demonstrate other assets available for offshore cruisers planning their departures. Special thanks to Mike Hiscock for “expanding the horizon”.



Marina Steele warmed the audience up with a “potential marriage saver”, a miniature Korean built washing machine that has not only saved them water but also relieved this cruising family of five from countless hours of washing in a large plastic wash tub; I’ll mention cruising with three kids in cloth diapers and leave the rest to your imagination.

With our formal meetings complete we now look forward to the VI Fleet Rendezvous being held at Otter Bay on Pender Island April 22nd-24th in conjunction with an Alert Marine First Aid course organized by VI Fleet members.

Daragh and I have enjoyed another wonderful year with the VI Fleet of dreamers and now look forward to the cruising season (and hopefully the demise of Covid and all it entails!).

About The Author

Al Kitchen - VI Fleet Coordinator

Wyndspree - Huntingford 53 Ketch

Al Kitchen has been a BCA member since 2005. Al and his wife Gaye lived aboard Wyndspree (53' ketch) from 1996 until 2007 and cruised the BC coast throughout this time. Between 2006 and the present, Al crewed on different boats with fellow Bluewater members, including voyages from Victoria, BC to San Francisco; Gladstone, Australia to Fiji; New Zealand to Victoria, B.C.; and San Jose del Cabo to Hilo, HI. Al is now co-coordinating the V.I. Fleet group with Daragh Nagle.

Vancouver Fleet Report - April 2022

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/news/vancouver-fleet-report-april-2022/>

The April 26 meeting of the Vancouver Fleet of 2022 focused on Sail Maintenance and Repair. It featured a panel discussion with Nicole Foster from Vancouver's [Evolution Sails](#) and Allison from [Hasse & Company Port Townsend Sails](#).

The upcoming May 31 Fleet meeting will be 'townhall' style, with a sharing of information and discussion on a variety of topics, e.g. Starlink, medical insurance, medical questions, Noonsite, cruiser guides, soft shackles, solar power, boat safety, life rafts etc.

The last gathering of the year will be an in-person barbecue at Spruce Harbour Marina on June 28.

Plans for [VICE 2022](#) (Vancouver Island Cruising Experience) are under way. BCA members who wish to register for VICE 2022 can sign up on the BCA website. If you are curious to learn more about VICE, have a look at [this excellent write up on VICE 2021](#) .

BCA members are reminded that the deadline for applying for a 2022 Offshore Package is April 30.

About The Author

Cameron and Marianne McLean, Vancouver Fleet Coordinators

Mayknot - Seabird 37

Cam and Marianne McLean have been BCA members since 1987, cruised offshore, and have served as the Vancouver Fleet Coordinators for many years.

Vancouver Virtual Club Night - Bahama Blues

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/events/vancouver-virtual-club-night-bahama-blues/>



Even people who follow the adventures of *Oh!* on [Instagram](#) or *Oh!*'s [website](#) really don't quite get the incredible beauty of the Bahamas until they sail here. *Oh!* has now spent portions of seven seasons cruising in the magnificent warm, shallow and crystal clear waters of the central and southern Bahamas. This area is truly a cruising paradise where only a tiny portion of the incredible spectrum of places to visit and things to do has been experienced.

Mark your calendar to join *Oh!* on May 11 for Bahama Blues, a small glimpse of an incredible area to cruise! Unfortunately, pictures can't possibly capture and portray the full experience, but one can try.

Rod Morris is a semi retired P. Geologist and has been sailing *Oh!* (a 2006 40' Leopard catamaran) for the past eight years around the Atlantic Islands, eastern Caribbean and the east coast of the USA. He offers couples and small groups the opportunity to experience cruising and ocean passages aboard *Oh!* as a way for them to gain confidence and realize their cruising dream are attainable.

This will be a Virtual Club Night, on the Zoom platform. All BCA members will receive an invitation with links to the Zoom meeting and login details. If you are not a member (or if you did not receive the email) and would like to attend, please email Heather Marshall, [Vancouver Speakers Watchkeeper](#), for details.

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Heather Marshall

Mischief - Catalina 27

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VI Virtual Club Night - Dinghy Sailors Run Amok and End Up in New Zealand

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Henk and Lisa Benckhuysen share how their plans to cruise the Gulf Islands morphed into a bluewater adventure across the Pacific. Departing Sidney in August, 2016, Captain DIY and Butterfly — aka Henk and Lisa — sailed a reincarnated 1985 Express 37, *Harlequin*, down the Pacific coast to the Sea of Cortez.

In 2018, they joined the Puddle Jump across to the Marquesas, continuing through the Tuomotus, Suwarrow, Samoa, and Tonga to New Zealand. After land cruising, kiwi style, for the cyclone season, they sailed to Fiji where the coral reefs exceeded their expectations, as did local efforts to save them. In 2019 they returned to Whangarei, NZ, and enjoyed surely the most pleasant pandemic on the planet. In July of 2021, they left *Harlequin* snug on the hard and flew home for a hiatus.

What can dreamers, doers, and doners expect from this presentation? Tales of ongoing modifications to an older raceboat, pilgrimages to 13,000-year-old cave paintings in Baha, island initiatives in coral propagation, some images from a sketchbook and more. Hank and Lisa's experience was one of rallies as well as solitude, land travel as well as cruising. They enjoyed other cultures and the support and camaraderie of the cruising community.

While they found the variety of life in the ocean astonishing, they also saw people across the Pacific dealing with the challenges of marine plastic, over-fishing, and climate change. While the adventure started with a sailboat, it turned into so much more.

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BCA May Rendezvous - Hawaii in Beautiful BC (Montague Harbour)

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Camaraderie – Food – Knot Fun – Microscopy – Dinghy Dallying – Contests and Prizes

Aloha! Please join your fellow BCA members at Montague Harbour for the annual May Rendezvous hosted by the Vancouver Island Chapter on the Victoria Day weekend (May 20-23). Arrive Friday evening or anytime Saturday before Happy Hour, when we get off to our official start at 4.00pm.

Come for the sheer joy of getting out on the water and meeting up again after ‘this winter of our discontent’. Bring your enthusiasm, creativity, foulies, tarps, fold up chairs, instruments and voices, and the spirit that took you across oceans.

Please [RSVP via the website before May 3](#) with your boat name and expected number of crew so that we can plan our activities. Pay, register and sign your liability form when you arrive. All boats that register on the BCA website prior to May 3 will receive a swag bag when signing in.

Montague has lots of space for all, including some space for smaller boats on the public dock, which is where the Rendezvous Host Boat plans to be.

We look forward to seeing BCA members and friends!

Sextant Theory and Practice

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/events/sextant-theory-and-practice/>



Do you have a sextant but don't know how to use it? Do you know what MERPASS is? Do you want to learn more about Celestial Navigation? Would you like to have a back-up navigation system you can use if your GPS stops working?

If you answered yes to any or all of the above questions, this is the course for you!

Offered by VI Education, this 5 hour, in-person course will be taught by well-known instructor and BCA member Scott Crawshaw.

About The Author

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