



Photo Contest Winner

Jennifer Handley

*Saracen, Camdeboo, and
Counting Stars enjoying a mini-
BURP in Isabel Bay.*



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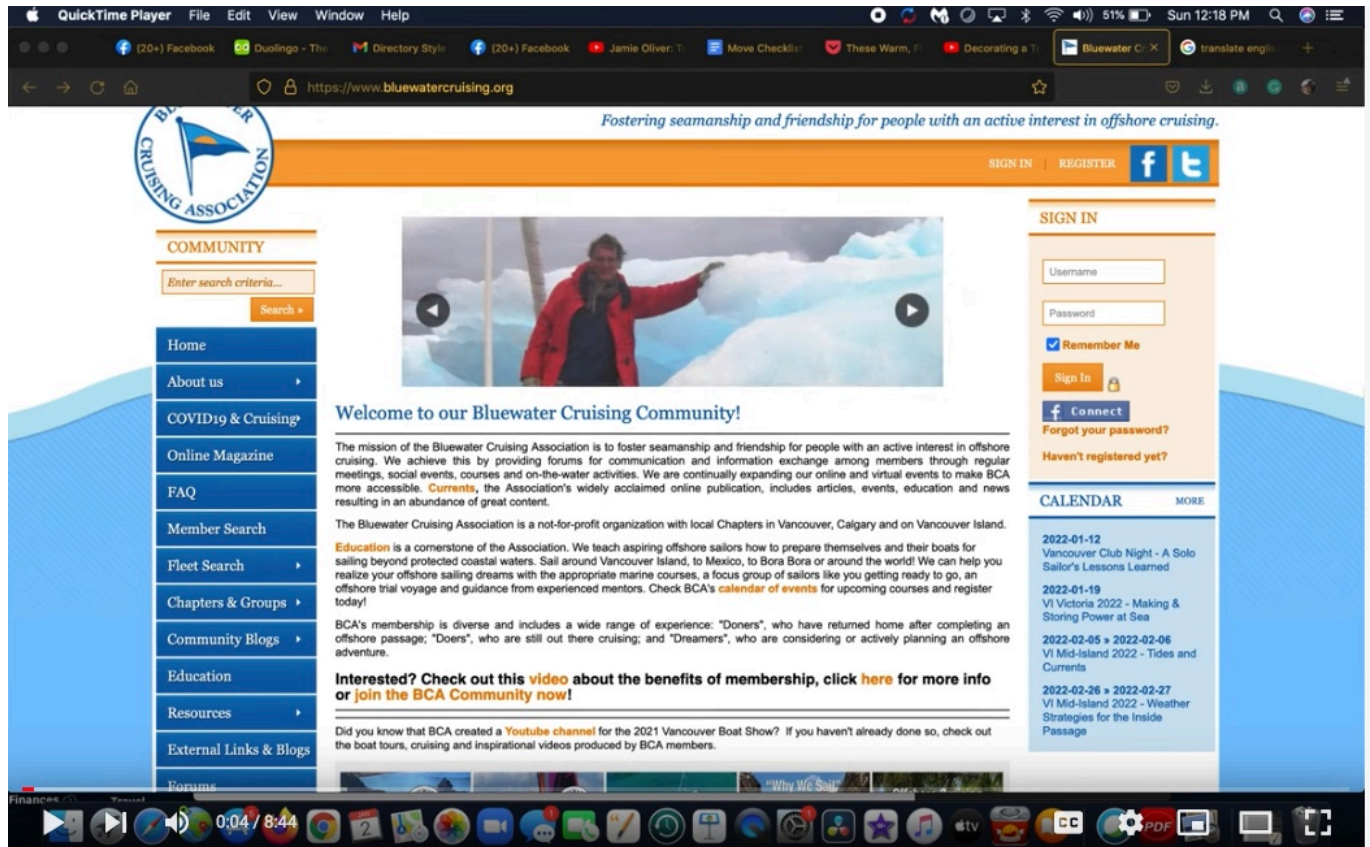
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Updating Your Personal Profile - A New Video Tutorial for BCA Members

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/news/updating-your-personal-profile-a-new-video-tutorial-for-bca-members/>



The Board of Directors and the BCA Directory coordination team are pleased to introduce the second in a series of succinct video tutorials designed to assist BCA members navigate the BCA website in order to keep their membership information accurate and up-to-date.

[Check out this brief video](#) which shows how BCA members (both primary and associate) can easily and quickly update their personal profile. Then, go online and review the information you previously provided to BCA, updating as and where necessary. Doing so now will be of great help to the Directory Team which is about to begin their work producing the 2022 Directory.

If you have a boat or have acquired a new boat since last year or if you no longer own a boat, please take a few minutes to also update your boat profile(s). Reviewing the first video in the series, [How to Update your Boat Profile](#), will explain where to find that account and how to update it.

If all BCA members take five or ten minutes to do this, your 2022 BCA Member Directory will be far richer and more complete than ever before. If you have questions about the process after viewing the tutorials or if you need assistance signing into the website, please contact [Vimmy](#), BCA's Administrator.

And just to remind everyone, the Board recently announced the addition of a new custom field for a boat's MMSI number which will be included in the Directory. Please remember to add your boat's MMSI when you update its profile.



A portion of the BCA Fleet Map as of January 2022

If your boat has an MMSI number AND you would also like to participate in the new BCA Fleet Map which ultimately will show where BCA member boats can be found all over the world, please contact [Daragh Nagle](#) (VI Fleet Co-coordinator). Further information about the Fleet Map can be found in [this Currents article](#). Please note that your boat will not appear on the Fleet Map unless you proactively request that that it be added.

Last of all, please don't hesitate to contact [Vimmy](#) if you have any questions about your membership status, your membership renewal or how to change/update your profiles; she will be pleased to help.

About The Author

Jennifer Handley

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Jennifer Handley and 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.

Do You Have a Story to Tell?

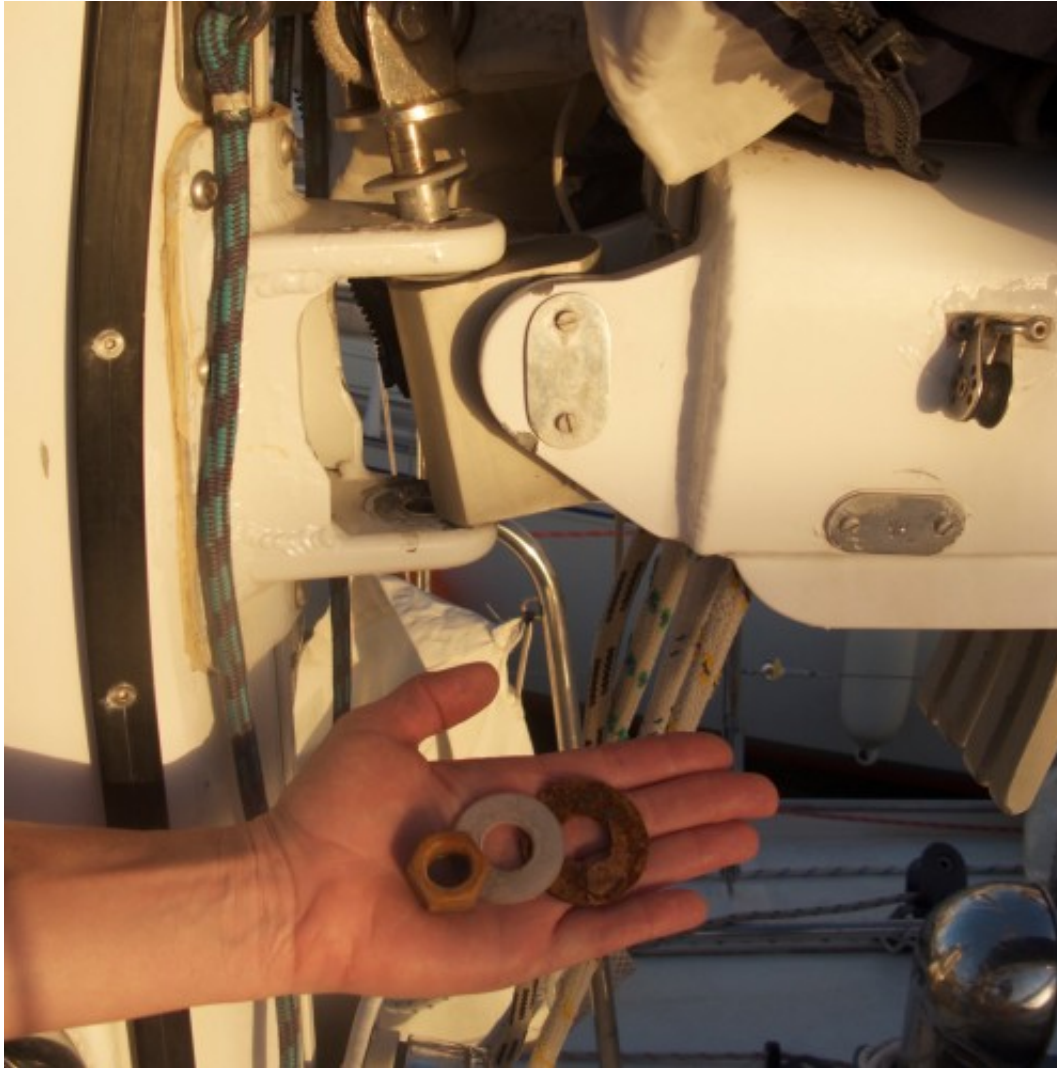
<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/articles/do-you-have-a-story-to-tell-2/>



Do you have a story or blog post or photo essay that you would be willing to submit for publication in *Currents*?

Currents has now been online now for seven years and during that time it has attracted a large international following of cruisers, sailors, wannabee cruisers and people who are interested in what Bluewater Cruising Association is and does.

With this success comes a “challenge” for BCA and especially the *Currents* editing team: in order to retain interest and grow membership, we need content – good stories of adventures, misadventures, passages (both offshore and closer to home), related land-based travel, cultural experiences, “AH HA” or entertaining moments, moments of exhilaration and trepidation, gatherings and events. To accompany those stories or to “be” the story, we also need great photos that add life and colour to the tale.



Problems with the boom... the makings of yet another cruising story

There are many reasons why people write articles for *Currents* (fame and glory, anyone?), but financial remuneration is not one of them, although BCA members can earn up to a maximum of \$70 credit towards their annual membership dues. Lots of us maintain blogs or post regularly to Facebook or other sites, so why not publish in *Currents* too? The benefits are multiple – receiving unsolicited material helps the editing team, subscribers enjoy a wide variety of informative, well-written articles about all aspects of what it is to be a “dreamer, do-er or doner”, BCA members can generate savings on membership dues, and contributions from non-BCA members are *always* welcome and gratefully received.... A win-win-win for everyone involved!

As you think back on your cruising adventures last year or a recent season or event in an exotic part of the world (yes coastal BC is considered exotic by many even if the water is cold!), I encourage you to choose a couple of stories to share with us. A fabulous editorial team will be thrilled to work with you to ensure that your article and photos are the best they can be!

For further information about *Currents* credits, photo guidelines and how to submit an article, please review “[Story Ideas](#)”. Submissions should be sent to: currents@bluewatercruising.org.

Needless to say, we look forward to hearing from you and vicariously sharing your cruising experiences!

About The Author

Rosario Passos

Counting Stars - Whitby 42 Ketch

Rosario is a dreamer who wants to sail the South Pacific.... so far she sails the local waters of the Salish Sea to get as much experience as possible.

Vancouver Virtual Club Night - A Solo Sailor's Lessons Learned

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/events/vancouver-virtual-club-night-a-solo-sailors-lessons-learned/>



Dennison Berwick and his boat (*Oceans Five*) recently arrived in Tanzania after a single-handed, 5400nm solo passage across the Indian Ocean from Thailand. It is from this exotic location that he will present the lessons he has learned along the way.

Dennison Berwick is a marine mechanic and creator of the Marine Diesel Basics project – visual guides to marine diesel systems. He is currently working to complete the second book in the Marine Diesel Basics series – How Things Work and Installation Guidelines. The book already has 460 pages and 1200 drawings. Publication is planned for May 2022.

Dennison lives aboard *Oceans Five*, his third sailboat, and is now anchored in northern Tanzania.

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.

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.

VI Virtual Club Night - Halfway Around the World with Traversay III

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/events/vi-virtual-club-night-halfway-around-the-world-with-traversay-iii/>



Welcome to the first Vancouver Island Chapter club night of 2022, hosted by the Mid-Island group. Follow well-known BCA members, Mary Anne Unrau and Larry Roberts, aboard *Traversay III* as she sails from the lush and multi-cultural Cocos-Keeling Islands (the western outliers of Australia) westwards through the warm waters of the Indian Ocean to South Africa.

From Capetown, *Traversay III* travels to beautiful St. Helena Island, then crosses over the equator to St. Maarten and the warm oasis of Bermuda. You will find the islands are quite different when reached by a small sailboat, as compared to stepping off an airplane as a tourist.

Join Larry and Mary Anne on their trip halfway around the world, with all its accompanying dangers and excitements.

About the Presenters

Larry Roberts and Mary Anne Unrau have been sailing their Waterline 43 cutter all over the world since they first launched her 22 years ago. Since then they've circumnavigated the globe and sailed more than 120,000 miles together. They have crossed every meridian, sailed south to Antarctica, north to Spitzbergen, and squeezed through the ice in the North-West Passage.

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 [Kate Swangard](#) for details.

Making and Storing Power at Sea

<https://currents.bluewatercruising.org/events/making-and-storing-power-at-sea-2/>



Join our enormously popular instructor Bjarne Hansen for an evening of discussion about the various ways to generate power and how best to store it. After a bit about safety, a quick “here’s how electricity works” intro, and some tool-talk, he’ll go on to discuss:

- Solar panels
- Wind generators
- Towed generators
- Fossil-fuelled generators

Bjarne will help you understand:

- Lead-acid batteries
- Lithium batteries
- How to charge them in a way that maximizes their life
- Charge controllers

- Battery monitors

Finally, he'll help you troubleshoot. Electricity and water? What could possibly go wrong? Bjarne is here to help you do it right.

About The Author

Brent Alley

Pegasus II - Nordic 44

Brent has been member of Bluewater Cruising Association since 2014. Since joining BCA he and Barbara have sailed to Desolation Sound, Alaska, Haida Gwaii and most recently to Mexico.

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