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*Bill and Donna Sassaman's Spencer 44, **Alia**, at home in Cowichan Bay*

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## BC Nautical Residents Association

### Who We Are...

*Life Afloat* is a quarterly publication of the BC Nautical Residents Association.

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The BC Nautical Residents Association was founded in 2010 by a group of liveaboard boaters to encourage living aboard responsibly and to find solutions to issues faced by people who live on the water.

An individual on his/her own may not be able to effect change in their community, but a united group of people *can*. The BCNRA's voice is strengthened through building our membership.

The BCNRA's mission statement is to:

1. Preserve and support the tradition of living aboard one's vessel;
2. Promote environmental awareness among liveaboards;
3. Establish collaborative communications between liveaboards and non-liveaboards;
4. Assist in facilitating solutions to issues of concern to liveaboards;
5. Advocate for the enactment of new legislation and policies that directly and indirectly affect liveaboards.

The BCNRA provides:

- A forum for exchanging information and tips and tools;
- Directors who will work with you to find solutions to issues in your area;
- A website that is regularly updated with news and views;
- A quarterly newsletter, with contributions by members all along the BC coast;
- An Annual General Meeting, where you meet other members, elect the Board of Directors, and get an update of what the BCNRA has accomplished over the year.

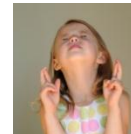
Membership is open to *all* BC liveaboards: fresh or salt water, tidal or non-tidal, sail, power, or float home.

BCNR Code of Ethics: <https://bcnr.org/about-us/directors-code-of-conduct-and-ethics/>

## From the Editors' Desk

Donna Sassaman, *S/V Alia*

Hooray, hooray! Marilyn Guille, our talented layout editor, will be back from her summer cruising (hope, hope) in time for the fall issue of *Life Afloat*!



For Bill and me, our summer did not pan out as hoped/planned, thanks to COVID, doctor's appointments, boat repairs, and other unplanned happenings. Rather than going cruising through the Gulf Islands, we've remained at the dock. To date, we've taken our elderly 20' Class B campervan, the BertieMobile, on one quick trip to Campbell River to visit former layout editor, Amanda Glickman, and her husband, Barry. We're already dreaming of next summer...

As described in the spring issue, the Association held its AGM on April 11<sup>th</sup> and elected directors Bill Sassaman (Cowichan Bay), Cathy Gilbert (Cowichan Bay), David Brand (Esquimalt), Don Bruniski (Maple Bay) and Ken Lund (Nanaimo). You'll learn a bit about each of the directors, starting on page 5.

The Board meets bi-monthly on Zoom. Directors need to hear from *you*! If you have a question, a problem that the BCNRA can assist you to resolve, recommendations about liveaboard-friendly marinas, etc., please contact the Board at [feedback@bcnr.org](mailto:feedback@bcnr.org).

Harkening back to dreaming... One of our new members has a dream about purchasing a barge and organising a co-op marina around it. Interested? I am!! Read about it on page 10.

Also in this issue: Director David Brand writes eloquently of his journey to living aboard in 'Wanderings of a Matelote'; we learn how to rid wires of corrosion in 'Cleaning Wires'; a member describes his appreciation of his insurance company (Yes, seriously!); we explore how to make antipasto in 'Galley Goodies'; and we discover the joys of Gary Prebble's YouTube channel (boxed notice). Do check out the Advertisements and Announcements sections!

We look forward to receiving your articles, photos, news items, etc. for the fall issue, **deadline September 1<sup>st</sup> (or thereabouts)**! Check out the submission guidelines on the next page or at <https://bcnr.org/newsletters/submit-a-story/>.

<i>Life Afloat</i> Issues and Deadlines		
Issue	Months	Deadline
Winter	January/February/March	December 1
Spring	April/May/June	March 1
Summer	July/August/September	June 1
Fall	October/November/December	September 1



## Submissions Guidelines

This publication is by and for our members. So, please submit articles! Here's an incomplete list of possible topics: boat/float home maintenance tips; favourite equipment (technical, navigational, cooking, entertainment, etc.); galley-wise recipes; recommendations for liveaboard-friendly marinas and businesses; your favourite cruising areas and anchorages; why you became a liveaboard; what qualities/assets you looked for when searching for your liveaboard boat or float home; your biggest liveaboard challenges and how you've resolved them (lessons learned); local issues and issues' resolution (e.g., marina restrictions; anchoring restrictions, relations with land-based neighbours); etc. etc.

Email your articles and photos as *separate attachments* to the editors at [feedback@bcnr.org](mailto:feedback@bcnr.org). Following the guidelines for text and photos (described below) will make the editorial team's job easier. Thanks!

### **Text Guidelines:**

1. *Please do not format your story.* Simple text in Word is easiest to edit. That means: single-spaced; *no* indentations at the beginning of paragraphs; *no* hard returns, except at the end of a paragraph; and *no* fancy word art.
2. Please include a short 'bio': your name (and partner's name, if applicable); boat name and type (e.g., ***Ballerina***, Canoe Cove 41; ***Tap Dancer***, Beneteau 33; ***Home Sweet Home***, float home); your home port; and how long you've lived aboard (full or part time). We'd also appreciate an author photo!

### **Photo Guidelines:**

Photographs enhance stories and provide detail in technical articles. We like photos!

1. Featured image (the 'cover' photo for the article) should be in a 4:3 ratio – ideally 1200x900 pixels – and minimum 800x600.
2. Author images should be square, ideally 600x600, and minimum 400x400 pixels.
3. Images within the article should be square or landscape format, not portrait, and a minimum 800 pixel width.
4. Jpeg (.jpg or .jpeg) is the preferred format for all photo submissions.
5. Please send images as *separate attachments* (i.e., not embedded in your article). In your article, include instructions about where to place the images. For example:  
After thoroughly researching our options, we chose a float home. Liz and I envisioned a garden afloat! ***Insert image: Float home with garden deck.jpg***
6. Please include a brief, descriptive caption for each image (who, what, where, when). For example:  
After thoroughly researching our options, we chose a float home. Liz and I envisioned a garden afloat! ***Insert image: Float home with garden deck.jpg.***  
***Caption: Liz and Rob's garden comprises six large containers for herbs, salad greens, squashes, root crops, and flowers.***



## Meet the BCNRA Directors

Some of our directors have lived aboard full-time for years, some on-and-off, others part-time. All share a love of the sea and a commitment to protecting the rights of liveaboard boaters and floathome residents.

### Bill Sassaman



“Crew”

Donna Sassaman

Name of boat

***Alia***, a customised Spencer 44 sloop

How many years as a liveaboard

34

What inspired you to help establish BCNR? (Or decide to serve on the Board of Directors?)

I helped to found the BCNR in 2010 because of some experiences we had while living anchored in False Creek, Vancouver on and off from 2000 to 2008. Liveaboards and floathome residents need to band together if our choices for how we live are to be protected.

Best thing(s) about living aboard

Both of us are explorers at heart. We love the freedom of travelling with our home, living ‘green’, and having a community all along the coast. Living aboard a sailboat is an affordable way to live, and it’s an adventure!

Biggest challenge(s) about living aboard

Other than the ‘political’ hassles? Keeping ‘stuff’ to a minimum, and having it all stowed properly—so we know where to find it—is still a challenge.

Anything else you want BCNR members to know about you

I like to work as part of a team, which is why being on the BCNR Board is a great opportunity for putting my analyzing and communication interests to work. On the family front, I’m the father of three adult children and grandfather of five young adults.



**Cathy Gilbert (she/her)**



"Crew"

Dave Gilbert

Name of boat

***Northern Cross***

How many years as a liveaboard

This time around, 1.5 years

What inspired you to help establish BCNR? (Or decide to serve on the Board of Directors?)

I have a belief that living aboard is an environmentally friendly, and sustainable way for people to live, especially valuable in a time of housing and climate crisis. I want to be involved in promoting and supporting this lifestyle.

Best thing(s) about living aboard

Almost everything. Having a home that can move to beautiful places, having possessions that I need close to hand, having a compact space, living on the water.

Biggest challenge(s) about living aboard

Laundry ... and having 25 people to dinner.

Anything else you want BCNR members to know about you

I have a large family and will have 17 grandchildren next year. Life is good!

I want to recognize that I live and work on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, specifically the Quw'utsun (Cowichan) people.





## David Brand

Treasurer



“Crew”

Karen Rivest

Name of boat

***Ska’ana***

How many years as a liveaboard

8

What inspired you to help establish BCNR? (Or decide to serve on the Board of Directors?)

Access to knowledge about Best Practices.

Like to be kept up to date. Provide feedback when I can.

Best thing(s) about living aboard

Tranquil surroundings and never out of work. Closer to natural surroundings. Much more aware of the environment and my foot print on it.

Biggest challenge(s) about living aboard

“Those that do not live aboard.”



## Don Bruniski



“Crew”

Bridget (and son Paul)

Name of boat

Ex Trimaran ***Susurumba***, now floathome ***Nautilus Chambers***.

How many years as a liveaboard

5 years aboard ***Susurumba*** in False Creek, Vancouver; 10 years aboard ***Susurumba*** while circumnavigating; 30 years of floathome life aboard ***Nautilus Chambers***.

What inspired you to help establish BCNR? (Or decide to serve on the Board of Directors?)

Our association with Donna and Bill Sassaman motivated us to join BCNR. We, the Sassamans, and others briefly considered the possibility of the purchase of a marina to create a safe, legal facility specifically for liveaboards. We felt that BCNR could be the logical body to connect with government and regulators as advocates, information source, and authority on all matters relating to living aboard. We have been part of a long struggle to make floathomes legitimate in BC and I may be able to contribute, in a small way, to making all liveaboard lifestyles legitimate.

Best thing(s) about living aboard

We adopted our son as a baby. Living aboard while cruising allowed us to be full-time parents for the first nine years of his life. Our life aboard a floathome created an environment for our son to become a sensitive, caring and loving teenager and now a strong, contributing and stable human being.

Biggest challenge(s) about living aboard

Dealing with bureaucracies.

Anything else you want BCNR members to know about you

I will be advocating for and promoting a non-polluting liveaboard lifestyle, which may be hard to achieve in some situations.





## Ken Lund

Board Chair, 2021 - 2022



Name of boat

***Full Circle***

How many years as a liveaboard

I've lived and cruised aboard ***Full Circle*** part-time for several years. Before that, I spent a lot of years aboard the motor vessel ***Viking I***. When not on ***Full Circle***, I'm home in Nanaimo.

What inspired you to help establish BCNR? (Or decide to serve on the Board of Directors?)

I first joined the Board in 2012. I had observed that it was becoming more restrictive to be a liveaboard on one's boat all along the coast, and saw the benefit of having an organisation that would challenge some of those restrictions. The liveaboard community can be a strong community if we band together to address issues as they arise.

Best thing(s) about living aboard

As a part-time liveaboard, the best thing is the ability to cruise the BC coast during the summer and visit boaters I know.

Biggest challenge(s) about living aboard

Public awareness is big. The other challenges are Small Craft Harbours, which in recent years has come down heavy on liveaboards; upland owners who somehow feel that they have to get rid of boats anchored within their view; and the large numbers of liveaboards who want to be left alone and are not willing to join the BCNRA.

Anything else you want BCNR members to know about you

I'm a coastal cruiser based out of Nanaimo with a concern for less affluent liveaboards who are not at marinas.



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## Barge Dreams

John (Jock) Campbell

Having read a few adventure novels and watched a little too many episodes of 'Delos' (<https://svdelos.com/>) on the ol' YouTube, Lisa and I have found ourselves leaning towards the idea of getting into the cruising lifestyle and buying our first liveaboard sailboat.

As I'm sure many of you reading this can attest, it's never simply a case of selling up and moving aboard but more a process of researching, planning, re-planning, and waiting patiently for the right boat to come along. Not least among the concerns is that of securing a reasonably-priced moorage within reach of a well-paying job. After all, we'll have our new boat, and all of the inevitable upgrades we'll be making, to pay for!

But how exciting...a new lifestyle to plan for!

That's when we started to follow the daily media-spun melodrama of unwelcome derelict vessels, forced evictions, and the tide of general antipathy that was being directed towards liveaboard sailors. It didn't exactly cast a positive light on our desired lifestyle, nor indeed the province in a complimentary aura!

So it was that during one of my regular delves into BC matters nautical that I spotted an accommodation barge for sale. It was big, way too big for us, but perhaps big enough for... and that got me doing what I do best... conceptualising. (Lisa groans!)

Could such a barge be converted into a floating marina? An accommodation barge is essentially a floating accommodation block that is towed to wherever it is needed, to temporarily house the provinces' faller crews as they work the timber from the west coast's many islands. It's not too great a leap from accommodation block to marina clubhouse! Pick the right spot, sink a few substantial mooring blocks, and add a few floating docks! Can't be any more challenging that setting up a riverside marina, right? And you'd likely be able to sidestep a few municipal regulations, too!

So was born the concept of the offshore liveaboard marina: A self-contained, self-sufficient, floating community. The right vessel could house all of our favourite facilities: Shower and laundry block, a fuel dock, grocery store, chandlery, workshops... and don't forget the community pub! Regularly serviced by its own dedicated supply vessel, perhaps even sporting a helipad, the offshore marina could be a veritable mecca for west-coast boaties! It could introduce some much-needed competition for the industry- and what industry doesn't benefit from a little stiff competition?!

Now, here's the hard part: I don't happen to have a couple of million to buy a barge... but I know a man who owns one! If only we could persuade him to go into partnership...

If you think this is a project you'd be interested in, perhaps even invest in, please send your thoughts/ideas to [feedback@bcnr.org](mailto:feedback@bcnr.org). The editors will print any and all responses in the fall issue of *Life Afloat*. We'd love to hear from you. Who knows, maybe we can make this dream a reality!

Jock Campbell (Just another *Delos* disciple)

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## How to Perfectly Clean Wires in Minutes!!!

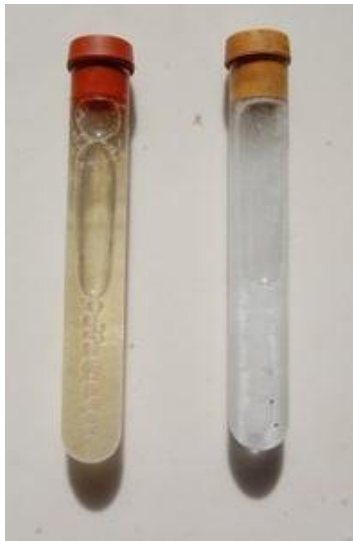
By Solomon Singer

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Here is an old ham radio operator's trick for cleaning wires for soldering that are old and corroded. It is hard to find this technique printed anywhere!

Normally, if you strip a wire and see it is corroded, there is not much you can do to restore its shiny new conductive properties. There is scraping and scratching which comes to mind, but you'll never get it to the solderable slickness it once was long ago. After laboring and fretting over the corroded pieces of wire for a long, long time, you see that your sweat coming out of your palms and fingers are corroding the copper AGAIN!!!! Oh, dear. NOT TO WORRY!!!! Give yourself a pat on the back, because what you will pull out of your bag of tricks now will send all the corroded copper wires scurrying and scampering away in fear!!!! Here is how to clean any corroded wire without even touching it, in 30 seconds!! And what's more, you can even solder it!!!

This process uses two solutions. One is regular table salt and vinegar. Any kind of vinegar will work, from balsamic, to rice, to white vinegars. It's the acidity and corrosiveness of the salt and vinegar together that you want. The other solution is Sodium Bicarbonate, or baking soda, and water. This is used to neutralize the corrosive properties of the other solution, and to further clean the wires.



*Vinegar solution, baking soda solution*

Step 1: Strip the wires to be cleaned.

Step 2: Get 2 containers, one for each solution. They can be paper cups, plastic, glass, bowls, whatever you can find. I have vials, because I am a professional electronics installer and I use these solutions out in the field.

Step 3: Get 1 tablespoon of raw salt, and put it in one of the containers. Fill up the rest of the container with vinegar, and stir the both together. As a general rule of thumb, put as much salt in the vinegar as will dissolve.

Step 4: Get 1 tablespoon of Sodium Bicarbonate, (baking soda) and add it to the other container. Fill up the rest with water, and stir well. Add more baking soda to make it cloudy. The amount is not important, as long as it is alkaline to cancel the acid of the vinegar solution.

Step 5: Put the stripped end of the wire in the vinegar solution, and stir the solution with the wire. Any wire you want cleaned needs to be under the solution. Movement of the wire in the liquid speeds up the process.

Step 6: After 2 minutes or so, the wire will look very shiny and new in the vinegar solution. The acid and salt in the solution is etching away the oxides, exposing the bare metal. Make sure the metal is uniformly shiny. Leave it in longer if it is not perfectly clean throughout.

Step 7: Once the wire is satisfactorily clean, remove the wire from the vinegar, and plunge it into the baking soda solution to neutralize the acid's corrosive properties. If the wire was exposed to the air, without neutralizing the acid first, it would quickly corrode again. The baking soda keeps it clean and shiny. Swish the wire around in the baking soda water for about 10 seconds, and then you are done!! Shiny new wire ready for soldering, and conducting once again!!



*Clean wire, tarnished wire*

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### **Wanderings of a Matelote**

David Brand, MV *Ska'ana*

Seven years ago on a very blustery day I sailed from Sidney to West Bay to begin my life as a live aboard. My home of approximately 210 square feet comes with heat light and hot water. She has a fridge and a holding tank for black water.

She is a very seaworthy 36' Grand Mariner, powered by a 135 horse power Leyland diesel. She is driven best when paying attention to the tide and weather. One can never be in a hurry but this makes the journey, the reason for being at sea. I sail amongst whales and dolphins and have spent numerous hours amongst the seals at Race Rocks.

We harvest crab, prawns, and shrimp and have on occasion caught rock fish and salmon. There are no surprises there. That's plenty of reason to own a boat.

But I am a liveaboard. It is not only a lifestyle; it is a way of life. The water brings tranquility as well as challenge. My closeness to the weather every day reminds me about our earth and our part in it. You cannot ignore the environment when you live aboard. Garbage becomes an issue you don't have space for. Storage of all items is much like camping, moving one item to get at another. Constant reorganizing as time and seasons dictate.

There is joy in having the freedom to step away and have a comfortable place to stay, similar to the perpetual traveller (nomad). There is a realization that you are not tied down but free to roam.

I have become a community member caring for each other's property, sharing a common life style with its joys and failures. I share my vessel with my oldest daughter whenever she can and the remainder of my family have enjoyed the surroundings and support my chosen lifestyle.

***Ska'ana*** is a spiritual place. She speaks to my soul and provides a place to recharge. If you listen carefully every noise represents a motion required to keep her safe, and any changes in those sounds is a warning not to be ignored. The gentle movements of tide and wind are most reassuring. I never have to take a holiday. Every day is a step into another world the moment I climb aboard.

*David Brand lives on his 36' Grand Mariner, **Ska'ana**, at West Bay Marina, Esquimalt. He is presently employed as the Base Accommodations Barrack Warden for CFB Esquimalt. David is engaged to his childhood sweetheart. He has served as a BCNRA director and the treasurer for several years.*



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#### Kudos!

##### **Johnston Meier Insurance Agency Group Really Saved My Bacon**

Johnston Meier Insurance Agency Group  
Port Coquitlam BC  
Marine Division  
604-944-9577

The above insurance company gave me the liability insurance I needed to continue on staying at Discovery Harbour Marina in Campbell River. I have a 50 year old Albion that I'm restoring, slowly and steadily, but due to rotten bulwarks, the last survey showed poorly and Hub, Coastal and others (many many others) refused to insure her even though she's sound. I really thought I was going to get kicked out of the marina. Paula Burgess was fantastic to deal with, no survey required and as affordable as insurance gets. Now I get to stay in DHM and I have the grace to repair my bulwarks at the marina and get her ready for another survey this winter where she'll shine like a new diamond.

I suggest adding this to your list of Insurance companies friendly to live-aboard folk. They really saved my bacon.

Cheers,  
Jeff

*Editor: Thanks Jeff, we did! Members, if you want to recommend a marine-related business (or to warn readers away from a business), please send us a short write-up of who/where/what/when. Thanks!*

## Galley Goodies

Donna Sassaman, *S/V Alia*

*I first came across this recipe in the December 2003 issue of Currents, Bluewater Cruising Association's monthly publication. It's easy to make and is a terrific contribution to a potluck happy hour or dinner. The ingredients are easily available and the recipe can be adjusted for levels of sweetness or spiciness with the addition of brown sugar and/or hot sauce to taste. Leave out the tuna and you have vegetarian antipasto.*

### Quick Antipasto

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups ketchup
- 1/2 cup chili sauce
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 2 cups cauliflower, broken into small flowerettes, some stalk chopped fine
- 1/2 red pepper, chopped fine
- 1 cup stuffed olives, cut into quarters
- 1 cup capers - cut in half if large
- 1 can mushroom pieces, drained and cut small
- 1 can green beans, cut into small pieces
- 1 can tuna, drained and broken into small pieces
- 1 tsp dried mustard, mixed with 2 tbsp water (optional)

#### Directions

1. Place onion and vinegar in small pan and cook for 5 minutes.
2. Remove from heat, add mustard/water mixture and set aside.
3. Place ketchup and chili sauce in large heavy pan. Add cauliflower and red pepper and cook for 10 minutes on medium heat. Vegetables should still be crunchy.
4. Gently stir in olives, capers and mushrooms and heat through to boiling/bubbling, then add beans and tuna and incorporate thoroughly.
5. Pour into hot sterile jars, seal, and store in refrigerator.



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## Announcements

### The Decibel Coalition

*Editor's note: The BCNRA Board will be considering joining the Coalition at its next meeting.*

Excessive boat motor noise is a persistent, pervasive and growing problem on Canadian lakes, rivers and ocean waterways. Across our country, the increase in the number of high performance boats with illegal or non-existent muffler systems is spoiling the enjoyment of our on-the-water and beach activities, and is diminishing the outdoors/cottage/floating home experience. The current legislation governing pleasure craft motor noise is unenforceable.

There are a number of common complaints re motor boats - motor noise, speed, wake, loud music. We feel it is best to tackle motor noise as it is already covered by the current legislation. It will be easier to enhance existing legislation, rather than trying to have the legislation expanded to cover other issues.

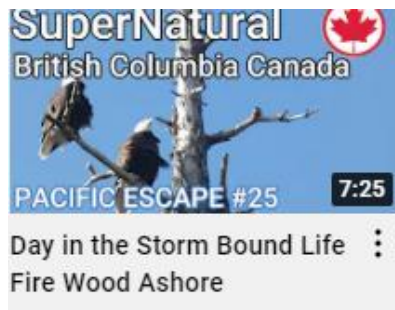
I am reaching out to ask if BC Nautical Residents Association will consider joining the Decibel Coalition and supporting its efforts to deal with excessive boat motor noise on Canada's lakes, rivers and ocean waterways. There is no cost to being a member.

Formed by Safe Quiet Lakes, the Decibel Coalition is a national organization whose objective is to strengthen federal legislation to include decibel limits on motorboat noise that are easily enforced. Such legislation has proven highly successful in the EU and 27 American states. For more information:

<https://safequiet.ca/decibel-coalition/>

### A Member's YouTube Channel

Member Gary Prebble has 32 videos (and counting!) on his YouTube.com/PacificEscapes. His channel is about living aboard and sailing. Enjoy watching!



### **New!** Tradewinds Boaters Exchange at Canoe Cove Marina



2300 Canoe Cove Road, Building #14, North Saanich

A percentage of the sales go to the Maritime Museum of BC to support the promotion and preservation of BC's diverse maritime history and cultures.

#### Hours and Contact

Tuesdays to Saturdays, 9am – 4pm

Direct number for the store: 778-351-0011

## **Advertisements**

### **BCNRA Burgees for Sale**

Does your burgee look like this?

Order a brand new, high quality burgee from our website while quantities last: <http://bcnr.org/about-us/buy-a-burgee/>. Just in time for the summer cruising season!



### **For Sale: 38' C&C**

We are a family of three currently living in Winnipeg, MB, working towards taking a 3-year sailing trip beginning July 2023. After the trip we plan to live aboard in Victoria.

One biggie on our massive to do list is to sell our current sailboat so we can buy our ocean-going sailboat. Our current boat is a 38' C&C, named **Starship**. We have worked hard this winter getting her ready to sell and she is excellent condition and ready for her new owners.

Here is the link: [//starshipcc38landfall.shutterfly.com](http://starshipcc38landfall.shutterfly.com) <<http://starshipcc38landfall.shutterfly.com/>

Amanda & Jason

[Amanda.ward@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Amanda.ward@umanitoba.ca) or [jaward@mymts.net](mailto:jaward@mymts.net)

### Family Seeking a Liveaboard Boat to Rent

We are a family of four, two adults and two girls, ages 5 and 7. We are seeking a liveaboard experience on a sail or powerboat. We have lived aboard before on a trawler and loved it and are seeking to do it again, but this time locally. We are both responsible, tidy, working professionals. I (Karen) am currently working as an independent contractor for a chartering company and learning lots about different types of boats. I have my Transport-Canada Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) and am about to start my VHF and coastal navigation.

We are seeking a short term or long term liveaboard experience. We are flexible. We can provide excellent references and all would say we left their property better than when it was handed over to us by them. We are quick learners and are open to helping maintain the boat for you wherever we can and, of course, we are handy.

If you are interested in finding out more about us or working on an arrangement with us, email [dreamboaters@yahoo.com](mailto:dreamboaters@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

### For Sale:

**M/V Julie May.** Rick and Judy made a move back to land. **Julie May** is a 42' converted West Coast wooden troller in excellent condition. For photos, specs, and price, click on <https://rickschnurr.wixsite.com/juliemay>.



### Wanted: Liveaboard Boat to Rent

My name is Marie-Sophie and I am moving from a cabin in Quebec to Victoria this September. I am going back to school at 33 to start a PhD In Law at UVic. I am quite excited to start this new chapter near the Pacific!

I am currently looking for a place to stay in Greater Victoria and I am exploring what liveaboard options could be available, as a paying guardian. From what I understand, most (if not all!) liveaboard vessels in BC are owner-occupied so I'm looking for something temporary, in case the owners are absent for a period of time. I suspect this might not happen often but I thought I should at least express my interest! Living aboard has been a life-long dream but quite unattainable in Quebec (because of epic winters).

A few words about me: I am a clean, open-minded and respectful person. Professionally, I have been involved in various projects to create alternative forms of living in response to the housing crisis. I've also lectured in universities and enjoy writing. I can take good care of a variety of living beings like plants, cats and dogs. I can provide plenty of references from previous landlords or employers.

Marie-Sophie  
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**For Sale – *Dulcinea II* (Built 2003)**



*“s/v Dulcinea II was custom built by a very knowledgeable boat builder using excellent materials and ensuring painstaking attention to details. This is a very good example of a craftsman who takes pride in his work....”*

–Chris Wettberg, Surveyor, Global Marine

**LOD:** 34’0”, **Beam:** 10’10”, **Draft:** 5’5”, **Ballast** 5,000 lbs.

**Hull material:** Wood/Epoxy/WEST System

**Decking/Superstructure:** Plywood epoxy and finish cloth fibreglass reinforced plastic

**Ribs:** Sawn White Oak

**Planking:** Wedge-seamed Red Cedar

**Mast:** 46’ Sitka Spruce epoxy and glassed

**Boom:** Sitka Spruce epoxy and glassed

**Engine:** Sabb diesel, 10hp

**Propeller:** 2-blade variable pitch

**Tender:** Custom-built epoxy plywood tender. 10’0”. Excellent rowing dinghy c/w oars

If you are looking for a sturdy coastal or offshore cruiser, ***Dulcinea II*** offers comfort, reliability, and easy-to-maintain systems. There is a spec sheet available. Also a full survey report dated October 10, 2020.

Asking \$45,000CDN.

For more information or to view, phone Bill, 250.661.2021