



May 2025

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CLUB NOTICES

Zdenka Griswold

Few members have contributed as much to our Club as Zdenka Griswold, who passed away calmly and comfortably on Sunday at home in Portland, Maine.

Zdenka became an Associate Member in June 2009, qualifying for full membership two years later with a passage from the Galapagos to Marquesas with her husband Jack aboard their cutter-rigged Valiant 42, Kite. They were appointed Roving Rear Commodores in 2014, and during the course of their seven-year circumnavigation proposed many new members from a variety of countries.



On returning home to Maine in 2016 she and Jack were appointed joint Port Officers for Portland, a post they held until 2018. Even so, they still found time for a cruise most years, covering the eastern seaboard of North America from Newfoundland to the Caribbean.

In 2017 Zdenka joined the General Committee, and was elected a Rear Commodore two years later. Somewhat reluctantly she agreed to become Chair of the Publications Sub-Committee, where the editors of Flying Fish and Newsletter considered her the perfect 'boss', never interfering but always ready with constructive advice if asked. Having co-edited the Cruising Club of America's journal Voyages for five years this advice was based on practical experience.

In 2019 she was also appointed Chair of the OCC Governance Committee, which is tasked with the running of the Club including overseeing the actions of the Board/Directors. Then in 2021, at a time when many clubs were shrinking in the wake of Covid, Zdenka took on the Membership brief. Numbers increased by 11% during her three years in post.

Zdenka invariably saw the bigger picture, and when standing for Vice Commodore in April 2024 wrote:

The world is never still. Climate change, a pandemic, natural and man-made disasters inform blue water cruising plans worldwide. These challenges are balanced by unsurpassed opportunities to visit beautiful and often isolated places, learn from local people and cultures, and slowly and sustainably explore far and wide. The OCC works hard to provide support, guidance and inspiration, striving to do so most effectively under each unique set of circumstances.

Sadly Zdenka was forced to resign her OCC responsibilities last August following a devastating medical diagnosis which, with Jack by her side, she faced with great courage. She truly was one in a million – kind, wise, intelligent, funny and totally loyal. The OCC Award which she received this year, for 'valuable service to the OCC', could not have been more richly deserved.

2025 Annual General Meeting

The Ocean Cruising Club held its 20th Annual General Meeting, Annual Dinner and Awards Event over April 4th and 5th in Newport, Rhode Island.

A huge thank you to Rachelle, as well as Janet Garnier and Henry DiPietro for organising such a fabulous weekend, as well as the army of volunteers who ensured that the events ran smoothly.

A special mention is also needed for Simon Currin and Billy



Weigel who managed the zoom webinar link and recording of the AGM itself, and to Bruce Bachenheimer, who has done a fabulous job of recording the occasion in photographs.

Friday evening at the Seaman's Church Institute was a wonderful social evening allowing members to mingle and catch up over drinks and canapes and was followed by members breaking away into smaller groups to enjoy the local restaurants and bars.

The Saturday morning talks from the Commodore of the Salty Dawgs and from representatives of our sponsors; Sevenstar Yacht Transport, Defender Marine and Evolution Sails were well received. These were followed by the business of the AGM itself.

This 20th Annual General Meeting of the OCC was attended in person by 35 members with a further 36 members attending via zoom. 59 members had registered to attend and we apologise to those who found difficulty in joining but remind you all that a recording is available on our website (see link below). Proceedings started with apologies for absence and the passing of the minutes from the 2024 AGM. In her brief synopsis of her Commodores Annual Report, Fi Jones gave thanks to all the Flag Officers, GC Members and volunteers who have helped in so many ways. This was followed by an overview of the Club's activities over the course of the past year. It was a busy year for the OCC with a huge number of gatherings organised all around the world to celebrate the Platinum Anniversary of the Club's founding. Showing slides of collages of photographs from a selection of OCC 70th Anniversary events Fi announced the release of the OCC 2024 70th Anniversary Souvenir Report which was emailed to the Membership to coincide with the AGM.

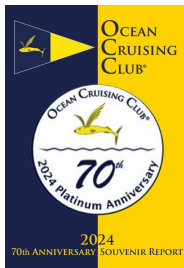
Treasurer Charles Griffiths reviewed the Club's finances in a recorded message whilst he attended via zoom.

Election results were announced by Club Secretary Rachelle Turk with thanks to our Returning Officer Beth Bushnell. Congratulations were given by the Commodore as follows;
To Daria Blackwell and Jesse James voted in as Honorary Members of our Club. To Phil Heaton voted in for a second term as OCC Vice Commodore. To Reg Barker voted in as OCC Vice Commodore. To Moira Bentzel voted in as OCC Rear Commodore. To Rhys Walters voted on as a member to the OCC General Committee.

The 2025 Annual Dinner was held at the Conanicut Yacht Club and was a great success attended by 60 Members and guests including OCC member and CCA Commodore Jay Gowell and his wife Elizabeth who are also members of the host club. The Awards presentations and acceptance in person and via video speeches were introduced by Ted Rice and were very entertaining.

A more detailed report of the AGM itself, introductions to those voted into positions and some more photos of the events of the weekend will appear in the June Newsletter.

2025 Annual General Meeting Video Recording (1/2hr)



Last chance to order a print edition of the Platinum Anniversary souvenir guide!

We will be doing a small print run for anyone who would like a hard copy. If you would like to purchase a print edition then they are available at a cost of GBPE5 and must be ordered by **5th May 2025**.

We hope you will enjoy looking through the 70th Anniversary Souvenir Report digitally, and it can be download [HERE](#).

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New Regional Rear Commodores

We are pleased to welcome some new Regional Rear Commodores to the OCC team. These Representatives of the OCC are there to be a local support for the membership, organise social events, and communicate membership views to the General Committee, to name just a few of their roles! To learn about your region's Rear Commodore, visit the OCC [website](#).



USA South East

Peter Farkas and Patty Moss

Patty and I began sailing in 2004 when we first started dating. Falling in love with the sport together, we gained experience by taking ASA courses, racing on Other People's Boats, and doing the odd delivery. We even moved to Annapolis as more of our social commitments involved sailing friends. Our future cruising plans are uncertain, largely because every time we start to make formal plans, life throws us a curveball. Accepting the need to be flexible, we aspire, in the next few years, to return to the Caribbean and hope to cross the Atlantic to experience Europe by boat. And then, who knows?



Europe North West

Willie Ambergen

I sailed several times from the Netherlands to the UK and in 2018/2019 I sailed from the Netherlands, via the UK, Spain, Portugal, Madeira, Canaries, Cape Verdian Islands, Suriname, Trinidad, Grenada, St Vincent & the Grenadines, St Lucia, Martinique, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Antigua, St Kitts & Nevis, Statia, Saba, St Martin, Anguilla, BVIs, and Bermuda to the Azores. In 2021 we sailed from the Azores to the Netherlands. In the summer of 2023 we did a UK circumnavigation in three months.



Great Britain

Stewart Henderson

Taught on my fathers knee, at the age of 6 I was charged with the starboard jib sheet of our Mirror dinghy. During my army career I did lots of sailing with the Joint Services, including far too much time in the Solent, Baltic, West coast of Scotland, Med and Canaries. I eventually got around to doing my Yacht Master in 2006. We decided on a sabbatical and pushed off with family on our 40' FP Lavezzi catamaran in 2014. We then sailed the USA

and extensively in the Caribbean before heading through Panama to Galapagos and the Marquesas before exploring the South Pacific. In 2019 I was the Skipper for the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Yacht Club Fastnet Campaign. My future plans for 2025 are to prepare Skylark for this years Jester in June, a single-handed race from Plymouth, UK to Baltimore, Ireland.

OCC Challenge Grant recipient, Novara One Planet, now in Caribbean

Early recipients of an OCC Challenge grant, the Novara One Planet team have been continuing their climate change adaptation work in the Caribbean on the rarely visited island of Providencia.

They have shared a video of their work in Providencia, to view it click [here](#).



Mini Globe Race Update: Jasmine Harrison's Progress

Our intrepid member Jasmine Harrison continues her incredible adventure in the Mini Globe Race (MGR), sailing her 5.80m plywood boat *Numbatou*. Already a double world record holder (rowing and swimming) and still under 25, Jasmine is currently tackling the second leg of the race from Panama to Fiji. After facing light winds, adverse currents, and tropical storms early on, she is now making steady progress past the Galápagos towards the Marquesas Islands, where an 8-day stop is scheduled. The full leg stretches over 7,200 miles, with stops at the Marquesas, Tahiti, Tonga, and a finish in Fiji at Vuda Marina.

The MGR will continue with further legs across the Pacific and Indian Oceans, before the fleet returns to Antigua by March 2026.

Members can follow Jasmine's daily position updates via the [Yellow Brick](#)

[Tracker](#) (Mini Globe Race), her regular [Instagram](#) posts, her [Facebook](#) page, and detailed video updates from Race Director Don McIntyre on [YouTube](#).

- Monthly updates will be posted in the OCC E-Bulletin.

- Quarterly summaries will feature in the OCC Newsletter.
- Keep cheering Jasmine and the MGR fleet on during this extraordinary journey!

[The views expressed on OCC webinars, podcasts, the OCC Forum, and social media are those of the individual contributors and are not necessarily shared or endorsed by the OCC or its members.]

EVENTS

Events

For full details of any of the events listed below, including event organiser, contact details and booking forms, OCC Members should log into the Members Only section of the [website](#).

- 03 - 04 May 2025 **Scottish Open House Weekend** Traighuaine, Arduaine, near Oban
- 30 May - 02 Jun 2025 **Cowes Classics Regatta** Cowes, UK
- 03 Jun 2025 **Papeete rendezvous** Tahiti (venue TBC)
- 07 - 13 Jun 2025 **Chesapeake Bay Cruise** Solomons Island, St. Michaels, Annapolis, Cacaway Island
- 18 - 20 Jun 2025 **OCC Long Island Sound Rendezvous** Oyster Bay, New York
- 19 Jul - 01 Aug 2025 **CCA Western Isles Cruise 2025** Western Isles of Scotland
- 23 - 24 Aug 2025 **West Country Meet** Royal Cornwall Yacht Club
- 23 - 24 Aug 2025 **Islesboro August Cruising Gam** Broad Cove, Gilkey Harbor, Islesboro
- 9-11 Sep 2025 **Pacific Northwest Rendezvous** Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Outstation, Scott Point on Saltspring Island
- 25 Sep 2025 **Southampton Boat Show Dinner** Bartley Lodge, Lyndhurst Rd, Cadnam, Southampton



DATE	DEPART	DESTINATION
Saturday, June 7, 2025		Solomons Island, MD
Sunday, June 8, 2025	Solomons Island, MD	Solomons Island, MD
Monday, June 9, 2025	Solomons Island, MD	St. Michaels, MD
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	St. Michaels, MD	St. Michaels, MD
Wednesday, June 11, 2025	St. Michaels, MD	Annapolis, MD
Thursday, June 12, 2025	Annapolis, MD	Annapolis, MD
Friday, June 13, 2025	Annapolis, MD	Cacaway Island, MD

Chesapeake Bay Cruise 2025

Date: 7-13 June 2025

This jam-packed cruise will include a trip to the beach for games and hunting for sharks teeth, a dinghy float on Spa Creek with hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and a walking tour of the Naval Academy in Annapolis. All rounded off by dinner at the Galway Bay Irish Pub! Full details of the planned social events and itinerary can be found [here](#).

[REGISTER HERE](#)

CCA Western Isles Cruise 2025

Date: 19 July-01 August 2025

The closing date for registering is the **18th of May**, click [here](#) for more information or to register. This cruise is set to be quite a gathering and not to be missed!



Long Island Sound Rendezvous

Date: 18-20 June 2025

After the success of the first ever Long Island Cruise-in-Company last year we are pleased to announce it is back again this year!

Organisers have planned three days of good food, drinks and company in the lovely Oyster Bay, NY.

If you are interested please [RSVP](#), or see [here](#) for more information and details.

Pacific Northwest Rendezvous

Date: 9-11 September 2025

Three days of events have been organised for OCC members cruising around the Pacific Northwest, including a Potluck BBQ. Please [RSVP](#). Full details of the planned social events and itinerary can be

found [here](#).



NEWS



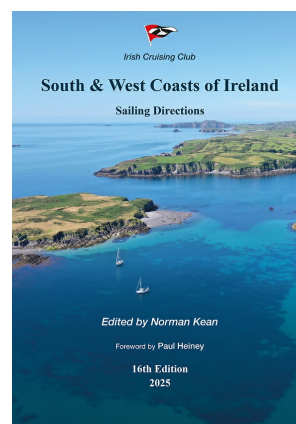
Ella in The Arctic

Ella Hibbert is embarking on a record-setting, never been done before, solo Arctic Circumnavigation. Her mission is to raise awareness of the rapidity at which we are destroying the Arctic, endangering not only the animals and inhabitants of the Northern-most reaches of our globe, but also highlighting the devastating worldwide impact this is having. Ella had planned to complete this voyage in 2024, however she faced multiple issues, including having to climb the rig at sea alone, total steerage failure in the middle of the Barents

Sea headed for Svalbard, strong winds and up to 5m high waves, and flooding of the yacht; she pushed through these issues and arrived at the world's most northern settlement, Longyearbyen, Svalbard, in August 2024. She now plans to depart from Haslar Marina, Portsmouth, England, in May 2025 to complete the circumnavigation. For more information about this exciting voyage visit her website [here](#).

OCC Member, Andrew Wilkes, to become new Editor for Irish Cruising Club Sailing Directions

The 16th Edition of the Irish Cruising Club Sailing Directions marks a significant milestone, not only in its up-to-date navigational content and beautifully refined presentation, but also as it signals the retirement of Norman Kean, who has served with extraordinary dedication as editor of the Sailing Directions for 19 years. In his place OCC Member Andrew Wilkes and ICC Member Máire Breathnach are stepping up as the new Editors. As authors of numerous publications and sailing directions for the ICC and the Royal Cruising Club, Máire and Andrew bring extensive knowledge and first-hand cruising experience to future editions, ensuring the publication remains at the forefront of relevance and reliability. You can read more about Norman's contributions and the ICC's Sailing Directions [here](#).

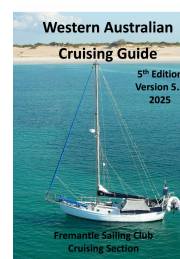


OCC Honorary Member, Jeanne Socrates, visits east coast of Australia

Jeanne Socrates, 82, is causing a stir in Australia as she sails up the East Coast of Australia singlehanded.

ABC News has been following the story of Jeanne Socrates as she continues her voyage north from Tasmania. Jeanne is famous for completing several single handed circumnavigations.

To read the full story or to watch the ABC news segment, follow this [Link](#).



Western Australian Cruising Guide Version 5.5

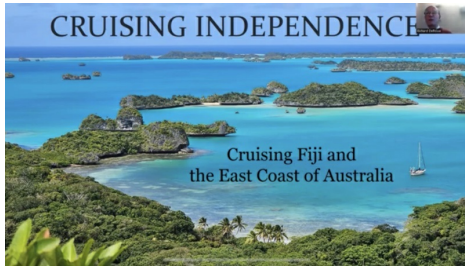
The Western Australian Cruising Guide is regarded as the coastal cruising bible for WA, covering the coast from Darwin to Eucla, including the Christmas and Cocos Islands.

The first part of the guide covers weather, tides, passage planning, communications, emergency services, marine animals and government departments. The second part contains specific pilotage information on many anchorages, tidal information, places of interest, history of the area, and

local contact details.

To download your **free** copy go to:

[Western Australian Cruising Guide edition 5.5](#)



OCC Member, Rick Delfosse, presents a talk about sailing in Fiji and Australia

If you are planning on sailing around the East Coast of Australia or Fiji then this presentation is full of useful information. Presented by OCC member Rick Delfosse, he recounts his experiences aboard his vessel *S/V Independence*. Click [here](#) to see the presentation.



Buying A Second-Hand Multihull

OCC members Fergus Dunipace and Jenevora Swann have written a new article for the May issue of *Sailing Today* with *Yachts & Yachting* magazine. It is all about buying a second-hand multihull, and not only that but their old boat, *Two Drifters*, is also featured on the front cover! The magazine is available in shops and also online [here](#).

Women & The Wind Documentary

Women and the Wind is a project aimed at igniting the flames of curiosity and adventure which lay dormant within so many of us, by deepening our understanding of the synergy between nature and humanity—and by doing so radically. This project is led by a group of women and realized through a voyage across the North Atlantic on *Mara Noka*, a 50-year-old wooden Wharram catamaran. The trans-Atlantic voyage was captured through the eyes and lens of filmmaker Alizé Jireh. Watch the [trailer here](#). For more information about the project or to see where where your nearest screening is, click [here](#).



We are also pleased to announce that as an OCC member, you have the opportunity to host a screening of the film for a discounted rate. Simply register to host a Community-Led Screening and gather up to 30 crew to screen the film for a flat license fee of USD\$50 (make sure to mention you are an OCC member on your application). Click [here](#) to host a screening.



OCC member launches a new App to manage boat maintenance and inventory

Robert Van de Plas, a Dutch OCC Member, has launched a new app, Boat Maintenance Planner (BMP), to help sailors manage their boat maintenance and their boat inventory. Add parts, track maintenance, and customize schedules with ease. Boat Maintenance Planner is the ultimate app for boat owners to organize and manage their boats. From tracking parts to scheduling maintenance, this app makes keeping your boat in perfect condition simple and stress-free. For more information or for links to download the

App, see the OCC news page [here](#).

Wanted - Former competitors to help us celebrate 'AZAB 50'

Amazingly, it is almost fifty years since the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club introduced the first Azores and Back race, which takes place every four years. We very much hope that as many former competitors as possible will join us in Falmouth to celebrate. Over the years many OCC members have cited AZAB as their qualifying



passage, including Andrew Bray and Colin Drummond, both of whom sailed in the first AZAB in 1975. We look forward to welcoming both to the party on 21st June, together with OCC members who joined following later races.

Over the weekend of 20th to 22nd June, the Club will be an Open House to past and potential competitors. On the morning of Saturday 21st June, we have a presentation and workshop at the Falmouth Maritime Museum, celebrating the past 50 years (with at least two of the 'founding fathers' present) and also looking forward to the future (with the Race, Safety and Inspection Officers and experienced competitors ready to answer questions from prospective entrants).

That evening we will have a party at the Club (hog roast and live music) with the opportunity to catch up with old and new friends, share memories and perhaps advice. Tickets (£20) include the supper and a welcome drink.

Priority for tickets is being given to past and potential competitors so please contact AZABRace_Director@rcycevents.co.uk if you would like to attend or contact Sarah Hancock (Race Director) on (+44) 07817 693755.

Our database of former participants is not complete, so if you know others who have taken part or who would like to, please forward this information to them.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS



A lovely dinner was had between OCC members in Gulf Harbour Marina, New Zealand whilst waiting out tropical cyclone Tam, followed by a climb up volcano Rangitoto.



This month we have had multiple OCC gatherings in Rodney Bay, St Lucia. Thank you to Alasdair & Gill, *Star Charger/Guiding Light*, for organising! And to all those who turned up for the occasions.

There was a beach BBQ get together on Nuku Hiva between the OCC & ARC communities. Thanks to Kevin Ellis, the OCC port officer for making this possible and for all the help he has provided. We also raised £175 for a local charity on the island called Cœur D'or (Golden Heart) which provides food and clothing to families in need as a thank you for being such wonderful hosts here in the Marquesas islands.



On Saturday April 5th we had our annual OCC get together in Whangarei at Riverside Drive Marina. The Jester award was presented to Jaqueline Evers and the Water Music award to Carla Gregory and Alex Helbig. The event was well attended with a total of 26 OCC members.

Have you met up with other OCC Members? Met up with a Port Officer? Or just want to tell us where you have got to? We would love to share your news. Send photos and captions to e-bulletin@oceancruisingclub.org

MOORING OFFERS FROM FELLOW MEMBERS

Ireland, Co Waterford, Dungarvan Bay:

Michael Sadlier has laid a mooring block (two rail carriage wheels joined with 10 metres of 30mm chain) with a riser of 25mm chain in 2023. It has been dived on and checked at the start of each season - due again May 2025. It was laid to accommodate their 43 foot 17 tonnes yacht. It is available to any members wishing to use the shelter of Helvic Head when on passage East or West. michaelsadlier@gmail.com

If you have a berth you might be willing to lend to a fellow member, it can be listed [online](#) and it is also possible to search for moorings [here](#).

PORT OFFICERS

In this section we report on news from or about our wonderful team of Port Officers and Port Officer Representatives who work tirelessly and generously on our behalf. We thank everyone who draws our attention to the hard work and camaraderie of these dedicated volunteers.

OCC member Joaquin of *JOJO* met up with Port Officers for Honduras and the Bay Islands JoAnne and Bill Harris. "We have known Joaquin for many years now. He is from Berlin, Germany and sails aboard his monohull, *JOJO*. We were delighted that he was able to attend our 70th OCC Anniversary Event on March 19, 2024, that was held at the beautiful Roatan Yacht Club Resort & Marina, Honduras, our cruising station. He then sailed in to attend a super fun event with great entertainment we organized during hurricane season as a fundraiser for our ULTRA Community Projects to give back to those in need. We were delighted to have another great turnout of around 130 guests, once again this event was at Mansion Del Rio, Guatemala. On the day of this photo, Joaquin popped by ULTRA to purchase a new OCC flag from our bag of flags that we keep on hand for OCC members since they do not last forever. We look forward to seeing Joaquin again soon."



Port Officers for Charleston, SC, Kurt and Carol Harrington had a meet up with the crew of Zora. They are hoping to meet again one day, perhaps in the Baltic!



**PO Info Sheet: Santa
Maria Island, Azores**

PORT OFFICER SPOTLIGHT André Azad

André was born in Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel Island in the Azores and has been sailing since he was 9 years old. He is a proud owner of a Hallberg-Rassy 29 as well as being a harbour pilot, and as such knows the region inside and out. He is resident at Vila do Porto Port in Santa Maria, and from time to time in Ponta Delgada port in Sao Miguel island. All of this makes him an invaluable resource for sailors crossing the Atlantic from West to East.

We are delighted to announce the following newly appointed officers, and thank them in advance for their dedication to our Members and the Club:

- Port Officer Representative – South Africa, Durban: **Vince Nel**

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new Members:

- **John Aleman** (Associate), CA, United States, vessel: *One Day*
- **Michelle Aleman** (Associate), CA, United States, vessel: *One Day*
- **Rémi Barnaud**, France, vessel: *Kauana*, qualifying passage aboard *ERG*, 1972, from Gran Canaria to Barbados
- **Hélène Martin Barnaud**, France, vessel: *Kauana*, qualifying passage aboard *Caouane*, 2000, from Mar del Plata to Ushuaia, Argentina
- **Dana Clark** (Associate), TX, United States, vessel: *Scout*
- **David Clark**, TX, United States, vessel: *Scout*, qualifying passage aboard *Passages*, 2018, from San Francisco CA to Kauai HI USA
- **Chris Gomez** (Associate), FL, United States, vessel: *Paradise II*
- **Shiela Gomez** (Associate), FL, United States, vessel: *Paradise II*
- **Robin Hopmans**, Netherlands, vessel: *Dutchman*, qualifying passage aboard *Tyche*, 2008, from Cape Verde to Grenada
- **Zita Hopmans - Teeken**, Netherlands, vessel: *Dutchman*, qualifying passage aboard *Tyche*, 2008, from Cape Verde to Grenada
- **João Lopes Aguiar**, Portugal, vessel: *Winderlust II*, qualifying passage aboard *Winderlust*, 2022, from Galapagos to Marquesas
- **Jasmine Marshman** (Associate), NSW Australia
- **Andy McIsaac** (Associate), NV, United States, vessel: *Tino Pai*
- **Shannon McIsaac** (Associate), NV, United States, vessel: *Tino Pai*
- **Bojan Michiels van Kessenich**, Netherlands, qualifying passage aboard *Rob Roy*, 2022, from St Maarten to Azores
- **Carole Milward** (Associate), Gran Canaria, Spain, vessel: *Simara*
- **Britta Pasewald**, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, vessel: *Tacoma*, qualifying passage aboard *Tacoma*, 2024, from Cape Verde to Martinique
- **Reinhard Pasewald**, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, vessel: *Tacoma*, qualifying passage aboard *Tacoma*, 2024, from Cape Verde to Martinique
- **Per Stark**, Sweden, vessel: *Sine Cura 2*, qualifying passage aboard *Sine Cura 2*, 2018, from Gran Canaria to St Lucia
- **Steven Stephani**, Auckland, New Zealand, vessel: *Wakalele*, qualifying passage aboard *Wakalele*, 2023, from Tenerife to Antigua
- **Guy Sutherland**, Dorset, United Kingdom, vessel: *Ta Mera*, qualifying passage aboard *Ta Mera*, 2025, from Cape Verde to Grenada
- **Karina Sutherland**, Dorset, United Kingdom, vessel: *Ta Mera*, qualifying passage aboard *Ta Mera*, 2025, from Cape Verde to Grenada
- **Philip Waterman**, Gran Canaria, Spain, vessel: *Simara*, qualifying passage aboard *Simara*, 2019, from Sicily to Lanzarote
- **Anne-Mie Wouters**, Auckland, New Zealand, vessel: *Wakalele*, qualifying passage aboard *Wakalele*, 2023, from Tenerife to Antigua

FULL MEMBERS

Please join us in congratulating these newly qualified full Members:

- **Jens Borner**, vessel: *Skokie*, aboard *MickMoon*, 2025, from Cape Verde to Martinique
- **Laura Dzierzynski**, vessel: *Zephyr*, aboard *Zephyr*, 2025, from Panama to Marquesas
- **Tom Proctor**, vessel: *Velocity*, aboard *Velocity*, 2024, from Cape Verde to Grenada
- **Volker Puchta**, vessel: *Mickmoon*, aboard *MickMoon*, 2025, from Cape Verde to Martinique

OBITUARIES

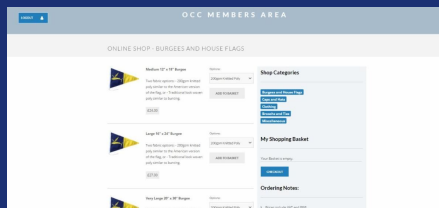
It is with regret that we report the death of:

Jill Vasey of Tarrant Rushton, Dorset, UK at the age of 92. Jill joined the OCC in 1985, citing the 2575 miles from Gran Canaria to Antigua crewing for her husband Tony aboard their 39ft *Sea Boot* seven years previously as her qualifying passage. On returning to Europe they spent several years in the Med before returning to the UK in 1980. Later in the 1980s they bought *Shaint*, a Rival 41, and made a classic Atlantic circuit followed by several seasons in the Baltic – see Flying Fish 1992/2 and 1993/1. Tony rose through the OCC ranks to become Commodore from 1994 to 1998, but they still found time to explore Maine, New Jersey and the Chesapeake aboard *Clara*, their

24ft Cornish Crabber – see Flying Fish 1997/1 and 1998/1. In latter years they took their 46ft Dutch barge *Penelope's Ark* through the lakes and canals of North Germany, France and Belgium, also keeping a 19ft Drascombe Lugger named *Bumble* for home waters sailing. While he was Commodore Tony commissioned the distinctive Commodore's Lady's Brooch for Jill to wear, since worn with pride by Past Commodore Anne Hammick and currently by Commodore Fi Jones. From the early 1980s onwards Tony and Jill held memorable OCC parties at their home on the banks of Cornwall's Helford River, a tradition continued after their move to Dorset where they converted a vast, empty barn into a lovely home and unique party venue. There will be a memorial service for Jill on 24th May 2025 at St Mary's Church, Tarrant Rushton, Dorset – please contact Clare Vasey ((+44) 07990 610985; clare@grillons.com) for details if you hope to attend.

Mike Honsey of West Yorks, UK. Mike joined the OCC in 2001, following a 1350 mile passage from Conwy in north Wales to Horta in the Azores aboard his 24ft *Quivera*. Ten years later he and his wife Trish left for an Atlantic circuit in *Quivera II*, a Rustler 42, spending time in Galicia and the Caribbean islands before returning to the UK.

REGALIA



UK Regalia

Full details are listed on the Members section of the OCC website.

- Burgees and House Flags
- Caps and Hats
- Clothing
- Brooches and Ties
- Miscellaneous

Burgees can also be collected worldwide in these locations: Adriatic, BVI, Cabedelo Brazil, Cape Town, Colon, Cuba, Dartmouth UK, Fiji, Gran Canaria, Guadeloupe, Guernsey, Horta, Lagos Portugal, St Maarten, Opua & Whangarei NZ, Sydney & Queensland AUS, Richards Bay SA, Trinidad.

Contact secretary@oceancruisingclub.org



US Regalia

May

Get ready for springtime sailing! Hats in navy, wheat, or khaki are for sale in April and May at the still uninflated price of \$12. Add your boat's name embroidered on the cap back at no additional charge. Also, if your burgee is getting a little faded and sad looking, we have 12x18 (\$30) and 16x24 (\$38) in stock, so add one or two to your order! Prices do not include mailing cost or VA sales tax where applicable.

Call or email Greta (greta.gustavson@verizon.net) or telephone (757-621-0743) to order or to get more information.

ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale

The OCC has an active [For Sale](#) section on the website. It is free for Members to list items that they are hoping to sell (please email Emily with a photo, brief description, location and price). Here is just a sample of what is on offer:



"Aven" - 1977 Camper Nicholson 35



"Cetacea" - 1990 Cheoy Lee 53 Motorsailor
Cetacea is a unique "one-off" model, unlike any other Cheoy Lee 53. Designed by Seaton-Nevill, built at Cheoy Lee's Hong Kong yard. The current owners of 24 years have continually maintained and customized her.



"Capistrano" - Mummery 2000 Aluminium 51 Custom High Latitude Expedition

Aven is an excellent example of this classic cruising yacht. Aven has recently cruised from Ireland to Norway and back and is ready for more cruising. Maintained very well, last summer her diesel tank cleaned and new insulation around the air ducts making the cabin warm and cosy. Built in 1977 her hull number is 136 of roughly 230. She is named after the river Aven in Brittany by her previous owner of which she has had only four in total. A new Beta Marine 35 diesel engine with ZFV drive gearbox, shaft, propeller, coupling was installed summer 2021. This blue water cruiser will be enjoyed for many more years to come.

Lying: Kinsale, Ireland

Seller: Simone Machamer
yachts.apolloduck.com

A proven long-distance cruiser: twin engines (Perkins 84 HP); 800 gallons of fuel; 500 gallons of water, solar panels, and a watermaker. Spacious interior: 3 cabins with A/C; 2 electric heads with separate showers; large main salon with seating for 8; fully equipped galley; and a W/D. Ideal for extended voyages with family and friends. Enclosed pilot house: With a second helm; all new chart plotters, radar, AIS, SSB, VHF, and Starlink; and an elevated settee/berth to enjoy comfortable and safe watches. With all the major refits and updated equipment, CETACEA is an old boat, made new!

Lying: Kas, Turkey

Seller: Antone Wessendorff
Kent@LittleYachtSales.com

Immaculate - Capistrano is an impressive 51 ft aluminium sailing vessel built by an experienced New Zealand boat builder as his own personal craft. Her designer's brief was for a high latitude boat, Cape Horn capable. Built and designed with ample ventilation and high-end insulation allows comfortable cruising in the tropics as well. Attention to detail in her design and build saw her coach house (where the majority of fittings are attached) constructed from solid Kauri glassed over. This clever detail has ensured longevity of ancillary equipment and attachments.

Lying: Brisbane, Australia
Seller: Colin Goldsworthy
boatsonline.com.au

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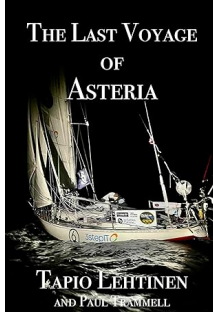
Have you benefited from one of the discounts? We are always happy to approach companies that Members feel might be of interest to fellow Members or that you regularly use, please get in touch with suggestions: advertising@oceancruisingclub.org

SHIP'S LIBRARY

To ensure that the bunk-side shelf is never short of a good book, each month we draw your attention to one of our Members' books. A full list of these titles, old and new, can also be found on the [OCC website](#). If you have written something and would like to be included in this feature, please send details of your title to Romy.

Please note these books have not been read or reviewed by us, we are simply drawing attention to some of the longer form writing of our Members that might interest or entertain our Members.

Tapio Lehtinen and Paul Trammell



The Last Voyage of Asteria

Tapio Lehtinen was sailing in the 2022 Golden Globe Race, a nonstop solo circumnavigation, when he woke to a loud noise. By the time he got out of his bunk, water in the cabin was already knee deep. He barely had time to launch his life raft as his boat sank out from under him. Moments later, his boat was gone and he was in the life raft, 460 nautical miles southeast of South Africa, with only one of his four grab bags and no reading glasses. This is his story.

It can be bought here: [Amazon](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA



@ocean_cruising_club

Did you know the OCC also has an Instagram account? We are always interested in knowing what our members are up to. If you would like your photos to be featured, please email them to instagram@oceancruisingclub.org with a brief description of the photo, or message it directly to the OCC Instagram account at [instagram.com/ocean_cruising_club](https://www.instagram.com/ocean_cruising_club)

If you would like the OCC to share your Instagram story tag @ocean_cruising_club.

The OCC has a range of highly active social media where Members can share information, seek advice and find out what is happening in the Club as well as what other Members are up to. This complements the OCC Forum which is where more substantial information and advice is available and discussions take place about such matters as cruising in different parts of the world, seamanship, systems and maintenance, cruising lifestyle, and cruiser networking.

WhatsApp ([Application to join](#))

- OCC Caribbean
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- OCC Panama Transit
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- OCC Indian Ocean
- OCC Southern Ocean
- OCC South-East Asia
- OCC Mediterranean Cruising
- OCC Scandinavia: Baltic Sea, Norway and North
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The Club's Facebook groups are where discussions take place and they are open to all OCC Members:

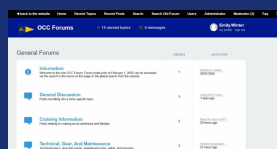
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- OCC North Atlantic Crossing: West to East
- OCC North Atlantic Crossing: East to West
- OCC South Atlantic Crossing
- OCC Pacific Crossing
- OCC Treasure Chest*

To join a Facebook Group you will be required to answer some questions and if you meet the eligibility criteria your request will be approved by the Facebook Administrator.

* These groups are for OCC Members Only.

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OCC Forum

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- > [Lithium Batteries](#)
- > [Second Anchor Usage](#)

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