

Michael Jarvis

Born in England in June, 1930; grew up and educated in Canada; joined the Shell Oil Company after graduating from the University of Toronto in 1952; married Britta Fredrickson in 1957; served with the Department of External Affairs from 1960 to 1981 with posts in Bonn, Germany and Bangkok, Thailand; worked as a consultant after taking early retirement in 1981; moved with his wife on to their sailboat in 1996 and spent the next nine years cruising the US east coast and the Caribbean before crossing the Atlantic in 1999 over Bermuda and the Azores to Ireland. From there, their route took them to the Celtic, North and Baltic Seas, the lakes and rivers of northwest Russia, the canals and rivers of France and the Mediterranean where they were based for 18 months in Kemer, Turkey. They returned home in 2005, sailing to Lake Ontario over the Canary and Cape Verde Islands, the northeast Caribbean islands, Bermuda, the Hudson River and the Erie Canal. They are now happily living on land in Ottawa and content to watch the water lapping on the sides of their swimming pool.

Britta Jarvis

Born in Toronto in 1932 to Swedish immigrants. Became a physio and occupational therapist in 1954, married Michael in 1957 and had 5 children. While posted in Thailand learned to sail in an Enterprise (a 16' dinghy). On return in 1973 worked at the Ottawa Civic Hospital until retirement in 1994. Bought their sailboat (Niagara 35) in 1991 after taking numerous courses from the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron and chartering in Lake Ontario and Lake Huron. Joined CATWAO on returning from their cruise during which several years were spent in Turkey.