

Sailor of the Month – Collie Martin

Heck of a way to win a trophy; just hang in there until you are the only Soling competing. My sailing bio begins with learning to sail while stationed in Hawaii during my Army years. Special services at Hickam Air Base started me on a cat rigged dinghy then trusted me with a Rhodes 19 which we regularly sailed from Pearl Harbor to Diamond Head. Yah, I know, it was tough duty but not tough enough so the Army sent me to Viet Nam in 1966.

Since then I've had various sailboats. Cruising areas included NW waters including Desolation Sound, Barkley Sound. While living in Florida we moored/sailed our boat in the Caribbean (The Lesser Antilles and the British Virgin Islands). These days I bare boat charter in the Caribbean (St. Martin & BVI); the Mediterranean (Croatia, Turkey & Greece) and am currently planning another two weeks this fall in Greece.

I satisfied my competitive urge for about 25 years by crewing on other's boats starting with Dragons out of Leschi, Seattle then Sunday races, Wednesday beer can regattas, Tri-Island Series, etc. all out of Shilshole, Seattle; also Swiftsure, PITCH, Southern Straits of Georgia, Vic-Maui 1978, Tampa Bay to Key West and St. Francis Cup Regattas in San Francisco.

I was born in Springville UT, grew up in Milwaukie OR, attended Oregon State University, married, raised two boys and lived/worked in Bellevue, Everett, Yakima, WA; Tampa, FL, Cairo Egypt, Ramallah, West Bank; Beijing; and was hosted by the U.S. Army (Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Ft. Belvoir, VA; Ft. Riley, KS; Schofield Barracks, HI and Pleiku, Viet Nam).

