George Cady - Sailor of the month

I was born (gasp!) 83 years ago in Philadelphia, the same week my father had a heart attack. Rumors to the contrary, those two events were unrelated. I was raised in New Jersey, educated in Connecticut, and then headed west to Caltech (biology), UCLA (music), West Coast University (engineering), USC (city planning), and UCLA again (computer science).

My whole career was related to R&D in software engineering, first for System Development Corporation in Santa Monica, and then for Computer Sciences Corporation in Falls Church, Virginia and Lompoc, CA. It's hard to imagine that it spanned from the birth of the Internet (then Arpanet, with just four users) to the first test flights of the now-famous B2 bomber.

Faced with a choice of returning to Virginia or remaining in California, I opened a frame shop and gallery in Santa Barbara. The best result of that move was meeting my wonderful wife Sandy, and we were married in 1996. After retirement in 2004, we moved to Brookings, OR, and then to Anacortes in 2023.

Always looking for interesting things to do after retirement, I taught all levels of math at Southwest Oregon Community College in Brookings, and I was Vice President and programming director for the Brookings-Harbor Friends of Music.

In Anacortes, I found the RC Sailing Club, for which I will be eternally thankful. The best part has been the members of the Club, who have been, without exception, welcoming and helpful to me. Thanks, guys, it means so much to me, and I will work hard to "keep clear" when appropriate. My sailing career so far has netted no wins, but that's OK; it's like my marathon record, where I recorded no wins in 26 races. Sailing has now become the thing I most look forward to each week, and I guess I will continue to use the same strategy that I used in the marathons: start slow, then taper off.