

## Sailor of the Month – Julian Lee

I started sailing on the Thames at Kingston at 20 years old. Having great tutors and skippers that were Aerodynamicists was a phenomenal opportunity. While sitting on the river bank waiting for a club boat to become available along came this blond beauty in her short shorts and I “fell in love”. We sailed the next Signet dinghy to come along and stopped at a Pub on our respective ways home. I ordered our drinks only to find that I had forgotten my wallet! We have been sailing together and Jean has been paying the bills ever since! We raced Signets at Kingston, Jean had an Enterprise and there was plenty of sailing at Cowes and Emsworth in 505's, Fireballs, Wineglass, etc.

While living in Japan for six years I sailed with the ANA and JAL sailing clubs at Hayama in 420's and Jean and I liked to race Finns out of Gamagori. Arriving in the USA in 1978 we became very active with the Greater Seattle Hobie fleet with our Hobie 16, thence cruising in our brand new Morgan41. Now 47 years later I am sailing the smallest boat imaginable and Jean is as supportive as ever and still paying the bills.

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