



## Sailor of the Month - Vic Childs

Anything involving wind has always intrigued me - kites as a kid growing up, to sailboats as an adult.

Living in Anacortes gave me the perfect opportunity to enter the world of sailboat racing.

In 1983 I joined a racing team on 40 foot Santa Cruz. It was typically the fastest boat in a race - the funny thing is - it also had the biggest handicap! But the saying goes "fast is fun", and it was.

I acquired my first sailboat "Radio Flyer" in 1999. She was a red 1972 Columbia Saber, 32 ft overall with a waterline of 23 ft and 6 ½ ft wide. I could touch both lifelines at the same time. I did a lot of Wednesday night races with the Anacortes Yacht Club where I was the Commodore in 2007. I did not win as much - fast might be fun, but I did find a glass of wine and shrimp made the race just as much fun.

My interest in RC sailing started in 1994 when I purchased an EC-12 Dumas, 60 inches long. But, Solings seemed to be the RC boat most guys were sailing, so I needed one of those. Larry Stiles built my first soling — named "Radio Flyer". Over time, I have had several RC boats. But my "fleet" of boats today consist of 1 Soling, 2 DF-95's and 2 IOM's.

I joined the sailing group, Anacortes Radio Control Sailing (ARCS) which had become very popular - a large group of guys meeting 1 or 2 days per week. We started sailing at big Cranberry Lake near Deception Pass. Eventually moving to Bowman Bay for several years until the dock was removed. Now the group sails at Seafarers Park in Anacortes on Wednesdays and Sundays, I am there as often as I can.

Because wind intrigues me - when my time on earth ends — there will be some of my ashes blowing in the wind.