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## Member Port Hole



Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

Peter and Jane were taking their Russian friend, Rudolph home across the bay on Christmas eve...the weather out side was frightful.

Jane, up at the bow, shouted back "this is very bad sleet." Peter responded "No Jane, that it is rain." Jane annoyed said "Peter it is sleet".

Rudolph joined in saying it was rain. Jane more annoyed than ever yelled back "I'm up here in the bow and this is sleet." Peter from the comfort of the cockpit said "Jane don't argue with an expert."

Jane yelled back "what expert?" Smugly Peter replied " Rudolph the Red knows rain dear."

**S**anta's **Elves** are small magical creatures who help Santa make the toys he delivers on Christmas eve. They live with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Village of the North Pole which lies in a secret valley north of Alert Bay in the Canadian Arctic.

Their homes, which are permanently hidden beneath a blanket of fresh fallen snow, are powered by a geo-thermal facility deep underground, which also powers the workshop.

According to Wikipedia, there are several species of elf including Aquatic, Prairie and Moon. Santa's elves belong to the Forest variety—not to be confused with the Woodland elf, which inhabits the Ontario bush and causes major frustration to hunters by magically producing deer, but only at night.

Elves have a variety of jobs at the North Pole. Some take care of Santa's reindeer, some make cookies and candies. Others work in the mail department going through the letters from children to ensure every one is read by Santa himself. These elves are also responsible for maintaining the Naughty & Nice Lists.

The majority of elves work in Santa's workshop making toys, a demanding job that keeps them busy year round, but especially at Christmas. This year, the elves had so many toys to make some of the work had to be contracted out to a satellite workshop located in Bayside (see photo).

On Christmas Eve, the elves help prepare Santa's sleigh for his long journey ahead, filling his magic sack with an endless supply of gifts for the roughly four billion eligible children. Some senior elves are chosen to ride with Santa on his sleigh to help deliver the presents. These elves work closely with NORAD authorities to ensure the tracking device in Rudolph's nose is in good working order prior to setting out on their annual circumnavigation of the world.

Santa's Elves live for a very long time. The happiness of children and their belief in the magic of Christmas keeps the elves alive and well. So, with that in mind, here's to the Spirit of Christmas--Cheers!



Marty Mathias, Eric Lawlor and John Fear tell of their adventures on *Windgypsy*.

### Down The Drain

CPS held its first Twoney Tuesday to an enthusiastic crowd of CPS and Club members Nov 29th. The topic was a 1,433 nautical mile trip from the Club to Halifax to deliver Greg Tanner's Mirage 30 *Windgypsy* to their new home. Eric Lawlor, John Fear and Marty Mathias were the crew and gave the presentation. It was a mix of adventures, tips for cooks and would be cruisers.

The trip was 30 days of which 10 were spent at dock side, due weather they claimed.

The main recommendations they stressed were:

- good planning
- a chart plotter in lieu of charts which would be many and expensive.
- many good cooks keep a crew happy
- and for those taking the same trip the

*Cruising Guide to The St. Lawrence.*

### Nautical Fact

**Hooped** - visibly overwhelmed by exhaustion... like by Christmas shopping.

DERIVATION: the poop is the high deck aft above the quarterdeck, found in larger sailing ships. A ship is pooped when a heavy sea breaks over her stern while she is running (like Around the County race this year). A very dangerous situation because the vessel's speed is the same as the following sea. She therefore loses steerage way and becomes uncontrollable as the wave rampages down her deck.

### Penny Stewart (Sandell)

1951 - 2016

We note with sadness the passing of Penny Stewart, wife of long time Club member George Sandell. Here are a few memories of Penny from George's eulogy at her service:

"Penny was a very charitable person, and volunteered her time and energy for many years to provide food and gifts for the less fortunate military families at Christmas. She loved people, she moved them and loved them and they loved her. She loved to talk about events, but most of all, Penny was a great listener. When you talked to her, she concentrated and focused on what you were saying, no one ever had to repeat themselves. Because of this, she was able to give intelligent advice and ask questions about what you were saying."

"She was an inspiration to me and many people that she came in contact with. And because of her positive attitude and cheerful disposition, she had the ability to overcome her disability and love life."

Penny enjoyed sailing with Quinte SailAbility for a number of years. It was an opportunity for her and George to get back out on the water and take pleasure in boating again as they had for so many years.

Penny will be missed by friends at the Yacht Club and at Quinte SailAbility.



Frank Edison, Vanessa Watts George Sandell and Penny Stewart preparing for a sail.