

Louise Hughes 1947-2022

Louise Hughes joined CYC in 2019 along with her husband Al when they bought the J/105 Creative. Lou and Al Hughes are long time members of the Shilshole Live Aboard Community from when they moved aboard when Al completed building their custom two masted Cat Ketch Louise on the Interbay side of Magnolia and launched her at Seaview West in 1981.

Al is the one who races but Lou would join Al on some of the local Jack & Jill Races and Commodore Gibson (double handed at that time) back in their early years. Al remembers racing together on Dick York's Nonsuch with Lou passing out brownies. Al has always been very active in the local racing circuit and completed several single-handed Hawaii Races on his Open 60 DogBark!

Lou and Al actively sailed and cruised Louise making an extended cruise most years, probably 75% of the time. They completed two trips to Alaska and back, four times around Vancouver Island, and many years exploring the inside of Vancouver Island, including Desolation Sound and the Broughton Archipelago Park, B.C.'s largest marine park, consists of a wonderful collection of dozens of undeveloped islands and islets situated at the mouth of Knight Inlet on the west side of Queen Charlotte Strait near the north end of Vancouver Island.

Lou spent much of her later years enjoying the view from their cabin on the upper deck of their Florida Coaster, Mary H, moored on the north side of F-Dock.

Suzette Connelly