

Thursday, January 28, 2021: Sad News to Share

Dear CBC Friends,

With heavy heart I write to convey the sad news of Rich Segermark's passing. Carol (Noel) Patterson notified me on Tuesday that Rich had died two days earlier on the 24th. There are no plans right now for his funeral due to the pandemic, but Rich's daughter Suzanne will keep us posted. She and her sister Carolyn very much wanted his CBC friends to know. For those who wish to contact Suzanne, she can be reached at suzamseg@aol.com.

In Carol's email to me, she wrote: "We are heartbroken. Rich had been doing very well and cause of death is unknown. Noel and I phoned him on his birthday January 14th to sing Happy Birthday to him; we had a nice long phone visit with him."

I asked Carol to share a remembrance. Her remembrance, a few photos, and a link to the obituary follow. A PDF document is attached for an easier read and to maintain formatting of text and photos.

With warm regards and best wishes to all, Rebecca

Rich Segermark: A Remembrance by Carol Patterson

Peacefully in his sleep Rich Segermark, longtime member of CBC, sailed on to a new safe harbor on January 23 to join his beloved wife Anne who died in September 2014.

Rich (with Anne) joined CBC in 2000, the very day he came as our guests to a CBC shore party. His wife Anne was Noel Patterson's sweet first cousin. We saw them occasionally at Patterson family reunions and weddings, but hadn't had much opportunity to get to know Rich well or to see them often enough. A mutual love of sailing and CBC brought us close together.

Rich and Anne had just purchased Last Resort and moored her at a slip in Rock Hall Marina. Last Resort soon became their home away from home, their treasured summer escape from the suburbs of Philadelphia, their haven for sailing weekends exploring the Chesapeake, and for delightful vacations! Noel's sister mentioned to them that cousin Noel also sailed (CBC since 1987) and lived in Bay Ridge near Annapolis. Anne and Rich decided—as one of their first adventures—to sail to Lake Ogleton, anchor Last Resort, and then give us a call; surprise cousins!. The afternoon they entered our channel we were just ahead of them steering Summer Song towards her slip at the Bay Ridge Marina. In the wide part of the lake Last Resort caught up to us, circling left to anchor. Noel glancing their way, shouted, "Hey, Carol, that looks like cousin Anne over there!" We, openly staring at them, caught their attention. Huge grins! Anne shouted, "Hello there, Noel!" And so began a decade and a half of shared sailing weekends and vacations in which we four grew close as family should!

Rich was an inventor and an artist. Last Resort was soon outfitted with numerous items designed for ease and comfort, including his own patented battery-operated winch handle and a steering wheel replacement that provided more cockpit space and emergency steering in situations like late-night dragging. Rich will be remembered for his hospitality at raft-ups—heartily welcoming members aboard Last Resort, handily removing his wheel to make room for everyone to enjoy an evening of shared stories, snacks and drinks. When the Segermarks attended an event they always sailed in with great

appetizers and added a special element of fun with unexpected surprises such as his wonderfully realistic masks!

Today when I think of Rich I celebrate his inventive mind, his love of people and their stories, his love of sailing, his sense of humor, and his lifelong kindness to others.

Rich's obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mainlinemedianews/obituary.aspx?n=richard-lee-segermark&pid=197591727&fhid=40331>



(Left) Rich and Anne at their first CBC shore party in 2001/2002. Carol and Noel had been cruising with them and rafted up on the night before to ensure on-time arrival. Rich and Anne had such a good time they joined the Club at once.

Members Anne and Rich sporting CBC Badges



2016 Crab Feast, Bay Ridge Clubhouse



Rich, Carol&Noel Patterson, and David Burka setting up.