

Back Cove sailor of the week (04/06/20) – Bill McCoy

I am new to the CSC, a provisional member, and a sailor since 1967 when my father ordered me to take a typing course and a sailing course! I was 14 and thrilled to experience sailing off the coast of Oahu. After moving to Orlando, I convinced my dad to sell the Evinrude and get a Hobie 14' which I sailed on Lake Highland in Orlando where we lived, and in the Atlantic Ocean, beach launching. What fun! Also sailed a Prindle 18', a Cape Dory Typhoon and spent 5 years owning a Beneteau 47' with the Moorings Program!



First Mate Carol (now in Italy) and I purchased our Alberg 30' in Nova Scotia in 2016. She's a blue water boat, one of about 800 built over a 20-year run by Whitby Boat Works. She spent from 1977 to 2016 in Canadian waters where winds are often brisk. However, she handles deftly in light winds and is sturdy and sure in 25kts, reefed, she leans and runs while crew's eyes pop. In the slip, she's an open cockpit ready for drinks and conversation. Teak is everywhere, some oiled and some varnished. I have kept renovations in keeping with her simple design and seductive hull.

There's a great bunch of folks at the CSC with whom I share a kindred bard-like spirit in the tradition of sailors everywhere. I quickly volunteered to assist in the back cove because it's always a place needing repairs and I enjoy the camaraderie shared between skippers on such projects. You will find me often at my slip as I enjoy "messing around in boats" with no reason at all other than it is better than anything else a skipper can find to do when not underway. --Bill "Le Skeep" McCoy