

## Allan Parry

### A Life Celebrated



#### Always looking for a challenge

It was tragic news that Allan will no longer be joining the many Wayfarer friends he had made over the years, particularly at the International Rallies and Ullswater, where he will be greatly missed.

I first met up with Allan and Sue at the 3rd International Rally at Lough Derg, when this rally was in its infancy, and it was due to the support that they, together with Poul and Irene Ammentorp, provided for this rally, and particularly through their wonderful music and songs, that the event grew to its present very special and popular fixture.

Allan's rendition of a number of the popular 'Wayfarer' songs, (as well his enthusiastic and perfectly timed hand signals), will never be replicated, and he will be always be remembered not only for his contribution to the evening singing and festivities, but also his cheerfulness and camaraderie at all the Wayfarer events that he and Sue attended for the last 20 years.

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Poul and Irene have sent a tribute to Allan, alongside:

*Allan, Wayfarer cruising in Newfoundland in 2004*  
Photo by Jim Fraser



It was with sadness that on Saturday, July 7th, in the evening at Rantzausminde we received a message from Sue that Allan has set out on his last journey.

Many of you who have attended the Rantzausminde Wayfarer Rally have experienced Allan with his life partner Sue. They became so excited about the Rantzausminde Rally that they participated year after year for more than 10 years. They had gradually become so experienced in sailing the area south of Funen and that they naturally also conducted the skippers meeting at the morning assembly. They performed it with great applause and ended with the words: "There will be a translation to Danish after the meeting."

We also remember Allan's and Sue's musical touches on festive occasions with singing in the party tent, inventing lyrics and adding actions to "Between Esbjerg and Fanø", something that became a solid feature led by Allan at International Wayfarer Rallies. Allan also loved to sit in the background and play on his oral harmonica when we were singing to the songs in the Wayfarer song book.

We met Allan and Sue at the International Wayfarer Rally at Lough Derg in Ireland in 1997. Here they organized a night of bonfire, music, songs, beer and Allan taught us to drink whiskey with Irish manners. Since then, many good years followed with several International Wayfarer gatherings, Rantzausminde-træf and in winter, Wayfarer Skiing in Norway and Sweden as well as mutual visits. The hospitality of Allan and Sue was great, and many Wayfarer friends from Scandinavia have visited their former home in Bollington south of Manchester.

Allan was looking for a challenge in Wayfarer cruising, and he has written some good logs of Wayfarer cruises with Jim Fraser in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. He has even won the award "The Viking Longship Trophy" by Frank Dye for his report.

Over the years our friendship became close and warm, and we have shared the ups and downs that life provides. Last year we were together with Allan and Sue for 3 weeks in England, of which 2 weeks was on the Scilly Islands, where Allan 5 years ago bought via ebay their Wayfarer No. 2, "Down by the Bay". It was an experience for life to sail between the islands in a Wayfarer as well as in excursion boats from the harbour of Hugh Town on St. Mary's.

That Allan was ill and under treatment, we have known for a long time, but the sudden aggressive development in which Allan finally lost his fight against cancer is hard to understand and accept. It's a big loss for all of us but a huge loss for Sue and the family that Allan is not with us anymore. We will always remember Allan with great joy and gratitude for all the good times we have been allowed to share.

Our thoughts now go to Sue and their two sons and their families. Honoured be the memory of Allan.

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