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We're in *fin de vie* mode now, picking up speed as we surge into our 70's and move into a new season: George left for Mexico in mid-November, after our annual New Year's Day party held early for him to enjoy the wonderful friends who habitually drop in; and Janet's packing the pinata to join him for Christmas. Then it'll be January, warming up in Mexico and cooling down back home and we'll be in two places at once for... will it be the fifth year in a row? How time flies!



Sailing is still our *modus vivendi* – this year **George** bought himself a wetsuit so he can go under the boat if he needs to free an anchor line or anything – here he is trying it out at Sosan Island and practicing Tai Chi at the same time. Never a moment wasted ...

Jackie visited **Eva and Pat and Grant** in Stony Plain this summer and they had a grand time together – when Jackie came to visit us in Yellowknife the weather was not so wonderful and we even had to turn back



an hour or so into the Moose Bay Race – we were not the only ones, one boat lost part of its rigging, one got swamped, and one skipper bled profusely into the cockpit after introducing his head to the boom.





Jackie had fun checking out Janet's collection of "vintage" cocktail gear, and went back to Springdale well-equipped for any sixties parties she might be invited to! She is in grade nine now and she dedicated quite a lot of her time (when she wasn't texting her friends) to teaching us to perfect our Newfoundland accents - mostly by forcing us to watch "good examples" on Youtube videos.



Janet still finds some time for potting and, at the Guild sale last week, sold every bowl, plate, mug and pitcher. The downside is that she was counting on having some stuff left over for the odd Christmas present -- *not!* Anyway it's great to think that people actually want to eat out of things that she has made.

We get some pretty cold weather up here in the north and **Eva, Pat and Grant** usually crow about the balmy temperatures in Edmonton, but you can see that they get some pretty chilly days there too. Janet paid a brief visit to Edmonton and they joined her for dinner before dropping her off at the airport .



Grant, our western cowboy



Andrew and Graham are always busy, whether it's picnics in the fall, pumpkin carving at Halloween, snow forts in winter, or gingerbread houses at Christmastime.

