

# DIVEKY TIMES

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We wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Win some, lose some this year as usual, but we end it on a high by publishing Diveky Times – for the first time ever – before Christmas!

## Janet loses her brother Andrew

On December 8 Eva called, in tears, to tell me my brother Andrew in Cape Town had died. How sad. He fought with asthma all his life and finally succumbed to emphysema. Our world is a poorer place without him, even though we're all the richer for having known him: he was courteous, courageous, amusing – what more can you ask of a friend, let alone a brother? Before he died, with his family around him, he lowered his oxygen mask to say, "How lucky I am to be surrounded by all these beautiful women."



## Jackie in Grade One

Jackie loves school and is good at it, scores 100% on spelling tests, reads, writes stories and even understands maths: one cold day she went out to recess without wearing her windpants and when asked why, she explained, "I am patterning – windpants on, windpants off, windpants on, windpants off." She brings friends to visit after school now that we old guys are too boring, and reigns happily over three households – three bedrooms, three sets of toys, three wardrobes, three cuisines ....



## Eva and Pat

Eva got a nice promotion with De Beers and is now the money gal for the office.

They even sent her to Toronto for a course. One of the highlights of the summer was a visit from Pat's parents, Maureen and Dennis, with whom we all had a good sail and I think they really enjoyed seeing the lake from another perspective. There are wonderfully scenic drives around here but none can compete with the view from the water.

Pat enjoys his job with Northern Foods and shows no sign of wanting to go back into the cold with the drilling company. He is a terrific cook, too, so he brings passion as well as skill to his work!!



## Andrew and Brita...

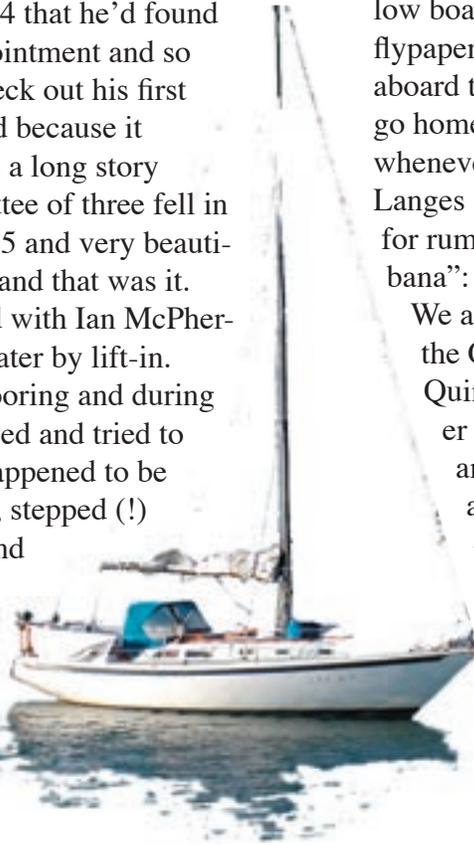
... are inseparable. She's charming, good-natured and clever and we all love her – and, best of all, they're making a grandchild for us!!! We're very excited and happy about it and can't wait 'till June ...



## George finds THE boat



In May, George went to visit Alix and Clive on Saltspring Island to have a look at a Grampian 34 that he'd found on the Net. It was a disappointment and so on a whim he decided to check out his first choice which he'd dismissed because it was \$10,000 more. To make a long story short, the Saltspring committee of three fell in love with Yola, an Ericson 35 and very beautiful. They took her for a sail and that was it. She arrived here in June and with Ian McPherson's help, she was in the water by lift-in. She was a bit big for our mooring and during our first big storm she dragged and tried to climb up on the dock. Ian happened to be down there, phoned George, stepped (!) aboard, fired up the diesel and gunned her away from the dock. They ended up enjoying a spanking sail up the bay out of harm's way. Janet took Ian's dog, Doc, home for company and the guys got back for supper.



We had a great summer cruise in her, her only disadvantage being her huge cockpit which attracts fellow boaters like flypaper once aboard they never go home. And whenever the Langes show up



for rum we have to endure their rendition of "Copacabana": "*Her name was Yola, she was a showboat...*"

We also hold the cockpit responsible for losing us the Griswold Cup. At Romance Harbour, Kevin Quinn, a sailing instructor, joined us and three other boatloads of guests for a beer and a cup of tea and to admire the moon and the northern lights and to do the cha-cha. When he left, he found – no dinghy! He hadn't tied it when he came aboard. So we all rowed out in our tenders with flashlights like fireflies to look for it in the dark. Find it we did, and no detail of the story was spared by the reporters so now our Griswold Cup has a new owner while our Cruising Club has a new party boat.

## Corey the Plumber

Corey and Jackie set off for Newfoundland last January and this January he is off to Alberta where, for two months, he'll be taking the academic courses he needs for his final year of apprenticeship.



## Janet Retires from Retirement

Janet spent last year having fun as a substitute teacher but figured that she'd made a mi\$take retiring. Tried weaseling the new incumbent out of "her" school library. No way. So when an ad for her old job in the Department of Public Works library came up she applied, was interviewed by someone she had taught in grade 6 about 12 years ago, and got the job. Now she works 3 short days a week, picks Jackie up after school and subs on Mondays and Fridays if she wants to! It's great, she loves being back into granular reports, road fill and sewage lagoons and she just feels like one of the guys!! She's swimming, skiing, potting and volunteering with the rest of her time.

He came second in the annual Territorial Skills Competition, fitting pipes, soldering away and making it look so easy. He looks forward to completing his apprenticeship and becoming a journeyman sometime next year.

