

Time to Renew Old BNL Friendships

As this is the time of year to renew old friendships and to remember those you may not have had a chance to visit during the year, the Bulletin is publishing this list of retired employees

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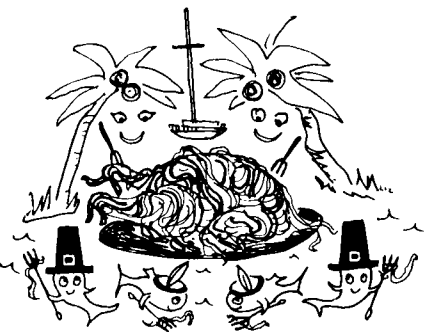
Retirement Notes: Under Sail in the South Pacific

These excerpts are from letters written over the past year by Robert Loutitt, who retired in June 1986, after 28 years at BNL. After that, he and his wife Anne moved permanently onto their 37-foot, cutter-rigged sailboat *Loup de Mer*.

In excerpts published last November in regular issues of the Bulletin, readers

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We are beginning this letter on Thanksgiving Day, and we're giving thanks because we have finally got some wind. . . . No turkey today though. Someone reported on the radio this morning that, after much effort, they found a five-pound turkey in Fiji, which the store owner was willing to sell for \$45 U.S. They had chicken. We had pasta.



We sent the last one of these xeroxed missives from Tahiti four or five months ago. It seems like years. After Tahiti, we cruised slowly through the rest of the Society Islands, stopping for a while at almost all. . . .

On Bora Bora, we felt particularly energetic and set out to climb its jagged, jungle-covered peak. Another yachting told us that someone had blazed a trail to the top years before. . . .

When we arrived at a house well up on the foot of the mountain, a small boy told us it started at the back of his large garden. Some trail! There were several places where we were able to go on only by pulling ourselves up on long vines lying along the slope, and many places where we had to search. . . . to find the next machete cut that marked the way.

We almost reached the top, but turned back when we had only enough time left to get back down before dark. We arrived at the bottom cut, bruised and covered with mud from head to toe, but happy.

. . . [Next,] we headed for Suvarov. It is an isolated and uninhabited coral atoll about 700 miles northwest of Bora Bora.

We made the passage in five days and anchored in the lagoon in the lee of one of several small islets, or "motus," dotting the eight-mile diameter reef. It was an enchanted place. . . . There were three other boats there for most of the ten days we stayed, [and] . . . when [we learned that] that a yacht with a

single man aboard had been wrecked on the reef near the south end of the atoll a few months before. . . . the next day, six of us mounted an expedition on one of our boats.

. . . On the nearest tiny motu — only 50 yards long by 25 wide, with a river through the middle at high tide — we found Ian, the castaway, living under two sails and a tarpaulin taken from the wrecked boat.

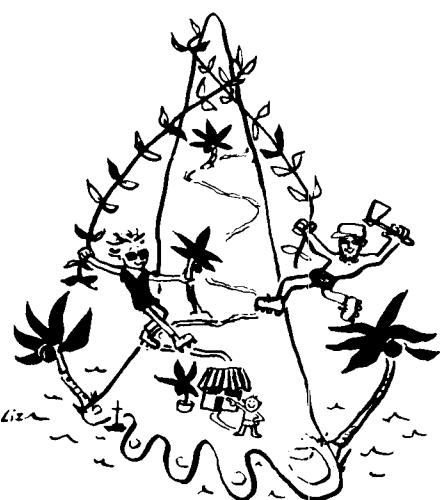
He was a charming and articulate Englishman of about 50 who had been sailing his boat here and there around the world for 20 years. He was on his third circumnavigation when he piled up on the reef, and he had decided maybe it was time to stay in one place. And this was it! Unless the Cook Islands government forced him out, he planned to stay there indefinitely.

We spent most of the day with him, gave him some rice and books and fishhooks, fed him a huge lunch and headed back to our anchorage. He said he loved what he was doing, but, as we looked back at him standing there on "his" beach, he looked awfully forlorn to our eyes.

We finally tore ourselves away from this paradise to make the 500-mile passage to . . . Pago Pago in American Samoa. . . . when our mail had not arrived after a week . . . we left for Western Samoa.

We loved Western Samoa . . . [but] we stayed only a week and then sailed for the Kingdom of Tonga, always under pressure from the approaching cyclone season to keep moving.

. . . Tonga consists of several hundred islands, most, but not all inhabited. We visited a lot of them, but you could cruise there for years and never visit the same one twice. . . . At the southern end of the chain, we stocked up with food again, and



followed Bob and Anne's adventures from Venezuela to Curacao, then through the Panama Canal and on to the Galapagos. Their next stop was the Marquesas, then Tahiti.

The Loutitts' land contacts in the U.S. are BNL'ers Patricia and William Tuttle, who shared these letters with the Bulletin.



cleared out from the capital, Nuku'Alofa, where the 300-pound King rowed his shell past our moored boat each evening for his daily exercise. He was closely followed by a large open motor boat of the Tongan Navy, bearing a dozen sailors all wearing life jackets just in case. He was said to be quite happy with this regimen and had already lost 100 pounds.

We left, bound for the most hair-raising place we have yet visited — North Minerva Reef. It is a coral reef three miles in diameter, sitting almost on the intersection of the Tropic of Capricorn and the International Date Line. There's nothing else within a few hundred miles. . . . It is covered with water at high tides and parts of it stick up a foot or two at low tide. The only signs of human visitation are pieces of shipwrecks. . . . It is inhabited by thousands of lobsters, with no natural enemies except the few yachts that come by each year on their way to New Zealand. We ate well.

November 28, 1988

We stayed a week, listening twice a day to comprehensive weather discussions on our shortwave receiver, since there are often late winter storms on the track to New Zealand. When it looked as though it might be decent for a week, we left immediately.

It's a 900-mile passage with a terrible reputation, which we found well deserved. We had very little wind for the first four days and spent about half our time with the engine assisting the sails in order to make reasonable progress.

. . . At 3 a.m., with all plain sail up, of course . . . the wind suddenly went to 30 knots with rain and lower temperatures than the boat has seen in two years.

. . . It was just this time that our satellite navigator decided to quit. Four hundred miles to go to a landfall on a complicated and rocky coast with the wind blowing up directly on to it, and no way to know accurately where we were unless the sky cleared.

It didn't, but after two days of dead reckoning with just compass and

trailing log, a little slot in the clouds opened up to the sun for ten minutes. Anne frantically scribbled down times and angles as fast as Bob could shoot with the sextant in the midst of big seas, and we got six sun lines. They were all within five miles of the longitude where we thought we were, which meant we had done well at holding our compass course, but gave us no information about our latitude. So on we rolled.

Yesterday morning, we tried our RDF (radio direction finder), but an errant dollop of salt water appeared to have gotten to it and killed it. So we dug out an old and inferior RDF, which told us the not-surprising information that we were somewhere near New Zealand.

Then, as the rain limited our visibility to about a mile, or sometimes two, the wind decreased a bit and we reached KeriKeri Radio on the VHG. We never heard anything sweeter than that Kiwi accent saying, "Oh well, we can't have anyone lost out there," and giving us the coordinates and frequencies of two aerobeacons that the U.S. light list didn't list. They were just what our RDF needed to get us near enough. Suddenly Cape Brett's thousand-foot peaks loomed up out of the murk, and we shook out the reefs and sailed on in.

We're not sure we've met nicer, friendlier people anywhere than the people who came aboard at the customs dock — and these were the government officials! It is now the next day, and we're thanking our lucky stars. We are still at the customs dock and outside it is blowing 40 to 50 knots and pouring rain. The barometer has dropped 10 millibars in 12 hours, and some Australian friends of ours who just came in said the seas just outside where the worst they have ever seen in their eight-year circumnavigation!

Well, we're safe and sound, and Anne has just been up to the very friendly post office and found that our mail is not here, so everything is perfectly normal. And now for five months of relatively quiet life, while we work on the boat before our travels begin again.

April 22, 1989

Loup de Mer is back in the water after nine days on the hard in Biddle's Boatyard in Whangarei. That's nine days of slave labor for us (we (continued on back)

did all our own work), but now the boat looks beautiful. . . .

We're anchored in Wairahi Bay on Great Barrier Island, a little north-east of Auckland, and we can reflect on our New Zealand sojourn while we wait for the "right" moment to leave for Fiji. It is clearly a little too early still; there's a late season cyclone moving across between Fiji and N.Z. right now.

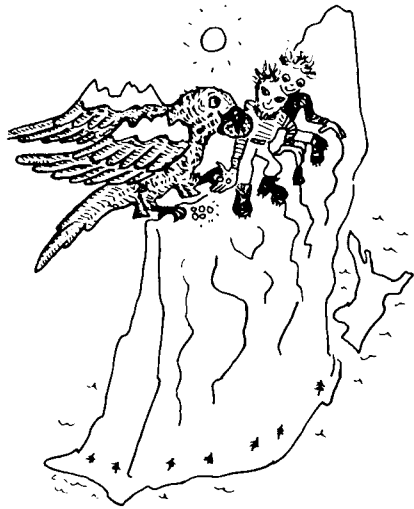
We cruised on down to Whangarei . . . last December toward the end of spring. The land was loaded with Pohutukawa trees, which, at that time, were completely covered with crimson blossoms. It was a Christmas spectacular!

. . . We spent Christmas with our dear friends Chas and Lisa Fleming of the British boat *Lady Margaret*. Forgive me for identifying our cruising friends by boat name. We all do it — it's usually much more important to us than last names. (Except to our closest friends we are Bob and Anne *Loup de Mer*.)

. . . In mid-January, Anne made a whirlwind run to the U.S. . . . while I stayed and worked on the boat. She returned in mid-February and, a few days later, we began our eagerly awaited five-week odyssey through most of N.Z. by car.

. . . To make a long tour short, I have lived for a year in the Colorado Rockies, driven through the French and Italian Alps, and skied at Chamonix, but I have never seen any country more beautiful or spectacular than N.Z. If only it weren't so far out of it. Of course if it weren't, it would be overrun with tourists and ruined. Sounds like a corollary of Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle.

[Our] most exciting climb was to the top of Avalanche Peak, bordering Arthur's Pass on the continental divide. . . . The ascent included a climb along a razorback ridge near the top, with a terrifying drop-off one foot to either side. When we got to the top, 3,300 feet above the pass, looking down on forests and glaciers and with the timberline far below, we sat down to eat our lunch.



While we ate, a kea, indigenous to N.Z. and the world's only alpine parrot, flew up and landed about 50 feet away. They are impressive birds, about 18 inches long with olive plumage everywhere except the undersides of the wings, which are red. He hopped closer and closer until he was on the rock I was sitting on, took the chocolate cookie I was eating out of my hand and devoured it. I got a handful of golden raisins, which he found attractive in the sunlight, and, one by one, he picked them off my hand onto the ground, but wasn't interested in eating them. With nothing more in the offering, he spread his wings and flew away, leaving us ridiculously pleased with ourselves.

October 10, 1989

Our 1,100-mile passage from N.Z. to Suva, the capital of Fiji, took us eight days. We went through our outbound clearance procedures at the dock in Opuia in the Bay of Island on the NE coast of the North Island on April 26. . . .

The weather did not look good for



Anne and Bob Louttit on Avalanche Peak, New Zealand.

leaving just yet, so we hid out in Orokawa Bay for a week, eating rock oysters and pippis (delicious little clams), sleeping under four blankets and waiting for the late-season cyclones to clear our track. Finally, on May 4, all looked benign, and we left in bright sun and a 15-knot breeze from the northwest.

. . . At dawn on May 12 we saw Kandavu Island, one of the Fiji group, off our port bow. [Then] we changed course . . . to head for the harbor entrance (a narrow passage through another huge reef) at Suva on the island of Viti Levu. This is the capitol of Fiji and its only big city.

. . . Once cleared in, . . . we went back and anchored in front of the Royal Suva Yacht Club, a very pleasant place where we were received like long-lost members. They had mail for us! And word of more being held by customs at the P.O.

. . . Then it began to rain. It never stopped for more than an hour or two for the next two weeks. . . until we beat it (in a rainstorm) for the outer islands. And this is the dry season!

. . . We went first to Mbengga. . . Each village is more or less autonomous, ruled in nearly absolute fashion by a local chief. When you visit a village, you must pay your respects to the chief first, by offering him a gift of a pound or so of kava . . . the stringy root of the pepper plant. He usually says a long prayer of thanksgiving over it before his wife or daughter takes it and pounds it into a powder, which is then dumped into a gallon or two of water, making a thin, gray, dishwatery drink. A sponge made of coconut hair is then dipped into it and wrung out into a half coconut shell.

Everyone sits in a circle on the floor. Guests first. Your job is to drink the full shell without stopping. . . It tastes just like it looks. . . .

. . . We spent most of our time among the small islands to the west of Viti Levu, notably the Yasawa Group. . . Back on the west coast of Viti Levu to clear out, we found our old friends Howard and Alice on *Ziggurat* again and had a fun week with them. But we couldn't talk them into going to the Solomons, and they couldn't talk us into skipping them, so on my birthday (July 23), we weighed for the island of Tikopea, about 650 miles away to the northwest.

When we got to Tikopea, it was in the dark of night, and the open roadstead anchorage would have been very roly with the wind the way it was, so we sailed right on past. We reached the island of Utupua in the Santa Cruz Islands, which form the Solomons' Eastern Province, the next afternoon.

Utupua has a well-protected lagoon with one good pass, and as we entered we caught a 20-inch mackerel, so we were kindly disposed toward the place from the beginning. As soon as we anchored, we were visited by the first of the dozens of dugout canoes that came to see us during the four days we stayed. They brought us a gift of several papayas, sweet potatoes and spinach, and, in return, we gave them an old bath towel.

Most of the people in the local village spoke some English. . . . One of our visitors was the headmaster of the primary school. . . . School in the Solomons is not compulsory, but it is free through the sixth grade, which is as far as most kids go. . . .

We also had a nice chat with Isaiah, the village medical officer. He went through the sixth grade and has essentially no medical training, so he considers yachts his most important source of information. . . . It turned out he had run out of bandages and all medicines a couple of months before. . . .

We. . . went back the next day with a large bag of used clothing . . . and a bag of bandages and other medical supplies. We also took in some magnifying glasses, gyroscopes, world maps, etc., for use by the school, which we then visited for a couple of enchanted hours.

. . . The schoolmaster invited us to his house to partake of what he called "the special food of the chiefs." It turned out to be pure seco palm starch put in a half coconut shell, studded with pieces of papaya and baked in green leaves in a pit in the ground until the starch was congealed. It was awful. But we oohed and aahed and thanked our lucky stars we were not chiefs.

The next day we left amid shouts of farewell. . . . This had surely been one of our best visits anywhere.

The following day we arrived at Graciosa Bay, on the island of Ndende, where we could officially clear in. . . . Several miles away, we did find a spot shallow enough to anchor, and we rested there for a couple of days, doing the laundry in a nearby stream, watching the yellow-bibbed lorikeets (big crimson females and bigger green males, all with yellow chests) go screeching by, and the huge fruit bats with their



three-foot wing span come out at dusk. . . .

One morning we set out to go the 320 miles to Marau Sound on the east end of Guadalcanal. . . . Suddenly, there was a loud bang, and I saw the wheel twist slightly. (The autopilot was steering as we motored in calm seas.) [Then] it happened again, a great whacking sound below me. . . I jumped to the lifelines and hung far out to look under the boat. The water was perfectly clear, and I could see a little two-foot tuna swimming along inches under the rudder. He was much too little and soft to have caused all the commotion.

Then I glanced further aft and saw what appeared to be a locomotive streaking straight for us just under the surface. It was huge blue marlin with brilliant cobalt blue tail and fins, and he wanted that tuna! He swam right up to the boat and then slashed sideways with his sword to dislodge the little fish, missed, and hit the rudder. He was roughly ten feet long and probably weighed three quarters of a ton.

Diving later on at anchor I examined the rudder and saw that several small chunks had been taken out of it. . . .

We stayed in Marau Sound for a week. It is a huge reef-protected lagoon filled with dozens of beautiful islands on which there are lots of villages. . . . We day-sailed along the north coast of Guadalcanal to Honiara, the capital. . . . and after we got our mail, reprovisioned as best we could. . . . we headed west.

An overnight sail brought us to the New Georgia Group of islands, and Marovo Lagoon, home of the famous Solomon Islands carvers. Here we stayed three weeks, motoring around in miles of absolutely calm waters, anchoring in one gorgeous spot after another, snorkeling (spectacular!), trolling (we caught good-sized mackerel or barracuda every time we threw the hook over), and looking at carvings. . . .

Once out of Marovo Lagoon, we continued day sailing westward in the New Georgia Group, finally arriving in the town of Gizo on the island of the same name. . . . Gizo is a clearance port, . . . so we bought more beer, soda and fresh vegetables, loaded the fuel tank with diesel, cleared out and left for the Louisiade Archipelago at the southeast tip of Papua New Guinea. We left even though the sky was covered with blue-black clouds and it was a Friday. Thus, you can judge our impatience to be away to the south, back to the steady trades and somewhat cooler temperatures of slightly higher latitudes.

A couple of days of rain later, at about midnight, we arrived outside of Wuri Wuri Passage through the great Tawa Tawa Mal Reef into the Calvados lagoon. . . .

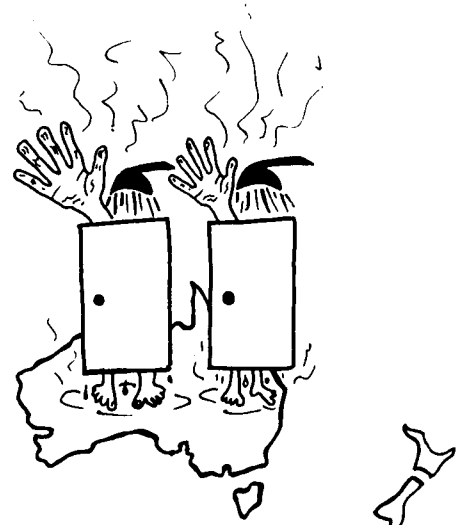
We motored on down to the nearest island, where our friends Fred and Nan Doery on *Winsome* were waiting for us. That night we got together on their boat to eat sashimi that we made from our tuna. Anne even had wasabe powder hidden away among her stores! It was delicious.

The next day, *Winsome* left for Australia and we went to the island furthest west in the Calvados Chain. . . . We made our way slowly eastward, island to island, gaining a little distance upwind for our voyage to Australia. . . .

We weighed for Australia on October 2, again in dark gray skies with occasional rain squalls, but within a day we had sailed into bright sunshine. We had a beam reach in 20 to 25 knots of SE wind almost all the way, and made the 600 miles in four days.

We are now waiting for our cruising permit, and next week we'll start cruising south with the intention of reaching Bundaberg in time to leave the boat there while we fly off to Hawaii for Christmas. . . . [Meanwhile,] we're doing a few boat jobs that we can only do where a hose will reach and meeting a few old friends. And taking enough hot showers to make up for the last five months.

— Bob Louttit



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