

Richard E. Cole

If you don't remember Dick and Joyce Cole, you probably know about them as they left Haverstraw Marina and their home in Haworth, NJ in 2003, took their boat to Keyport Yacht Club and subsequently invited our club to visit. And, thus the annual trek over July 4th began.

Married for 57 years, Dick leaves his wife, Joyce, now living in an adult community in Toms River. And a son and daughter, plus grandchildren.

No obit was published in any newspapers, but this information comes from what we know.

Both were good sailors, boating for their entire married life together, active in Hudson Cove Yacht Club, with frequent trips during summers to Block Island and points east. While at Haverstraw, each crewed on HCYC races. Dick some Saturdays aboard Bravo as well as on other member's boats, and Joyce, onboard Bravo with its successful all-woman Wednesday evening crew.

His death was unexpected, June 12, 2016. He had been working on a Friday, on a KYC sailboat belonging to a pilot friend. Driving home he called Joyce to say he was not feeling well. Once at the house, they called 911, he was transported to local hospital, and 2 days later was gone.

Their first boat was a Cal 28. Then came the Catalina 34, which they named for their very good friend, Lori Joseph, former HCYC board member. When Lori died, the Catalina was named Celerity after the name of Lori's boat. A special designed "Lori star" was added for a RIP remembrance.

Celerity came back to the river in 2011, where current owners, David and Denise DeVries keep it at the Nyack Boat Club.