

Richard Hansen



Dr. Richard Hansen, an active member of the Hudson Cove Yacht Club and an ardent sailor, passed away March 23, 2019 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Born in Jersey City in 1941, he earned a Doctorate in Psychology from Columbia University. At Columbia, Richard was a varsity crew member and coached crew as a graduate student. Following graduation, he served in the Navy eventually retiring from the Naval Reserve as a Captain. For 28 years he was employed at New York Life Insurance Company where he held several executive positions before retiring as Vice President of Human Resources and Personnel. On retiring he served as an Adjunct Professor at Pace University.

While in graduate school, Richard married Julie Horns, a music student at Columbia. They lived for several years in New York City, before moving to Pearl River, NY. Julie suddenly passed away in 2004.

Richard was very active in the Palisades Presbyterian Church in Palisades, NY, and served on the Board of the Green Meadow Waldorf School in Chestnut Ridge, NY.

In retirement, he enjoyed playing tennis, travelling, sailing his boat, and spending time with friends and family in the New York and New Jersey area. In 2016 Richard moved full time to Port Townsend, WA to be close to his daughter.

Richard was a generous, thoughtful, loving and kind gentleman even as a competitive sailor on his Tartan T3000 Petunia in HBRA's Wednesday night races. He is greatly missed by his friends and fellow sailors on Haverstraw Bay.