

A Sailor Lost to Us at Cedar Point Yacht Club

Michael Lloyd Bayuk died peacefully at his home on Saturday, January 25, 2025. He was born in the Bronx on July 5, 1940. He received a degree in Math from City College, and after a brief stint teaching elementary school, joined IBM then spent the rest of his career in various technology start-ups. The last start-up was bought by Compuware, from which he retired in 2002 after defeating lymphoma. After retirement, Michael and his wife Jennifer toured National Parks for the spring through July, then spent August sailing. Jennifer then returned to work at large global banks for whom she traveled the world. Michael accompanied her visits to a dozen or so countries, always planning side vacation trips and finding the best dinner reservations. In 2017, Jennifer switched to consulting from home so they could spend more time relaxing on the water.

Michael was a good friend to many at CPYC, known for his sense of humor, wit, and friendly smile. While working for a start-up in Norwalk, he admired sailboats from afar. One summer, his two boys declared they did not want to go to summer camp, so Michael took the funds he had set aside for their camp to buy a small sailboat. He used a Coast Guard Auxiliary *Sailing and Seamanship* book to teach himself how to day-sail in and out of Norwalk harbor. He progressively upgraded to more sturdy cruising class models and joined CPYC in 1982. At first, he crewed on other's boats and then used his own to participate in cruising class destination races. For decades he rarely missed a cruising class rendezvous and frequently helped organize and host port activities. Winter vacations typically included a sailing charter.

It recently became obvious to his friends that Michael was increasingly tired and our members very graciously and subtly provided him with assistance with lifting and docking, which he very much appreciated. Michael's fatigue was due to heart failure first diagnosed in 2009, likely a consequence of harsh chemotherapy used to cure his lymphoma. He continued to sail, play tennis and scuba dive until 2016, when his doctors recommended an implanted cardioverter defibrillator. At that point, he gave up tennis and scuba but continued to swim and sail through this past fall.

Michael is survived by his wife Jennifer, two children, Rick and Andrew, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Michael did not want his family to host a memorial service, but that will likely not stop cruising class members from toasting to his memory.