

**Mark Scott Obituary** 7/31/52 – 2/19/26

Raised in a small SW Michigan town (St. Joseph), Mark escaped to university to pursue a degree in architecture. Ball State University, University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee and a post graduate degree in Urban Design at City College. The allure of a big city after growing up in the mid-west brought him to NYC and for nearly 30 years he practiced architecture in Lower Manhattan.

However, during that time, ocean sailing got under his skin. In 1984 he bought a Contessa 32 in Lymington, UK and sailed back to NYC, from the Azores to NYC was a solo endeavor. The ocean sailing bug had bitten and in 1986 he purchased a larger boat and prepared to leave in 1987 for what would be a four-year circumnavigation, often solo. Returning to NYC in 1991, he married his sometimes crew, Liz Hammick. Liz gave birth in 1992 to Chloe and 2 two years later they left for a three-year cruise around Africa, via the Med., down the Red Sea and from Kenya, south along the east coast of Africa.

In 2005, Mark retired and the family sailed to Falmouth, England where Chloe began boarding school. After 7 seven years in Falmouth and an amicable divorce, he sailed to the Canaries in 2012 for a couple of years. Without a critical mass for culture, Mark left the Canaries for Barcelona, where he lived on his boat for the next five years and continued his ocean sailing adventures.

A chance meeting with Ann Lobdell, at a CCA cruise in Stockholm in July 2019, would change his life. In Spain, everything closed due to COVID so Mark returned to the States, never to return to live in Barcelona. However, a new life opened-up with Ann and the invitations to go ocean sailing continued. Adventures in travel together often resulted from ocean sailing destinations around the world, Mark would sail, Ann would fly.

Life with Ann was more than a shared interest in travel with a physical edge to it. It was a mutual, intimate connection with someone who loved to kiss, to laugh and to dance. We met late and now it has ended early. Darn!