

# Tributes to yachting journalist and author Peter Cumberlidge

Yachting journalist and author Peter Cumberlidge has died aged 67 from cancer.

He was a regular contributor to *Practical Boat Owner* and sister publications, *Yachting Monthly*, *Yachting World* and *Motor Boat and Yachting*.

Born in 1951 in Leytonstone, Peter learnt to sail on the River Dart after his family moved to Dartmouth in 1960. He crewed on larger sailing boats and undertook delivery trips before jointly buying a 1936 wooden gaff cutter, *Stormalong*, with his father in 1972.

Peter cruised extensively, sailing to North Brittany and the Channel Islands, through the French canals to the Mediterranean, through the Dutch canals to Denmark, across to north-west Spain and regularly down the Biscay coast of France.

Peter always wanted to write and became a full-time travel writer and photographer in 1983, working initially for both *Yachting Monthly* and PBO. He passed on his knowledge and love of cruising to thousands of people through his journalism and the pilot,



**Peter was passionate about cruising and writing**

technical and electronic handbooks he wrote. His first pilot book was *Bristol Channel and Severn Pilot*, published in 1988 by Stanford Maritime. He also worked with *Imray* and *Nautical*. Other titles included *North Brittany and Channel Islands Cruising Companion* and *Secret Anchorages of Brittany*.

PBO features editor, Ali Wood said Peter was,

"a great writer and true professional. His work was word perfect and he always went the extra mile to help out. He'll be sorely missed."

Peter was also a member of the Royal Cruising Club (RCC), serving as vice commodore from 2006 to 2010. Friend and former RCC commodore, Nigel Wollen said: "I will always be grateful for his help and support. He never felt able to become commodore due to time constraints, but is widely regarded as the best commodore we never had."

A fund has been set up in Peter's memory to raise money for the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/petercumberlidgescruisingfund](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/petercumberlidgescruisingfund)

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