

## **Les Rozander - Director at Large**

Hello Newport Members

My love of the water started at an early age, on Canada's west coast, where my dad had a commercial gill netter on the Fraser River. Growing up, on and around the river, helped foster my long love of boats. As an adult, my son and I enjoyed kayaking the gulf islands and local rivers on numerous multi day excursions.

My 34 year career with Trimac Transportation took me away from the west coast to the prairies in 1998 where I managed terminals in Edmonton, Thunder Bay, Calgary, and finally, Dundas Ontario in 2006. I eventually transitioned to a director level position in HR before retiring at the end of 2019.

During my working life, in addition to the above, I have worked in construction, been a small business owner, served on an industry board, and a couple of government steering committees. Other interests include motorcycle touring. My wife Margaret and I have traveled coast to coast and have served as Kitchener chapter directors of our motorcycle association. I am also lead rider in the Northern Lights Motorcycle Precision Drill Team. Endurance running is another passion of mine. I was able to qualify and was registered for the 2020 Boston Marathon before being sidelined with some health issues. It was ultimately canceled due to COVID.

Upon retirement, Margaret and I wasted no time starting our retirement adventure with the purchase of our boat "Nott for Saille" in March 2020. One of the best decisions we made at that point was joining the Newport Yacht Club. We have met so many wonderful and helpful people here and have learned so much in our first experience as boat owners. The example set by the many dedicated and committed Newport volunteers has impressed and inspired us to step up and contribute in whatever way we can to the exciting future of this great club!