



VOLVO CARS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH BÉNÉVOLE DU MOIS D'AUTOMOBILES VOLVO CANADA

Volvo Cars Volunteer of the Month for November 2015

Patrick Flaherty
Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club



Patrick learned to sail at the RSTLYC Jr Sailing program in the 60s. He served on committees, the club's Executive, and was elected Flag Officer. He served as Commodore in 2008-09 while being an active racer, cruiser and volunteer.

He volunteered in the "jump seat" of a Martin 16 for sailors with disabilities and then he and David Wisenthal launched a fundraising regatta. The 2015 3rd annual Sperry Challenge, a regatta & cruise raising \$25,000 for the [AQVA](#) (Association québécoise de voile adaptée), was a signature event where sailors and cruisers jointly participated enthusiastically. Over 125 people attended, from 7 local clubs. Patrick wants to ensure the event remains a reliable, long term source of support for sailors with disabilities.

"Patrick is dedicated, friendly and inspiring. He is wonderful to work with and is selflessly and humbly devoted to this cause. His initiation has turned this event into a Montreal milestone" - Co-chair David Wisenthal, Committee member Nicole Vien and AQVA president René Dallaire.

"The funds raised to advance the cause is the icing on the cake brought about by Patrick cajoling, organizing, pleading and doing what was necessary to make it all happen" - Tom Fisher, Commodore

Volunteer positions held:

- Co-chair Sperry Challenge Regatta & Cruise fundraiser for para sailing
- Member of RSLYC Committees
- Member of AQVA Committees
- Commodore – RSLYC, 2008-9
- Regatta Volunteer
- 'Jump seat' Volunteer for para sailors in the Martin 16

The [Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club](#) is a Member Club with FVQ and Sail Canada. RSLYC's sailing school is a registered **CANSail Training Site**, delivering [CANSail Dinghy](#) and [Sail Canada Keel Boating](#) programs certified Instructors. RSLYC runs Youth Race Teams, and offers weeknight racing to all members throughout the season.

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