

# Boating Resume

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At the helm of *sly Leila*, a 44 ft pilothouse ketch, 2005

### Born:

17 December 1960; **US citizen** by birth, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

### Childhood:

My father was a very restless medical doctor: Saudi Arabia, Ivory Coast (Africa), Arkansas, Colorado, Afghanistan, Colorado, Florida, Arizona.

### Education:

- BA in Biology: Hendrix College (Conway, Arkansas)
- MS in Biology: Texas A&M University (College Station, Texas)
- PhD in Zoology: Southern Illinois University (Carbondale, Illinois)

### Career:

I worked about 20 years as a biologist (**aquatic zoology, caves & groundwater, conservation**) at the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana, Illinois) for nearly all of my career, followed by 3 years at Colorado College (Colorado Springs, Colorado). My academic [Curriculum Vitae](#) (pdf).

## Boats Owned

- **Whitewater Kayaks** (Perception Overflow X, Perception Dagger). Owned 1997–2017. Illinois, Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia.



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Kayaking into storm sewers in central Illinois, early 2001

- **Canoe** (Mad River Explorer 16' Kevlar). Owned ~1998–2017. Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Wisconsin.



- **Folding Kayaks** (Oru Inlet [2]). 2020–2022. North Carolina.



Kayaking in West Virginia

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## Boats Owned, continued

- **Fishing Kayaks** (Perception Outlaw [2]). 2022–2023. North Carolina.



- **1985 Rosborough 28 Banks Cruiser, *m/v Gypsy Blue***. Single inboard diesel. Owned: 15 June 2020–29 October 2020. North Carolina.



- **2021 Parker 2120 Sport Cabin, *m/v Mud Crab***. Outboard: 2021 Yamaha F200XB. Owned: 17 November 2020–21 May 2021. North Carolina.



- **1995 Boston Whaler Dauntless 13, *m/v Pytheas***. Outboard: 2013 Yamaha 40 4-stroke. Owned: 26 October 2021–present. North Carolina.



# Other Boating Experience

- Five day float trips (Grumman aluminum canoe), Rio Grand River, Big Bend, Texas. Twice in the 1990s.



- Canoe camping in the Okefenokee Swamp, 2007.



- Multi-day canoe-camping float trips in Arkansas, Missouri. 1980s–2000s.



- Coastal sailing in the Ionian Sea, around and between the islands Paxos and Corfu, Greece. **1996 Nauticat 44 pilothouse ketch**, *s/y Leila* (now *s/y Whimbrel*). 20–23 May 2019.



- Lived on a largish power catamaran, *m/y Miss Baby*, a **2003 Lagoon 43**, on Cat Island, Bahamas, for about a



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## Other Boating Experience, continued

week in 2005. The boat had dead battery so did not leave dock, but served as base of operations for cave research around the island.

- Captain on rental powerboat in Florida. 2007.



- Day-sailing, including significant time at the helm, as crew on **1986 Com-Pac 27 s/v Mischief**. 2021, 2022.



- Powerboat day trip, including time at the helm, as crew on a **1983 Carver 2807 Rivera**, *m/v Win Her Up*, with twin diesels (each 27 hp) boat. 2021.
- Powerboat day trip as crew on a **2004 21 ft Scout** with a 150 hp Yamaha outboard. 2021.



- Powerboat day trips as crew on **2008 C-Dory Angler**, 90 hp. 2022, 2023.



- Powerboat day trips as crew on *m/v Pelican*, a **2005 Mainship 30**, single 315 hp Yanmar diesel. 2022.



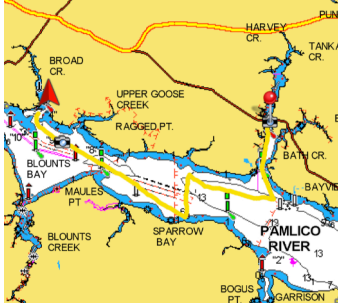
- Powerboat day trips as crew and research diver on various University-owned power boats (~20 to 30 ft) on large rivers. 2000–2014.



Research diving for mussels on an Illinois river as part of my work as an Aquatic Zoologist at the University of Illinois.

## Other Boating Experience, continued

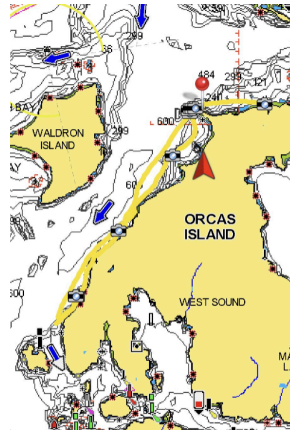
- Crew aboard a **1990 37 ft Pacific Seacraft Cutter**, *s/v Bosun Bird*, including significant portion of the time spent at the helm over 23 Nm and nearly 6 hours of sailing. September 2022. Beaufort Co., North Carolina.



- Crew aboard a **27 ft 1990 Com-Pac**, *s/v Casablanca*, day-sailing on the Pamlico River, North Carolina, 19 March 2023.



- Powerboat day trip as crew on *m/v Kind of Blue*, a 2017 Boston Whaler **Vanguard 270** (28 ft long), with twin 300 hp Mercury outboards. We were out 4 hours, and fished about 20 Nm, primarily just west of Orcas Island (San Juan County, Washington, USA). This included me at the helm for a significant portion of the trip.



- Overnight cruise as crew on *s/v Wavelength*, a 1989 Tartan **28**. Calm weather allowed us to raft up at anchor overnight with two other sailboats. 30 October 2023, Beaufort Co., North Carolina, USA.



## Other Boating Experience, continued

- Crew aboard a 1990 37 ft **Pacific Seacraft** cutter, *s/v Bosun Bird*. November 2023. Beaufort Co., North Carolina.



- 22 consecutive days as crew aboard **1996 Nauticat 44 pilothouse ketch**, *s/y Whimbrel*. 16 June–7 July 2024, starting in Almeria, Spain, intermixing anchorages and marinas along the coast and through the strait of Gibraltar to Cadiz, Spain, then crossing to end in Santa Cruz, Canary Islands. Included a 5-day crossing under sail (only) from Cadiz Spain to Tenerife, Canary Islands (Spain) as one of the crew of three on rotating 3 hour watches.

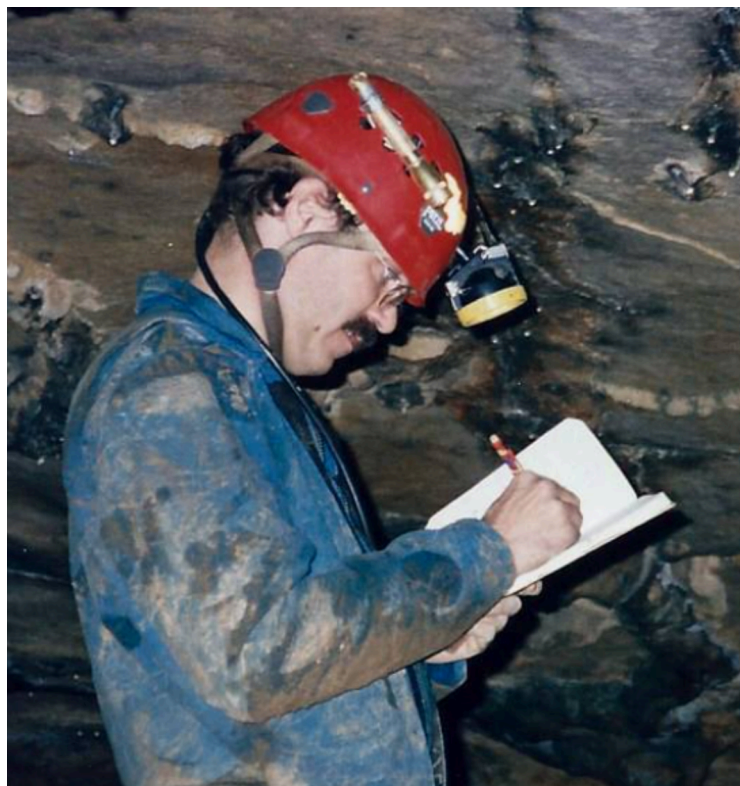


- Kayaking day-trip on Swift Creek (Vanceboro, NC) in whitewater kayaks, with a cat! 17 August 2024



## Other Relevant Experience

- Open water **SCUBA PADI** certified (NAUI refresher on 05 February 2023)
- **I can swim**
- **Ham Radio General License** (this means I allowed to use Winlink global radio email and other communications on HF)



- Strong **computer skills** (writing, financial, data analysis, layout, graphics, and statistics)
- **Lots of camping and van camping experience**
- Lots of experience working with state and federal agencies, not-for-profits, and private landowners
- Quite a bit of **international travel** experience (Central America, South America, Europe, Australia)

## Other Relevant Experience, *continued*

- Good **spatial skills**, can back up a trailer, parallel park, read a map or chart.
- Caving and Cave Biology:
  - ◆ Led a robust University research lab with major focus on caves, bats, aquatic systems, conservation
  - ◆ Extensive experience in caving, including vertical caving
  - ◆ Led caving expeditions (most notably three expeditions to southern Belize).
  - ◆ Led multi-day trips by research teams, related to cave biology (Nevada, Utah, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Tennessee, California).
  - ◆ Participated in numerous caving expeditions (team efforts in which I was not the lead) in addition to the above (Mexico, Galapagos Islands, Hawaii, Brazil, Texas, New Mexico, California).
  - ◆ Caving experience in numerous countries (Mexico, Brazil, Ecuador, Greece, Slovenia, Bahamas, Australia) and US states (Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Texas – probably forgot some!)



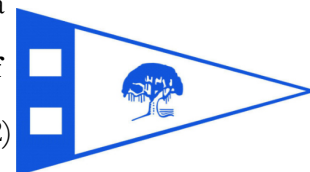
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## Other Info

- **Non-smoker**, no drugs other than (lots of) coffee
- I drink so little it is rare for me to have ½ a beer. Usually I have water when others drink
- Relationship Status: Was married 20 years, wife died of pancreatic cancer. Currently in a relationship.
  - I serve on Board of Directors of two 501(c)3 non-profits and have done volunteer data analysis for one other and served as science advisor for a fourth nfp.
  - Former **Vice-Commodore of Communications**, Pamlico Plantation Yacht Club (2021–2022)
  - I **can't lift heavy things** (bad back)
  - I can get seasick in big water (have not thrown up, it has been years since I got sick), but the new **Scopolamine patches** deal with this nicely.
  - I continue to dabble in **biological research**, and am sometimes working on a peer-reviewed scientific paper or two on the side, with collaborators
  - I enjoy playing **ukulele**, my skill level is “campfire”.
  - I take a lot of **pictures**





## Aspirations

Life is short, I want to continue having meaningful, rich and satisfying experiences by exploring the USA & world through various adventures, including aboard boats. I'm keen to forge many new friendships with people from almost anywhere, and also with their furry companions.

