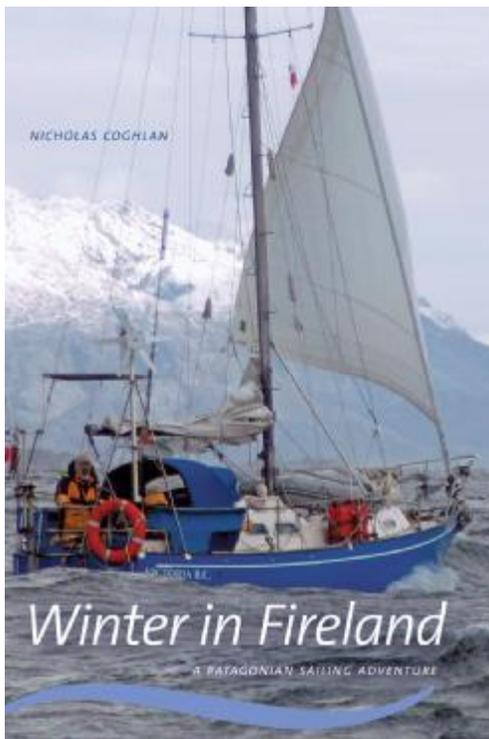


New Association members Nick and Jenny Coghlan (bosun_bird@yahoo.ca) bought their Vancouver 27 (then named Pipe Dream) from Richard and Karin Palmer in Richard's Bay, South Africa, in 2003. They trucked her overland to a small fishing harbour north of Cape Town and then spent the next two years prepping Bosun Bird - as they renamed her - for a long offshore voyage, while Nick worked as Canada's Consul General in Cape Town.

In the southern Spring of 2005 they set off across the South Atlantic, via Luderitz (Namibia) and St Helena to Rio de Janeiro. They then worked their way south down the coasts of Brazil and Argentina, passed through the treacherous Strait of Le Maire and entered the Beagle Channel - at 55 degrees south, only fifty miles north of Cape Horn - in early 2006. They spent most of the southern winter of 2006 tied up at the tiny Chilean naval base of Puerto Williams, on the south shore of the Beagle Channel, before setting off west and north in August 2006. Taking advantage of a rare easterly they traversed the western portion of the Strait of Magellan before ducking into the maze of natural waterways known as the Chilean channels, reaching Puerto Montt some four months out from Puerto Williams.

Their adventures - which built upon their earlier experiences teaching and travelling overland in Argentina in the turbulent late seventies - are recounted in *Winter in Fireland: A Patagonian Sailing Adventure*. This is to be published in April 2011 and can be purchased via the usual virtual outlets (Amazon etc). The cover photograph shows Bosun Bird running in Force 7 winds in the Strait of Magellan.



Leaving the coast of mainland Chile they sailed onwards to Robinson Crusoe Island, Easter Island and then - passing within sight of Pitcairn - to the Gambiers, the easternmost outliers of French Polynesia. From here they continued west to the Australs, then Tahiti. On the island of Raiatea they hauled out for two years while Nick went to take up a post as Canada's Deputy High Commissioner in Islamabad, Pakistan.

In 2009 they resumed their voyage, sailing via the Cook Islands, Tonga and Fiji to the North Island of New Zealand, where they spent the cyclone season of 2009-2010. In May 2010 they headed north to Vanuatu, hitting a 50kt storm en route. After cruising Vanuatu for four months they spent another four in the Solomon Islands, then sailed north of the equator to Ponape, one of the four Federated States of Micronesia.

In late February 2010 Nick and Jenny were planning to move on to Guam, then Japan. Their

travels are recounted at www.bosunbird.com