

Doug Fryer June 27, 1933 - April 17, 2020 Seattle Native UW Grad





accomplished sailor, both blue water and competitive, a Maritime and Admiralty Attorney, practice included areas in Admiralty and Maritime, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Litigation and Fisheries.

Order of the Coif and a member of Phi Delta Phi.

In Washington DC where he worked in the Admiralty and Shipping Section, Department of Justice, 1959-1964. He then served as Special Assistant to United States Attorney, Robert F. Kennedy, Western District of Washington, 1961-1964.

Doug practiced law for 45+ years with the Mikkeltorg, Broz, Wells & Fryer, PLLC law firm, and then with Holmes Weddle & Barcott.

His career, Doug tried over 100 cases, including cases in collision, death, personal injury, general average, cargo damage, demurrage, grounding, charter parties, forfeiture, and marine insurance.

He defended pilots and ship officers on license matters in Alaska and Washington, and before United States Coast Guard license proceedings. He was lead defense counsel in two class action cases involving the salmon industry: Bristol Bay Antitrust Litigation, and Atonio v. Wards Cove Packing Co.

Doug had success before the United States Supreme Court in the Atonio case. authored the book Justice For Wards Cove about the case, published in 2016, available in all formats including as

eBook and via Kindle.

Doug was selected by his peers to Super Lawyers in the years 2005-2010.

Doug's racing his beloved African Star and later Night Runner, a 42' custom Perry designed cutter.

offshore racing experience, including: Single Handed Transpac San Francisco-Kauai (1980), Los Angeles Tahiti Race navigator (1972), Victoria-Maui Races (1968-2006).

skipped in 10 Victoria-Maui races and was the navigator in 9 of them. Doug participated in 45 Swifture International Yacht Races, (long course). He won first over-all four times and placed in many others. He and his crew were the Division II Van Isle 360 winner in 2009.

Doug also cruised to Alaska, the Queen Charlottes, completed twelve circumnavigations of Vancouver Island, Hawaii to French Polynesia and return. He bareboat chartered the British Virgin Islands, Grenadines, Bahamas, Tonga, Scotland, New Zealand, Turkey, and Greece.

Doug enjoyed 49 years of membership in the Cruising Club of America Pacific Northwest Station.

In 1998 he received the Blue Water Medal Award from the CCA (Cruising Club of America). It was awarded for seamanship during a 21,000-mile voyage around South America from Seattle to

Seattle, by way of Cape Horn while captaining his boat the Night Runner.

As a founding director and past president of the Sailing Foundation, Doug, Fred Haynes and Richard Marshall co-invented the LifeSling in 1986, the standard in man overboard recovery. All proceeds from sling sales are donated to the Foundation.

Doug was preceded in death by his daughter Susan Porter.

He is survived by his wife, Karen of Anacortes and son John Fryer of Seattle; step-children: Cindy Bjerke of Anacortes, Terry (Karen) Holloway of Yakima; grandchildren: Daniel Detschman of Lynnwood and William Detschman of Anacortes; step-grandchildren: Jade Holloway of Yakima, Katie (James Roscelli) of Tigard, Oregon, Kyle Bjerke of Tacoma; half-brother: Bob Wilson of Dahlonga, Georgia; and niece Bonnie Nietz of Findlay, Ohio.

Memorial Donations in Doug's name may be made to The Sailing Foundation.

