

Ralph

Ralph's mom was in Portland, Oregon when he first gasped air. After 20 years there through Portland State and 8 years in the US Navy Ralph graduated from USC in Los Angeles February 1961 with a BA in television. But he pursued a career in radio, in all positions and all formats. He had major notoriety working with Wolfman Jack on the Mexican "Border Blasters" as the Nazz. He is also a "godfather" of FM rock radio and even became the voice of Los Angeles for American Broadcasting Company at KABC~FM. Being a controversial broadcaster, including being a white "blues man" Ralph's career came to a screeching halt when he was instrumental in blowing the whistle on Lt. Calley and the MyLai massacre in Vietnam in 1969, which changed the course of that war. He escaped to Canada.

On to the second career as a commercial fisherman Ralph became "Captain Cash" and packed fish from all over the BC coast and Alaska on his own ship. He also fished tuna off the west coast of North America on the oldest commercial fishing boat in BC, the 1917 Supreme No 1, which Ralph salvaged from retirement, and it's still going. Ralph's third career was to reinvent the wheel with the downturn of commercial fishing and go into Eco~Tourism offering kayak mothership and Kermode bear (white spirit bear) expeditions in the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii. Lacklustre response resulted in Ralph transforming into his fourth career by using his ship as a B&B and Sushi restaurant at his private wharf in downtown Sooke, on the harbour. The house morphed into the spectacular Sooke Ocean Resort and became a vacation rental.

Ralph is a single person so he always says he can't have this much fun by himself so opening his facilities to others makes him happy. Those aren't restaurant patrons, they are his guests on board. The B&B and vacation rentals bring guests from all over the world to Ralph and it makes him happy. It's a natural transition to offer Sooke Ocean Resort to the Senior CoHousing group so that Ralph can now join others in this quest to age in place, at his place. He has never been one to strive for mediocrity so it ought to be pretty good. Along the way Ralph had three wives and still has a good relationship with them. Five daughters came alive from two of the wives, but three of the children are dead now. Tragedy is part of life but we look to a brighter tomorrow.

Retirement for Ralph? We don't believe so. Maybe he will become our dreaded wharfinger?