

News Release

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Second Nautical Nights Speaker Series Featuring Colin and Julie Angus

The Maritime Museum of BC is thrilled to host our second Nautical Nights Speaker Series featuring Colin and Julie Angus. This Speaker Series runs on the last Thursday of every month from September to April, with the exception of December.

Talk Summary

What does it feel to ride out a hurricane in a rowboat? This is exactly what Julie and Colin Angus experienced during their record-breaking row across the Atlantic Ocean, voyaging from Portugal to Costa Rica, as part of their human powered journey around the world. Julie and Colin will be sharing stories from their Atlantic Row, and will also be outlining their next project; an attempt to cross the Atlantic once again, but in an entirely different craft. The team are developing an unmanned autonomous boat, and are hoping to be the first to cross the Atlantic with a crew-less ship. There are numerous reasons why none of the 27 autonomous Atlantic crossing attempts so far have succeeded. Technical malfunctions, storms, sharks, fishing gear entanglement and collisions are just a few of the problems these vessels encountered. Extensive analysis of previous challenges has allowed Julie and Colin to create an innovative boat designed to deal with these hurdles.



Photo of Colin and Julie Angus



About Colin and Julie Angus

Canadian keynote speakers and National Geographic Adventurers of the Year, Julie and Colin Angus deliver inspirational keynote presentations for annual general meetings, association conferences, and other events.

They have achieved many quests bordering on the impossible; from completing the first muscle-powered journey around the world to rowing unassisted across the Atlantic Ocean. Colin completed the first descent of the Yenisey River, rafted the entirety of the Amazon River, and set a record for the fastest row around Vancouver Island. Julie is the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean from mainland to mainland, organized a National Geographic expedition to research the origins of the olive tree and travelled 7,000 km by rowboat and bicycle from Scotland to Syria.

Julie and Colin are winners of the National Geographic Adventurer of the Year award and fellows of the Canadian Geographic Society. Colin was named by Outside magazine as one of the “World’s Top 25 Bold Visionaries,” and Julie was named as one of North America’s leading adventurers by Explore magazine. Julie has a graduate degree from the University of Victoria in Molecular Biology, and an undergraduate degree in Biology and Psychology from McMaster University. She had a successful career in venture capital, business development and technology transfer, and continues to be active in entrepreneurial pursuits.

Julie and Colin are the bestselling authors of six books, and their writing has appeared in The Globe and Mail, Explore, enRoute, and Reader’s Digest, among others. They have also co-produced four documentaries, which went on to collectively win more than ten awards at international film festivals. They have inspired hundreds of audiences around the world from countless Fortune 500 companies to educational institutions.

Nautical Nights Speaker Series is hosted at the Maritime Museum of BC at 634 Humboldt St.. Doors will open at 6:30pm with the talk starting at 7:00pm. Drinks are available by donation.

Tickets are:

- \$8 Museum Members
- \$10 General Admission

Tickets are on sale now and will be sold till the day of the event, or till sold out. Tickets can be reserved directly through the Museum by either coming in in-person, or by calling 250-385-4222 ext. 103. Tickets are also sold online and can be purchased here:



<http://mmbc.bc.ca/events/nautical-nights-speaker-series-julie-and-colin-angus/>

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