

Salty Dawg Sailing Association's president Bob Osborn announced on Tuesday November 14, 2023 that a crew member aboard the 46-foot yacht *Logos* that was sailing with the SDSA's Fall Rally from the U.S. East Coast to Antigua in the Caribbean had unexpectedly passed away while at sea.

On the afternoon of November 12, the skipper and owner of *Logos*, Tim Cayward, reached out to the SDSA shoreside support team concerned about his crew member Ralph Erickson's medical condition stemming from severe sea sickness. The SDSA team, which cannot give actual medical advice, discussed several courses of action. Team member Kevin Ferrie communicated with *Logos* the available options, including evacuation, but this was rejected because Erickson was able to hydrate, seemed to be improving and had a strong pulse.

At 2 am Monday morning November 13, the shoreside team manager Tim Metcalf received a phone call from the U.S. Coast Guard, Sector 5, to inform him that they had been informed by Tim Cayward that Ralph Erickson had died in his sleep. The cause of death remains to be determined.

The SDSA Shoreside Team has been working closely with Cayward, the Coast Guard and the SDSA team in Antigua to coordinate with local officials and the U.S. Consulate there. The U.S. Consulate will take the lead following *Logos*' landfall at Antigua's English Harbour. Erickson's next of kin have been notified of his passing.

Bob Osborn remarked: "Our hearts go out to Ralph's family, to the crew of *Logos* and to all of Ralph's friends and shipmates. He will be much missed. We will stay in touch with officials and the Consulate to help Tim Cayward and the Erickson family in any way possible."

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