

Ship's ahoy for adventurer Pauline

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For most of us, the term "getting away from it all" means hopping on a cosy plane, flying to Bermuda, and staying in a comfortable seaside hotel for a week.

But, for 26-year-old Pauline Boone, it means hopping on a 65-foot vessel and sailing half-way around the world for the next 20 months.

Ms. Boone will be one of 10 core crew members of The Nordvag, a 50-year-old former Swedish fishing vessel, which owner Brian Otter is sailing around the world. Pauline Boone will fly to Miami in December to claim her berth on the vessel.

"I want to see the world, experience different places," she said.

Pauline Boone is living in Georgetown with her father and brother. Her family has lived here since 1967. Pauline spoke of her mother, who died five years ago of cancer.

"I wonder what she would have said; I think she would have liked the idea," Pauline said.

The trip begins for Pauline from Miami and four months through the Caribbean. After passing through the Panama Canal, the Nordvag will travel along the California coastline to San Diego where she will take on more crew members. From there, the vessel will spend its longest time at sea - 30 days - en route to Hawaii.

Ms. Boone said.

Then, it is on to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia. The boat will dock at Sydney when the crew will be free to roam for four months, the portion of the trip Pauline said she is most looking forward to. After that, the vessel will spend a month sailing along the Great Barrier Reef and Barbados.

The crew will then sail north through the Philippines, Bali, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan. Brian Otter speaks Japanese and has had several business dealings with Japan. Ms. Boone said a welcoming committee may be waiting at port for their arrival in Japan.

The final stretch involves sailing through the North Pacific to Alaska in June and July of 1989 and the journey ends in Vancouver in August of that year.

It is difficult to approach such a trip without some trepidation. Pauline, who has only limited sailing experience - none of it at sea - said she is very safety conscious. She has bought a special floater jacket for permanent wear and she is planning to write her exam for a Marine Radio Transmitter Operator's Licence.

At Barbados, she will be learning to scuba dive.

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ADVENTURE - Pauline Boone, 26, embarks on a 20-month sailing trip in December. (Herald photo)

Technologist with Delphax in Mississauga, Pauline Boone admits she is taking a big step. She first heard of the journey in April and, after discussing it with her father, she decided "to go for it", she said.

"My father told me that if he puts his fatherly instincts aside, he thinks I should go for it," Pauline said. "My brother, who is in a money-making mode, told me I was crazy."

Ms. Boone graduated from Sheridan College in 1981 and has worked as an Engineering Technologist for about five years. Her employers at Delphax have been very supportive of her deci-

sion; they are willing to re-hire her when she returns from her two-year holiday, Pauline said.

"But, who knows what I'll come back to?" she asked. "I'll be 28-years-old then and I guess I'll be ready to settle down."

Ms. Boone prepared for her trip by spending the summer training on the vessel while it was docked in Toronto. Some of the crew members include a Toronto artist on a government grant, an Australian woman who is returning home and Captain Brian Cotter, a 43-year-old businessman, who is the most experienced sailor on board.

"Part of the adventure will be learning how to get along with the people I'm sailing with. I have never lived with strangers before," she said. "I'm sure they will become like a second family to me."

The Nordvag is equipped with over 100 books and a full stereo system, including a compact disc player. Captain Otter has also filled the galley shelves with non-perishable food items. Each crew member pays \$100 per month for three meals a day and sleeping quarters.

"It was an opportunity I couldn't turn down," Pauline said. "How else could I see all those places for \$2,000?"



Shade for summer

Michael Kostluk, Maintenance person at the Bennett Health Care Centre, stands in front of one of four Linden trees donated to the Seniors' Centre by Mona Milne (right). Mrs. Milne also donated hundreds of spring bulbs to the centre for its outside recreation area. The trees will create much needed shade in the back area, which was previously bare of foliage. The trees were purchased at Sheridan Nurseries and the bulbs came from Dominion Seed House. (Herald photo)



The Halton Regional Police Chorus entertained seniors last Monday night at Holy Cross Auditorium. The occasion was the annual Rotary seniors dinner. Rotary members were waiters and

Rotary Anns cooked the delicious meal. Police Chief James Harding was one of the members of the chorus appearing at the event. (Herald photo)

Town okays plan for 520 homes in subdivision

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Town council has recommended draft approval for another 520 houses in a subdivision on the west side of Mountainview Road South.

In a special meeting Oct. 30, councillors set down 34 conditions of draft approval for the site, which includes a 4.5 acre neighborhood park, a school on 1.6 acres and open space blocks.

Halton Hills Village Inc. (formerly known as Enterac Property Corp.) requested the draft plan approval because the 411-home subdivision on the east side of Mountainview Road South is being stalled by drainage problems. The company needs more homes to fulfill its commitment to help pay for the expansion of the Georgetown sewage plant.

Under an agreement with the Region the company must advance another \$8 million to the Region by Nov. 23 to help with expansion of the sewage plant.

Halton Hills Village Inc. has already given the Region \$1 million towards expansion of the sewage plant.

The 382-acre site is located east of Main Street and west of the initial draft approved subdivision.

The land is divided into two physically separate parts north and south of lands known as the Paracoon lands.

Halton Hills Village initially asked for draft plan approval for 899 residential lots but that was revised downwards after objections by various conservation authorities were submitted.

"Consideration of this proposed plan of subdivision is, of course, contingent upon the expansion of the sewage treatment plant being ordered by the Region," said Deputy Planning Director Bruce MacLean in a report to council.

Halton Hills Village Project Manager Toby Barwick said in an Oct. 5 letter to council that his company intends to key on development of the subdivision on the west side of Mountainview Road until the drainage problems on the east side are solved.

In order to go ahead with the subdivision on the west side Halton Hills Village needs draft approval - which they got on Friday - Town and Regional subdivision agreements and engineering approval. Mr. Barwick said.

Halton Hills Village now has draft approval from the Town for over 1,000 residential units on the west side of Mountainview Road and 411 units on the east side, Mr. Barwick said.

But it's up to the Region to give

formal draft approval, he said.

Mr. Barwick said the company is not giving up on the 411 units on the east side of Mountainview Road. "It (drainage problems) certainly will be overcome," he said.

But he expects the houses on the west side to be built "substantially" ahead of the houses on the east side.

He hopes to get the houses on the west side of Mountainview underway next spring.

Opposition to the development could come up at the public meeting for rezoning the lands and that could slow the project down considerably, said Mr. Barwick.

Councillors also approved an increase in the Town's lot levies on Friday.

Lot levies on single detached and semi-detached townhouses will increase by \$200 each. Levies for one bedroom apartments are being increased by \$78 each and levies for two and three bedroom apartments are going up by \$149.

Recycling week Nov. 16

The Town of Halton Hills has decided to join in with the rest of the Province to declare Nov. 16 - 22 Recycling Week.

The Town will set up a display in the Cultural Centre in Georgetown. Handouts on recycling will be available at the display.

The Region will also provide signs and possibly laminated posters for use on the Town's garbage trucks to promote recycling.

The Town has also ordered banners with the wording "Halton Hills Recycles Be Smart Do Your Part".



Seniors were in good hands last week when the Rotary Club held its annual dinner for golden agers. Seen here at the Holy Cross Auditorium enjoying the meal and the waiters

are Anna and Wendell Rodd. Serving up the chow are (left) MPP Walt Elliot and Rotary charter member Bob Burns. (Herald photo)



Following a reading of scary stories, children bobbed for apples suspended from the ceiling at the Georgetown Library Thursday. Some were not as adept as others, but all had fun trying.

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