



Eric Bishop

A week after UAHS graduation my parents moved to Chicago and I have been back to Columbus only a handful of times since. I attended George Washington Univ. but only lasted 2 years. I did letter in crew (I have loved rivers ever since) and I dated one of RFK's office staff.

I have lived in Vermont almost my entire adult life but have lived in DC, of course, Pittsburgh, Chicago, San Francisco (I was a draft resister in 1970) and Portland, Or. Vermont was one of the nation's

poorest states in 1972 and I have worked as a deckhand on the Lake Champlain Ferry, in a landscape crew, washed dishes, picked apples, drove the Red Cross Bloodmobile for a year, attempted to learn the farriers trade (this did not work out, mostly for reasons beyond my control,) and finally became a carpenter. Helped build and remodel homes for about 30 years and am now retired.

I married my wife, Barbara, in 1993, at age 45. She had two adopted daughters, now grown, but we have no children together. I have paddled whitewater in a canoe for 35 years, up until a few years ago. The high point being boating the Colorado thru the Grand Canyon. Vermont winters aren't what they used to be, but I have been a Nordic skier since my arrival and learned to telemark about 12 years ago.

I have lived in the Burlington area since my marriage, but also lived in small dairy town of Fletcher (lived two years in house without electricity, heated only by a woodstove in the country kitchen.) I owned and rehabbed a duplex in Montpelier, the state capitol. I discovered 1) I don't have the personality to be a landlord and 2) there are a lot of shitty tenants in the world.

Besides skiing, boating, hiking, working in our woods, walking the dog, I enjoy "pondering the human equation," reading, dining out, traveling (Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, Spain, France, etc. Have done some river tripping as I've aged, in Quebec, Labrador, Yukon, Alaska, Idaho, etc.

I am definitely an underachiever but if that is the case, Vermont is a good place to have lived my life.

