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OCEANFRONT NAVIGATOR

Our seasonal lifestyle newsletter focuses on finding fulfilment in our daily lives and optimizing our **Return On Life™**.

CATHARINE & IAN WOOD

The adventures continue...

**INAARA
PEERMOHAMED
CELEBRATES HER
FIRST YEAR AT
OCEANFRONT**

Check out
Ian's 1969
MacLaren M12
Can-Am inside
this issue!

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In our **Winter 2023** edition of OceanFront Navigator we are pleased to feature our clients **Ian & Catharine Wood** and share their fascinating life journey towards a happy and financially secure retirement.

We will also feature a team **SPOTLIGHT** on Wealth Administrator at OceanFront Wealth Inc., **Inaara Peermohamed**. What she loves about her job and what she did to keep her mind and spirit healthy over the winter break.



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Ian was born in London, England, and grew up in a little house in the Sussex countryside. When he was 12 years old, he befriended a local farm hand who had an interest in motorcycles. **Ian learned to tinker with motorcycles and often traveled to see popular motor racing events near London.** When he was 14, he really loved riding his bicycle and would cycle into the village.

He would often pass by an automotive repair garage and think to himself, "That's the kind of work I'd like to do."

Ian has always possessed an entrepreneurial spirit, but it wasn't until he was nearly 40 years of age that he discovered his niche. At that time, he suffered a broken ankle and had to take four weeks off work. During his recovery, Ian placed an ad in the local classifieds, offering to repair rear ends on cars and trucks. His ad was so well received that he rented an automotive repair bay at a local Husky gas station. He named his new company **IWE Rear Ends Only Ltd.**, with IWE standing for Ian Wood Enterprises.

IAN'S TOYS

What an exhilarating passion to have!

We can see why it's called "The Monster"



Ian in "The Monster"

Over the years, Ian has maintained a strong passion for racing sports cars. His first race car was a Lotus Super Seven he bought in 1972 and he fell in love with it. This sparked him to take specialized race driver training.

He has competed in more than 600 race events, including ice races, hill climbs, endurance races and road races.

These events have taken him across Canada, the United States, and to Australia and New Zealand. He has won many awards, **including Sportsman of the Year for ice racing**, where you race against each other on ice. Ian loves the camaraderie of racing and working on his cars.

He is actively racing two cars: a vintage 1969 Volvo he calls "Sven" and a 1969 McLaren M12 Can-Am he calls "The Monster". His most recent competition was in October 2022 at Sonoma Raceway near San Francisco where he took part in two races with the McLaren. Ian races mainly for fun and only competes in events that interest him.



2021

3rd Place
Historic '60 Class

Ian Wood
#024 - 1969 Volvo 142S

Ian's 1969 Volvo "Sven"

As an empty nester, Catharine sought out new opportunities **to fill her time and decided to give acting a try**, albeit at the beginning of a global pandemic. She received an introduction to a friend's acting agent which has successfully progressed into doing commercials, **which recently took her to Santiago, Chile**. Catharine averages five to six auditions per month and is very much enjoying this new chapter in her life.

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Staying physically active is very important to the couple. Ian participates in the annual GranFondo Whistler event, a long-distance road cycling trek along the stunning Sea-to-Sky corridor from Vancouver to Whistler.

Ian also rides his bicycle to and from work most days—a 28 kilometer round trip. He uses the time he spends cycling to think.



It looks like
Ian comes
from a long
liniage of thrill
seekers



Ian's great grandfather was the famous Jockey Charlie Wood (pictured left).

Ian's advice for business owners heading into retirement is to **spend less time working by allowing employees to manage day-to-day operations.** He still enjoys working as a "hands on" technician, but now mainly oversees business operations. Ian is passionate about his business and being involved in this way allows him to stay active and engaged, which brings a sense of accomplishment.

Ian and Catharine own a property in Blaine, Washington, with an oversized garage where he spends a lot of time working on his race cars. They really enjoy this tight knit community.

Their young adult daughter Maddie is attending the University of Victoria. Ian also has two other children from his first marriage, a **son Hayden who works with the McLaren F1 team in England** as an automotive engineer, and a daughter Arleigh who is a successful artist



We thank Ian and Catharine for sharing their life journey towards financial freedom with us. **Instead of simply accumulating money for what it can buy, the couple has chosen to use their wealth to live the best life possible** with what they have. This kind of **Return on Life** is what the OceanFront team strives to help our clients achieve.



Ian & Catharine enjoying life!



Inaara at the Vancouver Aquarium.

SPOTLIGHT

INAARA PEERMOHAMED

Wealth Administrator

Inaara Peermohamed is a talented Wealth Administrator at OceanFront Wealth Inc., who recently **celebrated her one-year anniversary with the firm.**

She successfully completed the Life Licence Qualification Program (LLQP) and Canadian Securities Course (CSC) certifications in December.

During that challenging month, she relied heavily on her life partner Kaine to take care of the cooking and cleaning, while she spent evenings studying for the exams.

Once the craziness of that time was over, Inaara took steps to regain life balance. She focused on having a relaxing Christmas and attended birthday parties and other events during the Holidays. This included an overnight visit with close friends where they watched movies, played board games

and prepared amazing meals. They also spent a day at the Vancouver Aquarium and attended a fun ring-making class where they learned basic metal working and created a ring made of Canadian coins.

To make up for the hectic time prior to Christmas, Inaara and Kaine decided to do a **"no screen" January.** They only used computer screens at work but were not allowed to use them at home—no scrolling on social media and no watching videos or movies. They spent evenings doing other kinds of activities like putting puzzles together, reorganizing their home and going on cocktail adventures with friends. **Inaara thrives on helping people and ensuring our clients receive the best possible service.** She looks forward to furthering her knowledge and education at OceanFront by working on other industry certifications relevant to her role.



THANK YOU

We hope you have enjoyed our winter edition of the Navigator featuring **Ian & Catharine Wood** and their unique journey into retirement.

We look forward to connecting with you in our next edition of the Navigator.