

Paul & Sheryl Shard

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Best selling authors and award winning filmmakers, Paul and Sheryl Shard are known to worldwide viewing audiences as the fun-loving and adventurous hosts of the **Distant Shores** sailing adventure TV series. The show, which is broadcast in over 50 countries and 24 languages, is now in its 11th season.

The Shard's have been cruising internationally since 1989 documenting their experiences for television. They've learned a lot sailing to "distant shores" on 5 continents over 26 years of international cruising, putting 100,000 miles under the keel and doing 7 ocean crossings during that time.

They have sailed to over 60 countries in North and South America, Northern Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, Africa and the Caribbean.

Paul & Sheryl are both Canadians, having grown up in Mississauga. They both graduated from York University in 1982.

The couple built their first boat, a Classic 37 sailboat which they named, "Two-Step". They launched her in Lake Ontario in 1988 and set sail in 1989 on their first international voyage, travelling south to the Bahamas, across the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean, then on to Madeira, Canary Islands, Brazil, returning home via the Caribbean.

In all their work the Shard's celebrate the boating lifestyle, profile the world's top cruising destinations and inform viewers/readers about how to prepare and carry out safe enjoyable voyages. They are popular speakers and have conducted hundreds of seminars at international boat shows and other boating events in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

Through Paul and Sheryl's informative and entertaining television programs, sailing DVDs, magazine articles, books and seminars, thousands of sailors have been introduced to the pleasures of cruising and inspired to carry out their own dreams of sailing to exotic ports around the world.

The Shards are independent TV producers who have won two WorldFest Film and Video Production Awards for Best Sailing and Water Sport Documentary.