

Patrick Campbell Jones, Architect 1926-2017



Patrick Campbell Jones was the eldest of 5 children. He trained to be an architect at the Bartlett School of Architecture and after qualifying he spent several years working in the United States. Subsequently he joined his father's architectural practice in the City of London. He went on to establish his own firm, successfully specialising in banks and offices for American and Japanese clients as well as British ones. The practice eventually amalgamated with a Scottish firm and Patrick retired from practice in 1991.

Patrick was a delightful man, not only an architect and stalwart of the Union, but a great sailor too, with a love of catamarans which he kept in a yacht harbour just outside St Tropez and where he owned a double berth. I spent many happy and adventurous hours at sea with him on yacht 'Isambard', including swimming with dolphins in the Gulf of Genoa, getting tangled in 5-mile long illegal 'seine' fishing nets, and battling the Naples mafia to get into a marina.

He and Sarah were very kind and hospitable and gave excellent drinks parties at their home on Hammersmith Terrace overlooking the Thames. These were often at New Year or timed to coincide with the annual Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race.

Patrick's father was a key figure in the founding of the FBUA. Patrick subsequently followed in his footsteps as both Secretary and President, taking his turn to organise the Annual FBUA Reunion in 1980 which he based in Winchester.

He and Sarah owned the small Scottish island of Gigalum, where they built a self-sufficient home for their family holidays.

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