

Ken Searle – VLSI Design Engineer and Wandering Sailor

I left STL/Nortel in 2001 and joined SiGe Semiconductor, originally in Cambridge then Bishops Cleeve, where I worked on RF chip designs for GSM and WiFi. The company later became part of Skyworks, providing RF chips for most mobile phones. Since retiring, I provide RF design and measurement services to my son's company, *YBtracking*, which uses GPS, GSM and Iridium to track anything anywhere.

The photos show my family sailing down the Ithaca channel in Greece. It was a leisurely cruise, finding a quiet bay to stop for lunch and a swim to cool off.



In my spare time after work I had always been a keen dinghy sailor on the East Coast. I then 'graduated' to sailing cruisers in English waters and then in the waters of France, Croatia, Greece (Ionian and Sporades), Turkey (see map) and the Caribbean.



Of course, when sailing the weather is a key factor; sometimes the weather is sunny with a stiff breeze and other times stormy and interesting!

Since retiring in 2016, we have sailed more frequently in UK waters as we can now wait for nice weather.

Our current boat is a 34 foot Bavaria based at Port Solent, but shown here moored at Ocean Village, Southampton

