



## **Steve Sparham (1948 – 2015)**

### *A story about Steve Sparham by his wife Suzi*

“Steve Sparham who died on 27th March this year, was Training Director of what was then known as the Sail Training Association (STA) in the early 1990s. This was his dream job as it involved two of his abiding passions – sailing and working with young people. Steve began his professional life as a probation officer in Liverpool, before arriving in Bristol which became his home. He went on to become a leading force in the renovation of an old Cornish sailing boat, the Pascal Flores, bringing her from Cornwall to Bristol docks where she became a training vessel for young people from troubled backgrounds. This experience was a proper foundation for his work with the STA. He was passionate about involving young people from all walks of life and giving them a taste of sailing and sea life which he so loved. Although Steve’s later years were dogged by chronic illness, he never lost this profound love of the sea and was still sailing with his beloved brother Laurie until his death.”