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Here's an item forwarded by MRC which might be of interest, especially to those who remember Dave.

Clive Dawson

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Date: Mon, 8 Nov 1999 18:44:51 -0800 (PST)
From: Mark Crispin <MRC@Panda.COM>
Subject: Dave Poole may be lost at sea

If this is true, it is sad news. For those of you who don't know, Dave Poole was the heart and soul of the Foonly. When the Foonly project at SAIL died, many of his designs were subsequently taken over by DEC and became the KL10.

Poole subsequently formed the Foonly company, and built a single Super Foonly (a.k.a. the Foonly F1), the fastest PDP-10 ever built, that was installed at III. The Super Foonly was used to produce the graphics used in the movie "TRON".

He subsequently built smaller-scale systems, the F2 and F3 (which were KS10 scale), and the F4 which subsequently became Tymshare's 26XL PDP-10 clone that competed with System Concepts' SC-30M.

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Date: Mon, 8 Nov 1999 14:50:00 -0800 (PST)
From: Les Earnest <les@Steam.Stanford.EDU>
Subject: David Poole Lost at Sea?

Vic Scheinman writes:

KCBS said this morning that: The Coast Guard has abandoned a search off Alaska for a Mountain View man named David Poole. He's presumed lost after his 52ft. boat was hit by winds of 80-100mph in Glacier Bay.

There is also an article in this morning's San Jose Mercury News on page 2B. I know that there is more than one David Poole in the world -- for example, I know another one in North Carolina -- but inasmuch as our former colleague was an avid sailor who was involved in two catastrophic sinkings while he was at SAIL, I would sadly guess that it is probably him.

Martin Frost writes:

The info below comes from the Coast Guard web site for Alaska, in a release dated yesterday.

<http://www.uscg.mil/d17/allnews/news99/23499.htm>

In an unrelated search also in southeast Alaska, the Coast Guard suspend efforts at 3:55 p.m. to find David Poole.

Poole left Mt. View, Calif., in September aboard his 52-foot sailboat, the

Bird, on a lone trip to southeast Alaska, according to his friend Barbara

Aschenbrenner. Aschenbrenner reported Poole missing Friday after she hadn't

heard from him in eleven days. Poole last contacted Aschenbrenner Oct. 25

after fueling in Hoonah.

Friday afternoon, the Coast Guard used a Sitka-based helicopter to search

Glacier Bay and issued radio broadcasts, asking mariners to report any

information they may have about Poole's whereabouts.

Saturday, a fishing vessel crew found a refrigerator from the Bird in Glacier Bay and contacted the Coast Guard. Coast Guard personnel

talked

with the craftsman, who custom built the refrigerator, and learned that it

must be disassembled to be removed from the vessel. This lead Coast Guard

officials to suspect the Bird broke apart and sank, according to Lt. Randy

Sundberg, a rescue coordinator at the Coast Guard command center here.

Saturday, the Coast Guard used a Kodiak-based C-130 to search for Poole

throughout southeast Alaska. Pilots from the Juneau CAP squadron also searched Glacier Bay.

Today the 110-foot Coast Guard cutter Liberty, a Sitka-based helicopter,

CAP personnel and National Park Service personnel searched for Poole, finding chunks of blue fiberglass, an extra-large lifejacket, a blue tote

and other debris suspected to have come from the Bird.

Searchers logged more than 67 hours before suspending their efforts to

locate Poole.

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