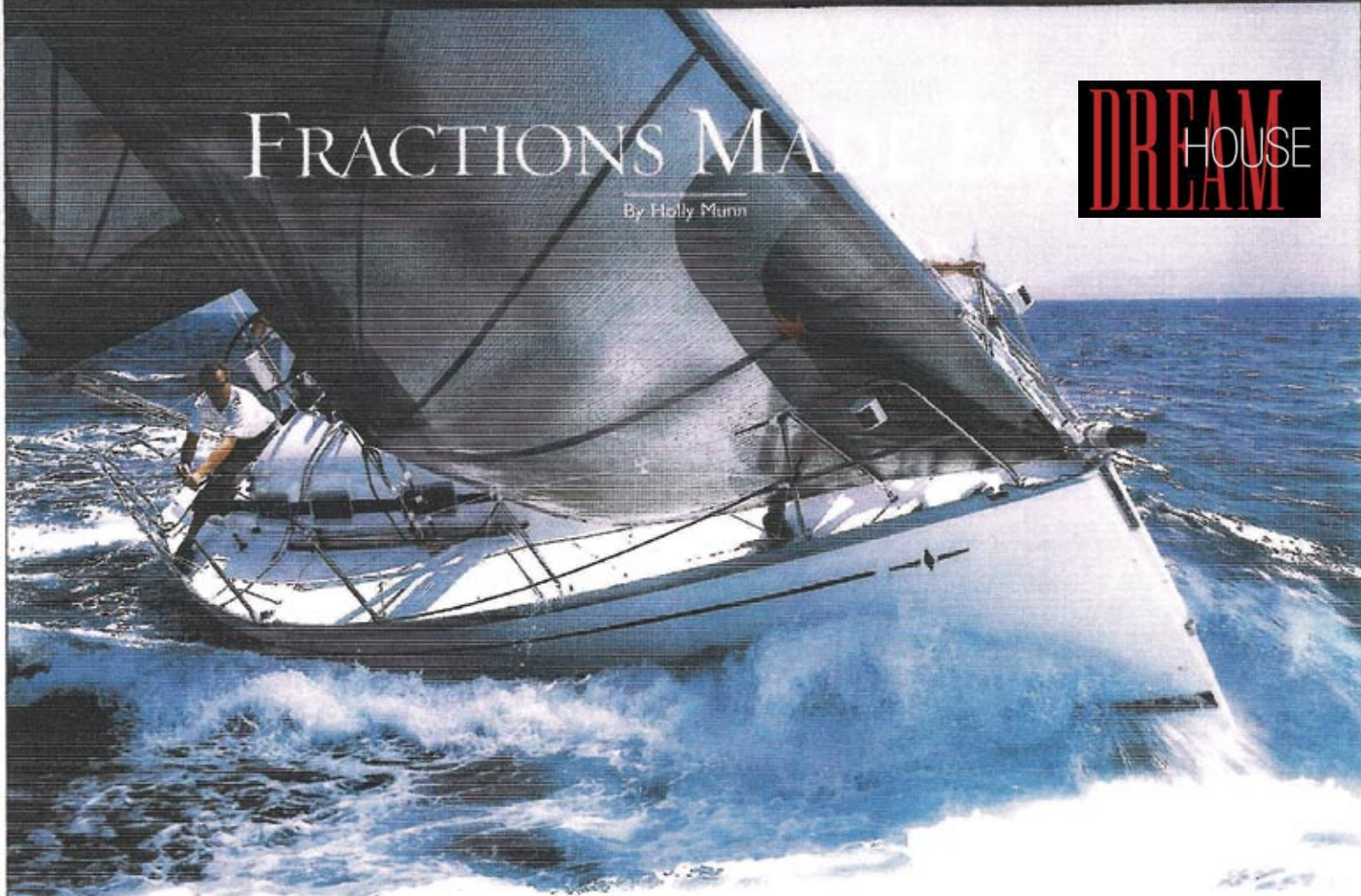


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DREAM HOUSE



If the call of the open ocean is strong, but the idea of boat ownership a bit daunting, take a look at fractional yacht ownership where you own between 1/4 and 1/10 of a yacht. You book your time on the boat, pay an initial purchase fee and a monthly maintenance fee and you're sailing easy.

Fractional yacht ownership companies are located around the world and you can own a share of a boat anywhere. In BC, many fractional owners deal with One 4 Yacht on Vancouver's Granville Island. This company lets four owners share one boat, but takes care of maintenance, scheduling, insurance, moorage, and cleanings between owners.

When a big wind whips through the harbour, the staff at One 4 Yacht are right there, a relief if you live in the Interior, out of province, or just don't want to run down to the marina to check on your investment.

But it is your investment; each owner in a fractional yacht ownership agreement owns their portion of the boat. Someone else makes sure the boat gets the best care possible, and you get the benefit of enjoying time on the water. Most owners sign up for a five-year commitment and the limit is usually nine years.

If one of the partners pulls out of the agreement, you aren't on the hook for their portion, a definite advantage over a private partnership agreement.

Most regular boat owners spend about a month on their boat, leaving the boat lonely for the other 11 months of the year. It turns out most fractional boat owners do the same; in fact,

seasoned skippers are the most common people who turn to fractional yacht ownership.

At One 4 Yacht, all owners must carry the Canadian Yachting Association's Intermediate Level certification as well as Coastal Navigation. The company can also provide fully trained crews if you'd prefer to just enjoy being on the boat without the work of watching for rocks and prevailing tides.

Fractional yacht ownership often allows boaters to choose where they'd like to moor their boat or pick it up. Destinations range from Granville Island and Desolation Sound to Tsehum Harbour in Victoria or even the United States' East Coast or European ports. Searching online will give you many destination choices.

The size of these yachts ensures that you can travel up and down and around BC and the Pacific Northwest in ease and comfort, taking in luxury ports like Brentwood Bay on Vancouver Island, lonely outposts like Desolation Sound or any of the many gunkholes up and down the coast.

Nuno Alves, general manager of One 4 Yachts, recommends boaters who want less than 14 days per year consider chartering a boat, and people that want more than 90 consider buying a boat. The scheduled nature of fractional ownership means you can't decide today is the day you'd like to take the boat out for a run. Spontaneity is out, but planning can make for a much better and more enjoyable trip.

In Vancouver contact: One 4 Yacht at [one4yacht.com](http://one4yacht.com), or call 604-66-YACHT.