

**Guenter Bellach, OLS# 1099
1931 – 2016**



Guenter was born July 4, 1931 in Guben, Germany. He emigrated to Canada in 1957 and after articling to Norman Moyles, OLS and John Dunning, OLS. Guenter received his OLS commission on January 10, 1962.

He received commissions as a Canada Lands Surveyor in, 1967; BCLS in 1972; Nova Scotia Land Surveyor in 1974; Manitoba Land Surveyor in 1975; Registered Professional Land Surveyor in Alaska in 1977 and Alberta Land Surveyor in 1978. As might be expected from his many commissions, during his 30 year

career in Canada Guenter was involved in many projects across Canada and around the world. In 1991 he sailed his 29' sloop Cariboi solo to Thailand, where he spent his last 25 years working on surveying contracts and travelling.

In 2013 at the age of 81, Guenter was retained to do the supervision, quality control, and computations for the control survey for the 3-D scanning of the outside and inside of all three floors of the Old Myanmar Railways Administration Building in Yangon Burma (Myanmar) including 35 control traverses, 190 control stations and 583 scanning targets to mm accuracy.

In a recent article that he submitted to the OPS magazine, Guenter noted that his "crowning accomplishment" was his completion of 60 years of active field surveying when he spent a full month as a party chief in rugged territory at the Nam Pa Hydro-Electric project at the age of 83.