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## John Crosse

With great sadness we report the sudden death, from a heart attack incurred while cycling, of John Crosse, ardent supporter of the Centre, devotee of maritime history and character beyond compare.

John Anthony Crosse was born in New Zealand in 1925, and educated in the United Kingdom at Ardingly College and Marlborough School, and then at King's College, Cambridge. Having taken a Master's degree in Engineering from Purdue University he settled in Canada, teaching at the University of British Columbia and pursuing a wide range of interests in typically maverick fashion.

John is well-known to Malaspinistas all over the world, a constant and active figure on the scene since his retirement. He made many visits to the Centre, contributing to its holdings in the form of copies of the sketch maps of Alcalá Galiano and Valdés.

We remember him for his kindness, spirit, humour, quirkiness, support for unpopular historical theses, and for the great efforts he made to maintain the human connections which alone give life to scholarly investigation.

A memorial in John's honour will be held at the Jericho Sailing Centre, in Vancouver, at 1 pm on December 6.

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## News from the Centre

- Discussions are under way about the possibility of publication, by the Institute of Coastal Research at Malaspina University College, of the proceedings of the symposium "What's New to Say about George Vancouver," which took place in Victoria last April. Assuming all goes well, the book (like the symposium co-sponsored by the Centre) will be edited by Barry Gough.
- John Gascoigne, of the University of New South Wales, has kindly agreed to write the Preface for the translation of Alexandro Malaspina's *Meditation on*

*Beauty in Nature* which has been completed at the Centre by John Black and Oscar Clemotte-Silvero. The book will be submitted to Edwin Mellen Press by the end of January 2007.

- The Centre will be co-sponsoring a symposium on philosophical ethics, land use and ecology at the Clayoquot Field Station next spring. Part of the Biosphere Conversation Series, the event will bring together ethicists, advocates and industry practitioners in the interdisciplinary spirit of Alexandro Malaspina.

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