



**Victor Samuel Stuart Kennedy**  
**Honored Life Member**

Dr. "Vic" Kennedy, a long time NSA member, Vice President (1988–1989), and President (1990–1991), was born in Ireland in 1942. Although long established in the U.S., he still maintains a Canadian, United Kingdom citizenship. His early education was at Sir George Williams University in Montreal, Canada, where he received his B.Sc. in zoology (1962). He continued graduate education at Memorial University at St. John's, Newfoundland, with a M.S. in fisheries biology (1964). Vic then entered the University of Rhode Island for his Ph.D. where Dr. Paul Saila was his major professor.

I first remember Vic by a phone call in 1967, whereby he introduced himself and said Dr. Saila suggested he call me because of our Chesapeake work in thermal ecology. He expressed an interest in doing the same with a shellfish species at our Chesapeake Biological Laboratory's field station at Hallowing Point about 20 miles up estuary from CBL. I invited him down and vividly remember our lunch at old famous Shorter's Restaurant in Benedict on the Patuxent Estuary. He impressed me with his quick mind, familiarity with the literature, and obvious intense interest in aquatic and shellfish ecology. I hired him on the spot and offered a pre-doc position. I called Dr. Saila, (an old friend that first befriended me as a graduate student at an American Fisheries Society meeting) afterward. I thought a graduate student accepted by Saul was surely good enough for me too.

Vic completed his Ph.D. on the role of temperature on the soft shell clam, *Mya arenaria*, in 1970 and has maintained a peripatetic professional career. After completing his Ph.D., he was visiting Assistant Professor at Chapman College in California where among other activities he spent two semesters traveling the world and teaching on board their "World Campus Afloat" vessel. He came back to Maryland in 1972–73 to continue thermal research, then left in 1973 for a Post-Doc fellowship at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand where he taught and completed research on mussels. In 1974, a Post-Doc was accepted at Newfoundland Biological Station in St. John's where he investigated the role of arsenic in a marine food web and on benthic soft bottom communities.

In 1976 he returned to the University of Maryland System's Horn Point Laboratory as an Assistant Professor and continued his teaching efforts as well as benthic ecology research. Again he left the Maryland area in 1983, and spent a sabbatical year as a W. F. Jones Fellow at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia where he continued his benthic research and taught a marine ecology course. In 1984 he returned to the Horn Point Laboratory, was promoted to Full Professor in 1986 and named Assistant Director in 1989. Again he left Maryland on a sabbatical and served as visiting Professor on board the *SS Universe Campus*, University of Pittsburgh ship, for the Semester at Sea Program. Vic has remained at Horn Point since! Throughout all this substantial traveling (40 countries), teaching



and current administrative duties, Vic has continued a vigorous research program dealing with shellfish reproduction and larval behavior, as well as crustacean and fish foraging behavior as reflected in the selected publications listing. His activities have covered both the littoral and sublittoral benthic habitats and communities. His long term interest in thermal ecology has now evolved into the global climate change arena.

Vic has over 45 journal refereed publications, over 10 chapters in books and conference proceedings and 5 written or edited books. He enjoys a special reputation for his publication efforts dealing with morphology, biology, ecology, and management history of the eastern oyster, *Crassostrea virginica*. A most important current activity is completing editorship of a 13 chapter book on blue crabs, which he has been working on with Dr. L. Eugene Cronin. (See Vic's In Memoriam to Dr. Cronin in *J. Shellfish Res.* 18(1):1-3, 1999). Another substantial service he has provided to the research and management communities are publications of 5 extensive bibliographies that have covered the world's literature in their respected areas.

Concerning professional societies, Vic has assumed numerous responsibilities over the years, including President of the Atlantic Estuarine Research Society, with the aforementioned National Shellfish Association and a governing board member of the Estuarine Research Federation. He has had editorial responsibilities for the *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society*, *American Malacological Bulletin*, and *Estuaries*, among others. Vic's service also includes numerous requests for research proposal reviews by NSF, Sea Grant, Hudson River Foundation, and the Smithsonian Institution. Beyond his usual numerous editing services, he regularly undertakes requests for reviews on books dealing with aquatic and coastal habitats and processes. This extensive editing experience he has translated to a very popular graduate course entitled "Scientific Writing and Communication" in which his last class had 38 students, an almost unheard of number in a graduate course.

In addition to the W. F. Jones Fellow honor he also won as NSA Thurlow C. Nelson award in his junior investigator days (1968), was noted for outstanding service by AFS, and given an Honored Life Member Award by NSA in 1995.

Vic shows no sign of slackening in his science enthusiasm and his very active and diversified professional involvements. Indeed, with his two children off in Canada, one in the creative arts and the other with her family working with the native Inuits on Baffin Island, I suspect he may even pick up the pace if his wife Debbie will allow!

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