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Marcus Collins

Program Director

KMIN-FM

1318 N. Madison St.

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Dear Mr. Collins:

It is not everyday that someone builds a sail boat in their two-car garage and then decides to sail it across the Atlantic Ocean. Most people would not even dare to sail their boat across the Great Lakes. Bart Becker is not most people.

In 2006 Becker started building his wooden sail boat, Reverie, after learning woodworking in evening adult education classes. Two years later, he crossed the Great Lakes with Reverie, and the following year he took a ten-week voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. Becker recorded his sailing experiences in a book titled “Sailing Reverie,” which describes his adventures, including how his life had been “saved” by a sea gull. The book has been compared to “Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance” by New York Times’ Marti Hallet and Publisher Weekly said the book “is an invigorating example of American adventure writing at its best.”

When Becker is not sailing around the world or writing books he is an engineer at Senti Engineering in Duluth, Minn., where he has worked for the past 20 years. Becker resides in Duluth with his wife of 23 years and two teenage sons. He received his master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University. Becker also fly fishes, continues to work with wood, studies geology, photography and writes. He has told many people that writing a book about his adventure has changed his life even more than the sailing.

I will contact you soon to discuss your interest in inviting Becker to speak on KMIN-FM’s Booktime while he is in town. In the meantime, don’t hesitate to call me at 507-345-3456.

Sincerely,

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Publicity Director for Bart Becker