

A MEMORIAL STATEMENT

J. MURRAY HOLLISTER 1939 - 1977

The papers this week carried the story of the untimely death of Murray Hollister; a loss to the community and to the club.

I suddenly realized that there are many people in the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club who did not know Murray or the work that he did for our club.

In 1966, our budget meeting was scheduled for January 31, at the Crossroads Restaurant. At noon we were hit by a socko blizzard. At 4:00 P.M. we phoned cancellations to the membership. At 7:00 P.M. I, as the new Commodore, went over to see if anyone missed getting the word. There were Murray and Ann Hollister waiting for the meeting to begin.

They joined, bought a Jet 14, and became outstanding members, quickly joining the "in group" (at SLSC the "in group" are those who volunteer and take on projects).

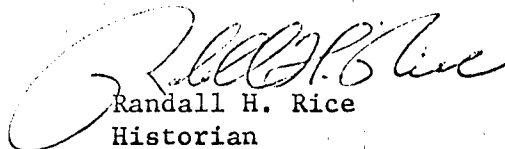
In 1968, Murray served as Secretary of the club, and did so with style and competence. He designed the form of our newsletter and letterheads.

In 1969, Murray was elected Rear Commodore and served with distinction.

Of special interest to today's member is the fact that Murray was a member of the original Properties Committee, a group which traveled the entire Saratoga Lake shoreline by land and sea to locate a site for our permanent abode. Interestingly, our present location was rated "the finest on the lake" but "unobtainable" at \$250,000 for the property.

Lastly, Murray helped prepare our Members' Manual: the artwork on the cover is his design.

Murray Hollister was an architect well respected in his profession, and a sailor comfortable with wind and wave. He was a credit to our club and a real friend. We shall miss him.


Randall H. Rice
Historian

NOTE: Because Murray was so interested in children and was so active with junior sailing, SLSC named the Junior Sailing Championships as the HOLLISTER SERIES.