

I am sorry to report that Jim Ferris, a long time member of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, has passed away. His son-in-law, member Garrett Hamlin, provided the following tribute to Jim.

After a valiant five year battle with Alzheimer's, Jim died peacefully on March 4th. Jim was a distinguished chemistry scholar and researcher at RPI studying the Origins of Life. Jim loved chemistry, travel, and sailing. Jim's first sailboat was an abandoned Sneakbox that he rebuilt and sailed as a youth on Long Beach Island (NJ). He raced Lightning's on Sacandaga Lake, owning two beautiful early wooden boats named Adenine and Poly U. (Both boats were named after the chemical building blocks of life in the pre-biotic world that Jim studied in his laboratory.) He joined the Saratoga Sailing Club as a Flying Scot sailor, and later sailed an Ensign, Poly U-II, with his wife Susan Shipherd, daughter Laura Ferris and son-in-law Garrett Hamlin. Jim spent many happy hours at the Sailing Club enjoying the competition of the race course and camaraderie of good friends. His humble spirit, easy going nature, and quick sense of humor remained with him through his final days.

Jim's obituary can be seen here:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesunion-albany/obituary.aspx?n=james-p-ferris&pid=178032360>

Members who wish to share their personal remembrances of Jim are welcome to send them to me for posting on our website.

Mark Welcome