

Randy H. Rice

I have known Randy since I joined the Club in 1966. Randy was at the heart of Club activities for many years, until failing health forced him to cut back on his activities. Up to the end he was still registering people for club affairs such as the chicken barbecue and the lobster boil.

Most of his sailing at the club was in a windmill, which was a very active fleet in the 60's and 70's. He was responsible for me purchasing a windmill in 1977 or 8, and was an active racer for many years. He was instrumental in forming a group of Windmill sailors known as "Capital Windmill Associates" to increase fleet size by selling new boats to prospective club members. He also served as Windmill Class President.

He was at the heart of efforts to find a permanent home for the club, realizing that rental of space at the Kaydeross amusement park was not a viable long term option. He headed a properties committee that searched for possible sites all around the lake, and eventually settled on our current property. He devoted considerable time and energy to promote the purchase of the property. The final breakthrough came at a meeting at his house in the Fall of 1972, at which several of us agreed to purchase bonds to generate cash for a down payment.

In his later years, he serves as club historian, and was always a hit at the Commodore's Ball with his humorous renditions of club history.

He was an outstanding asset to the Club and will be sorely missed.

John Hudson