

Red Redington Memorial Service
June 29, 1995

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club is a thriving organization of some 175 members, families and single persons, located on the west shore of Saratoga Lake in Manning's Cove. As one might suspect from the name, the Club exists to promote, teach, and enjoy sailing and sailboat racing.

The Club was organized in 1957 and went through the pains of growth and survival as any viable organization must. It exists today in its vital state because at the critical moments of its history, people came forward who could dream what might be, who could identify what needed to be done to fulfill those dreams, and who had the energy and commitment to follow through with the required tasks. Red Redington was a member of the group that led the Club through its formative years. He held offices on the Executive Committee and served as Commodore in 1973.

It was during his tenure as Commodore that one of the most important events in the life of the Club occurred - The Club acquired and moved into its permanent home. Since its beginning, facilities had been leased at the northern end of Saratoga Lake. In 1966, a search was begun to find property that the Club could have for its own. The dream was realized in 1973.

Red was absent from the Club for a few years, but he rejoined three years ago. He exercised his membership: participating in membership meetings and sailing. And not just sailing, but racing. He and Phil were out competing in more than moderate wind conditions just two Sundays ago.

There is one more chapter to the story of the Club's property. Because of rights that were preserved for the Club in an agreement Red signed back in 1973, the Club will take possession of additional property in Mannings Cove within the next couple weeks. This is some of the land that the Club hoped to buy back then, but couldn't afford at that time.

Just as boats leave wakes as they move through the water, people leave traces and trails of where they've been and what they've done as they move through this life. Each time we visit Mannings Cove, we will be able to see Red's wake and be thankful that he chose to sail our way.

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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club