

S A R O T O G A L A K E S A I L I N G C L U B

A MEMORIAL STATEMENT

Victoria T. Henkes

(1934 - 1995)

In 1963, while visiting Stone Harbor, N.J., I was introduced to a neat little boat with a striped sail. It was called a Sunfish!

Upon our return, we described this boat to our neighbors and best friends, Jack and Vicky Henkes. They were also enthused so, in partnership, we purchased a wood Sunfish kit from AlCort Co. (\$297.00) and built it in eight straight days.

Where to sail our creation? We had heard of a rag-tailed group called Saratoga Lake Sailing Club. Dues were only \$10.00 per year, so both families joined.

Jack and Vicky became avid Jet-14 sailors and racers and in true club tradition trained their children, Tori, Lori, Johnny, and Andrew, in Jets also. They continued very active in all Jet activities.

Jack served as Commodore in 1969 and when we moved to the Melander (present) location in 1973, Vicky was appointed Social Chairman. This was an excellent choice because in that first year we needed all the help we could get to hurdle the transition.

Vicky, with her cheerful smile and friendly personality was exactly the person for the job. Among the other activities Vicky scheduled spring cocktail parties for prospective members. These cocktail parties not only impressed the prospects but reaffirmed loyalty from many present members.

As important, she made lasting friendships with "the old gang" (as us graybeards liked to call ourselves)!

Several years ago Jack and Vicky bought a condominium at Canon Point, Lake George and with it a Catalina-23 cruising sloop. They thus left active participation in SLSC.

Friendship is the quality of life and good friends are not forgotten. She enriched our lives and we will miss her!

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