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## A Cranbrook Classmate Memory

### **MEMORY of Tom Peterson**

by Bob Leister



My first sail was on Lake St, Clair at the hands of Tom Peterson. I did, over the years, have 4 or 5 sailboats and found sailing to be a great joy in my life. I had the moment on Lake Champlain, many years later, to watch Tom at the helm of the fiberglass sloop I'd salvaged from a total loss that is still in motion. Tom and I were both Prefects in Page Hall in our last year and had some interesting moments trying to solve problems; like who was setting off sizable fireworks in those glassed in stairwells at 2 AM. At Cornell he got me straightened out on how an angle, in radians, multiplied by the radius will give you the arc length. He was a big guy in my young years. We filled in with canoe trips and making maple syrup to keep the embers alive. All the guys were great experiences in those days. With love, Bob

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