

## Photographic Resume of Tom Whittemore

My Grandfather and my mother were both photographers so it was quite natural for me to start taking photos when I was young. My first camera was a Kodak Brownie Starlet which I started using around 1960. (See 1961 boat photo).

As soon as the Kodak instamatic cameras were introduced my mother bought me a model 300. It was a fun era progressing from flash bulbs to flash cubes to flash bars. Summer vacations and school trips provided most of my subjects until I decided in high school to purchase a 35mm Canon TL-1 SLR camera and start limited use of the 120 Rolleiflex camera I inherited from my mother. I also had access to the darkroom at my high school so I started to develop my own film and makes prints.

Once I got to college, at RPI, I joined a fraternity and became the photographer for the group. I produced a slide show and sound track to be used in our recruitment efforts, so this naturally gave me plenty of subject matter to shoot.

Once I got out of school and got married my photography returned to shooting mostly during vacations. The fire department I joined already had 3 professional photographers so I only took a small amount of pictures on the fire ground. My life changed in 1995 when I started windsurfing and had new impetus to take photos, especially when I became webmaster for the local windsurfing club. I also became the lead computer specialist at work and the local plant manager decided we should get into digital photography with an early version of a Kodak digital camera. In 2003 I shifted from 35mm to digital so I could easily produce photos for the websites.

Around 2005 I became webmaster for the fire dept. and started to take more photos for them when I wasn't busy driving a firetruck. I learned how to edit and resize images and put short stories together.

Recently I've had to reduce my sailing activities and I decided to expand my photography by buying a new camera and joining SPS. I am very interested in improving my composition and editing skills.

My photos on my website: <http://www.vikingsail.com/images.htm>

Fire dept: [www.eastgreenbushfire.com](http://www.eastgreenbushfire.com)