



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

Tom S. Crawford 1952

1894-1996

Tom was a real salty old-timer. A native of Scotland, he served in the British Navy in World War I and afterward moved with his wife, Betty, to Santa Barbara where they raised their two sons, Tom and Don. For years he was devoted to the Sea Scout activities and taught many local boys not only sailing, but seamanship – including discipline and pride in their appearance. An outstanding event during Tom’s commodore year was a match series of races between two big M-Class boats, the Patolita and Windward. The Patolita, a local boat, was owned by Charles Deere Wiman and was the winner with three straight first places. Tom’s last boat was the Fair Winds, a cruiser. It was said that because of his long involvement with both his own sailing as well as teaching so many young students, that Tom was one of the best known men in all west coast sailing. Tom had the distinction of being the only Californian to receive an honorary degree from the Maritime Academy. Tom is still regarded as the figure most responsible for furthering sailing in Santa Barbara.