



# SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

## **Sam R. Dabney, 1933**

1901-1959

Sam was a descendant of Commodore Thomas MacDonough, naval hero of the War of 1812. He was a member of a Santa Barbara ranching family who arrived at the end of the 19th century. His family ranch adjoined Mattei's Tavern, the home of budding artist Clarence Mattei, who was Sam's best friend as a child. Later, Sam owned the 2,400-acre White Gate Ranch and in 1941 became part owner of the Sedgewick Ranch. As commodore, Sam oversaw the 13th annual Southern California Regatta.