



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

Robert Doulton, 1926

1892-1979

Bob (aka “Bad Boy Doulton”) was the great-great-grandson of John Doulton, (the founder of the famous Doulton Pottery of London) and the great-grandson of Josiah Doulton (who founded the Miramar Hotel). Bob’s father, Harry Doulton, had been very involved with the Yacht Club soon after its inception. Through the Miramar Hotel, the Doultons owned a fleet of boats over the years – from the Daisy and the Dashaway to the Dixie and Miramar. During Bob’s year as commodore, the yachtsmen lost their clubhouse when it swept out to sea during a storm. Bob and his board looked at a number of options, including building a new clubhouse in the Ambassador Tract, or buying the Edison property to convert the old bathhouse there into a clubhouse. He married Virginia Millard Bartlett, the widow of Colonel William Bartlett.