



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

Joseph E. Knowles, 1946

1907-1980

This accomplished artist spent many years in yachting activities, so it was not surprising that he included maritime scenes among his watercolors. Joe crewed regularly for Winsor Soule in the Star boat fleet and was anxious to revive the Semana Nautica Regatta when World War II ended. At that time, the club rented a small building on Stearns Wharf, which was used as headquarters for the Fourth of July event. Star boats used the small hoist on the wharf and other small boats launched from West Beach. At one time Mr. Knowles, his girlfriend, and another couple were shipwrecked in a storm at night on Santa Cruz Island. They survived the night and were picked up the following day by Major Max Fleishmann on the Haida.