



# SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

## **Niels H. Martin, 1936**

1903-1999

During the 1930s, Dr. Niels Martin made his mark as a sailor in local waters with his Phar Lap. As a Star boat skipper, he was the first Yacht Club member to win the Star Lipton Trophy, capturing the trophy in 1934 and 1936. When the MacFarlane Trophy was rededicated to the Santa Barbara Star fleet, Martin took that one home as well, winning it in 1933 and 1934. The following year in 1935, the MacFarlane Trophy was retired and awarded to Niels Martin. In 1982, he donated it to the Junior Skipper Program. Dr. Martin was a dentist and a captain in the U.S. Navy; after WWII, he was assigned commander of the U.S.S. Layete.