



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

Aubrey R. “Jack” Pedder, 1923

1878-1948

Commodore Jack presided over the hugely popular 1923 SCYA summer regatta in Santa Barbara. He also chaired the Yacht Club’s Harbor Survey Committee and reported its findings to the city council concerning the location and substance of a proposed breakwater. Jack single-handedly revived the Trans-Pac races. A year in advance, he stirred up interest in the competition with the California Yacht Association by offering a one dollar broom (in a silver case) for the winning boat in a “sweeping victory.” The following summer, he snatched up first place in the Trans-Pacific race as skipper of his 61-foot Diablo (a Herreshoff boat he had brought in, formerly known as the Haswell).