



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

Charles Deere Wiman, 1935

1892-1955

Heir to the Deere Tractor Company, Wiman moved to Santa Barbara as a boy and attended Thacher School. Charles started his nautical career rowing. He was a member of the Yale rowing crew, captain of the All-American Crew that competed on the Seine in 1919 and was on the rowing team in the Henley Regatta in England. Charles was a long-standing and very active member of SBYC, participating in many local and Southern California competitions. Phantom (E Class) was his first sailing boat followed by the Star Class Galatea, the Q-Class Scimitar, the R-Class Alert IV (built to his specifications and raced on Long Island Sound), and the schooner Marpatcha. With John Mitchell, Wiman bought the Wimitch, which was a combination of the co-owners' names. The two then bought the M-sloop Simba and named it Patolita, in honor of their wives (Patricia and Lolita). The Patolita became a West Coast Champion, which competed in the 1947 and 1949 Honolulu races. Wiman also entered the Patolita in the celebrated 1951 match races with Windward in San Francisco Bay (Read about this in Chapter Nine on racing.) In 1957, widow Pattie Southall Wiman, donated the Charles Deere Wiman Memorial Trophy in lasting memory of her husband.