



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

Lester G. Baldwin, 1970

1915-1990

Lester was an old-time Santa Barbara resident. As a youngster, he started sailing in a Blue Jay and then moved up to a Star boat. Lester owned many boats, both sail and power, which included the 45-foot schooner Four Winds and a 35-foot Columbia. A member of the Mercury Fleet for many years, Lester entered in that fleet's regattas on the south coast and also at various lakes. He donated the stunning silver Race of Champions Trophy (a silver sailing ship model) to the MCYRA for a competition between current and past Mercury Class Champions. In later years, in order to obtain optimum weather and wind conditions, the trophy was presented to the winner of a spring regatta sailed in the waters off Santa Barbara. The large fleets and competitive racing has made this regatta a premiere event on the Mercury Class Schedule.