



# SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

## **Noel D. Cooke, 1966**

1914-2006

“Pinky” Cooke was one of Santa Barbara’s leading architects. He had been an active skipper for many years and was a top contender in the Flattie Fleet before going to larger boats. He was also active in the Dragon Fleet and skippered many of the local ocean races. Pinky gave a tremendous amount of professional help in planning the present Yacht Club building. He meticulously researched and visited similar sized yacht clubs to adequately address the needs of his local membership. He then designed the present clubhouse to withstand heavy seas... which it did, through the tremendous Storm of 1983. The new archway entrance to the clubhouse, the Cooke Pavilion, was dedicated to his memory in 2007.