



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

Donald L. McFarland 1975

1920-2012

Donald and Eileen (Lee) McFarland moved to Santa Barbara in 1968 – just in time for the oil spill. He bought an old church on Chapala and Mission where his nationally renowned industrial designers and engineers developed all types of products, including the tram system for Universal Studios and the master plan for the conversion of the Queen Mary into a museum. Don joined the Yacht Club in 1968, and with Lee, raced and cruised from Alaska to Mexico. His Ericson 2-35, the DonLee, can be found on virtually every handicap trophy at the Yacht Club. During his year as commodore, a portion of the outer deck was enclosed to create the Ocean Room, and the Yacht Club held its first open house for the public.