



# SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

## **Allen W. Schmidt 1976**

1911-1990

Al learned to sail in Chicago, where he was born. He started his career as a professional musician, playing trombone in jazz bands. In 1954, he came to Santa Barbara where he established himself as a printer (he owned Rood Associates Printers) and later opened an advertising agency. Al started out in local waters with his 30-foot Islander sloop, Gefion. He was commodore of the Santa Barbara Seashell Fleet, then became actively involved with the Flattie Fleet and sailed Hysteria; later he moved to the Dragon Fleet with Zeus and Wani. An extremely popular commodore, Al emphasized the importance of a liaison between the city and the club. He was president of Semana Nautica Association in 1975, vice-president of the Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara, an active member of Rotary, and served on the Santa Barbara airport commission.