



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

William J. Underwood, Jr., 1982

1927-2016

Bill Underwood came to Santa Barbara in the late 1960s to work for VARO and became active in sailing and racing. He started with the Cal-28 Lily and then acquired the Ranger 33 Prime Time. Bill owned the BRN-37 Naiad which he raced throughout the south coast. Starting with his first win, the Caspers Trophy (Opening Day PHRF), Bill went on in many more races representing the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. With the Naiad he took the Jobbins Trophy for the Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race as high point winner in 1978, and six years later placed 5th, also aboard Naiad. In 1979, Bill entered the TransPac Race to Hawaii. While still racing the Naiad in 1994, he won the Moffett Trophy at Martha's Vineyard. For many years, he organized and accommodated Yacht Club cruisers in Cherry Cove at Catalina Island where he owned a mooring.