

THE GREAT INFLATABLE RACE

The **GREAT INFLATABLE RACE** was a race in inflatable dinghies from the beach in front of the Club around the starting line buoys and back to the beach. It is unknown who started this race. The trophy has been rededicated for the Dingy Parade in Avalon during the annual cruise.

NORM THOMPSON

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB 1966 TO 1991

DIED 1991

Norm Thompson was a SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB member from 1966 until he passed away in 1991. He and his first wife Sherry were active club members. Their daughter Kim later served as Wet Wednesday chair for a couple of years. Sherry passed away from cancer and Norm later met and married Marilyn, who remained a club member following Norm's passing (also from cancer) in 1992.

Norm's main interest was sailboat racing. He raced a San Juan 24, *MISTRESS*, and later had a Cal 27 *VIXEN*. He had a very successful racing career in the Club. He was also a runner, participating in several marathons. Norm told me not long before he passed that he was very sorry to miss the marathon that year, because he would have turned 50 and been at the bottom of the age group for the next marathon.

Norm was a shop teacher at Goleta Valley Jr High, and he was a talented woodworker. He crafted two unique trophies for the Club. The annual Domino Trophy (1989), still in competition today, is a model of a double five domino. The Great Inflatable Race (1975) trophy, this is a great model of the 1980's Avon Dingy.

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1975

