



# SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

## **Staff Commodore Robert F. Junet, 1986**

Staff Commodore Bob Junet was born in Oakland, CA and spent a number of years in San Lorenzo. He majored in math at UC Berkeley and accounting at UCLA. In 1962, after having served active duty with the Navy, he relocated to Los Angeles with 1<sup>st</sup> Western Bank. He eventually moved to Santa Barbara in 1977 to accept a CFO position with what is now Montecito Bank & Trust. He then worked at two additional banks before retiring in 2005 from International City Bank in Long Beach, where he was CFO.

Bob's father was a boat builder and avid boater in Oakland and San Lorenzo and built a number of boats ranging from 16 feet to a 38-foot sport fisher. Bob worked with his dad on most of the boats he built, as well as in his furniture factory, until he was roughly twenty years old. This future commodore's interest in power boating broadened to include sailing when he joined Sea Scouts in San Lorenzo. He bought his first sailboat, a Cal 25, in 1969. Three years later, he upgraded to a Morgan 42 called, "Promises, Promises, and I still have that boat 36 years later."

When Bob joined SBYC, he had no real intention of becoming commodore. But Dexter Goodell asked one day if he would become more "active in the Club's affairs, and after some thought, I replied that I would." He went on to serve as treasurer for more than two years before becoming rear commodore in 1984. Says Bob, "I had the pleasure of working with a number of people that I considered to be good friends, and thus the entire experience was very rewarding. In particular, those good times were shared by Ron Strahl, Jim Pattillo, Fred Rice, Charley Watson and Stan Los." Those good times also included meeting his future wife, Michelle. The couple devoted much of their time and energy to the Club and it was during this time that Bob "was able to convince her that sailing was fun." They were married within two years, among their activities in racing, chairing SBYC committees and regattas, and nurturing friendships.

Bob retired in 2005 and now lives in Coronado Cays. He is happy to have Promises, Promises "docked at our back door." Reflecting on his days in Santa Barbara, he says, "Thanks for a hell of a good time. Sorry I couldn't stay longer."