



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

## **Frederick Rice 1985**

1920-2010

Born in San Francisco, Fred was raised in Southern California where he spent his childhood sailing snowbirds in Newport Beach. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II; he had married his wife Mary in Hawaii in 1940 and was there the following year when he witnessed the bombing of Pearl Harbor. After the war, Fred returned to Newport Beach to raise a boating family of three children. The family were members of Balboa Yacht Club and Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Fred was very active in sailboat racing, having built his own 32-foot sailboat *Vixen*, which he sailed in the first Newport to Ensenada Race in 1952. He moved to Santa Barbara in 1962 to expand his real estate development company. Fred and Mary joined the Yacht Club in 1968, and enjoyed the local waters on their three powerboats, *Marbelido*, *Vixen* and *Vixen II*. Fred oversaw the reconstruction of the Yacht Club after the high tides battered the clubhouse and parking lot during the 1980s. Fred was co-founder of the Santa Barbara Youth Foundation, and co-founder of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Fred and Mary retired to Santa Ynez to enjoy their three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.