



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

James A. Rudy 1994

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Jim learned to sail at a YMCA camp in Ohio in a Comet. This eventually led to the purchase of a Highlander in Cleveland (circa 1960), several dinghies, and the Cal 28 *Celerity* while at Balboa Yacht Club in Newport Beach. He moved to Santa Barbara in 1975. During his tenure on the board and as commodore, he worked to formalize the budgets and financial planning process. He took fiscal advantage of the earnings from the Japanese licensing agreement (*see Chapter Eight*) to catch up with overdue maintenance and delayed improvements. After his year as commodore, Jim claimed full credit that in 1994 the Yacht Club “avoided any storm damage” (which did not hit until January 1995!). Commodore Jim and his team nonetheless did prove their mettle by hosting round-the-clock finish line activities for a group of heavyweight sailors charging down the coast under the auspices of Encinal Yacht Club’s Coastal Cup.