



SANTA BARBARA

YACHT CLUB

William W. Deardorff 1990

1935-1994

Born and raised in Pasadena, Bill sailed Star boats in Newport Beach in his youth. He moved to Ventura County in the mid 1960s to work in his family's third generation strawberry farming business while raising three sons. Bill was very involved in the strawberry business and was on many influential boards for the industry, by appointment of the governor. His passion for sailing and racing consumed every weekend of the year, which led to many trophies and best skipper recognition. He always wanted to have the best time in whatever he did in life, whether it was sailing or Yacht Club functions. Bill was instrumental in creating two very prestigious regattas through his committed participation: the Masters Regatta at the St. Francis Yacht Club and the annual Commodores Regatta at SBYC (which is named after him). Bill's boats were *Sugar Rabbit*, *Shrew*, *Joaquin Murrieta*, *Freight Train* and *Clockwork*. He was also very involved in promoting junior sailing and the Youth Foundation. Well known for his love of cheeseburgers, the chef named one of the burgers on the menu after Bill while he was commodore!