

## SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB

Member

DEAN and KATHERINE BROWN

Dean Brown's family was a three generational family of cattle ranchers, in 1937 Dean's family moved from his grandfather's ranch in Northern California to Santa Maria. In 1957, Dean and Katherine moved to Los Olivos to their own ranch. In Los Olivos they were cattle ranchers and grape orchard growers.

Both Dean and Katherine were avid sailors and joined the Santa Barbara Yacht Club in 1951 and remained members until his death in 2006. Dean and Katherine owned a 55 foot yawl, **Skylark**. Dean sailed **Skylark** in two TransPac races to Hawaii, 1955 and 1959. The SBYC history book "Then & Now", page 87, states he won the TransPac race in 1955. TransPac records indicate that in 1955, he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in "B" Fleet and 11 Overall.

In the SBYC History book, page 155, Kathy Brown is photographed with a group from the "1956 SBYC LADY SKIPPERS Race."

In 1968, Dean and Kathy had the sailboat **Sandpiper**, designed and built, SBYC History book, page 222. It was a Sparkman and Stevens, wood hulled, 50 foot Sloop. Built at a boat yard in Italy. After construction and commissioning, the Browns cruised **Sandpiper** in the Mediterranean. Then had it shipped to Los Angeles and brought to Santa Barbara. From 1968 to 1973 **Sandpiper** was raced on the West Coast of the United States and Mexico, both long distance and buoy races. Dean and Kathy kept **Sandpiper** until 1993.

Dean and Kathy also contributed to many other Yacht Club projects, including the funding of other trophies, sending young sailors to the Olympics, twice. In 1968, SBYC member Carl Robinette campaigned to send youth foundation sailors to the Olympic Trials in Galveston, TX. The Brown's offered their highly competitive Dragon Class boat **Gay Maid** to the effort and Carl Robinette purchased a Dragon Class boat that they named **Gay Lady**. The two teams consisted of: Steve Curran, Kevin Connelly & Gary Weisman, and Bill Gerard, Shanidah Gerard & Gordon Butcher. They trailered the boats to Galveston and competed, but did not make on the Olympic Team. Four years later, team 1 with the **Gay Lady** was selected as the Olympics backup team and went to Germany for the Summer Olympics, but did not compete. SBYC History book, pages 175-176 & 222.

Dean Brown passed away in 2006, Katherine Brown passed away 2013