

# FILLMORE CONDIT

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S.B.Y.C. Flag and Life Member 1967 – 2005

Fillmore Condit grew up in Long Beach, CA, and as he said, that was back when Long Beach still had a beach. He spent much of his childhood around boats and cars. His Dad, Donald Condit raced the early rendition of today's hydroplane boats (before the Merlin and Rolls Royce engines were used). He spent his summers at Catalina Island working on and living on boats, primarily sailboats, but also some power boats. His love of boats began at a very young age and continued throughout his life. His life was very interesting and unique, as a child growing up in Long Beach (his Grandfather Fillmore Condit) was one of the early mayors of Long Beach. He experienced the 1933 Long Beach Earthquake, and his family lived outdoors for quite a while after the earthquake as their home was not livable.

In 1955, he graduated from UCSB, with a degree in economics.

In 1956, Fillmore and Germaine Condit moved to the Santa Ynez Valley. He was a teacher, architect, contractor, developer and real estate broker. Teaching at the Santa Ynez Valley High School, he taught shop and design, and he was responsible for putting a complete woodworking shop and program together.

He, and his brother and sister owned and ran the Oak Trail Cattle Ranch, located in the Santa Ynez Valley. He ultimately developed the Ranch in the early 1960's. He was a Solvang City Council member and he also served as the Mayor. He started many public projects in Santa Ynez Valley and was one of the primary people to shape the City of Solvang into what it is today.

In 1967 Fillmore joined the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and he was an active sailboat racer in the Wet Wednesday and Salty Saturday race series. Fillmore and Germaine owned several sailboats, most were "Cal Designed", CAL 24, 27, 34 and a 48. He enjoyed his weekends at the harbor in Marina One, maintaining and working on many different boats.

Fillmore really enjoyed the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and the whole yacht club scene, from after-race dinners to lunches with his friends. He felt he wanted to give a perpetual trophy to the Yacht club that would be used and enjoyed for many years by all who just like him, enjoyed the Yacht Club. In 1977 Fillmore located an antique ship's Engine Room Signaling Device and donated it to the Yacht Club as an annual trophy for the Wilson Series Race, PHRF Class "C".