

GENE O'HAGAN HISTORY

Gene O'Hagan, B 1938 - D 2015

Santa Barbara Yacht Club, Flag Member 1982 – 1991

Gene's career was in real estate that spanned 42 years in the Santa Barbara area. Gene was a person that you could actually say was a "character". Always smiling and quick with a joke. At SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB, Gene was an avid sailor and sailboat racer. He envisioned, financed and participated in several National and International sailboat race campaigns.

Gene was also very enthusiastic about youth sports, and he was always ready to take a young Youth Foundation sailor from the "wall" (breakwall) for Wet Wednesday races.

Gene put his own competitive equestrian upbringing to his sailboat racing efforts. He would tell his young sailors, get to the next level, and don't get comfortable. "Comfort was a path to losing".

His J-24 "*HOUDINI*", with a Santa Barbara crew, participated in national and international competition on both the East and West Coast.

The IOR 40 footer, "*TOMAHAWK*", joined the ranks of the highly competitive IOR 40's fleet in Santa Barbara, there were probably eight of them, aggressively racing every week.

His Lauri Davidson designed 50' "*JUMPING JACK FLASH*" raced regional and international races on the West Coast.

Gene represented SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB in the Masters Series Regatta at St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco.