

DEAN SMITH, M.D.

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SBYC MEMBER 1965 - 2003

Dean and Nancy Smith joined Santa Barbara YC in 1965. Dean was an active member of the Club, serving on the Board of Directors from 1971 to 1973. Dean was involved in the planning and construction of the present clubhouse in 1969. Dean and fellow members were instrumental in starting the Santa Barbara Youth Foundation, with major support coming from Hastings Harcourt. Dean and Nancy were instrumental in starting a Christmas party tradition where Santa arrived by boat in front of the new clubhouse, yes, through the surf.

Dean and Nancy had several sailboats, all named "*Hurulu*", a wood sloop 36, a Columbia 30, an Islander 36 and a Golfstar 42. Dean and Nancy spent years cruising the Channel Islands, there were Stag Cruises, Club outings to the Stanton Ranch, and annual YC summer cruises to Catalina Island. Over the years they became attracted to LAYC's Howlands Cove and the simplicity of Catalina Island. In the 1980's they started a summer relocation of Hurulu to Fish Harbor on Terminal Island for the easy sail, moorings, and camaraderie found at Howlands. They also did many international bare boat cruises in New Zealand, European cannels, multiple trips to the Caribbean and the South Pacific.

Learn more about the Smith's in the 2025, July Scuttlebutt.