

BECK CLIPPER TROPHY
HOT RUM SERIES, OVERALL
(model of Sailing Ship "*San Felipe*")

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Member Percy BECK generously gave the yacht Club two beautiful models of sailing ships that he had built. One, the "*Amerigo Vespucci*" built in 1950 as a training ship for the Italian Sea Cadets. The other, the "*San Felipe*," was built by the king of Spain in 1690 and reigned as the flagship of the Spanish Armada. These models amply show the onlooker the high level of patience and skill required of a master builder.

Born in England, Percy emigrated to Canada where he worked as a shipwright and sailed on the inland waterways between Canada and Alaska. He and his wife Vera, and his family moved to Santa Barbara thirty years ago. Since his retirement he has spent untold hours building these models. His daughter, Diane, says he is "not human" when he is working out the details of his project, never content until perfection is reached.

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