

# Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

## Tom and Betty Crawford

**Tom S. Crawford** (Born 1894 – Died 1996)

**Beatrice (Betty) Crawford** (Born 1897 – Died 1979)

Tom and Betty Crawford made Santa Barbara their home in 1920. Tom quickly established himself in the community as a well-known real estate professional.

Tom joined the “old” yacht club in 1937, at a time when the Santa Barbara Yacht Club was dissolving and two new clubs were forming. He was among the group of dedicated individuals who traveled to Sacramento to renew the original Charter of Incorporation. For a period, these two new clubs co-existed, but eventually they merged and, in 1940, reverted to the original name: Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

Both Tom and Betty were deeply engaged in the life of the club. Tom participated actively in the Flattie Fleet and competed in big boat races, owning several boats himself. Betty contributed significantly by organizing and supporting social events.

Tom is credited with the promotion of youth sailing, instrumental in organizing and instructing; the Sea Scouts, the Carpentaria Girl Mariners and the Sea Shells. He assisted many young people in perusing entry into the Maritime Academy.

In 1955, Tom and Betty Crawford demonstrated their commitment to fostering positive values within the Santa Barbara Yacht Club by presenting the Club with a trophy. This award was intended to honor individuals who exhibited exceptional acts of good sportsmanship, reflecting the Crawfords’ dedication to encouraging integrity and camaraderie among club members.

Tom served on the Club’s Board of Directors and was elected Commodore in 1952. Tom and Betty remained members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club until Tom’s passing in 1966.