

HISTORY OF THE ROSENBLUM REGATTA

ORIGIN of the REGATTA: The Harold Rosenblum Memorial Regatta began in 1978 after SFYC member Charlie Fleischman asked the Board of Directors if he could dedicate a trophy to his good friend, Dr. Harold Rosenblum.

HISTORY OF ROSENBLUM FAMILY: Dr. Harold Rosenblum owned and successfully raced two boats on the Bay. His first boat was a 38-foot yacht named “Buoyant Girl,” designed by Myron Spaulding. Harold sailed the “Buoyant Girl” to defend for SFYC in the 1951 Perpetual Cup. There is a model of the “Buoyant Girl” in the Commodore’s Room at the Club. Harold’s second boat was the 26-foot all-teak Pacific Clipper named “Shon Hee,” built in Hong Kong by Cheoy Lee. Harold raced “Shon Hee” and was very faithful in keeping his wood boat in excellent condition. “Shon Hee” is listed in the SFYC year books from at least as early as 1962 until 1973. Dr. Rosenblum died in 1976 and his wife, Riatta, died several years later. It is not known whether they had any children or other surviving relatives.

HISTORY OF REGATTA: The Rosenblum Perpetual trophy was initially awarded to the “Most Outstanding Wood Boat” in the Club Championship Series. As the number of wood boats declined the trophy was changed accordingly, and it is now awarded to any Club member who wins the Rosenblum Regatta, which is typically the first Club Championship Series race of the year.



People Who Contributed to This History in January, 2002:

*Roger Eldridge Dan King Ken Frost Tim McGowan John Ross
Marion Hinman Cissy & Pat Kirrane Nancy Rogers Wendy Miller
Hal & Anne McCormack Rhim Fleischman (Charlie Fleischman's grandson)*

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