







Sandy Pratt T-bird Sailor succumbs to COVID19 March 26th , age 92

CYC Member since 1957 remained a fierce racing competitor to age of 90, stopping because two of his regular crew had a baby and replacing half his crew proved frustrating.

Sandy started sailing at age 7

Raced with the Husky Sailing Club in 1949 at the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Sailing Regatta at Berkeley, CA in International 14s.

In his 20's Sandy raced the Star, My Sin.

Letha told him a Star wasn't a good family boat, so he chose the "T-bird," designed by Ben Seaborn to help the American Plywood Association sell plywood to the backyard boat builder.

In 1967, Sandy finished wooden T-bird #711, LeBar. In 1975 he won the T-bird International Championship in 1975, besting 75 boats.

His last Bird #1177, Falcon

Remembered for his jovial personality and hearty laugh, always smiling, and having a good time.

Sandy shared his knowledge and conclusions for achieving the best performance, to teach the finer points of sail and boat trim, race, tactics, strategy - lifelong learner always trying to improve his racing skill

He could ghost along in light air better than anyone

A longtime Boeing engineer, Sandy oversaw the manufacture of the 747 wings, in the process, fashioning new techniques and tools

Preceded in death by his wife Letha who passed away in 2016

Survived by his wonderful partner, Marta, who he met after Letha passed, two children and four grandchildren.