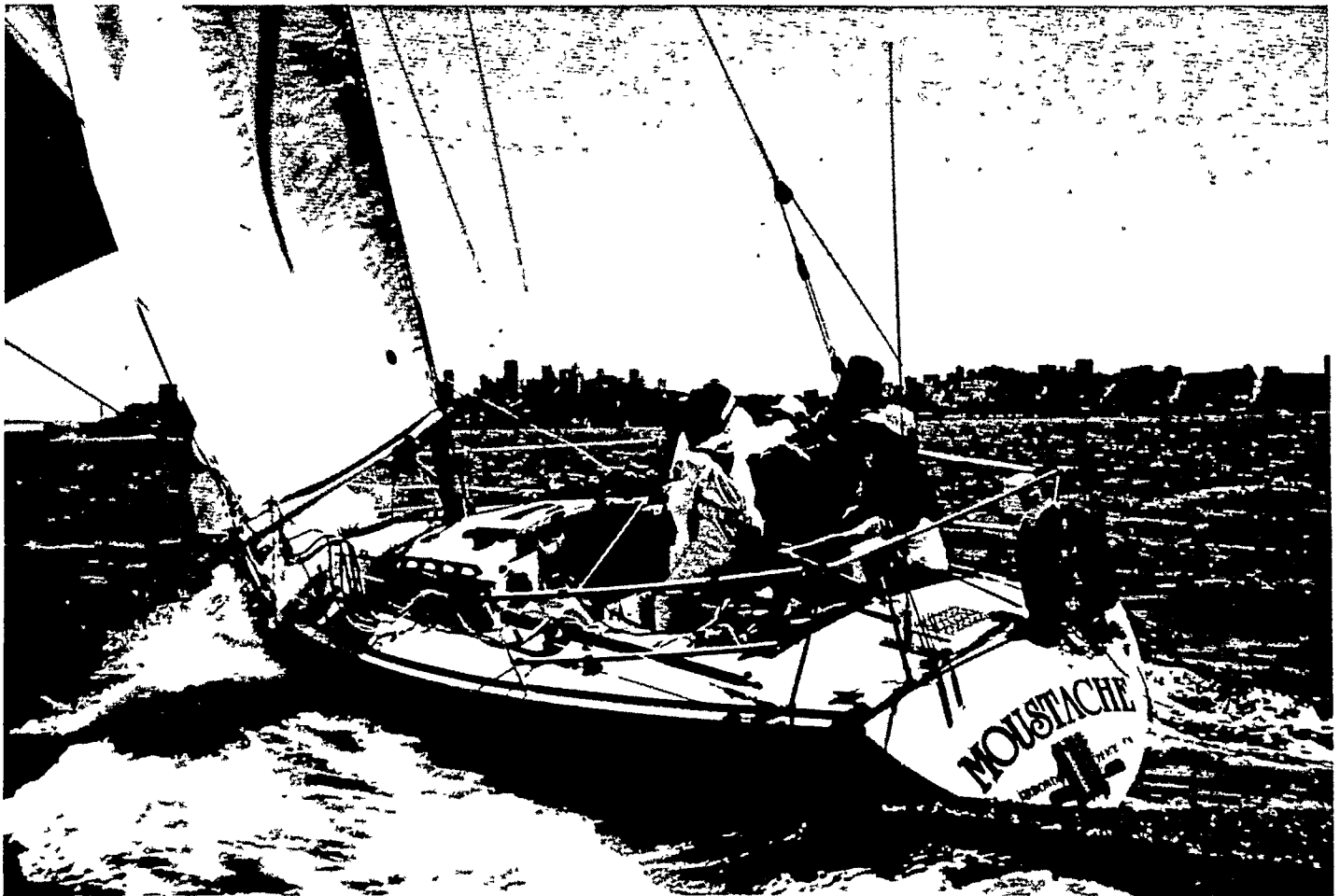


**King Harbor Yacht Club  
Sponsors the  
TOM COLLIER MEMORIAL REGATTA  
to benefit the  
American Cancer Society**



**Thomas Edward Collier  
June 11, 1960 - October 6, 1991**



Hana Collier

## EULOGY

THOMAS EDWARD COLLIER—Born June 1960, at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Kittery, Maine. Mother: Mary Jane Doll Collier; Father: Edward M. Collier, an officer and pilot in the U.S. Air Force. Military assignments took the family on a series of moves from New Hampshire, Indiana, Florida, Sacramento, California, (while Tom's father was in Vietnam) to Omaha, Nebraska. During their stay in Nebraska, Tom's mother passed away a victim of cancer. Later during that assignment, his father remarried and Tom was adopted by his new mother, Jeanne L. McClimans. From there they moved to Washington D.C., where Tom began high school. Later, they relocated to Riverside, California where Tom was graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1978. At Notre Dame, Tom was Captain of the golf team and was honored as the most valuable player during his senior year. Also, during this time he became an avid aviation enthusiast through activities with the Civil Air Patrol and his hobby of building and flying model airplanes. Additionally, he won the March AFG Golf Championship, the youngest competitor to have earned that title. In April, 1978, he received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He completed three semesters at the Academy and then decided on a career change in the Spring of 1980. Returning to Riverside, California he held positions at the Riverside Airport for three years and completed his training for private pilot certification. He relocated to Los Angeles in 1984 and joined the Northrop Corporation—first in personnel and then joining the B-2 Program, where he worked in Manufacturing Planning. While continuing his golf avocation, he broadened his interests into sailing during this period and progressed from novice status to winner of the "Olson 30 National Championships" with his crew (including Kelly McMartin) of Northrop) and his boat "Moustache" in both 1989 and 1990. His other "National Championship" was in December 1989, when he married the former Hana Biller of Hermosa Beach, California. Tom succumbed to cancer 6 October 1991 after a long and valiant struggle. Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents in Seattle, WA, sisters: Chris - Torrance; Kelly - Palm Desert; and Roni - Maryland; brothers: Bruce and Marc - Virginia; Mike - Washington. He was dearly loved and will be missed by all of his family and friends.

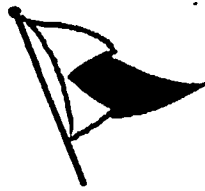


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# **KING HARBOR YACHT CLUB**

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## **DEED OF GIFT**

### **TOM COLLIER MEMORIAL TROPHY**

**PURPOSE:** Tom Collier was one of the bravest people the members of King Harbor Yacht Club have ever known. For three years he struggled with cancer and the side effects of his treatments. Although the chemo-therapy and radiation treatments often left him sick and debilitated, he always had time and energy for his friends and for sailing on his Olson 30, Moustache. During the last few months of his life, when the doctors were trying experimental chemo treatments (at his request) and with the disease cutting his lung capacity to less than 1/10 of what it was when he was healthy, when he could barely even climb the ladder to get into his boat when it was on the trailer in the KHYC yard, Tom continued to sail, almost as if there was nothing wrong. He lived life to the fullest up until his last day on Earth, refusing to allow the disease to ever lower his spirits in any way.

Tom was a friend to each of us individually and to KHYC as a whole. As a result, a fund was started on the day of his funeral to provide a trophy in memory of Tom. It was decided that an annual sailboat race hosted by KHYC with the primary purpose of raising money for the American Cancer Society would be the best way for the people of KHYC to remember Tom. This deed of gift describes the details associated with the Tom Collier Memorial Trophy to be awarded each year at the Tom Collier Memorial Regatta to benefit the American Cancer Society.

**AUTHORITY:** This trophy is awarded to the King Harbor Yacht Club by the members who have donated to the memory of Tom Collier (see attached list). As a result and within the bounds of this deed of gift, the KHYC board of directors shall have full authority over the disposition of this award.

**BENEFITS:** The primary purpose of the regatta is to raise money for cancer research. As a result, all proceeds in the form of entry fees, donations, collections, pledges, etc. shall be donated directly to the American Cancer Society.

**RACE DESCRIPTION:** Competition for this trophy shall be sailed annually during the month of June in waters off of King Harbor, Redondo Beach, CA. Races shall be sailed under the handicap system determined by the current KHYC race chairman. It is recommended that the handicap system used be the most popular at the time of the race to attract the maximum number of entries.

The regatta shall be a one day event with one or two races. It is hoped that an appropriate social event will be planned for after the regatta to allow presentation of the trophy. Every effort should be made to (a) maximize proceeds for the American Cancer Society, (b) maximize number of entries, and (c) maximize the entertainment value to continue to attract regatta participants. Recommended funtions for the day of the event include invitations to dignitaries, a burger bash, a band, spectator boats to allow landlubbers to watch the race, keeping track of the race status and action for those on shore and on spectator boats, all boats docking at KHYC after the race, etc.

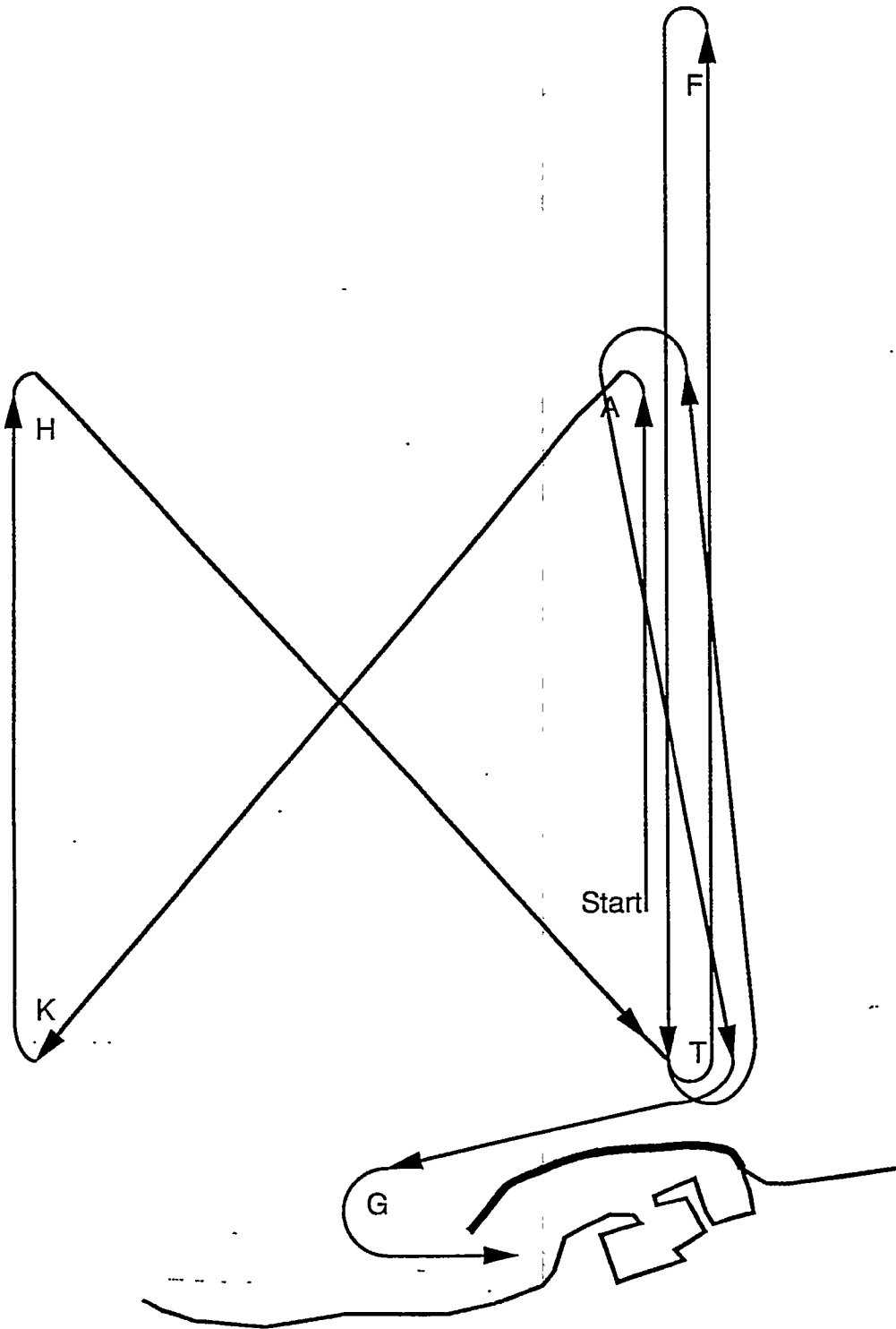
**TROPHY:** The trophy is a Wyland original housed in a glass case. The trophy shall be maintained by and kept at KHYC. It shall be mounted in a prestigious location within the clubhouse and shall be presented for viewing at the awards ceremony each year. It is anticipated that the winner of the regatta each year will have his name and boat name enscribed on a plaque mounted on the trophy case. An acrylic model trophy is available from Wyland and is recommended for presentation to the winner as a "takehome" award. Other awards shall be given as the current KHYC race chairman deems proper. If for any reason the regatta cannot be hosted for 3 consecutive years, the trophy becomes the property of Mrs. Hana Collier or her heirs may, at that time, decide to keep the trophy or re-dedicate it for another use which may be more appropriate for maintaining the memory of Tom Collier and supporting the American Cancer Society.

Written by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Folkman, Trophy Committee Chairman, Friend  
and Boatpartner to Tom Collier

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



1993 Tom Collier Memorial Regatta Race Course



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## **KING HARBOR YACHT CLUB**

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July 22, 1993

### **Tom Collier Memorial Regatta**

To All Competitors and Participants:

On behalf of the King Harbor Yacht Club Members, Board of Directors and Flag Officers, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Second Annual Tom Collier Memorial Regatta.

We were saddened with the loss of Tom, who was a competitive sailor, an outstanding young man and one who touched all who came in contact with him. His fight and spirit live on in his memory with this regatta.

We are pleased to be a part of this worthwhile cause knowing that all the net proceeds go to the Cancer Society.

I commend all the members whose hard work made this event possible. A special thank you to Mark Folkman, Chairman, Tom's boat partner and friend.

Please enjoy the day both as competitors and participants in the many activities planned.

Bob Brehm  
Commodore  
King Harbor Yacht Club

Dear Ms. Dinah Lary:

Thank you for the information on the Tom Collier Memorial Regatta. I hope there is some way to put some cancer survivors on the race boats themselves to show people, survive with cancer, some just live a little bit longer.

You're thinking, why does this guy care so much about cancer survivors? Because I am one. I have been battling a brain tumor since Nov. '87. I knew Tom, he was a friend, always smiling. Sailing is very important in survivorship to me: The people provide and give inner strength, especially the friendly ones at KHYC. How do I know? I race on Hot Rum.

Cancer has become a disease of lost funding, research and help, but regattas like this one keep people reminded of the problem and any amount raised is a positive sign.

Thanks again,

Lee Stratford

# KING HARBOR YACHT CLUB

King Harbor Yacht Club was officially launched in January, 1960 through the merger of two well-established South Bay yacht clubs, the Win'ard Yacht Club and Redondo Harbor Yacht Club.

Win'ard, the older of the two, was formed in 1949 and compiled an admirable record in promoting Corinthian activities in the South Bay area, operating from a small clubhouse which was dismantled in July, 1960 to make way for harbor expansion.

Redondo Harbor Yacht Club was organized in 1956 by some 120 small boat sailors to promote sailing and racing activities in King Harbor, including the Cecil King Trophy Race, which was one of the largest dingy races in the world.

Our present facility was completed in 1964 and is open to members and their guests seven days a week. Facilities include two boat hoists, rigging and guest docks, shore power, complete shower facilities, dry boat storage, a full-service bar and a professionally operated galley, which is also available for individual members' use.

Weather has played a significant role in the history of our Club. In February and March 1983 and again in January of 1988, storms raged in our harbor. Our facility sustained major damage and was restored with the dedication and tireless efforts of our members. The breakwater adjacent to our Club continues to be studied by the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers in the hope of preventing future recurrences of this damage.

King Harbor Yacht Club is an informal, family-oriented club designed to foster active participation by the membership in a wide variety of activities from racing to cruising to Club management. Representing a broad cross-section of the South Bay community, the 600 members pursue boating activities in everything from the smallest of sabots through large cruising yachts to transoceanic racers.

The King Harbor Youth Foundation sponsors a highly successful Junior Summer Sailing Program, which is also open to the public. Club members are particularly active in competitive sailing events: Tom Collier and Mark Folkman were Olson 30 National Champions, Kelly McMartin won the 1989 Sabot Nationals and Staff Commodore Ed McDowell placed first in the 1990 Cal Cup. This year KHYC is proud to host the Tom Collier Memorial Regatta to benefit the American Cancer Society.

# HISTORY OF REDONDO BEACH

The ocean has always been the centerpiece of life in Redondo Beach.

To the Chowigna Indians who inhabited this area before the coming of the white man, the sea not only provided food and transport but also provided them with the means to establish the first industry in the area - salt production from the salt flats which once occupied the site of the current Southern California Edison powerplant. Indeed, these salt flats provided the first tourists, as Indians from further inland were attracted to the area to visit the sea and trade for salt.

In 1784, much of the land south of El Pueblo de Los Angeles and west of what would become Long Beach was deeded to Juan Jose Dominguez as Rancho San Pedro. It was not for another 100 years, however, that the first residence would be built in the area. The first real attempt to develop the area began in 1885 when 433 acres along the beach were purchased from the Dominguez family by the Redondo Development Company. Although this first effort was to have little success, a later effort begun in 1889 tied Redondo Beach to the expansion of Southern California's railways and the promotion of tourism in the area. By 1892, a deep-water shipping wharf had been constructed, the 225 room Hotel Redondo was opened and Redondo Beach, now linked by rail to Los Angeles, was incorporated as a city.

Although a dream of turn-of-the-century city fathers was to develop Redondo Beach into the major shipping center in Southern California, the development of the San Pedro harbor and the discovery of a deep canyon just off the beach caused the city to turn to tourism to survive.

In the early years of this century, the area near present-day King Harbor, named in honor of U. S. Representative Cecil R. King, who was instrumental in its creation, sported a huge roller coaster, a horseshoe pier, restaurants and the world's largest indoor heated saltwater plunge. With transportation provided by the famed "red cars" of the Pacific Electric Railroad, crowds flocked to swim, frolic on the beach and dance in the Pavilion's ballrooms. During Prohibition and the Depression, bingo parlors, a casino and off-shore gambling ships, replete with mobsters and ladies of the night, provided plentiful local color.

As the city's economy improved and diversified, Redondo Beach began to flourish once again and the city has grown to become a comfortable and attractive seaside residential town with progressive schools and active local commerce. With the development of King Harbor and its breakwater in the mid-1950's, recreational boating along this part of the coast was given a significant boost, with King Harbor being the only safe harbor between Marina del Rey to the north and Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor to the south.

Storms have played a major role in the life of the city throughout the years. Piers and wharfs have been built, washed away and built again. As a result of several devastating storms during the 1980's, the Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to add additional height to the existing breakwater to prevent damage to beaches, streets and coastal structures.

Today, Redondo Beach's population is approximately 65,000 and it continues to flourish as a tourist and resort town. It boasts piers with fishing and amusements, a salt water lagoon reminiscent of the old plunge, many fine restaurants and hotels and the beautiful King Harbor. It prides itself as one of the most progressive cities of the South Bay.



**The American Cancer Society is the nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education and service. Your gift is invested promptly in the Society's programs and projects seeking a cure for this disease and providing service for patients in our community including the Kenneth Norris Institute where Tom was treated for three years.**

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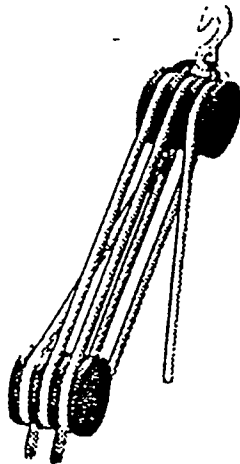
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