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In Memoriam - Roy Woosley, Former Lido Isle YC Commodore, Succumbs at 90

Thursday, September 06, 2007

NEWPORT BEACH - Roy Woolsey, a former commodore of Lido Isle Yacht Club who was well known for his competitive spirit and devotion to his wife and children died just one week before the start of the annual event that bears his name: the Roy B. Woolsey Regatta. He was 90.

Woosley, a 57-year resident of Lido Isle, suffered a massive stroke while playing bridge with his son, Roy Jr. He died on Aug. 28.

Born in Pasadena, Woolsey spent his youth in Gardena. He entered the University of California, Los Angeles in 1935, where he met his wife, Louise Jones. The two celebrated 66 years of marriage this year.

After serving in the Navy, Woolsey became an attorney in Newport Beach and, later, Costa Mesa.

A week before his death, Woosley, who had sailed his first Lido 14 National Championship race in 1958, competed in this year's Lido 14 National Championship in Newport Harbor. He earned honors as the oldest competitor, and enjoyed reuniting with friends during a party at the event.

The day before his 90th birthday, he and his crew took first place in an American Legion Yacht Club race off the Balboa Peninsula. The victory brought a smile to Woolsey's face.

Services were held Sept. 4 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

- *Ambrosia Sarabia*

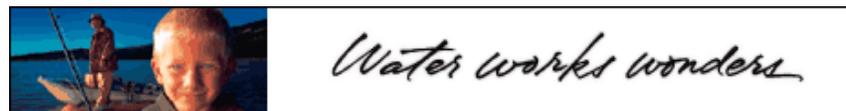


Passing on his Passion - The late Roy Woolsey, 90, the oldest skipper participating in the Lido 14 Class Championship Aug. 19-22, introduced himself to the youngest skipper, Christophe Killian, 10. They stood at third and 15th in the Silver Fleet after four of eight races. This was Woolsey's last race, as he died on Aug 28.

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