

Acton Action

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Fleet 25 Remembers



Bob was a member of Y-Fleet 25 after beginning his sailing career in a Rhodes Bantam. He soon found the Y sailors were having more fun and sailed Y-2592 - Miss Hepzibah. Later he sailed Y-2587. He was Commodore of HSA in 1988 and again in 1993. He sailed until his mid 80's on Acton Lake and at many Y regattas in the Midwest during his life.

Doug Kinser Y-Fleet 8 Indy

"Bob was probably one of the nicest guys our class ever had. Always in an upbeat mood, win or lose. Kept right on camping in his white van, too. Loraine didn't crew but she traveled to regattas with him. Bob frequently had young people crew for him and they entered junior races as well. Of course, Bob would find a crew his age for the internationals so he could win the 'Old Salt' trophy.'

Jerry Callahan Y-Fleet 25 Hueston Woods

"(Bob) was a gentleman and a friend both on and off the water. Years after he quit sailing, he and Loraine would still attend social activities. They were our friends for over 40 years and would visit us every winter in Florida on their way back to the Keys. Bob would wake up first and have a bagel and a cup of coffee and work the crossword with JoAnn. Loraine would then fix him a really healthy breakfast for his appetite was legendary. We will miss him. "



Bob Schultz

January 30, 1921- January 4, 2015

Last week, HSA lost a friend and fellow sailor. It is not just our loss, for Bob's influence was wide, his friendships were diverse, and his community was as large as the man's personality. Last season, I bought Bob's old Y-Flyer, Miss Hepzibah, from Jim Hater. (Pictured above left with Bob and his wife Loraine) Bob started sailing and racing when he was about 50 and still managed to spend 35 years or so on the water competing.

When Bob was involved in a collision several years ago with another HSA octogenarian, he decided to finally furl his jib for good, but he and Loraine continued to stay close. In this issue we look back at Bob's life with us in the sailing/racing community here and elsewhere.



That's Bob Schultz on the leeward side in light air skippering his Y "Miss Hepzibah". (My computer says I misspelled the boat's name. See more about the boat name on the next page.)

The photo is courtesy Roger Henthorn but is undated. The young man crewing for Bob is also unknown, but no doubt one of many that Bob introduced to the sport.

Drew Daugherty - Little Rock, AR Y-Fleet 30

"I will never forget Bob, crewing for Jerry Callahan, with both of them flat out straight hiking and rolling over Clif Causey and me in heavy air at Lake St. Louis. Both of them in their 70's. And the really, really long springs on his trailer."

Rose Schultz

"Bob's personality was a wonderful combination of intelligence, wit, humor, and warmth. It is impossible to think of him without smiling. He will be sorely missed."

Mike Stratton

"Just a few years ago, we were leaving an HSA potluck, perhaps a 4th of July. When we got to the parking lot, Bob was serenading some old HSA friends out there in his booming baritone. Even approaching 90, he was still energetic, engaging, and completely unabashed in his impromptu performance before all within hearing distance."

Gwen Marshall

"Bob Schultz stood out as both active and knowledgeable in the RB class, connecting me to someone in Oxford who had the exact boat I wanted for my girl scouts. (He) helped me get a new rudder for our boat too ... and when Bob found out we needed new sails for our RB (they got stolen) ... he offered to donate a set."

Remembrance

Bob was a dear and unique soul on this earth. He brought much joy, song, storytelling, intelligence and laughter to make the world a better place. Born in Indiana almost 94 years ago, he was his high school valedictorian (Batesville) and went on to Purdue University.

WW II interrupted his formal education but he went to officer's school before being sent to Europe to fight, eventually participating in the Battle of the Bulge.

Upon his return home he resumed his studies at Purdue where he completed his engineering degree in 1948. He met Loraine while in the lunchroom at Proctor and Gamble. He marveled at how much she could eat and still look so good. They were soon married and moved to Maryland where Bob taught radar at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Army post during the Korean conflict.

They returned to College Hill in Cincinnati soon where he continued at P&G while Loraine worked at IBM. They have lived on Meryton Place since 1965. Both have been active in their church there. Bob began sailing and racing in the 1970's and that sport and classical music were two of his favorite things. (From the pastoral remarks at last Saturday's funeral.)

We will remember Bob fondly, all of us. He was not only a member of the "greatest generation", he was a man for all generations.



Chuck and Helen Smith Remember Bob

"When we think of Bob, we think of the limericks he used to quote so often. He loved to make them up for special occasions. He reminded us of an English gentleman who loved Masterpiece Theater. He also reminded us of my (Helen's) father in stature and build.

Bob was kind to everyone and we never heard him slight anyone. He enjoyed life with whatever it brought his way and was pleasant natured. He and Loraine fit together like a glove and a hand. He depended on her for so many things to make his world happy, safe, and secure.

These are the things that we remember most. The sailing is not the first thing that stands out in our minds although that is what linked us all. His humanness and giving spirit are the things we remember most."

Miss Hepzibah? So just what is in a name? Many have asked over the years but no one could say. So, we Googled it. The first thing that pops up is a Marvel Comics character named Hepzibah, a member of the intergalactic enforcers known as Starjammers and connected to the X-Men. The Marvel Hepzibah got her name from the Walt Kelly Pogo character in the comic strips who was in love with Pogo Possum. But there is also a Biblical character named Hephzibah in the Second Book of Kings, she being the second wife of Hezekiah, King of Judah and meaning "my delight is in her". So, knowing Bob, which one is the source? Loraine knows. Bob loved humor. It was Pogo. He just thought it was a fun name.

