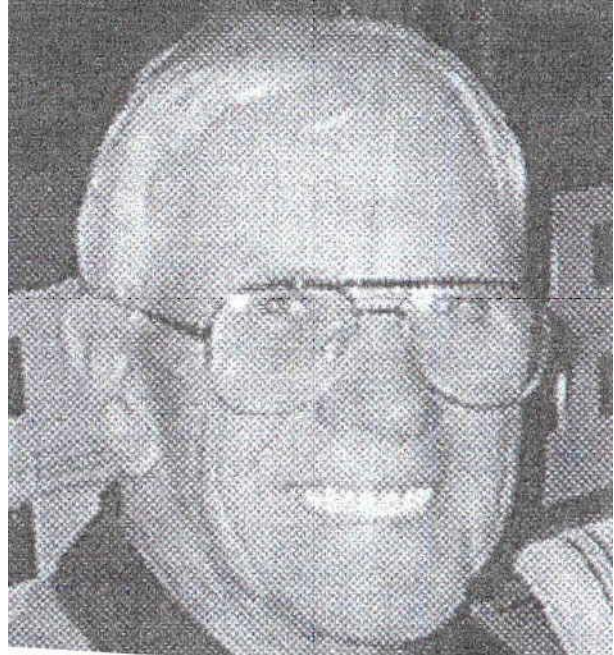


Allan Edward Dawson 1928 to 2005.

It was very sad to hear about the passing of our shipmate. He originally came from the Fleetwood Club in England and migrated to Adelaide.

Allan came into the company of John and Mavis Smith who came from the Bournville Club near Birmingham in England. They, along with George Middleton and others formed the Model Ship and Power Boat Club of SA. Some time later Allan and others founded the Bayside Model Yacht Club and it became one of the leading vane Marblehead clubs in Australia in about 1965circa.



When I came into the sport these people, like Allan, were like the Gurus of vane sailing with their experiences from these English Clubs. I know Allan had a particular love for the Stan Witty M design "Golden Archer" that he sailed. I first met and sailed against him in Melbourne in the Teams M regattas in the 1969/70 and in West Lakes in Adelaide, at the Nats in 1990.

One of the most admired things about Allan was his love of the Sailing. You could always get a happy anecdote from him in the most tensed sailing situation. He held the Registrar's Job in the early days (1970 circa) for vane A and Q class yachts (Qs were A class with R/C in them). He held the job for many years as the Registrar for all the national classes, up to about 1984 circa.

Allan will be sorely missed by the old brigade of vane and R/C sailors. He was never lost for a word on any subject and I always found him to be fun to sail with. He will be missed greatly.

Allan passed away on the 18/11/05. He was a man with many friends. I believe he fought to the end in his very short illness. His son Robert was at his bedside when he died. He will be missed by his family, grand children and Great Grandchildren.

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