

Remembrances of Skipper Bob Berry

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In 1983, in response to my “experienced Thistle crew available” bulletin board notice, Bob invited me to crew with him and his daughter Brandy, which I did for several seasons. I discovered right away that Bob possessed three qualities that made him an ideal skipper: he was a good competitive sailor, he didn’t blame his crew when things went wrong, and he always remained calm (well, almost always). He was also a good teacher who encouraged me to take-the-tiller, building my confidence that, I too, could skipper. Off the water or on, as all of you know, Bob was a no-pretenses class act.

Sail on Skipper