

ROBERT ROBINSON

A Memorial Statement

(The Background on the SLSC
Robinson Series)

When I joined the club in 1964, Bob and Jo Robinson were already members - sailing a Lightning as I remember.

They were very active in all aspects of club operations - but Bob did not wish to become a club officer; instead, he just pitched in and got going whatever needed to be going. Jo, his wife, was very socially minded and enjoyed good fun. She also enjoyed wearing the spinnaker portion of her evening gowns at half-mast - thus endearing her popularity with all the male members of the club - and the envy of many of the female members.

Bob was a major in the Air Force and stationed, as I remember at the Schenectady County Airport. He enjoyed sailing, but loved flying.

About a year later Bob received the orders he had been requesting ever since Viet Nam became a factor in world strategy. So, with a great send-off party we bid them farewell and they left for Eglin AFB in Florida for operational training before going overseas.

On his third night tactics training flight at Eglin, Bob was killed in a mid-air collision. He never saw action!

Jo moved with the children to Oklahoma and maintained a corresponding membership with the club for many years.

The ROBINSON TROPHY is the first SLSC Race Series so authorized to honor one of our outstanding members.

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