



This is a picture of me being held by my dad, Hap Arnold, many years ago. He has been a strong influence and mentor to me as many fathers are. In 1973, he was the AYC Commodore and back in the day, I never imagined I would be following in his footsteps. I am humbled by this opportunity and honor to be added to the list of those serving the AYC membership. Dad is the one who taught me to sail on a Sunfish and a M20. As the youngest of 4 girls, I was often on the shore wishing he had picked me for the day's sail. I owe him a debt of gratitude as I owe all of you for this opportunity to serve. When I first asked Dad for any advice he had for me in this challenge, he said, "Ask yourself, how does it benefit sailing and how does it benefit racing?" I will take that advice and apply it throughout the year because when you look at the AYC mission statement, it's all about being a premier sailing club with an emphasis on racing.



And here is another picture that is from last year's Opening Day Ceremony. Dad is wearing his Olympic sailing jacket he received after serving as the US Sailing Team doctor. I am so proud of all he has accomplished. He also was an AYC founding father who with the others saw the potential of this property that became our little piece of heaven. Every time I say Happy Sailing. I think of him and thank all those who made AYC what it is today.

So, Happy sailing. Love you Dad!

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