

Brian Corbett

Born on 9th January, 1941, Brian Corbett died peacefully surrounded by his family on 29th June, 2022, having fought bravely against illness for several years but continuing to sail his beloved Herreshoff half rater, *Winifred*, and to be an active supporter of all forms of boating. He was a valued member of the Medway Yacht Club, and Chairman of the Medway and Swale Boating Association.

Brian was still working for the NHS into his eighties, but still found time to pursue his special interest in classic yachts, and he took particular pride in taking part in Cowes Classics Week, which he said was his favourite regatta. He was an active member of not only the AYH but also the Old Gaffers Association and the Maritime Heritage Trust, and an enthusiastic campaigner for the UK Heritage Harbour Initiative (*see his article in the AYH Journal 2021*).

Brian was a real old-school gentleman, kind and generous, who earned the respect and affection of all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.



'An Edwardian yachtsman on board an Edwardian motor yacht' – Brian's description of himself on board Lilian during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee river pageant on the Medway