

## *Members of the Class of 1989*



### *Durward "Seawolf" Knowles O.B.E.*

**Durward "Seawolf" Knowles** was introduced to the sport of sailing by his father who was himself an ardent sailing enthusiast. Durward had always favoured the star class yachts and it is in this category that he had astounding success at the Olympic Games, participating in them for more than forty years, earning two medals for The Bahamas in the process.

**Durward's first major international competition** was in 1946, when he finished third in the World Championships in Havana, Cuba. The following year, "Seawolf" along with his crew, Sloan Farrington, teamed to win the World Championship in Los Angeles, California. The Bahamas had no Olympic Charter of its own in 1948, so to participate in the Olympics that year, Farrington and Knowles had to travel to London where they handily won the British elimination series, and qualified to represent England at the Olympic Games in 1948. In those Games the Bahamian pair finished fourth, having suffered a broken mast in one race and a disqualification in another, thereby accumulating points in just four of the six-race series.

**Sir Durward Knowles' place in Bahamian history** has been assured when he with Farrington as crew, succeeded in winning this country's first Olympic Medal, a Bronze at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956. He ultimately claimed the top Olympic prize in 1964, when he won a Gold Medal with Cecil Cooke as crew at the Tokyo Games.

**Other accomplishments** by this outstanding Bahamian sporting figure were Gold Medals at the Pan American and the Central American and Caribbean Games. Knowles was also the proud bearer of the flag of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul Korea.