

Members of the Class of 2003

Sloane E "Bunty" Farrington

(1923-1997)



Sloane E. "Bunty" Farrington's supreme faith was in the awful might of team work, most demonstrable in the aura of invincibility which attached itself to him and his crew mate, Sir Durward Knowles, as they raced against the best the world could offer. His was a regal bearing, masking an appetite for the kind of precision that typifies the yearning of all true champions.

And true champion Sloane was, navigating almost magically the challenges which presented themselves to the courageous pair during the tempestuous Star Class battles in which they so frequently found themselves. His first success in international competition was in 1947 when he teamed with Sir Durward to win a Gold Medal at the Johnnie Walker/Myers Series in Nassau. Later that same year, the pair elevated their performance to win a Gold Medal at the World Championships in New Orleans, Louisiana, the pair achieved a Gold Medal. The pair narrowly missed winning a Medal at the 1948 Olympic Games in London, England, finishing in fourth place in spite of one adversity after another.

Sloane paired with Sir Durward at achieve the ultimate in sailing, winning the first Olympic Medal ever won by The Bahamas, a Bronze, at the Melbourne Olympiad in 1956. He also participated in the Central American and Caribbean Games in 1962 in Jamaica when The Bahamas registered it's finest ever yachting performance, winning four Gold Medals and a Silver. Sloane was co-Gold Medallist on that occasion. Another measure of fine achievement by Sloane was a Gold Medal at the Pan American Games in Chicago in 1959.

By his supreme faith in the awful might of team work then, Sloane has forever etched himself in the recorded history of Bahamian sports, helping to initiate a string of international successes which eventually was to be transferred to sporting disciplines outside of yacht racing.