

## **Hilda Austin RIP**

It is great sadness that we report the passing of our Honorary Member Hilda Austin on Saturday 17th November 2018. Hilda had celebrated her 100th Birthday in July. She joined RCC with her husband George and children Peter and Linda in 1961. Hilda was a great support to George when he became Commodore, Trustee and President of RCC.

Their first boat, a GP was aptly named Rozinante (Don Quixote's horse on which he tilted at windmills.) Hilda was not too keen on their second boat, a Merlin Rocket because it often capsized or got stuck in the mud. With the next boat, a Kestrel, George won many races due, according to Hilda, it's generous handicap. At the end of their sailing career they bought a Silhouette Tiller Girl 11 to be able to enjoy looking at the scenery, the wildlife and to travel further afield.

Hilda had a full and active life enjoying remarkable health in body and mind until the end. Born towards the end of WW1 and as a Land Girl in WW2 she had seen much and had clear recollections of events which she recalled with a lively sense of humour making her good company which those who saw her regularly always enjoyed.

The Austins were the heart of the club in social and sailing events for many years and will be sadly missed by those of us fortunate enough to be their friends. Our thoughts are with Linda and Peter and her grand children and great children.

Details of the funeral will be advised when they are known

David H Miller

RCC Trustee Nov 2018