

**Brown, Robert 'Bob' 71**, sailed from us on March 5, 2018, surrounded by his family in Bluffton, SC. He was born in 1946 in Miami, FL and is survived by his wife, Debby of 48 years, daughter Jeanne Ramsey and Grandson Jarret of Port Orange, Florida. He leaves his sisters, Sue McCoy, Sebastian, FL, Linda Goller (George), Monticello, FL and brother Mike Brown (Shelley), Rabun Gap, GA and many nieces and nephews that he touched in his lifetime. Bob is predeceased by his parents, Jane and Bob Brown, Miami; Brother Dan Brown (Pam), Highland, NC and Sister Patty Wright (Brad), Bonita, FL. Bob grew up working in the family business, Janie's Potato Chips and racing sail boats as a youngster at the Miami Yacht Club: Prams, Snipes, Moths, Oks, Suicides, Yachts. Bob graduated from Miami High School in 1964 and then Miami Dade JC while working as a sail maker with Breman Sails and was a member of the Miami Dade Sailing Team with his brother Dan. His competitions took him through the waterways of FL, GA, Great Lakes, Atlantic and Pacific--always with the wind in his sails. Bob was always looking forward to beating the catamarans with the wooden Suicide he and his Dad built for the Palatka-Jax Mug Race and Miami-Key Largo Race. Bob enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1967 serving on Johnston Island in the Pacific, Hawaii, Miami Beach and the Keys, loving every minute of it. He and Debby married in 1970 in Miami. Because of Bob's vast experience both in the field and technical ability working at FPL for 25 years, he went to Japan and Germany to oversee construction of newly purchased substation breakers and regulators. FPL moved Bob to Port Orange in 1989. Later he worked at VCS Facilities, VC Mosquito Control and the Florida Keys Electric Coop as the Tavernier District Manager where he made wonderful friends and rekindled his love for fishing. Bob worked tirelessly during hurricanes over the 30+ years powering communities back up in and out of Florida. Bob was gifted with the ability to fix just about anything therefore he was always involved in projects. In his retirement he competed in EC12 Meter remote control sailboats. Bob was one of a kind, he had a great sense of humor that would make you laugh, especially Debby and his Mom. Growing up with Bob, his siblings never knew what was around the corner being unique and his mom's favorite of the six. He loved his wife Debby, daughter Jeanne, Grandson Jarret more than they will ever know. He was so very proud of his Grandson Jarret with his grades, baseball and taking care of his mom. All will miss his laughter and being head strong. He has touched lives of many in his years through sailing, working and everyday life. We love him dearly and will miss him for a time, until then—'may the wind always be at your back, sun warm your face and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.' There will be a celebration of Bob's life in the Keys, date, time and place TBA, if interested in attending, please email [celebratebobbrown@gmail.com](mailto:celebratebobbrown@gmail.com).

### Bob Brown's EC-12 Achievements

1991 Holsclaw Memorial Regatta, Charleston, SC 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE  
1992 Holsclaw Memorial Regatta, Charleston, SC THIRD PLACE  
1992 Wisteria Cup Regatta, Charleston, SC FOURTH PLACE  
Orlando R/C MYC, Valentine Regatta, 1993 SECOND PLACE  
1996 Southeastern Championship Regatta, FOURTH PLACE  
Golden Triangle Model Yacht Association EC12 Summer Regatta, FIRST PLACE 1997  
Florida EC12 Association Championship, 1998 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE  
Florida EC12 Championship, December, 1998 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE  
Village's RC Sailing Club, Florida EC12M Association, 1998 Spring Regatta 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE  
Golden Triangle Model Yacht Club Winter Regatta, 1999 FIRST PLACE  
Florida EC12 Association Championship, 1999 SECOND PLACE  
All Florida EC12 Association 1999 Jacksonville Regatta, 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE  
1999 Wisteria Cup Regatta, Charleston, SC 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE  
Sun City Model Yacht Club, FOURTH PLACE, Region III Championship Regatta, 1999  
Florida EC12 Association Freedom Lake Regatta, 2000 FIFTH PLACE  
Florida EC12 Association, GTMYC Regatta, St. Pete 2000 SECOND PLACE  
Florida EC12 Association, April 2002, FIRST PLACE A FLEET  
2006 Florida EC-12 Regatta, 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE GTMYC  
Florida EC12 Association, Orlando Regatta, Sept. 2007 GOLD FLEET 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE  
Florida EC12 Association, GTMYC Regatta, St Pete 2007 SECOND PLACE  
2010 Wisteria Cup Regatta, Charleston, SC 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

