



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

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**VAIL, CHARLES A. '46 "Dink"**

Died 6 December 2000, in a Norfolk hospital, 69.

Graduate of Virginia Tech. Founder and former President of Auto Motor Exchange in Virginia Beach.

Between 1943 and 1967, Vail had more than 100 victories in the Hampton, Jolly-boat and Flying Dutchman classes. He won the Maury Regatta five years in a row. Awarded the Admiral Richard Byrd Trophy three times for his domination of the Eastern Seaboard Championships. At the 1963 Olympic trials, he out-pointed the America's Cup winner Ted Turner. Captured two national championships in the Jolly-boat and Flying Dutchman Classes in 1964. First sailing inductee into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Pyramid Club.

Survived by his wife, Meriel, of Virginia Beach; a daughter, Mary Lewis of Cornelius, OR; two sons, James and Charles, both of Virginia Beach; a sister, Barbara Hitch of Norfolk; a brother, Jack, of Norfolk; and a grandson, Daniel Vail.

At Augusta two years: Private, Company D; Wrestling, Tennis, 150-lb Football.

(Reported by Jim Lane, '49.)

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