

**Ed Gulley – Founder
1957 –2004**

The only surviving charter member of the L. A. Fathomiers Skindiving Club passed away on September 24, 2004. For some it's the end of an era, to others who were privileged to know him over the years it's a personal loss of a true friend. Not only was Ed (Hotche to his closest friends) one of the original charter members, for more than anyone else, he along with Al Schuck were the real architects of the Los Angeles Fathomiers. Ed will be remembered for many good things, not the least as the one who actually gave the club it's name.

In over the forty-seven years existence of the club Ed played a leading role unparalleled by any one else. He was truly dedicated in many ways. In his days, he has given more than anyone else to the club. It was a personal achievement for Ed to see the club grow as it has. No one could be more proud than he was to reflect back on our meager beginnings and to realize just how far we have come.

Throughout the years, Ed has held all the official and perhaps unofficial duties relating to the club. He has been club President for at least six (6) times (years-probably more), Secretary for numerous times and has handled all the other duties as well. He was always a ready and reliable source of advice and information on important matters pertaining to the functioning of the club. His opinions were usually sought out on most controversial or unusual matters. He was always a positive influence within the club membership, and his reputation was impeccable.

Ed Gulley has left his mark in the world. To his family and to his many friends he will live forever in our hearts. To the diving community and especially the L. A. Fathomiers he will be revered as a true legend in the sport. There just seemed to be a more common bond between divers during his time holding for a greater respect for each other.

There are so many great memories going all the way back to "the good old days" to the not so far back. One of the most important things to remember is without this very special person our favorite club, the Fathomiers, would never have been born.

There will always be a special place in the history of the Fathomiers for the name of Ed (Hotche) Gulley.

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