

## Phil Perkins biography



Phil Perkins was born in 1963 and passed away in 2020 at the age of 56. Phil grew up in San Francisco and lived in a number of international locations working for Bank of America Leasing, finally returning to the Bay Area and settling into his waterfront home on Strawberry Point in Mill Valley. Phil's lifelong passion was racing sailboats and doing all kinds of water sports.

Phil learned to sail at the San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC) in Belvedere in the late sixties, joining as a junior in 1977. In 1977 he also began racing Lasers at the St. Francis Yacht Club (StFYC) and joined that club in 1977 as well. He kept both these club memberships his entire life and loved both. In 1985 Phil graduated from UCSB with a degree in Finance. Phil raced on the UCSB sailing team all four years in college and was the captain his senior year. After graduating, he moved back to San Francisco and continued racing the family's R-19 in SYRA. After a few years Phil bought a J/24 and campaigned actively out of StFYC. Phil also actively crewed with his brothers Chris and Jon on their Knarrs, Etchells 22, J/35 and J/105. Phil eventually sold his J/24 and bought a share of Chris' J/105, which together they successfully campaigned for twenty years. Phil also

loved match racing and team racing and joined many challenges at both the SFYC and StFYC. Everyone that sailed with Phil will tell you that he was an amazing sailor but also an amazing human being.

Phil also contributed his time generously to volunteer work at the StFYC where he joined many committees, was Chairman of the Finance Committee for two tough years, and eventually joined the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Phil's financial skills were widely appreciated by the club.