

My grandfather, Allan Vorel, passed away at 90 years old today, January 26. He ran countless races at the Grand Rapids Yacht Club, taught many of us the racing rules of sailing and how to be members of the race committee, gave out lots of pointers as we raced, fixed numerous mechanical issues and carved beautiful rudders and tillers for folks, and supported the class for decades. He kept 4161 in top shape so that my grandmother, Pat (passed away in 2019 from cancer) and I could win 3 nationals and more races together. While he may not have seen most of you in years, he still thought of you all and asked how you were doing and/or how you raced in the regattas. He was always brutally honest, counted on for a joke, and seemed to have the perfect tools and parts for the job! If he didn't, he made them! I will be in touch as the family decides on arrangements.

Thank you,
Mary