

# VOYAGE IN PRINCIPITO

PART-1 Santa Barbara to Guadalupe Island - Baja Mexico

© Y. Le Brock, 2021



*Principito in Santa Barbara Harbor in 1980-3 months before Departure*

## PRINCIPITO'S HISTORY

The designation of "Yacht" is defined, in some people's imagination including mine, as a vessel that you would not be embarrassed to be seen on, at Monaco or some such place.

In the rest of the world any vessel, not used for commercial purposes, is deemed a "Yacht". The Yacht's registered name was "*Yate Viking*" built in 1934 in Buenos Aires.

The name, Julio, the owner and his friends called her, was "*Principito*" (*The Little Prince*) after the character in *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint Exupery.

Julio, an Argentine, had sailed her from Argentina to Santa Barbara on, this, his second round trip voyage. Designed by *Manuel M. Campos* an Argentine naval architect and built by an Italian family in Buenos Aires. She was the sister ship to *Lehg II* made famous by *Vito Dumas*, the famed singlehanded circumnavigator, who sailed around the world, passing the 3 Capes: *Africa's Cape of Good Hope*, *Australia's Cape Leeuwin*, and *South America's Cape Horn*. He was the first *singlehander* to do it and wrote about it in his book "*Alone Through the Roaring Forties*" referring to the 40th Parallel in the southern latitudes.

The design was based on a *Colin Archer* Design from the late 19th century. *Principito* is Cutter rigged with a single main mast, mainsail, genoa and staysail. *Lehg II*, Dumas'

Yacht was Ketch rigged with a main mast with mainsail, a mizzen mast and sail aft, a jib and a staysail forward. The long bowsprit is a characteristic of both yachts. *Lehg II* is in the "Museo Naval de la Nacion" in Buenos Aires.



Principito off Santa Barbara