

## **BOB RUTTER SR.**

Bob Rutter Sr.'s father was William T. Rutter, a contractor, who had a dredge boat for oysters. Bob has built garveys used for fishing, pleasure and racing, but the racing boats may have gotten the most attention. Some of the garveys he built 20 years ago are still racing.

He has a plaque from the East Coast Boat Racing Club of New Jersey Inc. saying he is a member in good standing. He also has a plaque for second place

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in a 1970 Yacht Club of Pleasantville race for his boat *Flower Power*. The Jersey Speed Garvey Association awarded him in 1964 for the High Point Boat, *Who's Chicken*.

Racing on land was a hobby for Bob, also. He used to race in enduro races on motorcycles for 90 miles through the woods, mud and whatever else came up. The riders wore helmets and protective face coverings.

He made a 50-caliber muzzle loader (which uses black powder) from a kit, and has put together others for some of his friends. Working with leather was still another pastime which yielded men's wallets, belts, gun holsters, ladies handbags and a miniature saddle.

For clamming, he made tong stales. He fishes and crabs on the bay for his own use, also. When he was younger, he duck hunted and bow hunted for deer. Now he hunts deer in New Jersey and Maine, hunts bear in Maine, and hunts rabbits.

Locally, Bob worked as a mail man with a West Creek rural delivery route, was the township's first zoning officer, and has been on the township committee, the planning board and the school board. In the Army for 2½ years, he was stationed in Hawaii. He has worked as a contractor running heavy equipment, worked on the New Jersey Turnpike, and was a union carpenter at Ft. Dix. At one time he worked for Norfolk Dry Dock and Ship Building in Virginia.

He has been carving decoys for the past 10 years; he also carves miniature sneakboxes and miniature ducks.

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