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# 72' 1977 Hatteras **THE SENTRY** **LEGACY LIVES ON**

In 2014, I met Mr. Angus Hines, an enthusiastic yachtsman who had a special love for his 72' 1977 Hatteras Motor Yacht named Sentry. Angus, as his friends called him, a man of faith and a philanthropist, passed away on September 24, 2019, at age 96.

**A**ugust Hines' love for the sea began early on. He was a World War II veteran serving in the North Atlantic, Caribbean, and Mediterranean as a radioman for the Merchant Marine. After returning from the service and until 2008,

Mr. Hines ran Angus I. Hines, Inc., a very successful and lifelong Suffolk business. The company owned and operated a regional heating oil distribution system, the Greenville Transport trucking line, and the Sentry Food Marts, a chain of gas station convenience stores and truck stops.

As a facilitator for the AMIKids Yacht Donation Program, my job is to search for potential candidate vessels, which is how I met Mr. Hines when a broker in Miami suggested the 72' 1977 Hatteras might be an option for contribution.

We met at a marina in Stuart, FL, and I quickly learned AMIKids would not be receiving his yacht as a donation; at least not just yet. Always a gentleman, Angus was kind and patient. He told me Sentry gave him a purpose to live, and he loved it.

During our meeting, I learned that Sentry was the first 70' custom-built Hatteras to come out of the factory with a cockpit. I also learned it had been a Committee boat in the America's Cup and many other events, including the Velux 5 Ocean's Race. She was also featured on the cover of Southern Boating Magazine circa 1977-78 (while still owned by Charlie Parsons and named "Saga 9").

Angus was well aware of the limitations of trying to sell a boat over thirty years old but couldn't imagine his life without it and the freedom she provided. It was on board Sentry that he found joy and fulfillment, entertained family and friends, and held multiple high-level meetings to further his busi-

ness and the welfare of his beloved Tidewater, Virginia community. I left that meeting without a donation but instead with a new friend.

We kept in contact, often over the phone and via email. I met Mr. Hines again in 2017 for lunch, and we had further conversations about Sentry as well as the vital work AMIKids does to help kids in need of a loving hand. "My position has not changed, but I want to support your organization," he said.

We kept talking, and Mr. Hines was well aware of the complications of owning such an old gentleman's boat. Finally, he looked in my eyes and said, "Let's do something! I'll leave Sentry to AMIKids in my will." "That would be very much appreciated," I said. Our conversation continued about his love for animals and all the places he still wanted to bring the Hatteras to.

As time went on, Mr. Hines and I lost contact for a while. Then, several weeks ago I received a call from a lawyer working for a prestigious law firm in Norfolk.

She was the executor of the estate of Mr. Angus Hines, and informed me of his passing, and that he had left Sentry in his will to AMIKids.

My mind immediately reflected on that winter day when we met for

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an al fresco lunch in Florida, how we went through the donation process, and I explained mechanisms for the tax deduction and our due diligence, etc. Despite all this, the prevailing thought in my mind was the generosity and integrity of Mr. Hines's character.

Angus was a man of his word. He enjoyed his yacht and cared for it until the day he died and then, he gave it away. Just as we do with things that we love but cannot keep anymore, he left this historic Hatteras for others to enjoy, and for the benefit of helping troubled kids.

The more I think about Mr. Hines' donation, the more I respect the man. He knew just how much a 42-year-old classic yacht would contribute towards changing the lives of kids all over the country, just as it had changed his own.

As the attorney and I spoke, she also seemed moved by his generosity and intelligence. "I wish I had known of this donation alternative before," she said to me. "I have had at least two other clients in a similar situation who would have greatly benefitted from doing something like this," she continued.

Angus lived onboard Sentry for the last two years of his life, and he charted their final voyage together by planning a legacy gift. Angus allowed Sentry to continue to bring life changing experiences by supporting AMIKids' mission to help at-risk youth and their communities.