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Happy New Year!

MEETINGS

- Saturday, 1 January. New Year's Day on the Bay.
- Thursday, 6 January. The 2010 Eggemoggin Reach, by Johnny Smullen. Southwestern Yacht Club, 7:30 PM. 6-ish for no host dinner, cocktails.
- Thursday, 20 January. Board of Directors Meeting. Southwestern Yacht Club, 7:00PM

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*Half Pint o' Rum Racers off the beach, anchors up and sails are hoisting for the start ...
photo courtesy Bob Grieser*

The 2010 Half Pint o' Rum Race sailed on the most beautiful San Diego Winter day that you can imagine. Not a cloud in the sky, warm with a nice breeze filling in mid-morning, and strengthening for the duration of the race. There's no wonder that this event is certainly one of our most favorite! Greg Stewart headed up the Race Committee, hauled around aboard **Gatsby**. As usual, they collected gallons of high grade proof rum and charged our wooden keg (originally donated to the club by Pussers', and now of dubious repair). Various schemes were used by the racers to get their starters back to the boats after the horn, and a mild mayhem ensued with sails running up, while anchors were raised in haste and big hulls fell off this way and that. There was a near match ...cont'd, pg. 7

January Letter from the (New!) Commodore...

As some of you may remember, the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society was started on the Red Sails dock by Doug Smith, Bob Spriggs, and Bill Clark. Bob Spriggs put up the money to incorporate our not-for-profit Society. Some of those early meetings were held on board **Kerry** and Prisky's big Herreshoff **Clara**, which was next door at Eichenlaub Marine. Prisky made the first flag.

We have come a long way in 35 years. In 2001, through the generosity of Doug Jones and his family, we started an Educational Fund, which gave us a 501(c) 3 arm in association with the Maritime Museum. Doug's *Family Boat Building* events are sponsored by our Educational Fund.

In 2007, San Diego Maritime Museum President Ray Ashley and Commodore Dave Easter requested that the Ancient Mariners prepare and present a paper at the 8th International Maritime Heritage Conference. Commodore Easter and Staff Commodores Debbie Dominici and Jerry Newton prepared the paper and Debbie presented: "*The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, a Living Museum of Vessels from the Golden Age of Yachting*," which was published in **Mains'l Haul** and is now posted on our website, www.amss.us. Three remarkable things happened because of that event: the Maritime Museum recommended the establishment of a permanent Ancient Mariners exhibit on board the **Berkeley** to tell our story and display our perpetual trophies; the Museum requested that we sail our vessels as escorts of the **Star of India** whenever she is underway; and they asked us to showcase one of our flag boats at each quarterly member meeting.

We enjoy a unique partnership with the Maritime Museum. We are respected for the work we do on our boats, and applauded for our seamanship. We are a sailing society! We love our Yesteryear, our Guinea Cups, our Kettenburg, Half Pint, and more than that, we love our boats. Thank you all for your contributions to the success of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society. The 2011 Officers, Board Members, Race Chairs and Editor welcome your support in this New Year and we pledge to work for the continued success of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society. - *Jano Callow*

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January Flag Boat – *Zephyr*

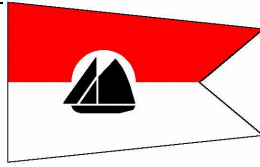
Zephyr is a quick little blade, and one of five L-16's sailing in San Diego. Most appropriate to be featured this month, as it is the new Commodore's flagship. She was launched in 1949 by South Coast Company, who is the builder of record, yet the hull was built by Luders Marine in Stamford Connecticut and shipped by rail to South Coast for finishing. Carl Eichenlaub was the inspiration behind the purchase of **Zephyr**, sight unseen, from Gerritt Schmose of Newport Beach. The San Diego Luders fleet started when Carl returned from the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans and announced that we must have Luders. To that end, I located **Zephyr**, and Carl drove the good yacht **Cadenza** up to Newport Beach, tied a line on **Zephyr**, and towed her home to Eichenlaub Marine.

Zephyr has collected plenty of trophies since her debut in San Diego. Her two most notable races are a first overall in the 2004 Yesteryear Regatta and a second overall on corrected time in the 2009 Yesteryear Regatta.

Zephyr has undergone several major refits. Gerritt's last words to me were: "don't fix it just sail it," which I did until the cabin separated from the deck, the combings split and went overboard, and the deck showed itself to be a mine field of soft wood. **Zephyr** was lucky to have landed in a sea of great boat builders. Carl replaced the deck in his front yard, and Jerry Michaels later replaced the cabin, reframed the cockpit, took out the outboard well, and replaced key keel bolts. **Zephyr** is once again on the hard with rudder issues. She is resting comfortably in a cradle at the Big Toy Depot, a deluxe indoor storage yard near Brown Field. I took this opportunity to renew the paint. So far, I have stripped all the paint off the topsides and bottom, repainted the topsides, and am currently working on the bottom seams and fairing. Soon I will begin to address the rudder issues. I conferred extensively with the Chicago Luders fleet and have great drawings and first hand recaps from those that have gone before me and fixed their leaky rudder posts. I am proud to own the saucy little blade. A few more months on the hard pales in comparison to the many outstanding sailing adventures I have experienced with **Zephyr**. - *Jano Callow*



Zephyr rounding...



ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY

**** Special Program Announcement****

**January General Meeting: The 2010 Eggemoggin Reach,
Thursday, 6 January, Southwestern Yacht Club, 7:30 PM**

Please join us for Johnny Smullen's special program on the 2010 Eggemoggin Reach on Thursday, 6 January! The Eggemoggin Reach Regatta began humbly in 1985 with thirteen wooden boats and a dream. Organizer, Steve White, together with Frank Hull of Brooklin Boatyard first envisioned the race as an opportunity for wooden boat owners to get together and enjoy each others' company as well as to compete. The race quickly grew to 125 boats and is now



co-hosted by Brooklin Boatyard and Rockport Marine. The Regatta's 15-mile course has remained the same for many years, and only once was the race cancelled due to fog. (The party still happened though!) The Camden Feeder Regatta and the Castine Classic Yacht Race soon joined the ERR to create a truly spectacular three-day event. Johnny & Theresa Smullen sailed the 2010 regatta (5-8 August) aboard AMSS flag yacht **Cuilaun**. Johnny will present his slide show and an overview of the 2010 event.

As we all know, Johnny is both raconteur and entertainer, and his program will no doubt be lively. The Eggemoggin Reach Regatta has taken on a life of its own, renown as an event for East Coast wooden boat aficionados. Johnny has a full bag of fine photographs to go along with the show. Please join us earlier (6-ish) for no host dinner and drinks at the Southwestern Yacht Club. As always, the public is invited, so please bring your family and friends!

2010 Half Pint o' Rum Race Results



2010 Half Pint Race Results - Traditional Start & Finish Classes

Race Chairman - Greg Stewart
 Race Committee - Brian, Caroline, Greg, Leslie

Handicap Distance
 Scratch Rating

Start Time

12:40:00

Class	Yacht	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Penalty	Corrected Time	PL
Racing	Chimaera	75	75	14:03:10	1:23:10	0:09:45	0:00:00	1:13:25	1
Racing	Brushfire	63	63	14:02:20	1:22:20	0:08:11	0:00:00	1:14:09	2
Racing	Sally	78	78	14:04:18	1:24:18	0:10:08	0:00:00	1:14:10	3
Racing	Pacific	112	112	14:09:59	1:29:59	0:14:34	0:00:00	1:15:25	4
Racing	Altair	175	175	14:20:58	1:40:58	0:22:45	0:00:00	1:18:13	5
Racing	Circe	95	95	14:11:50	1:31:50	0:12:21	0:00:00	1:19:29	6
Racing	Woody	170	107	14:14:00	1:34:00	0:13:55	0:00:00	1:20:05	7
Racing	Frolic	144	144	14:19:16	1:39:16	0:18:43	0:00:00	1:20:33	8
Racing	Spiffie	160	97	14:22:54	1:42:54	0:12:37	0:00:00	1:30:17	9
Racing	Rubiyot	140	77	14:27:17	1:47:17	0:10:01	0:00:00	1:37:16	10
Racing	Athena	180	117	14:33:14	1:53:14	0:15:13	0:00:00	1:38:01	11

Cruising Class

Class	Yacht	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Penalty	Corrected Time	PL
Cruising	Freedom	195	132	14:21:12	1:41:12	0:17:10	0:00:00	1:24:02	1
Cruising	Pilot	310	247	14:37:40	1:57:40	0:32:07	0:00:00	1:25:33	2
Cruising	Benchmark	189	126	14:24:11	1:44:11	0:16:23	0:00:00	1:27:48	3
Cruising	Old Glory	210	147	14:29:39	1:49:39	0:19:07	0:00:00	1:30:32	4
Cruising	Mischeif	225	162	14:32:30	1:52:30	0:21:04	0:00:00	1:31:26	5
Cruising	Ellen Klouise	300	237	14:58:10	2:18:10	0:30:49	0:00:00	1:47:21	6
Cruising	Dauntless	168	105	14:49:18	2:09:18	0:13:39	0:00:00	1:55:39	7
Cruising	Maid of Kent	450	387	15:37:50	2:57:50	0:50:19	0:00:00	2:07:31	8
Cruising	Amazing Grace	300	237	15:28:40	2:48:40	0:30:49	0:00:00	2:17:51	9
Cruising	Skookum III	225	162	15:20:40	2:40:40	0:21:04	0:00:00	2:19:36	10

2010 Half Pint Race Results - Alternate Start & Finish Class

Handicap Distance
 Scratch Rating

Start Time

12:35:00

Class	Yacht	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Penalty	Corrected Time	PL
Sailing	Jada	250	100	14:16:03	1:41:03	0:13:08	0:00:00	1:27:55	1
Sailing	Windley	290	140	14:21:55	1:46:55	0:18:12	0:00:00	1:28:43	2
Sailing	LaCucuracha	150	0	14:07:53	1:32:53	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:32:53	3
Sailing	Blue Chip	150	0	14:08:49	1:33:49	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:33:49	4
Sailing	Water Wagon	150	0	14:10:09	1:35:09	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:35:09	5

2010 Awards Dinner a Festive Success

The fourth annual Commodore's dinner was held at the Southwestern Yacht Club on Friday December 17th. We had a fantastic turnout almost full to room capacity for the main dining room. The entertainment was Dylan's steel band, thanks to Adrian for providing a nautical flavor to the evening.

The annual prize giving followed the dessert with prizes for the 2010, 20 Guinea Cup series for racing class A and a new perpetual trophy for racing class B was introduced and presented by the Commodore. Prizes for the short course were also awarded.



The Main Dining Room with Guests

The first second and third place trophies for the Commodore's Cup were also awarded along with all the trophies for the Half Pint o' Rum race, which was held the previous Saturday December 11th.

The evenings' business was briefly conducted with the announcement by Secretary Ann Kinner of the new Flag Officers and board members for 2011 and an acceptance speech from the new Commodore Janet Callow.

The evening was wrapped up with the auction of the 2010 Yesteryear Regatta poster (signed by all the skippers) went to Doug Jones after a long, very entertaining bidding match and raised some shekels for the next Yesteryear Regatta fund. The auctioneer Jeff Woods inspired the crowd with hilarity to part with their hard earned swag. Thank you all for attending and we look forward to the next dinner. Happy New Year! -

Johnny Smullen



Altair Crew Receives the 20 Guinea Cup Class B Trophy

Half Pint o' Rum Race, cont'd

...race between Conner's **Brushfire** and Driscoll's **Chimaera** from start to finish, with **Chimaera** finally taking 1st in the Racing Class. **Brushfire** finished 2nd, and Koehler's **Sally** finished 3rd. In the Cruising Class, **Freedom** stepped right up to 1st, with **Pilot** and **Benchmark** finishing 2nd and 3rd. **Jada**, **Windley** and **La Cucaracha** placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the Sailing Class (those without start and finish swimmers on the beach). Overall, there were twenty six competitors, which definitely made an impression on the Big Bay during an otherwise fairly quiet day.



Chimaera and Brushfire

Of course, festivities carried on at the after-race raft up. The finishing times and honors were announced, and there was much milling about smartly with rum in hand. There were very few liars or braggarts. **Dickie Walker** anchored nearby, and provided welcome respite for the weary. The Ancient Mariners 2010 racing schedule wrapped up with this Half Pint o' Rum Race, and the spectacular fleet that participated will surely be aching to go at it again next year. Many thanks are due to all who participated, and to the Race Committee and others who did so much to make this year's race a grand show, indeed! Now, a note from the Race Committee:

"The fleet consisted of 26 boats that raced in three classes, the weather was perfect and the tide fair and by nature of the event if there are more entries there will be more Rum. The Racing Class featured 11 boats, the Cruising Class 10 boats and Sailing Class 5 boats. With the large fleet it took a while to corral all of the boats, process late entries, and most importantly, accept the Rum entry fee.

At the start the wind was light and the tide just starting to turn out which was good for anchoring. At the start, from anchor, there were no major incidents...that I know of. The first leg of the course to SD #26 was a port tack fetch in light air. Then after the boats rounded SD Buoy 26 and sailed up the bay through the narrows the wind came up and stayed on the nose. It was fun to watch Dennis Conner come from behind on **Brushfire** to pass **Chimarea** and then proceed to cover as the boats sailed up San Diego Bay. **Brushfire** was the First boat to finish a few minutes after 2pm followed closely behind by a number of other boats in Racing Class.

It is always fun to stand on the beach and observe all of the various approaches and methods of getting ashore for the finish. The entire fleet was finished by a little after 3:30pm and proceeded to LaPlaya for the post race raft up and awards ceremony. The raft up was well attended and the mild weather made for a nice afternoon and evening.

The results were tight especially in Racing Class. In the Racing Class **Chimaera** corrected out first by 44 seconds over **Brushfire** which in turn corrected out 1 second ahead **Sally** for second place! In the Cruising Class **Freedom** corrected out first over **Pilot** by 35 seconds. In Sailing Class **Jada** corrected out first over **Windley** by 48 seconds. See results. Many thanks to Brian Huster for the RC Boat and to RC staff, Caroline Helmy, Leslie Jenness, Janet Callow and walk up assistant at the finish Buck Barlow for helping on RC duties. Thanks to Jerry Montiel for bringing the **Dickie Walker** out to the raft up. Again, a great day." - Greg Stewart

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NY BAY-SAIL
2	3	4	5	6 GEN MTG	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 BOD MTG	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

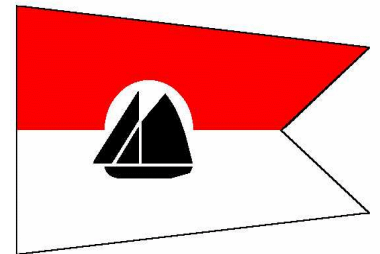
UPCOMING EVENTS

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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.
 —Mark Twain

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