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2009 Yesteryear Regatta

MEETINGS

- Thursday, 4 June General Meeting, San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM, Spinnaker Room. "The Kettenburgs" — featuring an overview of San Diego's Yacht Builder, and a review of the 2008 book authored by Mark Allen, Building Kettenburgs.
- 2009 Kettenburg Regatta, Sunday, 7 June. Check-in on the water NLT 11:45 AM and post-race party at the SWYC Beer Garden
- Thursday, 18 June, AMSS Board of Directors Meeting, Fiddlers Green.
- Father's Day Weekend 20-21 June—San Diego Wooden Boat Festival, Koehler's Yard, Shelter Island.

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The 2009 Ancient Mariners Yesteryear Regatta was sailed on 7 June, with fair, variable air going light towards the finish line. **Miramar** took First Overall honors, parading through the fleet. By class, firsts in each include: Racing A: **Miramar**; Racing B: **Athena**; Pacific Class: Jack's Wylie **Menace**; Split Rig: **Mischief**; Sloops and Cutters: **Zephyr**. The conditions seemed perfect for the Ketten-

burg PCs, as they swept 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Places Overall against much larger yachts. The two Luders 16s were continuing their long standing feud, and this time **Zephyr** had turned the tables on **Windley**. **Mischief** was carrying the express mail, as usual.

To avoid the Red Bull Air Races in the Bay, Race Chair Doug Jones designed an offshore (or, at least "outside") course that afterwards seemed well-liked by all crews. There was nearly unanimous agreement that this course should be considered again in races to come. Just to sharpen our understanding of the phrase "the fickle winds of fate," **Allure** garnered the Turtle Perpetual Trophy this year (slowest boat) even after capturing First Overall just in 2007! Cont'd, pg. 5...



Mighty Miramar, Looking Simply Gorgeous

—Photo Courtesy Bayshots

Our Yesterday

Editor's Corner: Good-Bye Yesteryear, Hello Kettenburg Regatta and San Diego Wooden Boat Festival!

Look alive, there's plenty to do now! Just as you've recovered from the Yesteryear Regatta, here comes some more fun almost every week in June. The Kettenburg Regatta is surely the favorite on-the-water event for all K Boat lovers, and we're sailing this race on Sunday, 7 June. SWYC is forging ahead despite the impediments of construction there, giving our group tremendous support whenever needed. After the race, we'll have an awards ceremony, an informal "banquet," and an opportunity to either brag or lie about the events of the day. We will (probably) have a fine table of AMSS logo merchandise on hand, including ball caps and 2009 Yesteryear Regatta T-Shirts, as well as other treats. Please see page 7 for more details about the race.

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Every Father's Day (this year, 20 and 21 June), the San Diego Wooden Boat Festival opens its doors and docks at Koehler's (new) Yard, 2302 Shelter Island Dr. (at the circle, across from Humphreys). There, you'll find a grand variety of beautiful classic boats ready for boarding and inspection, along with fine food, special events, raffles and many fun activities. The Family Boatbuilding event will be in full swing there, starting on Friday, and launching newly built Bevins skiffs on Sunday. You may help, or observe this excellent exhibition during your visit at the show. Most of the generous businesses who sponsored our Yesteryear Regatta last month (see page 6) are also supporting the Wooden Boat Festival, proceeds from which are donated to Challenged America. If you have a few spare hours, please call Koehler's to help sell gate or raffle tickets, man the children's booth, etc.

Bayshots was on the water to photograph the 2009 Yesteryear, and there is a colorful online gallery with available photographs for your enjoyment (www.bayshots.com). On that note, I had to include this shot (Courtesy Bayshots) of Bradley Smith, peeking under the jib on **Windley** during the race, ballcap pointed aft to reduce windage in the slot. *Aloha-Dave*



May Flag Boat – *Maid of Kent*

Maid of Kent is a founding flag vessel of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society and was featured in the first national press coverage of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society; (i.e., the bicentennial issue of **Yachting** magazine of July 1976) while sailing in the Yesteryear Regatta. ***Maid of Kent*** is a 1930 William Atkin "Little Maid of Kent" schooner, which is one of the most requested designs published in a century of **Motor Boating** magazine. ***Maid of Kent*** was the last wooden boat built by Willard Boatworks of Costa Mesa and was launched in 1962. She was brought to San Diego in 1966 by her second owner Clem Allen, who was a founding member of the AMSS in 1975. Jerry Newton began sailing ***Maid of Kent*** in the Yesteryear Regatta in 1977 and purchased her in 1981. ***Maid of Kent*** has sailed every Regatta since 1976, except for three races. ***Maid of Kent*** missed the 1987 Regatta while cruising in Mexico and the 2004 and 2005 Regattas during her rebuild. ***Maid of Kent*** was sailed in original condition, including her original rig until thinning chain plates prompted the 2004 rebuild. The photograph above is ***Maid of Kent's*** first sail in March 2006 after the work, with a new suit of tanbark sails by sailmaker Tom Nieberhall of Ullman Sails in Point Loma. Also, look for an article about *Maid of Kent* in this month's issue of **Sailing Magazine** by Joe Ditler.

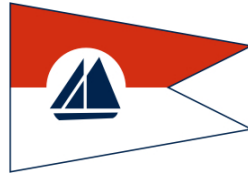


Maid of Kent After Her Refit—Photo Courtesy Carolyn Koehler

Many decades ago, **Motor Boating** magazine published some comments on the unique character of this boat's design:

"For any boat owner there is particular joy in his having a hand in the design and construction of his own boat. Here is value which cannot be measured in money; furthermore there is a pleasant feeling in knowing that after its launching there will not be twenty-five boats exactly like it swinging on the yacht club's moorings. Folks in dinghies will row by and say, "There is an interesting little ship; just look at the stanchioned rail around the after deck; and those trail boards, the mark of character; how well they fit the clipper bow; and she is schooner rigged! Think of it, a little one and fit to cruise the Grand Banks. These days we see too few two-masted vessels like her. And her name Little Maid of Kent. How nice."

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** Program Announcement**

San Diego Yacht Builders: The Kettenburgs, San Diego Yacht Club, 4 June, 7:30 PM

Building Kettenburgs:

Premier Boats Designed and
Built in Southern California

By Mark Allen

Just days before the 2009 Kettenburg Regatta (sailing Sunday, 7 June), the AMSS General Meeting on Thursday, 4 June will feature a special program on the Kettenburgs. The meeting is open to all members, friends, guests and the public, and will be held in the Spinnaker Room at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Late last year, a landmark book published by the Maritime Museum of San Diego and the Mystic Seaport was unveiled at a special ceremony in December. A beautiful and well written volume, it found its way almost immediately into the Christmas stockings of nearly every

Kettenburg fan in San Diego, of which there are many. The book was authored by Mark Allen. We have borrowed the same Kettenburg presentation made at the museum by Iris Engstadt for this Thursday's meeting. Iris will be unable to attend, however our gracious Program Chair and Staff Commodore Greg Stewart has offered to moderate in her place. We will likely have some of the Building Kettenburgs books for sale at the meeting.

Race Chair Doug Jones will be on hand to answer questions about the regatta. Sailing Instructions and Invitations were mailed earlier, but will also be available at the meeting. For those interested Greg will have a video of the 2009 Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta, sponsored by Panerai for showing before or after the meeting. As usual, you are welcome to come early to have dinner or drinks at the club. Hope to see you there!



Some interesting Kettenburg characters, (appearing here L to R): Steve Barber, "Bill" Kettenburg III, Bud Caldwell, Jean Kettenburg Miller, Tom Kettenburg, Morgan Miller, Neil Attwood, Wally Springstead, Gene Trepte, Jack Sutphen, Tom Sterling, Rish Pavelec – Photo Copyright Building Kettenburgs



2009 Yesteryear Regatta Results

Winners of the other Perpetual Trophies included: Kettenburg Trophy: **Athena**; PC Trophy: **Menace**; Dingus Cup: **Miramar**; Herreshoff Trophy: **Freedom**, Reliance Trophy: **Miramar**; and International Rule Trophy: **Sally**. These trophies, now on permanent display at the San Diego Maritime Museum, will be updated with plaques denoting this year's winners. Many thanks are due to all of those who helped behind the scenes to make this year's race another great success. Which only goes to show why this regatta, now having sailed for 35 years straight, is considered the Ancient Mariner's favorite race, bar none. Or, is it the Half Pint o' Rum Race in December? Then, we're likely to have at least a breeze, and it will be more warm sans May Gray. Southwestern Yacht Club's Race Committee provided superb race management, and the staff went overboard to keep us happy.

Pack #, Yacht	Hand. SPM	Start Time	Correction H :M :S	Finish Time H:M:S	Elapsed Time H:M:S	Corrected Time H:M:S	Place Class	Place Overall
A2, Miramar	65	13:15:00	0:03:17	15:18:34	2:03:34	2:06:51	1	1
A7, Frolic	148	12:55:00	0:06:24	15:21:20	2:26:20	2:12:44	2	3
A1, Pacifica	112	13:05:00	0:03:44	15:27:08	2:22:08	2:15:52	3	9
A4, Sabrina (P)	92	13:10:00	0:02:48	15:33:40	2:23:40	2:21:28	4	12
A5, Sally	72	13:15:00	0:01:52	15:35:16	2:20:16	2:22:08	5	13
A6, Circe	90	13:10:00	0:03:12	15:40:54	2:30:54	2:29:06	6	16
A3, Chimaera	83	13:10:00	0:04:37	15:26:51	2:16:51	2:16:28	DNF	DNF
B3, Athena	190	12:50:00	0:02:52	15:33:14	2:43:14	2:21:06	1	11
B6, Spitfire	170	12:55:00	0:01:56	15:51:25	2:56:25	2:38:21	2	18
B2, Freedom	195	12:50:00	0:01:51	15:53:04	3:03:04	2:39:55	3	20
B4, NaKaOi	170	12:55:00	0:01:56	15:55:20	3:00:20	2:42:16	4	21
B1, Dauntless	168	12:55:00	0:02:20	15:55:20	3:00:20	2:42:40	6	22
B5, Sylvia	170	12:55:00	0:01:56	16:13:05	3:18:05	3:00:01	5	24
PC 6, Menace	150	13:00:00	0:01:00	15:26:57	2:26:57	2:12:57	1	4
PC 4, Skylark	150	13:00:00	0:01:00	15:27:09	2:27:09	2:13:09	2	5
PC3, La Cucaracha	150	13:00:00	0:01:00	15:27:33	2:27:33	2:13:33	3	6
PC2, First Fiddle	150	13:00:00	0:01:00	15:28:21	2:28:21	2:14:21	4	7
PC1, C.M.E.	150	13:00:00	0:01:00	15:29:01	2:29:01	2:15:01	5	8
PC5, Jade	150	13:00:00	0:01:00	15:33:14	2:33:14	2:19:14	6	10
PC8, Maiga B	150	13:00:00	0:01:00	15:36:40	2:36:40	2:22:40	7	14
SRI, Mischief	225	12:45:00	0:00:45	15:48:53	3:03:53	2:34:38	1	17
SR6, Nerissa	325	12:25:00	0:00:25	16:06:18	3:41:18	2:51:43	2	23
SER4, Skookum III	230	12:40:00	0:04:44	16:20:23	3:40:23	3:10:07	3	25
SR2, Allure	380	12:10:00	0:04:14	16:44:42	4:34:42	3:33:56	4	26
SR3, Maid of Kent	450	12:00:00	0:00:00	DNS			DNF	DNF
SC1, Zephyr	290	12:30:00	0:02:32	15:24:45	2:54:45	2:12:17	1	2
SC3, Windley	290	12:30:00	0:02:32	15:35:17	3:05:17	2:22:49	2	15
SC2, Pilot	315	12:25:00	0:02:27	15:51:59	3:26:59	2:39:26	3	19
Sc4, Savannah	300	12:30:00	0:00:30	DNS			DNF	DNF

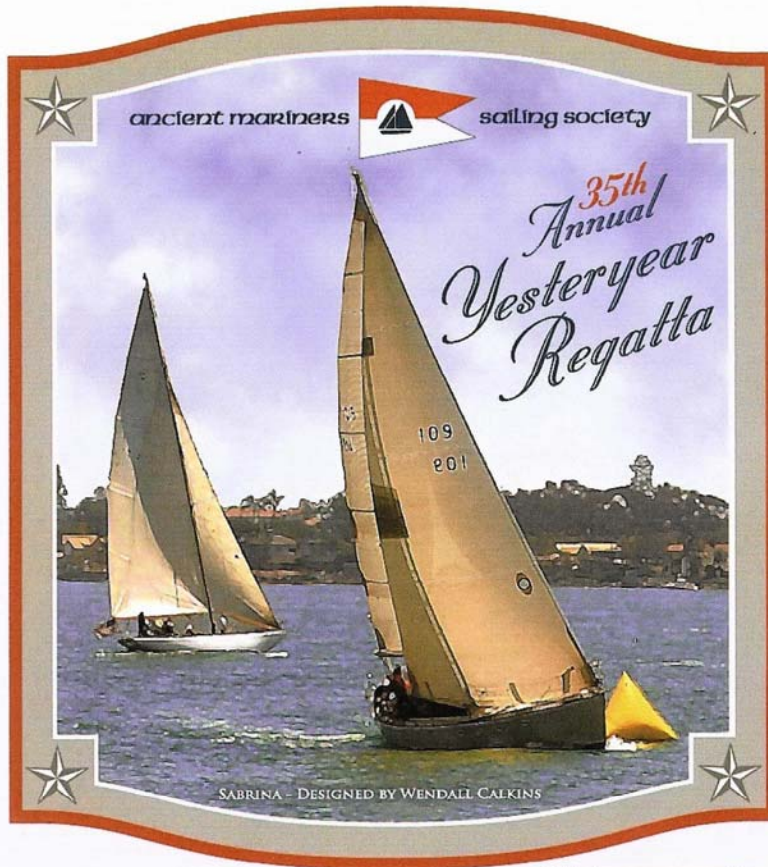
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Saturday May 9, 2009

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Overall Winner - 2008 Regatta**



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Family Boatbuilding at the SDWBF, 19-21 June

The 2009 Family Boatbuilding Event is scheduled for Father's Day Weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 19-21 June) at the San Diego Wooden Boat Festival. Several boats will be constructed during that time by young adults with the assistance of Ancient Mariners volunteers (i.e., the few that are *bona fide* skilled boatwrights such as Doug Jones, et.al.). The materials to build the boats, and the pre-sawn kits themselves have been sponsored by the AMSS/Maritime Museum of San Diego Education Foundation and local business sponsors as well.



2009 Kettenburg Regatta

Please contact Race Chair Doug Jones immediately if you plan to race, but have not yet responded to your Invitation. Notes from the Sailing Instructions follow: Boats are required to check in with the Committee Boat with Name, Sail No., and Kettenburg Boat Type before 11:45 AM. The Kettenburg and PC and PCC Fleets will each sail two races. See the Start Sequence and Signals for details. The starting location will be in the vicinity of the Shelter Island Fishing Pier, North of Buoy #17. The Start and Finish are between the Committee Boat and the Pin. The course includes three marks: SD Buoy #17, FM 19 (Navy Mooring Buoy just South of the Reuben E. Lee), and SD Buoy #19. The Reception and Awards Party will convene in the "Beer Garden" at the Southwestern Yacht Club directly after the races. No Spinnakers are allowed in this regatta. Good luck to all; please sail with safety in mind, and avoid all collisions .

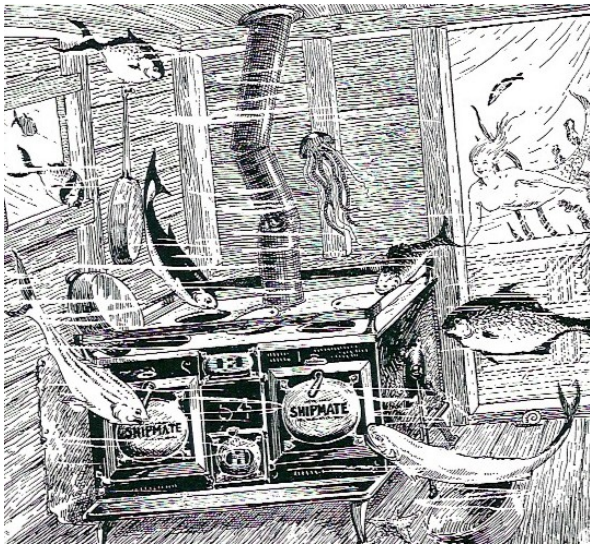


We were tearing along across a splendour of sea that made you sing. Far as one could see there was the water—shining and shaking. Blue it was, and green it was, and of a dazzling brilliance in the sun. It rose up in hills and ridges. It smashed into a foam and roared. It towered up again and toppled. It mounted and shook in a rhythm, in a tune, in a music. One could have flung one's body to it as a sacrifice. One longed to be in it, be a part of it, to be beaten and banged by it. It was a wonder and a glory and a terror. It was a triumph, it was royal, to see that beauty — John Masfield

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 General Mtg. SDYC	5	6
7 Kettenburg Race	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Board Mtg.	19	20 SDWBF
21 SDWBF	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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- Father's Day Weekend, San Diego Wooden Boat Festival, Koehler's Boatyard, 20-21 June. Be there! With your Wooden Boat!



Holes Below the Waterline

Back Each with a seacock; do not use gate valves

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