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Yesteryear Regatta 2010

MEETINGS

- Thursday, 6 May. General Meeting. The Brooklin Boat Yard and Stevens, Waring and White Yacht Design. San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM
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The 2010 Yesteryear Race Chairman has sent out invitations to all AMSS members and designated guests to sail the 2010 Yesteryear Regatta, the 36th in this most popular series. First known as the "Spring Regatta, the Yesteryear Regatta was organized in 1975 by Bill Clark, Doug Smith and Bob Spriggs. They later founded the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society to promote the enjoyment of classic boats.



Miramar, last years' Yesteryear Winner is featured on the 2010 Yesteryear T-Shirts and Posters

Many folks have already been very busy preparing for our traditional Yesteryear Regatta. Race Chair Doug Jones has been planning the course, and ordering a new set of 15 trophy pennants for the first three boats in each class. Vice Commodore Janet Callow has been collecting a great assortment of valuable and useful raffle items. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Skippers Meeting the morning of the race, and afterwards at the party. 36th annual Yesteryear Regatta long sleeve T-shirts will be available for \$20, and a new stock of AMSS ball caps are also in hand (\$15). A very fine Skipper's Packet, stuffed with all you'll need to know and some great promotional items will be produced thanks to Ullman Sails, Graphix Group and other sponsors and members. Don't forget to mail in your entries, and see (cont'd, pg.6)...

May Letter from the Commodore

Just got back from the Newport to Ensenada race aboard the mighty **Stars & Stripes**, where we experienced fair wind, flat water, great sailing conditions, and lots of amazing activity highlighted with the sighting of a Blue Whale in very close proximity as big if not bigger than what we were standing on. We also encountered lots of Dolphins, Seals, Pelicans; it was if they were all busy cleaning up after something like roadies after a big festival. It was easy to forget, only two days before the race started on the delivery up from San Diego to Newport Harbor most of the fleet experienced big seas, plenty of wind, poor visibility and rain, just as "May day" is knocking at

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our door. Let us hope we are over the late spring "El Niño" storms and we wish for a more settled weather pattern for the month ahead, and hopefully not too grey, after all May is one of our busiest months. We are very fortunate to kick off the monthly meeting with a much anticipated presentation from the team at Brooklin Boatyard in Maine. This will take place at San Diego Yacht Club on Thursday May 6th @ 1930 sharp.

Moving on a couple of days and we are already at our premier event the Yesteryear Regatta, Saturday May 8th again this is another much anticipated event for all the wooden boat enthusiasts all along the West Coast. The Yesteryear Regatta originally organized by the founding members of the AMSS was first run in 1975 and has been one of the West Coasts' most excellent vintage classic yacht sailing events for over three decades.

Finally I need some help with a project I discussed in our February Albatross newsletter, I need some clever poets and pirates to help me put together a treasure hunt in La Playa for all you rowing boat enthusiasts and of course open to all small sailing dinghies too. I would like to plan a fun family day out for friends and family of AMSS members, where our wits and smarts come into play to see who can gather as much treasure and booty and outsmart the organizers at their own game, followed by a fun family Bar B Que. Please email johnny@johnnysmullen.com with your ideas; we would love to hear from you, - Johnny

Smullen

May Flag Boat – *NoKaOi*

NoKaOi is hull #1 of the Common Sense class of sailboats designed by Matt Walsh and built in 1932 at the Garbutt and Walsh boatyard in San Pedro, CA. It is 28' on deck, plus a bowsprit and a boomkin. The waterline is 23', beam 7', and it draws 5'. The displacement is 10,000 pounds including 5000 lbs. of lead in the keel. Sail area is about 530 square feet. The boat originally had a flush deck, a spoon shaped cockpit, considerable tumblehome, and no engine. It now has an engine, a cabin and a coaming around the cockpit. John Arnold has owned it since 2005 and keeps it at Sun Harbor Marina.



NoKaOi, taken by a photographer with a starboard list

In 1932, near the depth of the depression, when business at the yard was slow Matt turned to building special project boats like the Common Sense class to keep his men employed. He designed and built the boat not from design plans, but from a model based on the simple characteristics of boats in Nova Scotia where he had grown up. The inspiration was actually to build a fast competitive boat for his daughter, Helen Walsh, a student at USC who needed a boat to compete in the Catalina races. Five Common Sense boats were built altogether. Two boats are thought to remain, **NoKaOi** and **Red Witch** (hull #5 owned by Jay Greer of Newport Beach and Port Townsend). [Walsh's **Otter** (52') and **Question Mark** (34") also still survive].

NoKaOi is an unusual name for a boat. Apparently, it is a Hawaiian expression meaning roughly "the good life", or "the best there is". This boat has never been to Hawaii, but a sister ship (**Common Sense III**) did make it there in the 1934 TransPac race, finishing in spite of a jury rigged broken mast. The Hawaiian name comes from a local woodworker, Shane Ferguson, who grew up in Hawaii. He found the hull in a junk yard in the mid 1980's, restored her and gave her the Hawaiian name. He later sold her to another local, Robert Morris, who owned **NoKaOi** until John purchased her and began another restoration. Work is still slowly progressing and it is possible the name, too, might be changed back to the original "Common Sense."

Matt Walsh died in 1960. He was not known so much as a boat designer or builder, but rather as an incredibly successful and daring racer in his day. He collected all the major yacht racing trophies on the west coast many times over, usually campaigning his 44' sloop **Thorobred**. He also distinguished himself by skippering the west coast R boat, **Pirate**, to win the National Championships in 1929 against the New York Yacht Club. **NoKaOi/Common Sense**, in its first race and skippered/crewed by Matt and his daughter Helen, has the distinction of defeating **Pirate** in a match race in 1932.

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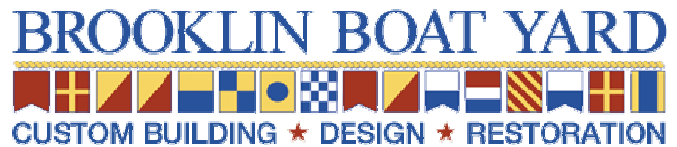
**** Special Program Announcement****

**Brooklin Boat Yard and Stephens,
Waring and White Yacht Design**

Thursday, 6 May, San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM

Please join us at the Ancient Mariners General Meeting on Thursday, 6 May (two days before the 2010 Yesteryear Regatta), where Steve White will present a special program on the renown Brooklin Boatyard, and Paul Waring will describe the career design projects of Stephens, Waring and White Yacht Design.

Brooklin Boat Yard was founded in 1960 by Joel E. White and is located in Brooklin, Maine on the Eggemogin Reach. The yard is known internationally for new yacht construction and classic yacht restoration and is crewed by top notch craftsmen skilled in all aspects of carpentry, an experienced finishing team, rigging experts and mechanical and electrical technicians. There's an 80 metric ton travel lift, 16,000 ft² of working space; the main construction shop will support vessels of up to 120 feet. For 45 years, Brooklin Boat Yard has been a "one-stop-shopping" destination when it comes to any clients' project.



The work from the office of Stephens, Waring and White Yacht Design can be described as "artful engineering" firmly rooted in the development of "Spirit of Tradition," or modern classic sailing yachts. Mentor Joel White's philosophy of elegant simplicity lives on in vessels such as the Bridges Point 24s, Center Harbor 31 weekenders and the beautiful W-class 76' racing yachts. They have become well known for combining traditional grace with modern science and construction techniques. Their goal is to combine traditional standards and modern vision to achieve elegance, high performance and value...design that displays exceptional distinction. All Ancient Mariners, their families and guests (and, this event is open to the public) are encouraged to attend. No-host cocktails and dinner service is available before the meeting at the San Diego Yacht Club. This will be a very popular program, so please come early for good seating!



2010 San Diego Schooner Cup Race Results

This year's San Diego Schooner Cup featured a great flotilla of famous boats, some appearing for their debut in this favorite West Coast regatta. In particular, **Rose of Sharon** and **Amazing Grace** added fine style to the fleet, starting on a quiet morning with breezes filling in a little later. **America** graced the show as well. The Ancient Mariners April Fools Race was competing for loyalty on the same day - the schooners won, and the old classics keep sailing... - *Jerry Newton*



Schooners Left-to-Right: Witchcraft, Rose of Sharon, Amazing Grace, Scrimshaw Photo courtesy Bayshots

SCHOONER CUP RACE
APRIL 3, 2010

GROUP C COURSE: 3			12.36		B START TIME: 12:00:00			A START TIME: 12:15:00		
SAIL #	GROUP C - SCHOONER NAME	SKIPPER NAME	H D C P SEC/MI	MINUTES	FINISH	ELAPSED	TOTAL	CORRECTED	MARGIN	
				PER MILE	TIME	TIME	HDCP	TIME		
0	SCRIMSHAW	Dennis Daoust	455	0:07:35	16:07:30	4:07:30	1:33:44	2:33:46	LEAD	
	ROSE OF SHARON	Byron Chamberlain	160	0:02:40	15:12:03	3:12:03	0:32:58	2:39:05	0:05:19	
	AMAZING GRACE	Steve Denton	350	0:05:50	15:51:29	3:51:29	1:12:06	2:39:23	0:05:37	
	MISCHIEF	Jack Giubilato	225	0:03:45	15:27:12	3:27:12	0:48:21	2:40:51	0:07:05	
	MAID OF KENT	Jerry Newton	450	0:07:30	16:15:17	4:15:17	1:32:42	2:42:35	0:08:49	
	ALLURE	Guy Folsom	370	0:06:10	16:04:09	4:04:09	1:16:13	2:47:56	0:14:10	
	WITCHCRAFT	Brian Eichenlaub	235	0:03:55	15:36:52	3:36:52	0:48:25	2:48:27	0:14:41	
1	SHINE ON	Bart Ziegler	270	0:04:30	15:49:51	3:49:51	0:55:37	2:54:14	0:20:28	
110	SKOOKUM III	Perc Jones	210	0:03:30	15:46:05	3:46:05	0:43:16	3:02:49	0:29:03	
	SHEARWATER	Ned McMahon	395	0:06:35	DNC					
	MERRY MAID	Don Koch	310	0:05:10	DNC					
97381	DAUNTLESS	Paul Plotts	168	0:02:48	DNC					
51951	RAVEN		250	0:04:10	DNC					
SAIL #	Group B SCHOONER NAME	SKIPPER NAME	H D C P SEC/MI	MINUTES PER MILE	FINISH TIME	ELAPSED TIME	TOTAL HDCP	CORRECTED TIME	MARGIN	
1	AMERICA	Troy Sears	150	0:02:30	DNC					
SAIL #	Group D SCHOONER NAME	SKIPPER NAME	H D C P SEC/MI	MINUTES PER MILE	FINISH TIME	ELAPSED TIME	TOTAL HDCP	CORRECTED TIME	MARGIN	
	AMAZING GRACE		350	0:05:50	16:08:13	16:08:13	1:12:06	14:56:07	#REF!	



2010 April Fools Race Results

The day started out light from the South with a chop. The fleet struggled at first, beating out to Buoy #1. Later in the day, the wind swung around to come out of the Southwest, and built to about 15 knots. **Sprig** was able to stretch out a huge lead on the light stuff, and was able to maintain that advantage at the finish. The party after the race was a raftup in LaPlaya; **Pacifica** and **Flirt** spent the night. Greg Stewart adds: "The race course was a nice combination of Bay-Ocean-Bay racing. I was happy not to have to sail back from Mariner's Cove in Mission Bay on Easter Sunday, which is the traditional April Fools Race setting for the overnight raftup. Everyone had a great time this year." - **Doug Jones**

2010 April Fools Race Results.xls

2010 April Fools Race

2010 A-Fools Race Results

Long Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Racing
15.70
12:00:00
95

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Short Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Cruising
11.80
12:00:00
200

Boat	Hand.	Allowance	Allowance	Allowance	Finish	Elapsed	Penalty	Corrected Time	Points		
	SPM	SPM	H	M	S	H:M:S	H:M:S	H:M:S	CL		
Racing Class - Long Course											
Sprig	120	393	0	6	33	0:06:33	15:51:02	3:51:02	3:44:29	1	
Pacifica	112	267	0	4	27	0:04:27	16:14:53	4:14:53	4:10:26	2	
Altair	175	1256	0	20	56	0:20:56	16:39:37	4:39:37	4:18:41	3	
Circe	95	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	16:22:05	4:22:05	4:22:05	4	
Spitfire	160	1021	0	17	0	0:17:00	16:40:10	4:40:10	4:23:10	5	
Flirt	155	942	0	15	42	0:15:42	16:39:01	4:39:01	0:05:20	4:28:39	6 **
Cruising Class - Short Course											
No boats entered											

2010 Yesteryear Regatta, cont'd:

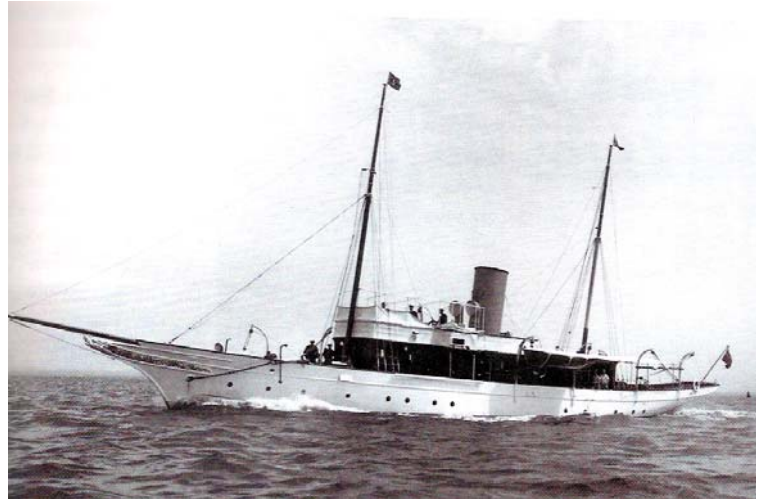
...our website (www.amss.us) for additional information. The race is a pursuit style competition, with staggered starts for the following classes: Classic "A"; Classic "B"; Sloops and Cutters; (Kettenburg PC) Pacific Class; and Split Rigs. The race consists of a 12 NM course in San Diego Bay that starts off the East end of Harbor Island, proceeds seaward to Buoys #5 and #6, and then back into the Bay to finish off the East end of Harbor Island. The Embarcadero and Maritime Museum are great vantage points for the next to last mark at 3:00PM.

Racers are invited to moor at the front dock of the San Diego Yacht Club after the regatta for post-race activities and the Awards Party. Please RSVP to Greg Stewart at (619) 723-3078. For overnight moorage before or after the event, please call AMSS Port Captain Peter Hylan at (858) 245-3017. Last year the Regatta had 40 entries and we hope to exceed this number for the race on 8 May. Please plan to join us for a fun-filled day of classic boat racing in San Diego! - **Race Chairman Doug Jones**



The Great 21st Century Steam Yacht Race: *Medea* vs. *Cangarda*

Stand by, all Ancient Mariners for a landmark yacht racing event the likes of which have not been seen anywhere in living memory. On 15 May, the newly restored and arrived steam yacht ***Cangarda*** will meet a challenge to race the San Diego Maritime Museum's ***Medea***. The great steam yachts of the Edwardian era were the most elegant powered vessels ever constructed. There are only three known to exist today: the ***Ena*** (Sydney), the ***Medea***, and the ***Cangarda***. The principals responsible for ***Cangarda's*** restoration include Elizabeth Meyers and Bob McNeil. The vessel is enroute to the East Coast following the magnificent accomplishment of bringing her back to her original Bristol condition. On 15 May at noon these two famous steam yachts will be in Glorietta Bay near the Hotel del Coronado awaiting the start signal which will be a rolling broadside salute from the State tallship ***Californian***.



Medea, in earlier days, off the Isle of Wight

Photo courtesy San Diego Maritime Museum

From a standing start, they will steam under the Coronado Bridge, past the Embarcadero to the west end of Shelter Island and then back to finish in front of the Maritime Museum. The finish will be signaled by the museum's pair of 1847 Napoleon 12 pounder cannons. ***Cangarda*** will be open for boarding between the hours of 1400-1600 by Maritime Museum visitors during her visit (tentatively scheduled for 13-20 May), except on the race day.

Ancient Mariner flag vessels are invited to join in the pageantry, and are encouraged to dress ship to celebrate this unprecedented competition in San Diego Bay. As plans develop, these will be made known at the upcoming AMSS General Meeting on 6 May, and otherwise through special announcements. May will indeed bring rare treats to the waterside including the 36th annual Yesteryear Regatta, and the Great 21st Century Steam Yacht Race! - Ray Ashley, SDMM



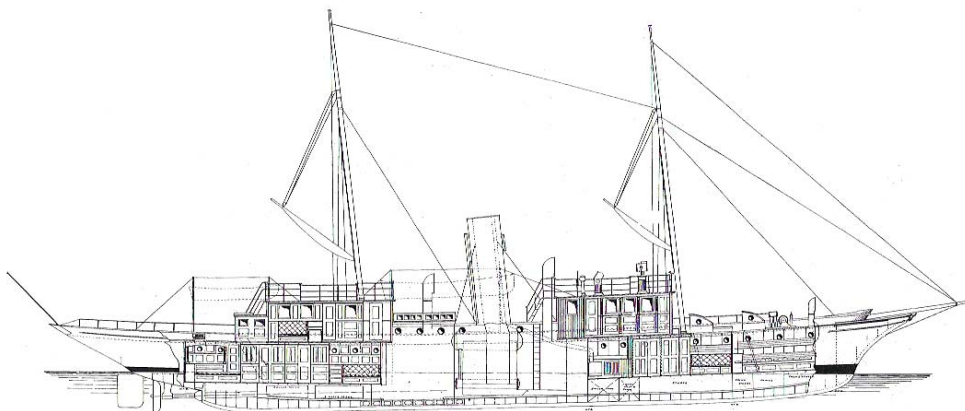
Cangarda Standing Up Smartly

Photo courtesy Elizabeth Meyers and Bob McNeil

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6 Gen. Mtg.	7	8 Yester-year Race
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Great S/Y Race
16	17	18	19	20 BOD Mtg.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

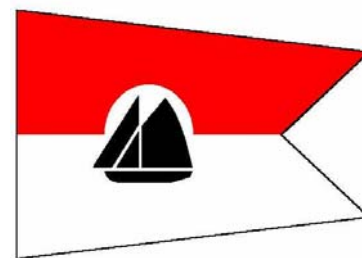
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Come to experience the *Great 21st Century Steam Yacht Race, San Diego Bay, Medea vs. Cangarda, 15 May, noon.*

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