



# ALBATROSS

Ancient Mariners Sailing Society  
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## Half-Pint-'o'-Rum

### MEETINGS

- General Meeting, Thursday, 4 January. 2007 Preview. The Ancient Mariners 2007 Meetings and Race Programs will be presented at 7:30, Southwestern Yacht Club.
- Joint AMSS and SWYC Sail Fleet Meeting, Thursday, 1 February, 7:30 PM: Dennis Conner presents "Cotton Blossom's 2006 Mediterranean Campaign." A buffet dinner will be available (\$9.95) before the meeting starting at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to SWYC, frontoffice@swyc.coxatwork.com or (619) 222-0438
- AMSS Board Meeting, SWYC, Thursday, 18 January, 7:30 PM

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*Some of the Stalwarts Surrounding the Keg, Before the Start*

The 2006 Half-Pint-'o'-Rum race was sailed on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, a typical San Diego winter day with gorgeous sunshine, a fine breeze, and fairly warm temperatures. The fleet gathered down by the anchorage off Fiddler's Cove in the South Bay; sailing, motoring or towed. The start was just a tad late as usual, due mainly to time wasted ashore testing the entry fees (bottles of premium rum), before they were loaded into the keg. The PCs and **Windley** got off to the first start at 12:41:26, with jibs and mainsails raised in rapid unison as the horn blasted. The Racing and Cruising classes followed at 12:45:26. The Race Committee rushed the keg over to the Shelter Island finish line, and started the tap with the first finishers coming ashore. **Sally**, **Taroa** and **Menace** took the honors in their respective classes this year. The race results are presented on pg. 5. Too much fun, again...

## From the Helm : Happy New Year!

As we start a new year, with a very welcome and talented group of 2007 Officers and Board Members, a few words about our club are in order. Our rolls carry on just near a hundred. Not a particularly large membership, but what an astounding group of people belong and contribute to Ancient Mariners!

A brief description of some of our members gives pause, to reflect on how fortunate we are to know and sail with such fine individuals. The Ancient Mariners include a wide range of those who keep our nautical traditions and sailing heritage alive, including:

- Several of the most eminent American yacht designers of the 20th century.
- Senior officers and directors of some of the finest maritime museums in the U.S.
- Members of the America's Cup Hall of Fame, skippers and crew.
- Philanthropists who contribute to the maintenance of our nation's maritime history.
- Boatwrights, artisans and craftsmen actively engaged in preserving classic boats.
- Yachtsmen and women who have made their mark in caring for fabulous classic yachts.
- Owners and employees of businesses that are world class leaders in yacht restoration.
- Chandlers, writers, sailmakers, circumnavigators and other generally famous characters.
- Publishers of internationally renown periodicals dedicated to classic yachts.



The list might continue, but for lack of room... What an inspiring crew of members we have, and how blessed we are to associate with each other in our favorite work and play, "messing about in boats!" Please join us whenever you can at our monthly General Meetings, and for our races and on-the-water events throughout 2007. We'll start the year off with a preview of our 2007 programs and events on Thursday, 4 January at the SWYC, 7:30 PM. A joint AMSS and SWYC event is planned for 1 February; Dennis Conner will be presenting his program on *Cotton Blossom's* campaign in the Mediterranean last Summer. — Dave

### Officers & Board Members

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## AMSS General Meeting, Thursday, 4 January

Our first 2007 meeting this Thursday will feature a review of our 2007 Program Calendar and Race Schedule. Staff Commodore Greg Stewart is heading up both the Race Chair and the Programs Chair again this year. He will gladly accept any help you can offer in both capacities; please respond to his personal requests for assistance during this busy year. There are plans to expand the 20 Guinea Cup series to seven races. AMSS could become involved in the PCC Nationals, and a resumption of the Schooner Cup pending discussions about those venues. Invitations for many very interesting program speakers have been initiated,



Craig Mueller and the *Brushfire* crew accept the 2006 20 Guinea Cup Perpetual award at the December Meeting

ated, and we'll discuss those at the meeting. We will continue the new raffle for those attending our General Meetings, and you must be present to win! If there is time and interest available, we may also have a showing of *Captain's Courageous*, starring a quite young Spencer Tracy—this is a delightful classic film. Our Annual Meeting last month was a very nice holiday event, and the awards ceremonies filled a large part of the agenda. Trophies for the 2006 20 Guinea Cup and Half-Pint-'o'-Rum race were presented, and a new perpetual cup trophy for the 20 Guinea Short Course was unveiled.

Please welcome new Flag Members Carl and Elissa Koerner! Their boat, **Benchmark**, is a modified 30 square meter yacht built in 1930 in Sydney, Australia. She was re-fit in Brisbane in 2005-2006. In the late 1920s, some members of the Sydney Cruising Yacht Club shipped a Swedish 30 square meter to Australia, where ten more were then built to race in Sydney. **Benchmark** is one of two of the remaining 30 square meters built there. As we say, please extend all due courtesies and introduce yourselves to the Koerners, as they join us for meetings, events and races.

## Welcome Aboard!



*Benchmark*, off Point Loma

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### Dennis Conner's 2006 Mediterranean Campaign -

Co-Presented by SWYC and Ancient Mariners

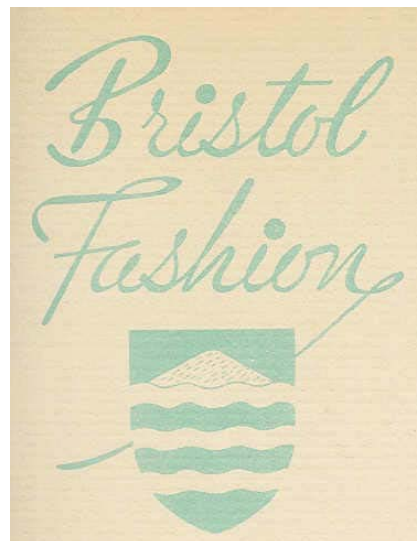


Cotton Blossom Underway in the Mediterranean:



Please join us on February 1st for Dennis Conner's program, beginning at 7:30 PM. This excellent presentation will feature Dennis' account of his campaign this past summer in the Mediterranean Classic circuit, including some outstanding photography. The SWYC Sail Fleet and Ancient Mariners Sailing Society look forward to your attendance of this event at the Southwestern Yacht Club. Please RSVP beforehand to SWYC if you plan to attend the buffet dinner (\$9.95), beginning at 5:30 PM: [frontoffice@swyc.coxatwork.com](mailto:frontoffice@swyc.coxatwork.com) or (619) 222-0438.

*12/02/06: C.F. Koehler leaves a wake behind his dory, just a few yards out from the Half Pint finish line—*



## 2007 Albatross Newsletters & Membership Roster

It has been noted that the last Ancient Mariners Sailing Society Roster and By-Laws were prepared and distributed in 2005. This year, we plan to produce a new and improved Roster, which has been an invaluable resource to have ready-at-hand as questions about members' boats, contact information and other questions arise. The PC Fleet's Annual Calendar (by Dave Grundies) has been admired as a similar, much used publication distributed to local PC owners and crew, and we'll borrow some of those ideas in our expanded AMSS Roster.

So, we're going to reduce the costs of printing and mailing the Albatross, by restricting this service to members who either have no e-mail accounts, or who specifically request that hardcopy (black and white) issues continue to be mailed to their address. The savings will help us to produce a handsome new roster, to be distributed to all members in good standing, no later than March 2007. Please note this reminder to an earlier request issued with last month's (December) Albatross: Flag members are asked to forward their favorite photo(s) and a short historical "bio" of their boats to the Albatross Editor at the AMSS P.O. Box or [deaster1@san.rr.com](mailto:deaster1@san.rr.com) for use in this year's Roster. Thanks! - Dave



## 2006 Half-Pint-'o'-Rum: Race Results

Another great Half Pint, with high spirits all around. “Thanks!” go to Race Chairman Greg Stewart and Race Committee Sandy Vissman, Linda Hovland, Paula Schmid. Handicap Distance 7.8 nm, Racing and Cruising Class Start Time 12:45:26, Scratch Rating 75. Alternate Start and Finish Class Start Time 12:41:26, Scratch Rating 150. “Charging the Keg,” see Starboard side here, abeam — Good, high quality rum was supplied across the board for entry fees this year (i.e., the Race Committee issued no “rotgut” penalties on the beach, closely inspected all bottle seals, and found them completely intact and uncorrupted).



Yacht	Type	Sail Number	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Corrected Time	Place
<b>Class: Racing</b>									
Sally	10 Meter	7512	75	0	14:31:57	1:46:31	0:00:00	1:46:31	1
Pacifica	S&S Yawl	7019	110	35	14:52:29	2:07:33	0:04:33	2:03:00	2
Altair	IOD	39	160	85	15:00:15	2:14:49	0:11:03	2:03:46	3
Flirt	Luders Navy 44	NA 9	150	75	14:59:10	2:13:44	0:09:45	2:03:59	4
Bongo	55 m2	9	130	55	15:00:06	2:14:40	0:07:15	2:07:25	5
<b>Class: Cruising</b>									
Taroa	K 50	7902	165	90	15:06:29	2:21:03	0:11:42	2:09:21	1
Mischief	Schooner	None	200	125	15:25:36	2:40:10	0:16:15	2:23:55	2
Maid of Kent	Schooner		450	375	16:20:00	3:34:34	0:48:45	2:45:49	3
Elena	Caulkins 50		140	65	15:47:20	3:01:54	0:08:27	2:53:27	4
Freedom	Alden Cutter	17002	175	100	DNF				5
Pilot	S&S 35	16	255	180	DNF				5
Scamp	Stone Sloop		360	285	DNF				5
Caprifol	Sloop	None	275	200	DNS				6
<b>Class: Sailing Class (Alternate Start and Finish)</b>									
Menace	PC	62	150	0	14:24:03	1:38:37	0:00:00	1:38:37	1
Carl Eichenlaub	PC	84	150	0	14:30:24	1:44:58	0:00:00	1:44:58	2
Route 66	PC	66	150	0	14:33:55	1:48:29	0:00:00	1:48:29	3
Onion Truck	PC	21	150	0	14:40:52	1:55:26	0:00:00	1:55:26	4
Jade	PC	9	150	0	14:52:14	2:06:48	0:00:00	2:06:48	5
Windley	Luders 16	191	270	120	15:08:48	2:23:22	0:15:36	2:07:46	6

# January 2007

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- General Meeting, Thursday 4 January. 2007 Program & Race Preview. Raffle, and maybe a movie...See further details in this issue.
- Thursday, 18 January. Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 PM, SWYC.
- Thursday, 1 February. Dennis Conner's Cotton Blossom Campaign in the Mediterranean. RSVP Buffet 5:30 PM, General Meeting 7:30, SWYC. See further details in this issue.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 New Year Mtg.	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 BOD Mtg.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 DC's Med. Show		



For Sale: \$22.5 K. 30 Square Meter **Vanja VI**. 1944 Reimers Design, Builder Benot Plym. LOA 43'. Beam 7.01'. Draft 4.5'. LWL 27.8'. Displacement #7314. Ballast #4386. Contact Deb Dominici, or Doug Jones, 619



USS Midway, CV 41

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For Sale: Comber, a 38' Atkins/Ingrid looking for a new owner with fresh energy and some cash. Please contact Staff Commodore Lonnie Lynch, 619 994-3507 cell, or at Lonnie-lynch1@aol.com

Contact Dave Easter for guided tours aboard the USS Midway—San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum. Courtesy to Ancient Mariners, (858) 551-4340, deaster1@san.rr.com

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