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Yesteryear Regatta Preview!



Spinnakers Flying in front of the city skyline, during an earlier Yesteryear Regatta

MEETINGS

- Thursday, 2 March, 7:30
General Meeting South-
west Yacht Club
- "Building the Monterey
Fishing Boat," Byron
McCarthy

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for your 2006 application
to join Ancient Mariners
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- All of our General Meet-
ings are open to the pub-
lic—please come!

It's not too early to begin plans for this year's 32nd annual Yesteryear Regatta! As the March rains bring needed rain to San Diego, May 13th this year will no doubt be our typical bright Spring day, welcoming what we hope will be the largest Yesteryear fleet yet.

Negotiations are under way, headed up by Race Chair Greg Stewart, to complete an agreement for a Title Sponsor in this year's regatta. The prospective sponsor has been involved with international classic yacht regattas in Cannes, Porto Rotondo, Mahon and Argentario. We will keep members apprised of this

situation as plans are made. Race management will once again be by Southwestern Yacht Club, with Frank Murphy and Lynne Eddy. Pre-registration is required, and the following classes will race:

- **Classic Racing "A"**
- **Classic Racing "B"**
- **Sloops and Cutters**
- **Ketches, Yawls, Gaffers & Schooners**
- **Pacific Class Sloops**
- **Small Boats**

Good luck, in advance, to all!

From the Helm – Beth Boucher

2006 Board of Directors

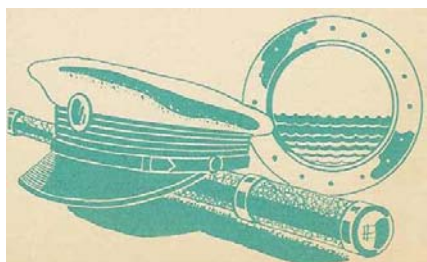
It's still early in the year, but activities within AMSS are picking up. Several boats sailed the 20 Guinea Cup Race #1 last month and Race #2 is scheduled for Saturday March 4. Legendary designer Olin Stephens will be our guest that weekend, racing in the Guinea Cup and attending our after-race event at Fiddler's Green, which will include a book signing as well.

Mr. Stephens had his hand in the designs of some of the most beautiful and typically "classic" boats we revere today – the 6-Meter, the J-Boat and the 12-Meter, among others. We can thank Olin and his partner Starling Burgess for designing the well-known 1937 America's Cup winner *Ranger*.

His involvement with the America's Cup defense actually continued through the early 80's, with contenders *Intrepid*, *Columbia*, *Valiant* and many others. Throughout his career, Olin also put quite a bit of effort into studying and modifying rating rules for yachts, decisions which influence how we handicap boats today. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet one of the most successful designers of this age – we hope you can join us on the 4th!

Prior to this event, our general meeting on March 2nd will feature a presentation by Byron McCarthy on the Monterey fishing boats. Some of you may remember Byron from last year's great presentation on long boat construction at the San Diego Maritime Museum. As always, friends, family members and crew are welcome.

We have several new members as well as new member benefits! Steve Rock of Fiddler's Green has extended his popular offer of a 20% discount for food to card-carrying AMSS members. In addition, member Cheryl Swendsen of Salon 22 in La Jolla is discounting her salon products 20% for AMSS members. See you soon! - Beth



When a man weighs anchor in a little ship or a large one he does a jolly thing! He cuts himself off and he starts for freedom and for the chance of things—Hilaire Belloc

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Two Diamonds in the Rough: Needing Help!

When it rains, it pours! This month we have **two** very special classics needing a new home. One is an historic John Alden design (No. 762) for the popular Malabar Jr. The other is a gaff sloop, reported to be built by Stone Shipyard, of roughly the same dimensions. Either of these are worthy of inspection and perhaps restoration, and could serve as seaworthy, well found coastal cruisers for at least a couple of happy new owners.

Risque was built by Don Pederson in 1947. She's a Malabar Junior, a series which enjoyed a long life beginning with **Little Warrior** in 1925. **Risque** was built in Newport Beach, of the finest wood Pederson had been stockpiling, and who sailed her as his personal yacht for 27 years. Specification include: 32'6" LOA, 8'8" Beam, 5' Draft. Her topsides will require work, as she's been laid up for ten years. Cedar planking over bent oak frames. Teak decks, spruce spars and nice mahogany cabin joinery. Please contact Glenn Parrish at 619 656-0737.



Risque

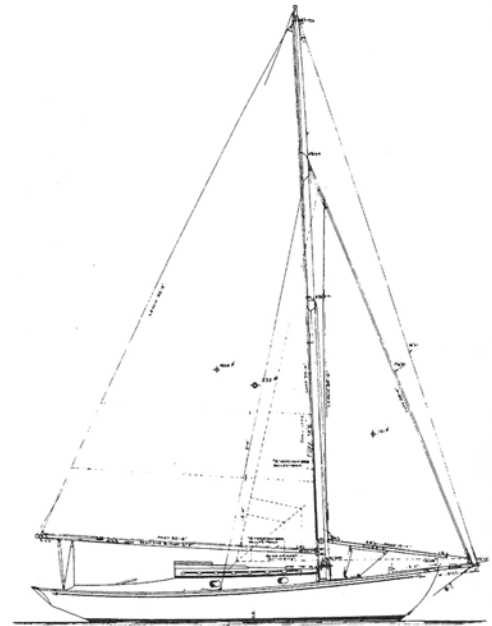
The Driscoll Mission Bay Marina has alerted Ancient Mariner Tom Jackson regarding a wooden sloop that's about to become

homeless. The information that's available is relatively sparse, but the boat's near at hand, and Tom is willing to help prospective owners head in the right direction. It's a gaff sloop, with cedar on oak frames by Stone. Length overall is about 30'. The asking price is \$1.00 ("negotiable!"). Tom states that this is "probably a good project boat for someone that wanted to get involved with learn-

ing the skills of boat restoration. It would undoubtedly benefit from some new frames, a few planks, fasteners, caulking and other carpentry work before cosmetics...it looks like a fun, fast seaworthy boat when brought back to good standards." Please contact Tom Jackson at Jackson Engineering, Inc., 858 454-5459.

My admiration for Malabar and her designer and skipper could not be exaggerated—

Olin J. Stephens II



Alden Malabar Junior



Stone Shipyards Sloop

Update: 2006 20 Guinea Cup Races

Our first 2006 on the water event, the 20 Guinea Cup #1, was sailed on February 11th. **Sprig** was harrying **Brushfire** for the duration of the race, finishing a scant 10 seconds (uncorrected) before the larger boat. Course Foxtrot was specified, with the long course boats going around twice. It was a beautiful day, with a strong ebb tide at the start. Except for **Spot**, we saw no PCs, who were busy with their own races that day. There was plenty of wind; it was learned later that PC #54 was dismantled during their race. **Freedom** retired early with a parted genoa clew.

Stand by for 20 Guinea Cup #2, starting off Buoy 17 at noon this Saturday, 4 March! We're looking for more than a few good boats this weekend, and our special guest Olin Stephens II will be sailing this race. Please sail with us, and attend the post race gathering at Fiddler's Green immediately after the race. Copies of **All This and Sailing Too** will be on sale and Olin will be available to sign his books. The PCs have a conflicting race to the Coronado Yacht Club on Saturday, but we hope that all those crew will also attend our party afterwards, and take this rare opportunity to meet America's preeminent yacht designer, Olin J. Stephens II. Please see the results for 20 Guinea Cup #1 below:

Yacht	Hand. SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H M S	Allowance H:M:S	Finish Time H:M:S	Elapsed Time H:M:S	Corrected Time H:M:S	Place CL
LONG COURSE FOXTROT. Distance 13.00. Start Time 12:00:00. Scratch Boat 70								
Sprig	122	676	0 11 16	0:11:16	14:42:00	2:42:00	2:30:44	1
Brushfire	70	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	14:42:10	2:42:10	2:42:10	2
Spot	150	1040	0 17 20	0:17:00	15:32:00	3:32:00	3:15:00	3
SHORT COURSE FOXTROT. Distance 6.50. Start Time 12:00:00. Scratch Boat 160								
Zephyr	270	1430	0 23 50	0:23:50	13:49:00	1:49:00	1:25:10	1
Flirt	160	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:30:00	1:30:00	1:30:00	2
Windley	270	1430	0 23 50	0:23:50	14:14:45	2:14:45	2:14:45	3
Freedom	175	195	0 3 15		DNF			4
LUDERS 16 CUP								
Zephyr	270	1430	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:49:00	1:49:00	1:49:00	1
Windley	270	1430	0 0 0	0:00:00	14:14:45	2:14:45	2:14:45	2



Sailing is a good sport. You don't have to beat up the other guy like you do in boxing or football: you just try to outsmart him, and outsail him, and then you go out and have a beer with him—John Kolius

Welcome Aboard!

“Welcome Aboard!” to our new members: Heather Smith (**Elena**), Vance Gustafson (**Jade**), Glenn Parrish (**Risque**), Howard Thomas (**Star Pilot**) and Alan Peterson, Jr. (**Zephyrus II**). Heather keeps **Elena**, a Calkins 50 and sistership of **Cathleen** (formerly owned by Joe Jessop, and now owned by Doug Peterson) at the Kona Kai. Glenn is seeking a new owner for **Risque** (see pg. 3). Vance is a familiar sight with his PC #9, **Jade**. Howard Thomas is the former captain of the **Star Pilot**, a Grand Banks schooner. He has sailed with Charles Lindbergh, Arthur Godfrey, Sterling Hayden and others during a very interesting career.



Elena, reaching in the 60's



Jade, rail under

Alan Peterson is joining us, and owns the Kettenburg 40 **Zephyrus II**, berthed in Los Alamitos. We hope to see him here in San Diego for the Yesteryear Regatta, if not before. Please welcome all these new members to our club. We're looking forward to seeing them at our various shore side and on the water events throughout the year.

Ancient Mariners Membership Drive Underway

Our Membership Chair, Bonnie McVaugh wishes to hear from you! We're asking all members to encourage prospective members to join our club. More than anything else, each of our members is a resource dedicated to enjoying and restoring classic yachts, which are our favorite “endangered species.” For example, anyone wishing to save one of the “diamonds in the rough” featured on page 3 can count on the ready advice and assistance of our dedicated members to help restore these fine vessels. Please check your e-mail version of this month's Albatross, which includes two attachments: the Ancient Mariners 2006 Brochure, and a Membership Application. If you know of some potential new members, please pass both of these items along to them. Or, if you've seen a classic boat in the yards, and don't know the owners, introduce yourself with the papers in hand! Bonnie may be contacted at: bonitaada@yahoo.com, or 858 456-1626.

March 2006

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, 2 March General Meeting, Southwest Yacht Club!
- A very interesting program on building Monterey Fishing Boats will be presented by Byron McCarthy
- Contact Greg Stewart, (619) 224-6347 or nmyd@cts.com, for race information. Check sailing instructions for all events on www.amss.us.
- 20 Guinea Cup #2, 4 March, 12:00 at buoy 17...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1		2 General Meeting	3	4 20 Guinea Cup
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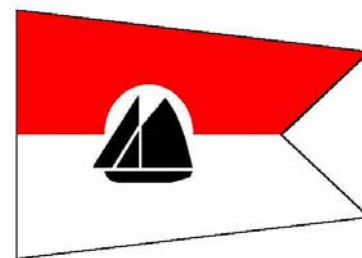


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