



ALBATROSS

Ancient Mariners Sailing Society
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Captain Lew Starkie: MIRAMAR!

COMING EVENTS

- Thursday-March 6:
Meeting
7:30 at
SWYC
- Saturday-March 8:
Race #2 of
the 20
Guinea Cup



talk about MIRAMAR's refit. Come to Southwestern Yacht Club early for dinner and informal gathering. The meeting starts 7:30 PM.

The speaker at our March AMSS Meeting is Lew Starkie, Captain of MIRAMAR. MIRAMAR, own by AMSS member Paul Scripps, has under gone some major refits over the past eight years. The below water-line planking was replaced in 2000-2001 and new decks were completed in 2007. Come listen to Lew Starkie



Welcome Aboard!

There are a number of new members that we would like to welcome to Ancient Mariners. These new members include:

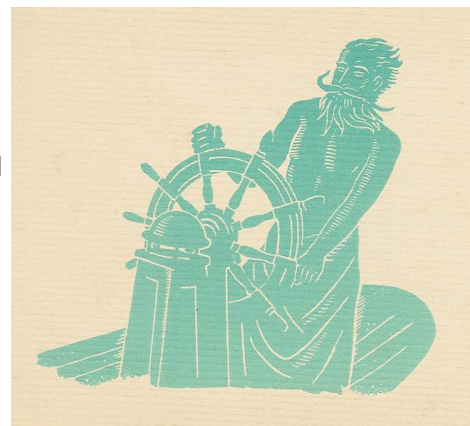
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- John and Janet Arnold who own NOKAOI which has been an Ancient Mariner fleet vessel before. NOKAOI is a Matt Walsh 1932 design that was built by Garbutt and Walsh in that same year. NKAOI has just had a new deck and house completed;
- Scott Demere who owns OCEAN QUEEN V, a Philip Rhodes design built in Germany in 1951 by Abeking and Rasmusen. OCEAN QUEEN V has already been racing with the Ancient Mariner fleet. OCEAN QUEEN has been owned by the Demere family her entire life of 57 years;
- Neva Sullaway and her husband Steve are new regular members. Neva has written the book *History of Sailing in San Diego* and is currently the editor of the Maritime Museum's *Mains'l Haul*;
- James Dreyer who owns and is restoring T HERAPY, a 1938 Rhodes design and built at South Coast boat yard in 1946 for Balboa Yacht Club one design class. The overall length of the Rhodes is 33'8".

From the Helm: San Diego in Winter

It seems we've had a repeat of the few rainy fronts that came through last year at about this time, but we can't complain about the warm, sunny days of the last week in February. There was an excellent crowd of boats at the start of the first 2008 20 Guinea Cup race, all waiting out a slight delay for lack of wind. Then, the fleet converged for an interesting mess at the first mark, with only a few small mishaps. The USS Reagan came around outbound, and proceeded to split the AMSS fleet onto either side of the channel. At times, the breeze came up well, but towards the end, many were once again becalmed. At any rate, we have a great year of races ahead, judging by the fine turnout for the first. The new 2008 20 Guinea Cup Course Descriptions and Sailing Instructions are posted on the website, www.amss.us. And, the results of the first 20 Guinea Cup Race of this year are covered in this issue.



We owe many thanks to Ancient Mariner Dennis Conner, who presented another memorable program in February covering **Cotton Blossom's** 2007 Mediterranean Campaign. This was a joint event sponsored by the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society and Southwestern Yacht Club's Sail Fleet. The large attendance was mightily entertained by Dennis' repertoire, as he called one after another of his friends from the audience to share their experiences while visiting with the **Cotton Blossom** crew last year. Next, we are pleased to have **Miramar's** Captain Lew Starkey speaking at our March General Meeting, presenting a review of the extensive work (including a new deck) recently completed on that lovely yacht.

Please see the articles in this issue of the Albatross for more important information, including a "Welcome Aboard!" for several new Flag and Regular members recently joining our ranks. We hope to see another great lineup for the start of 20 Guinea Cup Race #2, on Saturday, 8 March. And, stand by for the April Fool's Race to Mission Bay, and a raft-up following the race in Sail Bay.

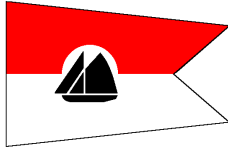
As days get longer, we'll be approaching one of our favorite annual events, the Yesteryear Regatta in May. And, before you know it, June will be here, with the Family Boat Building Event at the San Diego Wooden Boat Festival at Koehler's yard. Aloha! — Dave



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CALL Deb Dominici if you have participants for the Family Boat Building Event. More Info at www.amss.us



20 Guinea Cup '08: Race #1 Results

2007 G-Cup - Results
GC #1 February 9, 2008

2008 GC Results R1

Long Course	Charlie
Distance	8.00
Start Time	12:30:00
Scratch Boat	70

Short Course	Charlie
Distance	4.00
Start Time	12:30:00
Scratch Boat	290

Boat	Hand. SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H M S	Allowance H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed H:M:S	Corrected Time H:M:S	Place CL	Points CL
Long Course									
Spitfire *	170	800	0 13 20	0:13:20	14:07:31	1:37:31	1:24:11	1	1
Sprig	124	432	0 7 12	0:07:12	14:05:45	1:35:45	1:28:33	2	2
Dauntless *	168	784	0 13 4	0:13:04	14:13:16	1:43:16	1:30:12	3	3
Frolic	148	624	0 10 24	0:10:24	14:11:53	1:41:53	1:31:29	4	4
Sabrina	100	240	0 4 0	0:04:00	14:05:30	1:35:30	1:31:30	5	5
Chimaera (P)	100	240	0 4 0	0:04:00	14:08:44	1:38:44	1:34:44	6	6
Mischief	225	1240	0 20 40	0:20:40	14:27:00	1:57:00	1:36:20	7	7
Pacifica	112	336	0 5 36	0:05:36	14:15:16	1:45:16	1:39:40	8	8
Altair	175	840	0 14 0	0:14:00	14:27:50	1:57:50	1:43:50	9	9
Taroa	165	760	0 12 40	0:12:40	14:27:00	1:57:00	1:44:20	10	10
Freedom	195	1000	0 16 40	0:16:40	15:07:00	2:37:00	2:20:20	11	11
Old Glory	160	720	0 12 0	0:12:00	DNF	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	12	12
Ocean Queen (P)	165	760	0 12 40	0:12:40	DNF	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	12	12
Short Course									
Windley	290	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:28:00	0:58:00	0:58:00	1	1
Zephyr	290	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:28:30	0:58:30	0:58:30	2	2
Pilot	290	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:30:25	1:00:25	1:00:25	3	3
Maid of Kent	450	640	0 10 40	0:10:40	DNF	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	4	4
L-16 Cup									
Zephyr	290	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:28:30	0:58:30	0:58:30	1	1
Windley	290	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:28:00	0:58:00	0:58:00	2	2

Note: DNS = last place + 2 points, DNF = last place + 1 point
(P) Denotes Provisional Handicap

*Dauntless & Spitfire - Courtesy entries. To be scored in Series must be an AMSS Member.

Scoring done by Greg Stewart & Jack and Cheryl Swendsen

The conditions for the start of the first 20 Guinea Cup were: sunny, light winds, and a heavy ebb tide. The Race Committee Jack and Cheryl on FROLIC called for race course Charlie. After the start the whole fleet ended up rounding Buoy#15 at the same time. There was some jostling with boats pushing in where they should not have gone. The rest of the day was fluky with many wind holes on the course. The heavier current was on the west side of the course but the wind favored both sides at different times. The good strategists made out and the lead changed a number of times. All in all it was a good sailing day; we had fun on PACIFICA even when we sailed to the 'wrong side of the course' on the second go around. Please read the sailing instructions carefully, I noticed at least one boat that did not sail the course properly. The Sailing Instructions, Course Sheet and Race 1 Results are on the AMSS website: www.amss.us. I can also send copies to those who otherwise can not get them. Please call Doug Jones @ 619-993-9295.

I would like to bring the fleet's attention to Chris Museler's article in WoodenBoat magazine #201 March/April 2008, 'Racing Classic Yachts'. It is a must read. The 20 Guinea Cup is suppose to be a fun race, there is no need for hard, aggressive sailing. Respect these Classic Yachts and give way if there is a problem. Having these Classic Boats collide is costly in many ways. It prudent that all Classic Fleet Members should communicate with each other; let other yachts know your intentions early. The AMSS fleet needs to better familiarize themselves with the 'Racing Rules'.

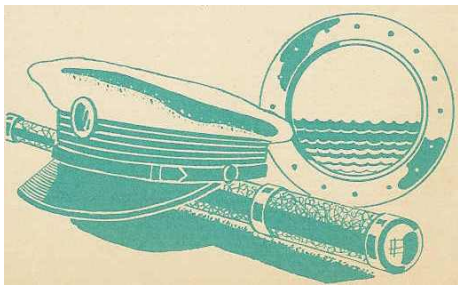
— Doug Jones, AMSS Race Chair

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 AMSS MTG	7	8 20GG- Race #2
9 Daylight Savings-	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 BOD MTG	21	22
23Easter	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 6: Lew Starkey Presentation on MIRAMAR refit
- March 8: Race #2 of the 20 Guinea Cup
- March 9: Daylight Savings Begins
- March 20: AMSS Board Meeting/First Day of Spring!
- March 23: Easter

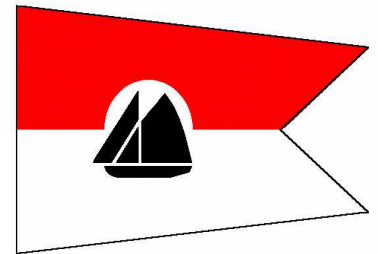


The Freedom of the Seas

Three sea miles out from shore, the range of a cannon, used to be the limit of a nation's sovereignty over its seas. Today,

the law is that: A state's territorial waters extend to twelve sea miles. Over the first twenty-four miles out from its coast, a state can exercise control over customs, entry and hygiene in respect of ships entering its waters. A state has the right to economic exploitation of the sea up to two hundred miles from its coast. This is what gives rise to most conflicts.

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