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2006 Year in Revue

MEETINGS

- At the Keg, Saturday, 2 December, Silver Strand Beach—Half-Pint-'o'-Rum Race, Warning Signal 12:20, Starts at 12:25 & 12:30.
- Skipper's Meeting on the Silver Strand Beach, abeam the Keg and Race Committee, anchored with sails doused, 12:00
- Thursday, 7 December AMSS General Meeting—2006 Year in Revue—Southwestern Yacht Club, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, 17 December—AMSS Board of Directors Transition Meeting, Alex and Frank's, 2485 Qualtrough St. (immediately adjacent to the SWYC Front Gate), 5:00 PM.

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Star of India and Californian during their Annual Sail on Nov. 11th— by Bruce Anderson

2006 has been a banner year for the Ancient Mariners club, with many events and races that will be long remembered. Please join us for our December Annual Meeting on the 7th, (Pearl Harbor Day), 7:00 PM at the Southwestern Yacht Club. Just as in years past, we'll appreciate your dessert plate brought to share with refreshments, while enjoying a review of photographs taken throughout the year and highlighting various races, parties, people and events. The 2006 20 Guinea Cup awards will be presented at the meeting, and we'll introduce our new 2007 Officers and Board of Directors. Race Chairman Greg Stewart will also cover the results of this years' Half-Pint-'o'-Rum race, which sails on Saturday, December 2nd. Please contact Greg at (619) 723-3078, or nmyd@cts.com before the race to obtain the Entry Form, Race Description and Sailing Instructions. Page 4 also addresses this years' Half Pint. We hope to see you on the water on the 2nd, and at the December Annual Meeting the following Thursday.

From the Helm : 2006 Was a Very Good Year...

During the year-end, we may reflect on the fine times we've had this year, and the fellowship and friends that have made a lasting difference in our lives. With the Thanksgiving holiday now just behind us, there are certainly more activities pending in our busy December schedules, so "Standby!"

Last January, Rish Pavelec presented an outstanding program on the history of Kettenburg PCs. Founding Ancient Mariner Bill Clark retired, and Doug Jones took the reins, continuing the business as *Traditional Boat Works*. The spry, venerable Olin Stephens came to visit us again this year, and was hosted by several important Ancient Mariners members and related organizations. Not to miss a good thing, Halsey Herreshoff was also kind to pay us a visit and speak to a very large audience at our April General Meeting. Then, the 32nd Annual Yesteryear Regatta lived up to its billing as the major classic sailing event in Southern California, sailed in May.

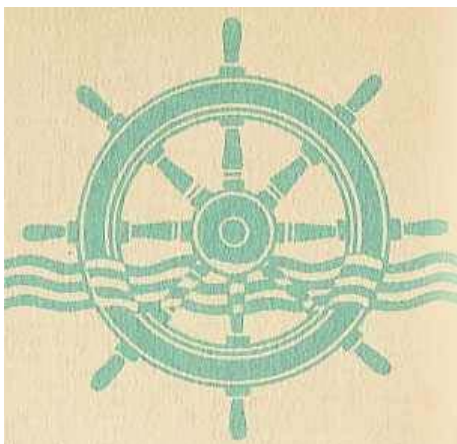
In late May, we lost a dear friend, Paul Kettenburg, who will be long remembered by all old-time sailors in San Diego. The annual Kettenburg Regatta was sailed in early June, a poignant tribute to a great yacht builder and one whose legacy continues in an active fleet of Kettenburg vessels that are most treasured by their owners today. Our Commodore's Cup Regatta was sailed in August, followed by a festive party at the San Diego Yacht Club.

We have enjoyed many invited speakers at our General Meetings this year, and they are all due many thanks. The last, but perhaps most popular on-the-water event is very near—the Half-Pint-'o'-Rum-Race gets underway on Saturday, December 2nd. Don't forget, first quality rum (required as the entry fee) will avoid negative handicap adjustments for sub-standard, rotgut spirits. Appropriate dress or the commission of harmless pranks can gain points (viz., Frank Taliaferro's hot pink wetsuit from Hillcrest Surf Shop last year).

The 20 Guinea Cup series was expanded to include five popular bay races spread throughout this year, and trophies will be presented at the December Annual Meeting. Your presence is requested! Finally, a warm "aloha!" and many "thanks!" to our 2006 Commodore, Beth Boucher. - Dave

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Excellent Holiday Gift: Ancient Mariners T-Shirts

Our great-looking T-Shirts are selling out fast, especially with the holiday season in swing! They are fine, tightly knitted 100% cotton for long wear. Snow White, with a small AMSS logo in front; big full-color Ancient Mariners burgee on the back. Get your exact size while they are still available!

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Nautical Terminology: The language of the maritime past is part of essential, modern English. When we hear that Smith's report was "by and large" encouraging, that Jones was "taken aback," that Smith is a good man "through and through," that Jones is a "loose cannon," or that Smith has "let the cat out of the bag," few stop to think about these phrases having come from the era of wooden ships...
 Ian Toller—*Six Frigates*, Norton & Co., Ltd, 2006

Welcome Aboard!



Caprifol at Rest

Please welcome new members Gordon and Karen Davies (**Caprifol**), and George and Pamela Lindley (**La Cucaracha**). **Caprifol** is a beautiful bright-hull sloop berthed at Koehler's, designed as a custom one-off by Tore Holm, and built in 1960 (Sweden) by Juno Produker. It has been on this side of the Atlantic since the early 1980s, cruising the Caribbean and South America, and then sailing New England. The Davies bought the boat and had her shipped to San Diego this year.

La Cucaracha is no stranger to most of us. She has sailed with the PC fleet here longer than most of us can remember. Looked very nice in last year's Half-Pint-o'-Rum Regatta, and is expected on the course again this year. She's on the E Dock, sail #14, and built at Kettenburg's in 1934. Welcome aboard to the Davies' and Lindley's! Please extend all due courtesies and introduce yourselves to these new members, as they join us for shore side meetings and races on-the-water.

2006 Half-Pint-'o-Rum Race "On Tap" for December 2nd



One of the perennially favorite (since 1974) Ancient Mariners events is scheduled for this Saturday, 2 December—the Half Pint-'o'-Rum Race. This race is open to Ancient Mariner Boats and invited guests. The entry fee is a fifth of premium rum that will be decanted into the AMSS keg. The Race Committee has great latitude to assess penalties as well as time awards for exceptional seamanship, gaudy costumes, etc. Be forewarned that poor quality rum will be penalized, and in extreme cases, could be cause for disqualification, or significant handicap adjustments.



A potentially ribald contender for "best dressed" in last year's Half Pint race

The race begins off the beach southeast of the Navy Sailing Club along the bay side of the Silver Strand in South Bay. Boats in the Traditional Format (Beach Start) classes anchor off the beach with sails furled. The owner, or his pre-approved designate, rows (or swims) ashore to attend the Skipper's Meeting on the beach. At this time, the entry fee is inspected (Pussers or Black Seal usually pass), and deposited into the keg. The Traditional Format starting horn blast sends the skippers back to their boats from the beach (rowing or swimming), and after reaching their boats, the crew can set sails and weigh anchor. After completing the course, the finish is on the sandy beach next to the Shelter Island launch ramp, across the street from the Silvergate Yacht Club. A member of the crew must row or swim ashore, with tot cup at the ready, report to the Race Committee present and swig some rum from the keg. That deed completed, the yacht's finish time is recorded.

The Alternate Format (Non Beach Start) will also anchor off the beach with sails down. The Race Committee will sound the start horn, signaling permission to raise anchor and get underway. At the finish, boats in this group must pass as close as possible to the beach on Shelter Island, at the location of the Race Committee (an Ancient Mariners pennant ashore will assist in locating the committee). The boat then attracts attention to their presence by signaling with horn, and their finish time is recorded. The race is followed by a raft-up in La Playa, where some of the most delectable rum cocktails imaginable will be served. Crews are permitted to reflect on their racing performance at this party afloat, but boasting and outright lies are discouraged. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Racing, Cruising and Sailing classes are awarded after the results are properly adjudicated by the Race Committee, including handicap adjustments for good deeds or misbehavior. Don't miss this great race!



2006 20 Guinea Cup: Final Results

Once again, Craig Mueller's spectacular Sparkman and Stephens sloop **Brushfire** had all 2006 20 Guinea Cup contestants checking the insides of their hats. For two years now, Craig has consistently demonstrated his ability to pull far ahead of all Guinea Cup Series contestants. **Brushfire** was built here by the Driscoll Boat Yard in 1969, and has had a dominating career in ocean racing. AMSS is introducing perpetual cup trophies for the Short Course



Craig Mueller's Winner—*Brushfire*—photo by DaWoody

and the Luders 16 Class (donated by Ancient Mariner Ron Render), in addition to the existing perpetual cup trophy for the Long Course. Results for the 2006 Guinea Cup Series are presented below, and we'll be making the awards at the December 7th Annual Meeting.

Yacht	Guinea Cup #1	Guinea Cup #2	Guinea Cup #3	Guinea Cup #4	Guinea Cup #5	Total Points	Overall Place
Date	2/11/2006	3/04/2006	7/08/2006	9/08/2006	11/04/2006		
Long Course							
Brushfire	2	1	3	2	1	9	1
Freedom	5	6	1	1	4	17	2
Sprig	1	3	7	3	3	17	3
Flirt	3	2	4	6	6	21	4
Cathleen	6	9	2	6	6	29	5
Sally	6	5	6	6	6	29	6
Altair	6	9	8	6	2	31	7
Spot	4	7	10	4	6	31	8
Pilot	6	9	5	5	6	31	9
Vanja	6	4	10	6	6	32	10
Benchmark	6	9	10	6	5	36	11
Elena	6	8	10	6	6	36	12
Short Course (Also includes L-16 Cup racers, in place order 2-4* behind Maid of Kent, as shown below)							
Maid of Kent	4	1	1	1	1	8	1
L-16 Cup							
Zephyr	1	1	3	2	1	8	1- 2*
Windley	2	2	1	1	2	8	2- 3*
Jalapeno	4	4	2	3	3	16	3- 4*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Half-Pint-'o'-Rum. Our Ancient Mariners signature race is this Saturday, 2 December. See further details in this issue.
- Thursday, 7 December. Annual Meeting, 7:00 PM at Southwestern Yacht Club. Please bring a dessert plate to share. Awards, a new AMSS Board, Officers, a "Picture Show" and refreshments.
- Sunday, 17 December, 5:00 PM. "Transition Meeting" of the '06 and '07 Board of Directors. Alex and Frank's home.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Half Pint	
3	4	5	6	7 Annual Mtg	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Tran. Mtg	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 1	25	26	27	28	29	30



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, 619 294-2244

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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 Lonnielynch1@aol.com

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