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2007- A Fine AMSS Year

MEETINGS

- Saturday, 1 December.
Skipper's Meeting on the Silver Strand Beach, Half-Pint-o'-Rum Race, abeam the Keg and Race Committee, anchored with sails doused, 12:00
- Thursday, 6 December
AMSS Annual December Meeting, Dinner and Awards Party—Southwestern Yacht Club, Cocktails at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, 13 December—
AMSS Board of Directors Transition Meeting, Dave and Kathy Easter's home, 552 Fern Glen, La Jolla, CA, 6:30 PM



Freedom and the Star of India

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2007 has been a great year for the Ancient Mariners club, with many events and races that will be long remembered. Please join us for our December Annual Meeting, Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 6 December (article on pg.3) The 2007 20 Guinea Cup awards will be presented at the meeting, and we'll introduce our 2008 Officers and Board of Directors. Race Chairman Greg Stewart will also cover the results and present awards for this years' Half-Pint-o'-Rum race, sailing on this Saturday, December 1st (article on page 4). We've had a great year in 2007—the expansion of the 20 Guinea Cup series to seven races, and the return of the Schooner Cup Races in San Diego, (now run simultaneously with the Yesteryear Regatta) have been milestone events. Our General Meetings and programs have also been very worthwhile and entertaining. So, standby for another full year of exciting races, shore-side parties and events in 2008!

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From the Helm: Another Year Rolls By...

In this issue, we'll recall some of the wonderful times we've had this year, and the fellowship among our members and friends that makes the Ancient Mariners such a remarkable club! December and the holidays are already here, and we'll be very busy.

Dennis Conner delivered a rousing program at the SWYC in February, to an audience that packed the rafters. The 20 Guinea Cup series was expanded this year to seven races, which brought many more boats and folks out on the water. Last May, the 33rd Annual Yesteryear Regatta lived up to its billing as the major classic sailing

event in Southern California, with more entries than we've seen in many years. Perhaps the best part of this year's Yesteryear Regatta is that it marked the resumption of the Schooner Cup Races in San Diego, which were conducted as part of the overall regatta with help from the Southwestern and Silvergate yacht clubs. AMSS Staff Commodores Jerry Newton and Greg Stewart worked some real magic into the 2007 Yesteryear Regatta and Schooner Cup Race, and we're depending on them to keep the ball rolling for the 2008 races, when we plan to once again pair the Yesteryear and Schooner Cup Races.

The annual Kettenburg Regatta was sailed in June, a tribute to the great yacht builder Paul Kettenburg, whose legacy continues in an active fleet of Kettenburg vessels that are most treasured by their local owners. **Sally** and **Pacifica** returned from the last (30th) McNish Classic Regatta bearing prizes for fastest elapsed time and Yawl class, and then went on to compete in the San Diego-to-Ensenada Race in October. The Commodore's Cup Race was actually won by the commodore (on **Freedom**) this year! On a sad note, we lost two dear friends (Craig Mueller and Linda Hovland) this past year, and they will be sorely missed.

The Ancient Mariners have made efforts to expand our partnership with the Maritime Museum of San Diego this year. We enjoyed a program delivered by Executive Director Ray Ashley on the Evolution of the Ship (aboard the **Berkeley**), and Staff Commodore Deb Dominici presented an excellent paper (San Diego Ancient Mariners Sailing Society: A Living Museum of Vessels from the Golden Age of Yacht Design) at the Eighth International Maritime Heritage Conference, held at the museum and aboard visiting ships in October. AMSS vessels went on display at the conference, and then we provided four escort vessels for the annual Star of India sail in November. Now, our favorite race will end the year—the Half-Pint-o'-Rum sails this Saturday, 1 December. Aloha and Happy Holidays! - Dave

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December Annual Meeting and Party

So far, we've had a very promising return of RSVP invitations for the December Annual Meeting and Party. This is the first year in recent memory where we've planned ahead for an evening of drinks, dinner and ceremonies at the Southwestern Yacht Club. On Thursday, 6 December at 6:00 PM, we'll meet for cocktails and drinks, followed by dinner at 7:00, with an awards ceremony accompanied by dessert. The premiere showing of the 2007 Yesteryear video will run, starting at 6:00. We'll have a full range of AMSS "logoware" on sale; our T shirts, polo shirts, ball caps and a new stock of hooded sweatshirts will make very nice holiday presents. Our newly updated "storyboard" displays will be up, and we'll also have a table full of promotional materials (brochures, applications, copies of the Maritime Heritage Conference paper, newsletters, etc.). Special thanks are due to Johnny and Theresa Smullen, who originally proposed to expand the annual meeting to this dinner party format, and to Enrique Mereles, for making significant contributions toward the production of the 2007 Yesteryear video. Also, to those who produced and mailed the invitations. Please remember to send in your reservations in the self-addressed envelopes, and enclose checks (\$25 per person) and choice of entrée. Wine, soup and dessert are included with the meals.



20 Guinea Cup #7 Race Results

Yacht, Handicap SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Place CL, Points CL
Long Course (Delta), Distance 10.60, Start Time 12:00:00, Scratch Boat 70						
Brushfire, 70	0	0:00:00	13:32:44	1:32:04	1:32:44	1, 1
Sprig, 125	583	0:09:43	13:44:20	1:44:20	1:34:37	2, 2
Altair, 160	954	0:15:54	13:57:05	1:57:05	1:41:11	3, 3
Ocean Queen, 150	848	0:14:18	14:04:45	2:04:45	1:50:27	4, 4
Short Course (Delta), Distance 5.30, Start Time 12:00:00, Scratch Boat 255						
Maid of Kent, 450	1034	0:17:14	13:20:10	1:20:10	1:02:26	1, 1
Pilot, 255	0	0:00:00	13:04:29	1:04:29	1:04:29	2, 2
Whisper, 270	80	0:01:20	13:06:45	1:06:45	1:05:25	3, 3
Windley, 270	80	0:01:20	13:06:50	1:06:50	1:05:30	4, 4
Zephyr, 270	80	0:01:20	13:08:40	1:08:40	1:07:20	5, 5
L-16 Cup						
Whisper, 270	80	0:01:20	13:06:45	1:06:45	1:05:25	1, 1
Windley, 270	80	0:01:20	13:06:50	1:06:50	1:05:30	2, 2
Zephyr, 270	80	0:01:20	13:08:40	1:08:40	1:07:20	3, 3

2007 Half-Pint-o'-Rum Race "On Tap" for December 1st

One of the favorite (since 1974) Ancient Mariners events is scheduled for this Saturday, 1 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 adverse handicaps.



*Last Year's "Line-Up" Before the Start,
with the Keg Charged and Sampled*



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 comes 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 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. The finish is on the 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 race is followed by a raft-up in La Playa, where some of the most delectable rum cocktails imaginable will be served. Crews may discuss their racing performance at this party, but outright bragging is 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! If you need a tow down to the start, look for an AMSS boat departing Shelter Island.



2007 20 Guinea Cup: Final Results

Yacht	Guinea Cup #1	Guinea Cup #2	Guinea Cup #3	Guinea Cup #4	Guinea Cup #5	Guinea Cup #6	Guinea Cup #7	Total Points: with t/0	Overall Place
Date	2/03	3/10	6/09	7/07	9/15	10/13	11/03		
Long Course									
	6s/5f	12s/9f	6s/3f	8s/8f	6s/6f	5s/3f	4s/4f		
Sprig	2	1	5	7	1	2	2	20:8	1
Brushfire	7	2	5	6	2	1	1	24:11	2
Pacifica	1	5	1	5	5	3	6	26:15	3
Altair	3	6	2	8	3	4	3	29:15	4
Freedom	5	10	4	2	8	5	6	40:22	5
Frolic	7	10	3	4	4	5	6	39:22	6
Sally	7	4	5	3	8	5	6	38:23	7
Taroa	7	7	5	1	8	5	6	39:24	8
Cathleen	7	3	4	10	8	5	6	43:25	9
Woody	4	8	5	10	8	5	6	46:28	10
Old Glory	7	11	5	10	6	5	6	50:29	11
Ocean Queen	7	11	5	10	8	5	4	50:31	12
Sabrina	7	11	5	10	8	4	6	51:30	13
Benchmark	6	9	5	10	8	5	6	49:30	14
Nirvana	7	11	4	10	8	5	6	51:30	15
Flirt	7	10	5	10	8	5	6	51:31	16
Short Course									
	3s/3f	4s/3f	4s/4f	3s/3f	4s/4f	3s/3f	5s/5f		
Zephyr	1	1	2	3	1	1	5	14:9	1
Maid of Kent	2	5	4	1	3	3	1	19:14	2
Pilot	5	2	3	2	4	2	2	20:15	3
Windley	3	3	1	5	2	5	4	23:17	4
Whisper	5	2	6	5	5	5	3	34:23	5
Caprifol	5	4	6	5	6	5	7	38:27	6
Luders 16 Cup									
	2s/2f	2s/2f	2s/2f	1s/1f	3s/2f	2s/2f	3s/3f		
Zephyr	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	10:5	1
Windley	2	2	1	3	2	3	2	15:9	2
Whisper	4	4	4	3	3	3	1	22:14	3

DNS = last place + 2 points; DNF = last place + 1 point. Series Points are Based on the Best (5) of (7) Events.

December 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Half Pint o' Rum Race
2	3	4	5	6 Annual Meeting Party	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Transition Mtg.	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24/31 New Yrs. Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29

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~ Naming Hurricanes ~

Hurricanes were first named in the West Indies after the saint's day on which the hurricane occurred. Women's names were used in the nineteenth century by an Australian meteorologist for tropical storms. The U.S. National Weather Service began using women's names in 1953 and has only included men's names from 1979. For Atlantic Ocean hurricanes, the names may be English, Spanish or French. The World Meteorological Organization uses six lists of twenty-one alternating male and female names (in alphabetical order, but minus the letters Q, U, X, Y, Z) in a rotating six-year cycle. A name is removed if a hurricane has been particularly destructive and a new name is substituted.

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