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Ancient Mariners Sailing Society  
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## January PC Program a Hit!

### MEETINGS

- Thursday, 2 February, 7:30 General Meeting Southwest Yacht Club
- "Traditional Sails" Presentation by John Gladstone, Chuck Skewes and Jim Brink.

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- Call or e-mail Membership Director Bonnie McVaugh for your 2006 application to join Ancient Mariners today! — boni-taada@yahoo.com, (858) 456-1626
- All of our General Meetings are open to the public—please come!



Ancient Mariners Doug Jones, Greg Stewart, Rish Pavelec and Beth Boucher

Rish Pavelec addressed the January General Meeting with a special program on the unique local history associated with the Kettenburg PC Fleet. PCs are San Diego's most famous sailboats. These popular racing sailboats were originally designed by George Kettenburg, Jr. in 1929. They have served ever since as Southern California's counterpart to their contemporary East Coast classes, such as Herreshoff S-Boats and the Atlantic Coast Class. Now continuing in their

seventy-sixth year, many PCs race regularly in San Diego. Well over half of the original boats are still sailing, in great testimony to this timeless design.

Rish has owned seven PCs, and it was primarily through his efforts that *Wings*, PC #8, was restored and presented to the Maritime Museum of San Diego. Certainly the most prominent PC historian, he has created outstanding resources at the SDYC website, [www.sdyc.org](http://www.sdyc.org), and also at [www.kettenburgboats.org](http://www.kettenburgboats.org).

## From the Helm – Beth Boucher

### 2006 Board of Directors

Welcome to February! We're getting closer to warm weather sailing every day, though there have been many beautiful sailing days so far this winter. Let's hope that trend continues through the month as our first Guinea Cup race of 2006 is scheduled for February 11, with a noon start at buoy #17 off the tip of Shelter Island. Hope you can make it!

Prior to our first on-the-water event is our General Meeting on February 2. John Gladstone, Chuck Skewes and Jim Brink will give a presentation on designing and building traditional sails, a trade probably in demand to only a relative few in the sailing world, but an art, nonetheless, of interest to traditional sailors like us. As always, friends and crewmembers are welcome to attend our meetings!

At January's meeting, member Rish Pavelec gave an intriguing presentation on the history of the Kettenburg PC, complete with stories about the Kettenburg family and the early years designing and building boats in San Diego. He also detailed the origins of each of the pre-war boats and presented his research on the whereabouts of most of the 84 hulls built. It was fascinating to hear some of the little-known facts regarding the Kettenburg family's place in the history of wooden boat building.

Looking ahead, we are already starting to make plans for May's Yesteryear Regatta and some of our bigger events during the year like participation in the Koehler Kraft Wooden Boat Show in June and the Family Boatbuilding Event in October. If you are interested in any of our behind-the-scenes planning for these events, we'd welcome your participation – just let me or any of the Board members know.



Hope to see you Thursday! -Beth Boucher

There is a poetry of sailing as old as the world—  
Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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## Ancient Mariner Bill Clark Retires

As of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Bill Clark officially retired and Doug Jones and Deb Dominici gave a *Farewell Party* to Bill and Marnie at Clark Custom Boats on Hancock Street. Although Bill and Marnie will be traveling, Bill will stay on as a consultant to Doug Jones who will be taking over the business which will be called Traditional Boat Works. Clark Custom Boats has been working on boats since 1973 under Bill's direction and includes an impressive list of wooden yachts that have had major restoration work and rebuilds.



Bill and Marnie Clark, at the Reception

These boats that have work done by Clark Custom Boats include: ***Kelpie***, ***Californian's*** and ***Star Pilot's*** spars, ***Felisi***, ***Voila***, ***Rowena***, ***Freedom***, ***Miramar***, ***Dauntless***, ***Gallant*** and most recently ***Cotton Blossom II***.

Bill was one of the founding Members of the Ancient Mariners' Sailing Society. It was Bill, with Doug Smith, who sat down and tried to figure a way to have a Spring Regatta, later to become known as the Yesteryear Regatta, for the wooden boats in the San Diego area. They both wanted to help preserve interest in wooden boats so that the boats themselves would survive well into the future. Bill has been active in AMSS ever since its inception and has been on handicap committee each year for the Yesteryear Regatta. Although usually a penny short, Bill has remained an active dues-paying member for over 30 years! We hope to see Bill and Marnie in San Diego from time to time as he lends his expertise to Doug Jones as a consultant. We will see the products of Bill's craftsmanship in the boats he has worked on for ever. Thanks Bill for everthing! -*Deb Dominici*

## Herreshoff Events on the Horizon:

The Second Classic Yacht Symposium™ is scheduled for 31 March to 2 April at the Herreshoff Marine Museum, Bristol, RI. The Symposium will celebrate all aspects of classic yacht restoration, reproduction, maintenance and use, featuring

experienced presenters to promote professional and amateur excellence. For information: [www.herreshoff.org](http://www.herreshoff.org). Then, a special presentation to Ancient Mariners by Halsey Herreshoff at our 6 April General Meeting! Don't miss this one!

## Update: 2006 Ancient Mariners Racing Schedule

The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society is pleased to announce an exciting schedule of racing events for 2006! The first on the water event is the 20 Guinea Cup #1 on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We'll be expecting a large fleet for the 32nd Annual Yesteryear Regatta which, along with the Master Mariners Race in San Francisco, is typically one of the largest gatherings of classic boats to race on the West Coast each year. Also, please see the attached flyer for the complete 2006 racing schedule. Spread the word and sail with us on some of these great races! - Greg

January 1st	New Years Day
February 11th	20 Guinea Cup #1
March 4th	20 Guinea Cup #2
April 1st	April Fools Day Race
May 13th	32 <sup>nd</sup> Yesteryear Regatta
June 4th	Kettenburg Regatta
July 8th	20 Guinea Cup #3
August 27th	Commodore's Cup
September 9th	20 Guinea Cup #4
October 6th	SWYC SD-Ensenada
November 4th	20 Guinea Cup #5
December 2nd	Half Pint'o'Rum Race

The clouds raced with her mastheads; they rose astern enormous and white, soared to the zenith, flew past, and, falling down the wide curve of the sky, seemed to dash headlong into the sea—the clouds swifter than the ship, more free, but without a home - Joseph Conrad

## Classic Monk Boat Offered for Adoption!

Circa 1930's restored classic ancient mariner, 23' Ed Monk Sr. sloop. Double hard chime cold molded West System mahogany hull, 4'5" draft, 7'8" beam, 28' mast 12' boom. Boat is in wonderful shape. Full boat cover. Boat is currently moored at Shelter Cove Marina, on Shelter Island San Diego, CA., Contact Brian, owner since 1978, at (602)995-7349. [bbige-low@cox.net](mailto:bbige-low@cox.net). Make an offer.



## Welcome Aboard!

"Welcome Aboard" to our most recent new members: Brian and Lisa Lepis (**Avanti**), Larry and Deborah Fontaine, and Barry Worthington, Bob Kyle's partner with the PC **Twilight!** **Avanti** is a beautiful Kettenburg 41 built in 1969, with a fiberglass hull. She races regularly in the Kettenburg Regatta. Keep your eyes peeled for sail # 7942. We're looking forward to welcoming more of these new members at our Ancient Mariners events this year!



*Avanti, showing colors*



It's a good thing the old man died before yachts made of veneering and manned with gigolo yacht jockies appeared - L. Francis Herreshoff about his father, Nathaniel G. Herreshoff

## 2006 Family Boat Building Program



The Family Boat Building Event will be held on Columbus Day Weekend in 2006. The location has not been decided but please tell family and friends about the event and encourage them to participate. During the Wooden Boat Festival, held on Father's Day Weekend at Koehler Kraft, we plan on completing the sailing rig for the Bevins. The Newton's Bevin Skiff


**Andale** will be used for demonstration but other past Bevin builders are invited to join us. Doug Jones of Traditional Boat Works will be the head carpenter at both events and can be reached at home: 619-294-2244. We hope to have other AMSS members involved in this community event as well.

- Deb Dominici

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, 2 February General Meeting, Southwest Yacht Club!
- A very interesting program on Traditional Sails will be presented by John Gladstone, Chuck Skewes and Jim Brink!
- Contact Greg Stewart, (619) 224-6347 or nmyd@cts.com, for race information. Check sailing instructions for all events on [www.amss.us](http://www.amss.us).
- 20 Guinea Cup #1, 11 February, 12:00 at buoy 17...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1		2 General Meeting	3	4
5 Super Bowl	6	7	8	9	10	11 20 Guinea Cup
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Mardi Gras				



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