



ALBATROSS

Ancient Mariners Sailing Society
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A Busy 2007 Schedule!

MEETINGS

- Joint AMSS and SWYC Sail Fleet Meeting, Thursday, 1 February, 7:30 PM: Dennis Conner presents "Cotton Blossom's 2006 Mediterranean Campaign." A buffet dinner will be available (\$9.95) before the meeting starting at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to SWYC, frontoffice@swyc.coxatwork.com or (619) 222-0438
- AMSS Board Meeting, SWYC, Thursday, 15 February, 7:30 PM
- Buoy #16, Saturday, 3 February: 20 Guinea Cup #1.



In the "Old Days,"
the Yesteryear Regatta Fleet, Inbound
from Point Loma—

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Well, with no races having sailed just yet in the new year, the title page subjects for this Albatross issue are a bit scarce. However, you'll find much good news regarding our busy 2007 Race Schedule and Events Program in the pages that follow. Throughout the year, our new Officers and Board of Directors will be working to offer Ancient Mariners "more fun," both on the water and ashore. There's a distinct groundswell that's been building within the club for several years, and that's resulting in a great sense of camaraderie and enthusiasm for the activities we all enjoy. New and old members alike are encouraged to join in all this fun, and bring your friends and guests!

Please mention any ideas you may have to improve the quality of our club and activities to any of the board members—we'll take action. For example, we're discussing ways to promote some "raft-ups," which were more common in years past. Some are interested in more sailing and racing outside the bay. We're also fine tuning how we present ourselves to the membership and the public at large, in our newsletter, website, general meetings, parties and events ashore and all of our on-the-water activities. A penny for your thoughts—they're very welcome, and we're listening! - Dave

From the Helm: Too Much Fun, Too Little Time

With just a few details left to sort out, Staff Commodore Greg Stewart has managed to put together an extraordinary schedule of events and races to keep us entertained all year long! Coming up this Thursday, we're very pleased to co-host a program with the Southwestern Yacht Club Sail Fleet at our February 1st General Meeting, where Dennis Conner will present an overview of his **Cotton Blossom** campaign in the Mediterranean last summer. It doesn't seem that long ago when he spoke to our club last, and described how **Cotton Blossom** had been restored here in San Diego.

Several Ancient Mariners have been involved with both the restoration and this year's racing in the Mediterranean Classic series. So, we can expect some expert commentary during Dennis' program from the sidelines and the peanut gallery, as well.

In March, Doug Jones will give us a detailed overview of the comprehensive renovation of **Pacifica**, his 1946 yawl designed by Sparkman & Stephens and built by Henry Nevins. Doug is the astute owner of Traditional Boat Works, which was originally founded as Clark Custom Boats by Ancient Mariner emeritus Bill Clark. When Doug acquired the business as Bill retired, he found just the place to overhaul **Pacifica**, which we hope to see sail in the 2008 Transpac (that's what we call a dream come true).

On the racing front, there are several new developments. First, we're expanding the 20 Guinea Cup series this year to seven races. Race Chair Greg Stewart is also studying some course changes for the Guinea Cup. Then, the April Fools Race. We'll sail the Yesteryear Regatta in May, continuing our traditional venue for Southern California's largest classic sailing regatta. In the summer, the Kettenburg Regatta, Commodore's Cup and San Diego-to-Ensenada Races are on the schedule. There's the Coronados Islands cruise/race with the San Diego Yacht Club. We hope to have some Ancient Mariner yachts competing in the thirtieth, and perhaps the last McNish Classic Race this August in Ventura. Before Christmas, we'll top off the AMSS rum keg for our hallmark Half-Pint-'o'-Rum Race.

Ashore, we're looking forward to the San Diego Wooden Boat Festival, Father's Day weekend at Koehler's. Our regular July 4th Barbecue is planned, followed in August by the Commodore's Ball. Our General Meetings will feature some very engaging speakers and topics throughout the year. See you on the docks, and on the water! — Dave

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Coming Up at the Maritime Museum of San Diego

On Board the **HMS Surprise** May 2006 - October 2007:

Some of the most notorious pirates in history prowled the world's largest ocean. ***Pirates of the Pacific*** will highlight the exploits of William Dampier, a sophisticated buccaneer who mixed an interest in natural science and geography with a lust for adventure. The exhibit will also focus on Chinese pirates that threatened merchant ships in the South China Sea for nearly 100 years before a squadron of Royal Navy warships destroyed the pirate fleet. ***Pirates of the Pacific*** will satisfy people's timeless fascination and insatiable curiosity about these



outlaws of the ocean with a marvelous collection of artifacts, pictures and hands-on exhibits. For more information call the Maritime Museum of San Diego: 619-234-9153 ext. 101.

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Membership Cards

"Dues Paid" 2007 Ancient Mariners are encouraged to join us at any of our monthly General Meetings (at the Southwestern Yacht Club, the first Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM) to pick up your membership cards. These cards entitle you to discounts from our Corporate Affiliates Program, saving you cash and promoting the businesses that participate.



Strive for perfection in everything. Take the best that exists and make it better. If it doesn't exist, create it. Accept nothing nearly right or good enough—Sir Henry Royce

Twenty Years Ago...



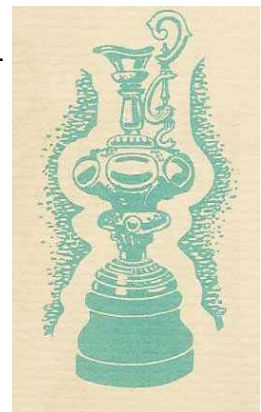
February 1987: Stars and Stripes defeats Kookaburra III—photo by Daniel Forster/Duomo

This month, we're marking the two-decade anniversary of Dennis Conner's repossession of the America's Cup, lost earlier to the Aussies in 1983. This remarkable triumph was achieved against extreme odds by Conner's championship team, many hailing from here in San Diego. A reunion at the San Diego Yacht Club is planned for this weekend. As Walter Cronkite has observed: "No, the pursuit of the America's Cup will never be the same as it was B.C. No man has had a greater impact on this venerable competition." Join us at our General Meeting, Thursday, 1 February, to hear D.C. speak and a chance to win this month's raffle prize—an autographed copy of Dennis' book, Comeback, My Race for the America's Cup.

2007 Ancient Mariners Race Schedule

Please mark your calendars for more races than ever before. We will be calling for volunteers soon to help with the Yesteryear Regatta preparations. Discussions are underway to include a Schooner Class in this year's Yesteryear, as a way to help reestablish this very popular race and long-time San Diego tradition. The Schooner Cup Race has been run by the now disbanded Kona Kai Yacht Club and is seeking new sponsorship, eventually under the auspices of the Silver Gate Yacht Club. We are also coordinating with the Kettenburg Pacific Cruising Class Yacht Racing Association to co-sponsor the PCC Nationals.

Please "stay tuned" for further developments. —Greg



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| • 1 FEB 20 Guinea Cup Race #1 | • 5 AUG 30th McNish Classic Race |
| • 10 MAR 20 Guinea Cup Race #2 | • 25 AUG Commodore's Cup Race |
| • 7 APR April Fools Race/Cruise | • 15 SEP 20 Guinea Cup Race #5 |
| • 12 MAY 33 rd Yesteryear Regatta | • 5 OCT San Diego-to-Ensenada Race |
| • 3 JUN Kettenburg Regatta | • 13 OCT 20 Guinea Cup Race #6 |
| • 9 JUN 20 Guinea Cup Race #3 | • 3 NOV 20 Guinea Cup #7 |
| • 7 July 20 Guinea Cup Race #4 | • 1 DEC 33 rd Annual Half-Pint-o-Rum Race |



Some Photo Highlights from 2006

Before we forget, a few photographs from last year's favorite AMSS races and events:



The Gang at Traditional Boat Works



Ray Ashley and Olin Stephens



Route 66



Family Boat Building



Cotton Blossom Tuning Up



Halsey Herreshoff, Ron Render and Jack Sutphen



Brushfire —photo by DaWoody

February 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 DC's Med. Show	2	3 20 G- Cup Race
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 BOD Mtg.	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

- General Meeting, Thursday 1 February. Dennis Conner's Program on Racing **Cotton Blossom** in the Med last year. See further details in this issue, pgs. 1, 2 & 4.
- Thursday, 15 February. Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 PM, SWYC.
- Skipper's Meeting, Buoy 16, noon, 3 February—20 Guinea Cup #1. Warning Horn at 11:50, start at 12:00. UNO-DIR, use 2006 Race Instructions, course will be hailed.



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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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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