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Half Pint'o'Rum Race Results

MEETINGS

- Thursday, 5 January, 7:30 General Meeting Southwest Yacht Club
- Special Event! Rish Pavelec presents his Pacific Class program, highlighting their history in San Diego

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- Please mail your 2006 Dues!
- Membership Cards for 2006 will be distributed at the 5 January General Meeting.
- Call or e-mail Membership Director Bonnie McVaugh for your 2006 application today! — bonitaada@yahoo.com, (858) 456-1626



They're Off! Starters moving out on signal, some nearly tripping over the keg

The morning was a typical San Diego December day, bright and warming up quickly, with hardly a drop of dew on deck. This year's Half Pint race brought 22 boats out, motoring or catching a tow to the start line down on the Silver Strand. The race committee inspected the entry fees (rum), supervised charging of the official keg and sounded the start.

A nice breeze was building early. **Sprig** dragged her hook, and **Cotton Blossom** got off to a slow start using her keel in lieu of a lead line. Tacking up under the Coronado bridge, it really began to blow. **Tempest's** dinghy

almost swamped and **Brushfire** had some mainsail track problems. Regardless of how each boat sailed the race, the final results hinged on the raw skill and seamanship exhibited at the finish line off Shelter Island beach.

Boats launched swimmers or rowers to sprint for the keg ashore, staging a minor public spectacle. Some adept skippers made up for lost time on the course by beating their rivals to the keg, and downing the required ration of grog just in time.

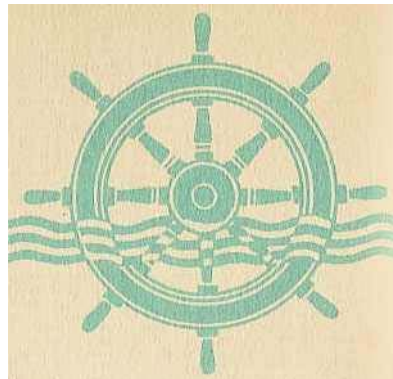
After the race, several boats, including **Taroa**,...cont'd pg. 3

From the Helm – Beth Boucher

2006 Board of Directors

Welcome to 2006!

This promises to be a great year for the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, as we are developing an exciting calendar of events for the year ahead.



I would like to start my first *From the Helm* article by thanking outgoing Commodore Pat Johnson for a successful 2005. Pat was instrumental in organizing our participation in August's Festival of Sail, maintaining a beneficial relationship with the San Diego Maritime Museum, and for supporting all of our efforts on and off the water, among other things.

To recap last month, at December's meeting, we were treated to the long-awaited Yesteryear video. Dave Easter and X Corps Television put a tremendous amount of time and effort into making this happen, from providing the press boat, on-and-off-the-water video shoots and production details such as editing and background research. Remarkably, every single yacht competing in the Yesteryear Regatta was featured in the film, which is accurately finished for its prospective audience of knowledgeable sailors! Our signature Half-Pint-of-Rum race was sailed on December 3rd. There was a great turnout, a manageable breeze and no rain (like last year!). Results and highlights are in this issue.

The 2005-2006 Board of Directors transition meeting, held at the home of Bonnie McVaugh, was quite productive, with lengthy discussions about our goals for the year, the calendar, and major events planned for 2006. We can look forward to an increased number of 20 Guinea Cup races, a potential (European) sponsor for the Yesteryear Regatta in May, the Family Boatbuilding event scheduled for fall, and repeats of last year's very successful summer picnic and Half Pint'o'Rum Race, to name but a few.

Greg Stewart has done an outstanding job organizing some interesting topics for our 2006 general meetings and has secured several speakers, including the renowned sailor Halsey Herreshoff. Kettenburg PC historian Rish Pavelec will start the year with a presentation on the development of the San Diego's PC fleet on Thursday, January 5th, which should be of particular interest to all local Kettenburg owners. Our first on-the-water event is the 20 Guinea Cup #1 on Saturday, February 11. As always, we welcome input from members! If you have ideas or would like to help this year with programs, races, marketing, merchandise or anything else, please let us know. Your participation only makes us better! Hope to see you at our General Meeting on January 5th. Happy New Year! - Beth

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Half Pint'o'Rum, cont'd

Flirt, Sally, Tempest and others rafted up in La Playa as the sun went over the hill. A few tall tales commenced as the race committee arrived with the keg.

All in all, this year's Half Pint race carried on the best traditions of the Ancient Mariners, through another "hard San Diego Winter." This favorite event continues to be one of our most popular annual races, and celebrates the profound historical attraction sailors seem to have for fine rum and good times, wherever they are found. There's talk, though, that there are some dregs left in the keg, which will be carefully stored and further aged for next year's race. Comprehensive results are posted on page 5...



Fashion Turista Frank Taliaferro standing by in his (shocking) pink wetsuit, from the Hillcrest Surf Shop

Announcement: AMSS 2006 Program Schedule

Ancient Mariners announces an exciting schedule of shore-side and on-the-water events for the 2006 season. The shore side season kicks off with a presentation by PC Historian Rish Pavelec on January 5th at 7:30pm. Rish has been a student of the PC for many years and has compiled an impressive collection of photos and detailed information about the PC fleet that he will present. He will have a few hand-outs that include a wealth of information about the PC. This presentation will be followed by a number of other exclusive presentations that should be quite enjoyable and worthwhile. The first on the water event is the 20 Guinea Cup #1 on February 11th. See the attached flyer for the complete program schedule. Spread the word and attend some of these great programs and races! - Greg

Selected 2006 Program Highlights:

• January	PC History	Rish Pavelec
• February	Classic Sails	John Gladstone, Jim Brink & Chuck Skewes
• March	Building a Monterey Skiff	SDMM
• April	Herreshoff Man- ufacturing Co.	Halsey Herreshoff
• May	Yesteryear Regatta	Molly Willis & Stuart Hartley
• June	Marine Images	
• July	Coronado Overnight	
• August	Special Program	Ray Ashley
• September	Marine Electrical Systems	Brett Dingerson
• October	Open House	Seabreeze Bookstore
• November	San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum	RADM "Mac" MacLaughlin (Ret.)
• December	Annual Holiday Program	

Update: 20 Guinea Cup Race Series for 2006

The dates for the 2006 edition of the 20 Guinea Cup have been set. By popular demand this series has been expanded to (5) five events on the following dates: February 11th, March 4th, July 8th, September 9th, and November 4th. The 20 Guinea Cup is a non-spinnaker, non-staysail event sailed typically on San Diego Bay. The Commodore's Cup, which has previously been a race around the Coronado Islands, has been shifted to a bay race after the Commodores Ball. So, the 2nd 20 Guinea Cup race scheduled on March 4th could be sailed as a Coronado Island race if enough interest is expressed.

As in the past, The 20 Guinea Cup will utilize the low point system, with points awarded



equivalent to the boats' finishing position in the fleet—i.e., first place = 1 point, second place = 2 points, etc. Last place will be the total number of boats in each fleet for each event to finish. DNF will be scored as last place plus 1 and DNS will be scored as last place plus 2. The cumulative points of the five events will determine the Overall positions at the end of the series.

Following each event, the fleet is encouraged to informally gather at Fiddler's Green to recap the race and discuss improvements for the remaining events.

For further information, and to vote yea or nay for a Coronado Islands course for race #2, please contact 2006 Race Chair/Director Greg Stewart: nmyd@cts.com 619 723-3078

AMSS Plans to Expand Corporate Affiliate Program

Because of the popularity of our partnership with Point Loma's Fiddler's Green, wherein card-carrying AMSS members receive a 20% discount, we are planning to encourage additional area waterfront businesses to join our ranks as affiliates.

In our vision of this partnership, both parties benefit. Basically, AMSS would promote participating organizations to the membership and other interested parties through generic advertising or a short article in *The Albatross*. In return, the corporate affiliate would agree to offer discounts – the way Fiddler's does – to AMSS. It

would also be possible for interested parties to increase their level of involvement beyond the basic level to include, for instance, recognition at some of our major events during the year in exchange for greater member benefits.

The Board has a list of potential participants which includes most of last year's Yesteryear sponsors, but we're always open to suggestions - if you have any ideas or candidates, please let us know! This program is still in the developmental stages, but we hope to get it off and running by early 2006! - Beth

2005 Half Pint'o'Rum Results

Traditional Start and Finish: Racing Class

Yacht	Type	Sail #	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Corrected	Place
Sally	10 Meter	7512	75	5	14:09:00	1:09:00	0:00:39	1:08:21	1
Vanja	30 M ²	30	125	55	14:17:14	1:17:14	0:07:09	1:10:05	2
Puff	PC	63	150	80	14:20:05	1:20:05	0:10:24	1:10:11	3
Sprig	6 Meter	USA 43	122	52	14:17:43	1:17:43	0:06:46	1:10:57	4
Cotton Blossom	Q-Mod	Q-5	70	0	14:13:55	1:13:55	0:00:00	1:13:55	5
Brushfire	S&S 53	7469	70	0	DNF		0:00:00		6

Traditional Start and Finish: Cruising Class

Yacht	Type	Sail #	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Corrected Time	Place
Taroa	K 50	7902	180	110	14:17:36	1:17:36	0:14:18	1:03:18	1
Witchcraft	Schooner		300	230	14:33:44	1:33:44	0:29:54	1:03:50	2
Pilot	S&S 35		255	185	14:29:46	1:29:46	0:24:03	1:05:43	3
Flirt	Navy 44	NA 6	160	90	14:23:32	1:23:32	0:11:42	1:11:50	4
Scamp	Stone		360	290	14:52:20	1:52:20	0:37:42	1:14:38	5
Jalapeno	Luders 16		270	200	14:43:59	1:48:59	0:26:00	1:22:59	6
Tempest	Cal 32		135	65	14:47:40	1:47:40	0:08:27	1:39:13	7

Alternate Start and Finish Class

Yacht	Type	Sail #	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Corrected Time	Place
Menace	PC	62	150	0	14:08:10	1:13:10	0:00:00	1:13:10	1
Minx	PC	18	150	0	14:10:28	1:15:28	0:00:00	1:15:28	2
Jade	PC	9	150	0	14:11:00	1:16:00	0:00:00	1:16:00	3
Onion Truck	PC	21	150	0	14:11:27	1:16:27	0:00:00	1:16:27	4
72	PC	72	150	0	14:16:36	1:21:36	0:00:00	1:21:36	5
Zephyr	Luders 16	168	270	120	14:32:22	1:37:22	0:15:36	1:21:46	6
Route 66	PC	66	150	0	14:17:31	1:22:31	0:00:00	1:22:31	7
La Sirena	PC	44	150	0	14:19:53	1:24:53	0:00:00	1:24:53	8
Windley	Luders 16	191	270	120	14:35:46	1:40:46	0:15:36	1:25:10	9

Outgoing Treasurer's Note:

After three years as the Treasurer, it's time for me to move on! So here is my final report. The 2005 year end checking account balance is \$7480.82. We come close to breaking even every year which shows when I compared our current balance to the 2002 end of year - only \$118 difference. While that is good, we would like to continue to find ways to increase our revenue and decrease costs so we can offer more to AMSS members. We welcome any ideas you may have. As always, if you would like a copy of the financials just call me at 619-405-3667. Have a great new year! - Minka

January 2006

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

- Thursday, 5 January General Meeting, Southwest Yacht Club!
- A standing-room-only crowd is likely for Rish Pavelec's program on the history of Kettenburg PCs in San Diego. Come early!
- Contact Greg Stewart, (619) 224-6347 or nmyd@cts.com, for race information. Check sailing instructions for all events on www.amss.us.
- 20 Guinea Cup #1, 11 February, 12:00 at buoy 17...



Mark Your Calendar: This Thursday, January 5th, 7:30 PM, Southwest Yacht Club!

PC Historian Rish Pavelec will be speaking about San Diego's unique fleet of Kettenburg PCs, now and in the past. Note that the Maritime Museum of San Diego has back issues available of last Winter's Mains'l Haul, a special edition titled The Kettenburgs: San Diego Yacht Builders. This is an outstanding museum publication, with 48 pages and photographs dedicated to the Kettenburgs. Order yours before they're gone (\$5.95), contact the museum at (619) 234-9153, e-mail info@sdmaritime.org, or website www.sdmaritime.org.

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