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Yesteryear Regatta Results!

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Circe, Sprig, Altair and others raftup at the SDYC - photo courtesy Johnny Smullen

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The 2010 Yesteryear Race turned out in grand style this year, with the largest number of yachts competing in recent memory (45 entries!). On this note, we can be pleased that the Ancient Mariners organization is going so strong after all these 36 years. The dockside festivities at the San Diego Yacht Club added some great color, featuring the Med-Style mooring of a group of our flag vessels open for inspection before and after the race. The racing was very close this year, proving the work and acumen of our outstanding rating committee. Best of all, the weather was more than cooperative, boasting sunny skies and a steady breeze for the duration of the race. The raffle was a huge success thanks to our many supporting sponsors. The Southwestern Yacht Club Race Committee did a superb job, as always. Cont'd, pg 7...

June - Letter from the Commodore

21st Century Steam Yacht Race, a Stiff Seal, and a nice piece of Halibut

The May grey went away just before Noon with the sun burning a large hole from South Bay to Point Loma allowing gorgeous sunshine and warmth for the occasion and much to the delight of spectators gathered.

The occasion was possibly the first ever steam boat race of the 21st Century between two Edwardian era steam yachts, (*only three Edwardian steam yachts are known to exist today the **Ena**, built 1901 and still to this day residing in Sydney , the **Medea** built on the Clyde in 1904 currently residing at the Maritime Museum of San Diego, and the magnificent **Cangarda**, built in Wilmington,*

Delaware in 1901) this was the day for the **Cangarda** to meet **Medea** head to head in what was the race of the century(s) and for the **Medea** this was a home match.

The hotel Del Coronado served as the backdrop for the standing start at high noon signaled by two blasts broadside from the **Californian** not quite enough to roll her but none the less a very exciting spectacle with plenty of gun smoke followed by a cacophony of screaming whistles, horns, and cheering.

A fine spectator fleet assembled and was represented by Ancient Mariner's classic cutter **Freedom** she was appropriately dressed overall for the occasion. We followed behind keeping a weather eye out on the very busy bay and cut off to position ourselves close to the museum for a prime location to witness the gentlemen's finish and keeping upwind of the museums 1847 Napoleon 12 pounder cannons for obvious reasons. Lunch was served aboard **Freedom** and this is always the highlight of a passage aboard, as the captain always serves the best fare and this day was a nice piece of halibut. We just finished lunch in time to see the two dueling Stradivarius's looming out of their own steam heading downwind back into the bay, sprit to sprit, for the finish. Boom! The **Medea** takes a home match by a sprit, not only had the museum signaled this historic finish the **Californian** also gave a broadside salute to honour the occasion. The **Cangarda** displayed her ability to win and this was truly played out in a very Corinthian yachtsman like manner. It was when the smoke cleared we noticed a seagull standing on and looking into a rather large, inflated, and rather stiff seal, I am sure this was the result of natural causes and not the exchange, that is how I left it in my head when I eventually went to sleep that night - *Johnny Smullen*

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June Feature Boat – Steam Yacht *Medea*

While this page is usually reserved to feature “Flag Vessels” of the Ancient Mariners, it is only fitting that we should include one of our favorite local yachts, *S/Y Medea*, after her victory last month in the Great Steam Yacht Race. Named after a Greek mythological figure, the *Medea* has a past almost as colorful as her namesake. Originally, the steam yacht was built in 1904 for William Macalister Hall of Torrisdale Castle, Scotland. Built of steel and furnished with imported teak and quarter-sawn oak, the *Medea* is an impressive and beautiful little boat. Macalister Hall, a wealthy landowner and British Army officer, used *Medea* mainly for social occasions and hunting trips around the isles and lochs of western Scotland. By the beginning of World War I, she was in the hands of the man who built her, John Stephen. Later during the war, she was purchased by the French Navy and converted to a gunboat named *Corneille*. Armed with a 75mm gun, depth charges and an observation balloon, she operated as a convoy escort for French sailing ships. After the war she resumed her old name and returned to British colors. Owned by members of the Parliament, she often cruised the Mediterranean Sea.



Medea, a “sprit length” ahead of *Cangarda*, at the finish of the race. -
photo courtesy Dave Easter

Early in World War II, *Medea* joined the Royal Navy as a barrage balloon vessel at the mouth of the River Thames. Later she went back to Scotland and was used by the Norwegian Navy, based there as an accommodation ship for Norwegian commando officers. By 1946 *Medea* was back in British civilian service, cruising off Cornwall and the Isle of Wight. During the 1950's and 1960's, she operated as a charter yacht and was finally sold to a Swedish owner in 1969. By that time, *Medea* was a tired old boat, but she was still pretty enough to capture the attention of oilman Paul Whittier, who had steamed aboard similar vessels in his youth. In 1971, Whittier purchased, restored and donated *Medea* to the Maritime Museum of San Diego. This amazing gift arrived in San Diego on July 14, 1973.

Today *Medea* still cruises the Bay on special excursion cruises for invited guests. Although not permitted to carry paying passengers, *Medea* (and, not coincidentally, the Ancient Mariners' Permanent Exhibit) are open to welcome all visitors to the Maritime Museum.

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**** Special Program Announcement****

**Photo Essay - Two Years at the Antigua Classics
Thursday, 3 June, San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM**

Please join us at the Ancient Mariners General Meeting on Thursday, 3 June for a special program presentation by Chris Frost: Photo Essay - Two Years at the Antigua Classics. Chris' program will show both personal and professional photography from the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta in 2009 and 2010. First, there will be a show-



An aerial of Eleonora's afterdeck. Shuffleboard, anyone?

case with commentary on beautiful photographs of some of the world's most astounding classics, followed by a half-hour video montage with about 300 pictures and a soundtrack.

The yachts will be shown underway and dockside, and Chris will comment on "the who, how and what" associated with each yacht participating in the regattas. The Antigua Classic attracts some of the most famous yachts sailing today, such as the J Boats **Ranger** and **Valsheeda** and several extremely large yawls such as Fife's **Marabella**. The gaff schooner **Eleonora** (pictured here) and sloops exceeding 150' such as the **Windrose of Amsterdam** are featured, as well as a class of replicas and new-design boats in the "Spirit of Tradition." Some of the photography are aerials, providing a great viewpoint of these fine machines from above, such as those of **Astor**, the schooner class winner from both years.

Ancient Mariners, their families and guests (as always, this event is open to the public) are encouraged to attend. No-host cocktails and dinner service is available before the meeting at the San Diego Yacht Club. This will be a very popular program depicting the Antigua Classic Regatta that is a "must see" if you have not had the opportunity of attending in person, so please come early for good seating!



Yesteryear Regatta Results

Distance	12.25 nm	Base for Corrected Time						13:15:00
Pack #	Boat	Hand. SPM	Start Time	Correction H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed H:M:S	Corrected Time H:M:S	Place OA
B2	Bolero (P)	180	12:50:00	0:05:08	15:07:35	2:17:35	1:57:43	1
B6	Rose of Sharon (P)	160	12:50:00	0:09:13	15:06:07	2:16:07	2:00:20	2
SC1	Pilot	310	12:25:00	0:03:35	15:12:20	2:47:20	2:00:55	3
A9	Sabrina	85	13:10:00	0:04:31	15:12:21	2:02:21	2:01:52	4
B3	Woody	170	12:50:00	0:07:10	15:11:09	2:21:09	2:03:19	5
A5	Chimaera (P)	75	13:15:00	0:01:34	15:18:34	2:03:34	2:05:08	6
PC6	Skylark	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:13:55	2:18:55	2:05:10	7
A10	Branta	75	13:15:00	0:01:34	15:19:35	2:04:35	2:06:09	8
PC2	First Fiddle	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:16:28	2:21:28	2:07:43	9
A3	Pacifica	112	13:05:00	0:04:00	15:18:56	2:13:56	2:07:56	10
A2	Sprig	120	13:05:00	0:02:22	15:20:49	2:15:49	2:08:11	11
SC2	Windley	290	12:30:00	0:02:40	15:21:00	2:51:00	2:08:40	12
PC10	Minx	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:18:25	2:23:25	2:09:40	13
A6	Frolic	144	13:00:00	0:02:29	15:23:05	2:23:05	2:10:34	14
A8	Sally	78	13:15:00	0:00:57	15:25:00	2:10:00	2:10:57	15
PC9	Jade	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:19:59	2:24:59	2:11:14	16
PC13	Onion Truck	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:20:24	2:25:24	2:11:39	17
SR1	Mischief	225	12:40:00	0:05:56	15:20:44	2:40:44	2:11:40	18
B4	Benchmark (P)	180	13:00:00	0:05:08	15:21:38	2:21:38	2:11:46	19
SR2	Skookum III	220	12:40:00	0:06:58	15:20:54	2:40:54	2:12:52	20
PC7	Twilight	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:21:49	2:26:49	2:13:04	21
PC1	Route 66	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:21:52	2:26:52	2:13:07	22
B7	Altair	175	12:50:00	0:06:09	15:23:52	2:33:52	2:15:01	23
PC12	Waterwagon	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:23:49	2:28:49	2:15:04	24
PC3	Blue Chip	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:24:19	2:29:19	2:15:34	25
PC4	Spot	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:26:02	2:31:02	2:17:17	26
SC5	Genevieve	450	12:00:00	0:00:00	15:33:18	3:33:18	2:18:18	27
PC5	La Cucaracha	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	15:27:46	2:32:46	2:19:01	28
A1	Spartan (P)	145	13:00:00	0:02:16	15:35:37	2:35:37	2:22:53	29
B8	Athena (P)	180	12:50:00	0:05:08	15:32:54	2:42:54	2:23:02	30
A7	Rubaiyat (NS)	146	12:50:00	0:02:04	15:36:10	2:46:10	2:23:14	31
B1	Freedom	195	12:40:00	0:12:04	15:28:22	2:48:22	2:25:26	32
SR5	America	200	12:45:00	0:06:02	15:37:18	2:52:18	2:28:20	33
SC8	No Ka Oi	185	12:50:00	0:04:06	15:40:25	2:50:25	2:29:31	34
SR4	Princess (P)	245	12:40:00	0:01:51	15:46:52	3:06:52	2:33:43	35
SR7	Sylvia	170	12:55:00	0:07:10	15:41:46	2:46:46	2:33:56	36
SC7	Ellen Louise (P)	300	12:30:00	0:00:37	15:49:19	3:19:19	2:34:56	37
SC3	Cats Paw (P)	410	12:00:00	0:08:10	15:43:19	3:43:19	2:36:29	38
A11	Nirvana (NS)	106	13:10:00	0:00:14	15:50:46	2:40:46	2:36:00	39
SC6	Fantasy (P)	270	12:30:00	0:06:45	15:51:31	3:21:31	2:43:16	40
SC4	Strokes	300	12:30:00	0:00:37	15:57:59	3:27:59	2:43:36	41
SR3	Sea Witch	380	12:10:00	0:04:18	DNF	DNF	DNF	TBD
A4	Circe (P)	95	13:10:00	0:02:29	15:20:05	RET	RET	RET
PC11	Celeste	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNS
PC8	Menace	150	12:55:00	0:06:15	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNS
SR6	Allure	380	12:10:00	0:04:18	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNS
B5	Dauntless	168	12:50:00	0:07:35	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNS



Yesteryear Regatta Raffle a Big Success!

Undoubtedly our Yesteryear Regatta is the AMSS' primary venue for showcasing San Diego's outstanding fleet of vintage boats. You should know too that it is our major source of revenue for the year outside of membership dues. Regatta income supplies us with the funds we need to support our many endeavors for the entire year, to meet the costs for over a dozen races, occasional guest speakers like Carl Eichenlaub for our general meetings, summer barbeques, and educational efforts like the Wooden Boat Festival, Family Boat Building Event, and our permanent AMSS Exhibit at the Maritime Museum. 47 vessel entries this year provided a strong representation of the fleet on San Diego Bay.

The other wonderful supplement to our treasury is garnered from the gift donation of awesome goods and services that are won each year through raffle during the Post-Regatta Party. We have the great fortune of spending much of our free time in a vibrant boating community – whose many generous merchants have supported the AMSS efforts with raffle prizes nearly every year since our first Spring Regatta held in 1974. AMSS thanks these special business friends for their enormous support. The Regatta Raffle has become a tradition and great treat for our members and Regatta participants! AMSS is also grateful to all Regatta participants who bought lots of tickets for a chance to win the donated gifts – ticket sales earned \$490 for AMSS!

Our gratitude for the generous contributions of our local area businesses (and Del Mar too!) cannot be overstated. The exceptional donations are listed below – each of them given in thoughtful and invaluable support for our organization. Please remember these outstanding friends whenever you are in need of:

Great Restaurants- All of these donors provide us with some of the greatest food and ambiance in all of San Diego!

Corvette Diner: \$50 Gift Certificate – Fine Dining and Entertainment

Anthony's Seafood: \$25 Gift Certificate – Fine Seafood Dining

The Wine Pub: \$25 Gift Certificate – Fine Wines and Dining

Jake's of Del Mar: \$100 Gift Certificate – Dinner at the Beach

Red Sails Inn: \$25 Gift Certificate – Fine Dining

Shades Oceanfront Bistro: \$25 Gift Certificate Fine Dining

Special Marine Services- These craftsman-merchants have provided us the best custom work in San Diego for decades!

Canvas Services: (2) \$100 Gift Certificates for upholstery and/or canvas work

Dynamic Marine Machining: (2) \$100 Gift Certificates for Dave's propeller shaft services, repair work or replacement

Koehler Kraft: \$200 towards Haul-Out at the Koehler Yard

Pacific Offshore Rigging: A heavy duty Shockle (line snubber) valued at \$100

Yesteryear Raffle, Cont'd, by Vice Comm. Janet Callow

Big Toy Depot - Provided an exquisite bottle of wine valued at \$65

North Sails - (2) certificates for 20% off a new North sail or repair

Quantum Sail Design Group[: 50% off repair, 30% off certificate for a New Sail, and a Poly-Dri shirt

Extraordinary Retail - Look no further for fine products and exceptional service than from these fine merchants!

Grape Connections - \$25 Gift Certificate for fine wine and store purchases

San Diego Marine Exchange, Sailing Supply and Downwind Marine - (2) \$50 gift certificates

Salon 22 in Del Mar: (2) \$25 Gift Certificates for Salon care and beauty products

Seabreeze Limited - Nautical Books, Charts, Gifts: (2) \$25 Gift Certificates for store purchases

West Marine: A ship's bell, VHF Radio, binoculars and Crew Jacket

Angelique Burris H.H.P. – Holistic Health Practitioner: \$30 Gift Certificate toward a message

Point Loma Outfitters – A \$25 Gift Certificate for fine clothing

Dickie Walker - \$50 Gift Certificate for fine clothing

Great Adventure- Whenever you need quality time with family and friends try these - plan to spend a whole day!

Maritime Museum: 4 Maritime Museum Admission Passes valued at \$56, 2 tickets to cruise the Californian valued at \$84

San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum (Midway Museum): Museum Passes for 4

The Bay Club Hotel: One night Island Getaway, includes a full breakfast buffet

Please continue to support these fine businesses and friends throughout the year!

Yesteryear Regatta Results, Cont'd

... 1-2-3 in Class Pennants were awarded as trophies this year, according to the results: Racing A - **Sabrina, Chimaera, Branta**; Racing B - **Bolero, Rose of Sharon, Woody**; Pacific Class - **Skylark, First Fiddle, Minx**; Split Rigs - **Mischief, Skookum III, America**; Short Course - **Pilot, Windley, Genevieve**. The Perpetual Trophy winners were awarded framed photographs of their trophies, which are on permanent display at the Ancient Mariners Exhibit, San Diego Maritime Museum: Herreshoff Reliance Perpetual Trophy - **Sabrina**; Herreshoff Perpetual Trophy - **Freedom**; International Rule Perpetual Trophy - **Branta**; Sparkman and Stephens Perpetual Trophy - **Pilot**; Dingus Perpetual Trophy - **Bolero**; Turtle Perpetual Trophy - **Cat's Paw**; Pacific Class Perpetual Trophy - **Skylark**;

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				3 Gen. Mtg.	4	5
6 Kettenburg Race	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 BOD Mtg.	18	19 WBF
20 WBF	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Beer Money

This logged in from Staff Commodore Jerry Newton regarding the San Diego Schooner Cup sailed in April: "The humble event raised \$5000 for one of the most important charities in our community, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, resulting from the donation of beer (from the Ballast Point Brewery) and a silent auction and party with donated entertainment." BZ to Ballast Point Brewery!

San Diego Wooden Boat Festival @ Koehler Kraft Boat Yard, 19-20 June
See You There!



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