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2009 San Diego Schooner Cup

MEETINGS

- Thursday, 7 May General Meeting, San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM, Spinnaker Room. 2009 Yesteryear Regatta plans.
- 2009 Yesteryear Regatta, Saturday, 9 May. Staggered pursuit style starts, new course this year. SWYC Race Committee, and post-race party beginning at 4:30 PM
- Thursday, 21 May, AMSS Board of Directors Meeting, Fiddlers Cove, Shelter Island Drive, 7:30 PM. (Drinks and Dinner at the restaurant beforehand). All Hands are welcome to attend...



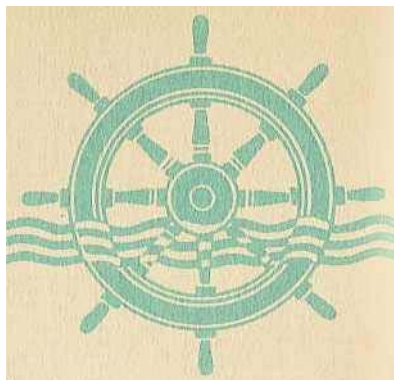
Witchcraft, on a starboard tack with Carl and Brian Eichenlaub, and Janet Callow. Mischief crossing ahead with Paul and Susan Mitchell calling trim for Jack Giubilato
(—photo courtesy Bayshots)

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The AMSS has been assisting the Silvergate Yacht Club in reviving the Schooner Cup over the last 3 years. In 2009 Silvergate Yacht Club took the lead and hosted the Schooner Cup as a stand-alone event to benefit the Navy Relief Fund. The Schooner crews were hosted to a breakfast and Skipper's Meeting at Silvergate Yacht Club. Yacht Club members made room for the visiting schooners at their docks. Schooners at SGYC for the weekend were **Merry Maid** (Long Beach), **Witchcraft** (Chula Vista), **Allure** (Mission Bay), **Lady Galadriel** (SGYC) and **Scrimshaw** (SGYC). Next year it is anticipated that more of the schooners will be berthed at SGYC, which will make for some interesting dockside boat watching. Cont'd, pg. 5...

Editor's Corner: Yesteryear Regatta Time Again!



Well, here we are at May Day again, with the annual Yesteryear Regatta gearing up for Saturday, 9 May. Many folks have been busy preparing for this favorite race: Race Chair Doug Jones has been coordinating with a variety of organizations, yacht clubs and port authorities to clear a new course, that will avoid the off-limits part of the bay due to the Red Bull Air Races taking place that same weekend. Doug and Jerry Newton have designed and produced some outstanding Yesteryear Trophies for the awards party after the race (at the Southwestern Yacht Club). Leslie Jenness and Commodore Hilmen have been collecting a great spread of pleasing raffle items, and raffle tickets will be on sale at the SWYC Skippers Meeting the morning of the race, and afterwards at the party. They may also be available for purchase at this month's General Meeting on Thursday, 7 May, 7:30 PM at the San Diego Yacht Club (please see the *Program Announcement* on page 4). A very fine Skipper's Packet, stuffed with all you'll need to know and some valuable promotional items will be produced thanks to Ullman Sails, Graphix Group and Staff Commodore Greg Stewart. We're expecting a large turnout for this year's race, see you at the starting line! Don't forget to mail in your entries.

Looking back at last month, the San Diego Schooner Cup was a fine show, and the weather could not have been better. Jerry Newton's feature article in this issue covers all the details, and race results. The April Fools Race was a wash, with only three boats starting. There was some speculation that the date change this year caused this poor turnout (i.e., the prospect of an post-race overnight raftup the day before Easter Sunday?), or maybe it was the weather outside the bay, which was a little choppy but cold.

At the last Board Meeting, the large percentage of non-renewing memberships this year was discussed. Generally, we'll wait until the Yesteryear before making second and third calls to members who still have dues unpaid. AMSS relies on dues to fund our events and races, so if you have forgotten to pay this year, please save us some time and trouble by remitting your dues ASAP. Thank you!

Lots more to cover; please enjoy this May issue of the Albatross, and join in the fun.

Aloha-Dave Easter

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At Large	Ann Kinner	619 223-8989

May Flag Boat – *Pilot*

Pilot is a 1951 Sparkman & Stephens-designed Pilot class sloop, Hull No. 340. Her design was unveiled in Yachting Magazine's October 1945 issue with Aage Neilson, a freelance designer working with S&S drawing the first Pilot class lines. The boats were initially constructed at Fisher Boatworks in Detroit, Michigan and later moved to Thomas Knutson Shipbuilding Co. in Huntington, Long Island, NY. The specifications are 32'11" LOA, 24' DWL, 9,6" Beam and 4'9" Draft. Her displacement is 12,000 lbs. with 495 sq. ft. of sail area. Planking is wood carvel cedar with oak frames. In the 1940's, the Pilot class was described as a "Popular small cruiser" according to the December 2008 edition of **SAIL** magazine's article "In Memoriam: Olin Stephens-A Century of Success."

Pilot's Hailing/Home Port was Boston, Massachusetts until being moved to the West Coast. Tom Ormsby owned her for many years and competed in SD to Ensenada races. Scott Poorman, former AMSS Port Captain also actively sailed her in San Diego. Peter Hylan purchased **Pilot** in 2005 and has sailed her in most of the AMSS racing events since then and competed with the "plastic boats" at Southwestern Yacht Club's handicap fleet races. **Pilot** was in the AMSS 2007 Yesteryear Regatta when First Place honors were taken in the Sloops & Cutters Class, as well as the Perpetual Trophy for First S&S yacht to finish on corrected time.

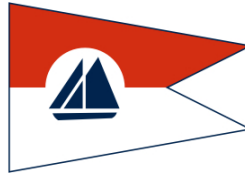


Pilot Moving Smartly Downtown...



*Owner Peter Hylan in the Companionway,
Keeping a Watchful Eye on the Crew*

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** Program Announcement **

2009 Yesteryear Regatta Review and Preparations, San Diego Yacht Club, 7 May, 7:30 PM

As we do every year, the General Meeting immediately preceding the Yesteryear Regatta will be dedicated to preparations and information related to this most popular event. On 7 May, we'll be covering a variety of topics, and providing several interesting programs. First, the new course will be outlined by Race Chair Doug Jones. We'll be accepting Race Entry Forms at the meeting. We have caught wind of some people wishing to crew for this and other races, and if you fall into this category, please come to the meeting where flag members will invite you to come aboard their vessels and sail the regatta this month.

We may have more raffle items up for bid this year than ever before, so bring some cash to the meeting to obtain your winning tickets before the rush on race day. There is also a strong possibility that we'll have the spectacular new-issue 2009 Yesteryear Regatta T-Shirts on sale for the first time, featuring a fine silk-screened rendition of Doug Peterson's winning yacht from last year (the Caulkins 50, *Sabrina*). On the side we'll have slide shows and videos set up from previous Yesteryear Regattas, so come hang out to see yourselves and your boats presented in a most entertaining fashion at the meeting.

We'll also cover the details of this year's post-race party at the Southwestern Yacht Club. These fine people have been providing our Yesteryear Race Committee and club facilities for many year, now. Despite the loss of the old clubhouse, and the construction now underway to build a bigger and better facility, Commodore Hilmen and others have made arrangements for all of our shoreside activities at SWYC before and after the race. There will be an AMSS barbecue set up for hamburgers (\$2) and dogs (\$1), and a no-host bar manned by the SWYC. If you wish to bring your own grilling items, or possibly a pot luck dish, please do.

The 2009 Yesteryear Awards will be made for all classes at the party. In addition, Perpetual Trophy winners will receive a large photograph of their respective trophy as a "take-home" prize, while the trophies themselves will be updated and remain on display throughout the year in our Ancient Mariners Exhibit at the Maritime Museum of San Diego (pictured here). Please board the *Berkeley* to see the exhibit.



San Diego Schooner Cup Race, Cont'd

The 2009 schooner Cup was a reaching course from Buoy #21 to Sea Buoy #3 and back. Winds and tides were favorable for a fast and enjoyable race. Three starts were planned, 12:00 for all schooners except **America**, 12:15 for Topsail schooners (**Amazing Grace**, **Lynx**, etc) but none started, and **America** at 12:30. The winds were a bit light to start, were quite fresh from Ballast Point to Point Loma and were lighter outside the harbor. First to finish was the slippery **Mischief**, closely followed by **Witchcraft**. Fastest elapsed time honors and



Allure, Maid of Kent and Skookum III—photo courtesy Dayshots

a bottle of champagne was awarded to Troy Sears and **America**. The winner of the 2009 Schooner Cup for fastest corrected time was **Shearwater**, skippered by Ned McMahon.

The race was expertly managed by the principle race officer Jo Ann Sedgwick and the SGYC race committee. The San Diego Schooner Cup Race seems to have found a new home and be on its way to a well regarded yearly event due to the dedication of the Schooner Cup Committee: Taylor Coffroth, Tony Jeske, and Bruce Anderson. - *Jerry Newton*

Place	Schooner	Skipper	Handicap	Elapsed Time	Corrected time
1	Shearwater	Ned McMahon	500	3:07:58	1:19:58
2	Lady Galadriel	Paul Sims	450	3:01:02	1:23:50
3	Mischief	Jack Giubilato	225	2:22:43	1:34:07
4	Witchcraft	Brian Eichenlaub	235	2:28:19	1:37:33
5	Allure	Guy Folsom	370	2:59:55	1:40:00
6	Merry Maid	Don Koch	310	2:47:03	1:40:05
7	Skookum III	Perc Jones	210	2:28:40	1:43:18
8	America	Troy Sears	150	2:18:07	1:45:43
9	Maid of Kent	Jerry Newton	450	3:23:26	1:46:14
10	Get Back Loretta	Michael Cox	190	2:31:56	1:50:54
11	Scrimshaw	Dennis Daoust	410	3:25:07	1:56:33

Schooner Cup Race Results, April 4, 2009 Course 3, 12.96 km, Winds 10-15

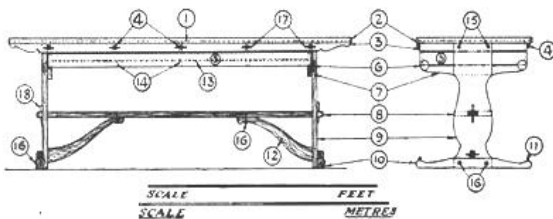
The Herreshoff Design Table

Now available for your inspection, a reproduction Herreshoff Design Table, as described in Uffa Fox's Second Book, Scribner's, 1935. Mr. Fox writes: "...the plan of L. Francis Herreshoff's designing board will enable many to have in their homes, far from the sea, a table or bench on which they can design their dream ship in com-



fort, and this is most important, for the better tools a man uses the more able he is to produce good work, and such a table as this in any yachtsman's study would be a source of constant delight to him...The top, which is 9 ft. X 3 ft., is a good size to work on. Underneath there is one big drawer in which plans can be laid for the night, and when not being worked on. The plan and table of sizes explains itself, and any amateur carpenter could build this table from them without any great difficulty, and then he could be happy evermore, for when not actually sailing he could be drawing his dream ship."

I have built this example in oak, with a maple top. It goes together easily with the use of oak tapered pin dowels. Altogether, the table is massive (probably larger than your dinghy, and weighing many times more). I am making an application to show the table in this year's "Design in Wood" section of the San Diego (Del Mar) Fair during June and the first part of July. Otherwise, please let me know if you're interested in building one of these. I've made full scale patterns, and these can be readily transferred to your own roll of brown or butcher paper. Just give me a call and stop by the house. Pacifico or Black Seal works. —Dave Easter



*L. FRANCIS HERRESHOFF'S
DRAWING BOARD*

SCANTLINGS

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| (1) Top Clear Soft Pine, Planed, Sandpapered and Shellacked—About $\frac{3}{4}$ in. thick. | (6) Guide Pieces, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. diameter, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick. | (13) Drawer Bottom, about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick, Ply wood. |
| (2) Oak, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times $\frac{1}{2}$ in., fastened with 8-gauge screws 9 inches apart. | (7) Cross Pieces, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 3 in. \times 2 ft. 10 in. Oak. | (14) Drawer Bottom, Supports, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. \times $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. |
| (3) Oak Side-Pieces, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. \times 3 in. \times 9 ft. | (8) Shelf Oak, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 12 in. \times 7 ft. 7 in. | (15) Black Iron Lag Screws, about $\frac{3}{8}$ in., with washers, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. long. |
| (4) Oak Cross Pieces, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. \times 3 in. \times 3 ft. | (9) Uprights, Oak, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 12 in. \times 3 ft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. | (16) Black Iron Lag Screws, about $\frac{3}{8}$ in., with washers, 3 in. long. |
| (5) Draw Sides and Fronts, Oak, $\frac{7}{8}$ in. \times 4 in. Front, 7 ft. long, Ends, 2 ft. 10 in. wide. | (10) Shoes, Oak, 3 in. \times 2 in. \times 3 ft. | (17) Oak tapered pins, $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. long \times $\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $\frac{1}{2}$ in. at big ends. |
| | (11) Adjusting Screws. | (18) Oak tapered pins, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. long \times $\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $\frac{1}{2}$ in. at big ends. |
| | (12) Oak Diagonals, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 2 ft. 6 in. | |



Scuttlebutt

- The San Diego Wooden Boat Festival is scheduled for Father's Day weekend (20-21 June), at Koehler's Boatyard, 2302 Shelter Island Dr. This is the best shore-side entertainment all year. Bring your boat, and join in the fun. Call Koehler's at (619) 222-9051, or visit the website, www.koehlerkraft.com.



- Schooner Cup Photographs: Bayshots went out to cover the 2009 San Diego Schooner Cup, and Jerry Newton says: "This guy has a great eye and there are some of the best single boat shots I have ever seen." See www.bayshots.com, "photo galleries," and click on Schooner Cup Race. 8 X 12 Pro-Printed Images are available postpaid for \$20.00. These are very high resolution, premium photographs. If you sailed in the Schooner Cup, you'll want to see the website; Bayshots also provides *pro bono* work for the Maritime Museum.



April Fools Race Results

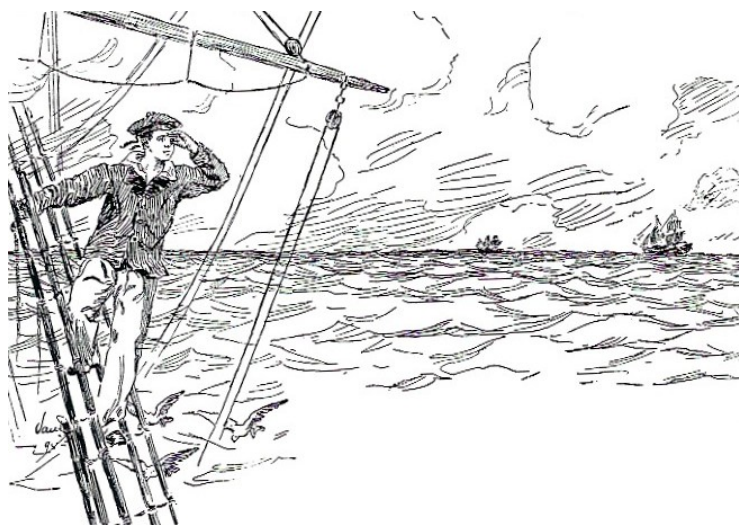
All the news that's fit to print...

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Long Course												
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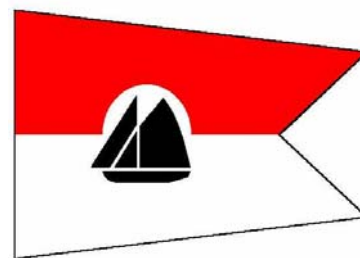
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- Father's Day Weekend, San Diego Wooden Boat Festival, Koehler's Boatyard, 20-21 June. Be there! With your Wooden Boat!



It is not enough for a ship to be beautiful—A. H. Rasmussen

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