



ALBATROSS

Ancient Mariners Sailing Society
Est. 1975

Family Boat Building at Eichenlaub's Yard

MEETINGS

- On the Water—Saturday, 4 November, 1200 at Buoy #17—20 Guinea Cup Race #5, 2006
- Thursday, 2 November AMSS General Meeting—San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum (*U.S.S. Midway*, CV-41). ADM (Ret.) "Mac" McLaughlin, Southwestern Yacht Club, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, Sunday 11, 12 November: Three Tall Ships Sail! - *Star of India, Californian, Surprise* get underway together for the 1st time.
- Thursday, 16 November—AMSS Board of Directors Meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 7:00 PM



A new Bevins Skiff, on Day Three, almost ready to float

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Deb Dominici Reports: Three families, the Kemps (Lauren and Rusty), the Hinmans (Brian and Roy), and the Parkers (Jen and Donald plus Grandpa) were awarded scholarships for the event and my family (Ray, Judy and Bob Dominici) paid for the kit. Doug Jones, owner of Traditional Boat Works, acted as the Shipwright Instructor and Scott Copeland acted as the Associate Instructor. We started a tad late Saturday morning (~ 8:15) and were well underway when the downpour occurred. Shelter Island and the Point Loma area were awash with the sudden deluge of rain. Although we had a canopy covering the 20' by 40' area where everyone was working, the drainage system sort of backed up and a foot of water encroached close to the work area. I was picking up some fast cure epoxy at Downwind Marine when the first downpour occurred and I watched a paper sailboat pass by the store down Cannon Street. ...cont'd on pg. 3

From the Helm : “Acting” Commodore Dave Easter

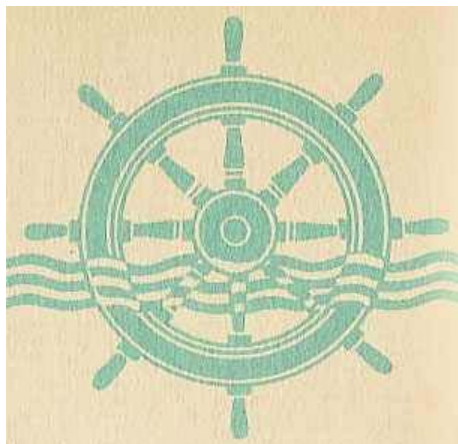
Well, by now our Commodore Beth Boucher has relocated to wonderful Newport, Rhode Island from San Diego. Her husband, Mike, will be attending the Naval War College (NWC) there, and if things are relatively the same as when I was there in another, earlier life (ca. 1981, while I was still in the USN), there are a fleet of Shields boats owned by the NWC that Beth will no doubt be sailing as soon as it warms up next Spring.

In Beth’s absence, I’ll be “Acting” Commodore for the remainder of the year. As we’ve lost the sun in the late afternoon with the dismal Standard Time, now, it’s plainly evident that the holiday season is upon us again.

So, in between all those busy days and evenings ahead, please save some time for some of our favorite Ancient Mariners events, both shore side and on the water.

First up, we’re glad to have Admiral (Ret.) “Mac” McLaughlin to address our November General Meeting, presenting a program about San Diego’s Aircraft Carrier Museum, the **U.S.S. Midway** (CV-41), launched in 1945. Mac was recruited in the beginning as President of the Midway Museum. Don’t miss this meeting; Mac is a great entertainer!

On the water, the first Saturday in November (the 4th), we’ll sail the last of the five 2006 20 Guinea Cup series races. Recently, the weather seems to be the epitome of why we live in San Diego—so I hope that we may expect a gorgeous day in San Diego next Saturday for the race. And, while we’re contemplating the year-end races, don’t forget to invite your friends and guests to sail in the Ancient Mariners Half-Pint ‘o’-Rum Race on Saturday, December 2nd. This race regularly attracts competitors from far and wide on the West Coast. Half-Pint ‘o’ Rum has a well-deserved popularity for those who have sailed before in this unique event, favoring mainly hardy and hale sailors. In fact, the first Half Pint ‘o’ Rum Race coincided with the founding of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society in December, 1974. For all these years, that first race has set the tone and style of our club.



Hope to see you “milling about smartly,” near Buoy #17, at noon this Saturday! -Dave

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Family Boat Building, Cont'd



Ready for the bottom, on Day One

After cleaning the drain we continued on and after lunch the sun came out. Also, my sister Paula arrived with her husband Dave Munger to help out with the fun. After the first day's work, the boats looked like boats Saturday night, except they lacked their bottoms. Jerry Newton and his son Eric, who participated in the first FBB, brought their Bevins, the **Andale** for demonstration purposes. They also assisted the families the first day.

The second day Scott Tadlock assisted; he had also participated in the first FBB Event. Both Scott and Jerry have helped during each of the past five events. Sunday was forecasted as being sunnier and warmer but it wasn't. The rainfall was mostly drizzle and it did not dampen anyone's spirit. At the end of the second day, the boats were basically complete but lacked their seats, oar locks and painters. Everyone meticulously measured, marked, ... and measured again and we launched the boats at approximately 1:15PM on Monday.

Everyone was very pleased with themselves and their Bevins as we christened each boat (**Champ. Lucky, Ici**-for the Dominicis, and **Monkey's Uncle**) and then launched them one-by-one. Although the fanfare was considerably less than at previous events (because it wasn't associated with a wooden boat festival or Maritime Museum event), everyone was thrilled when they were sitting inside and rowing their new Bevins. For the background about the FBB see www.amss.us under Family Boat Building event or www.woodenboat.com (same subcategory). By the way, the dog in the pictures is Bos'n our boat yard dog! (Bevin was the name of the designer's dog). The sail accoutrements on **Andale** take a additional weekend of activities. - Deb Domínicí

"Yacht" - def. : A yacht is, indeed, a boat but a boat is not necessarily a yacht...A boat is only a yacht when she has dignity, polish and class. What a boat and yacht have in common, besides being able to float, is the unique ability to reflect their owner's attitudes, and degrees of fortitude, patience, attention to detail, and the desire for beauty and respect for things produced through human effort. However large or small, old or new, a yacht tells who and what we are: caring owners and loving friends. She is the profound expression and extension of ourselves. - Bruce Bingham

Downwind Marine Presents 2006 Cruisers Seminars

Downwind Marine is in the midst of their annual Cruisers' Seminars and Special Events. Sailors preparing for the Baja Haha Race and cruisers making ready to head South will appreciate this popular series of seminars and special presentations. Special Events Include:

Nov. 13-18 Downwind Cruisers' Week. Store Hours 8-5 Daily—2404 Canon St. Store Specials and Wholesale Discount Prices All Week Long.

Nov. 19 Downwind Cruisers' Kick-Off Potluck BBQ. Sunday Noon until 4:00 PM at Shelter Island Beach (near the launch ramp). Downwind brings Beer, Sodas, Burgers and Dogs, Cruisers bring a side dish to share.



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Other Special Presentations - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at 7:30 PM, Point Loma Assembly Hall, 3035 Talbot

Please join us as scheduled below ~ \$3 per person

- Thurs, 11/02/06. Cruising on 12 volts - Batteries, Alternators, Inverters - Tips and Troubleshooting. Barry Kessler, Xantrex Repair Tech & CEO, Altra Regulators
- Thurs, 11/09/06. Prep & Outfitting for Cruising - Basics Before Toys. Lance Frost, Outfitter & Single-Handed Cruiser
- Tues, 11/14/06. Everything You Want to Know about Cruising ...Veteran Cruisers Rod and LeNan Thompson
- Thurs, 11/16/06. Staying Friends with your Diesel Engine. CF Koehler, Koehler Kraft
- Tues, 11/21/06. Marine Radio and Electronics. Captain Steve Ford
- Tues, 11/28/06. Pressure Cooking for Cruisers. Captain Steve Ford

Welcome
Aboard!

Please welcome new members Ann Kinner, Standish Fleming, Honorary Member Carl Eichenlaub and Dave Hattery. Ann is the owner of Seabreeze Limited, where she kindly hosted our Ancient Mariners October Meeting. Please visit www.seabreezelimited.com for additional information. Carl recently provided the site for our 2006 Family Boat Building event, which was completed at his boat yard on Shelter Island Drive (please see the article on pg. 1 of this issue). Please extend all due courtesies to our new members, as they join us for shore side meetings and on-the-water events. Thanks for joining our club!

AMSS Board Volunteers Needed for 2007

Commodore Beth Boucher sent in the following before she left for Newport, RI: It's time again for AMSS to select the Board of Directors for the coming year. The nominating committee is currently compiling a slate of interested candidates, which will be presented at the November General Meeting. This is a great opportunity to increase your participation in this organization – and it's quite rewarding without taking up lots of time. BOD members plan boating and social events, races and general meetings while striving to preserve the AMSS mission, maintain community awareness, increase membership and make participation enjoyable.



While there are eligibility requirements for Commodore and Vice Commodore, there are open positions for Secretary, Treasurer, and Port Captain as well as for Board Chairmen to oversee membership, race management and program topics. If you are interested in joining the 2007 Board, or if you have any questions, please contact Dave Easter at deaster1@san.rr.com. You can help AMSS grow with your participation!

New topic: **We Need Your Photos.** We are preparing a “year-in-review” photo presentation for our December General Meeting and we need your input. If anyone would like to share shots of AMSS events – Yesteryear and the after-race party, 20 Guinea Cup races, Commodore's Cup, the Koehler Kraft Boat Show, our July picnic, any of our monthly get-togethers – or of your boat projects or launchings, please email them to Beth at ebouc96333@aol.com or Dave Easter, or bring a disc to the next meeting.



The ship, a fragment detached from the earth, went on
lonely and swift like a small planet—Joseph Conrad

Maritime Museum of San Diego Events!

All three of the Museum's tall ships will sail together for the first time on Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th. The bark **Star of India**, frigate **HMS Surprise** and the topsail schooner **Californian** will get underway together. Some reservations to sail may still be available from the museum, or find an Ancient Mariner who's planning to rendezvous with this fleet in the bay, or offshore. On November 15th (Member's Night), preview the new “San Diego's Navy” Exhibit. Curator Bruce Linder, author of San Diego's Navy, will be addressing the rich heritage shared by the Navy and the city of San Diego.

November 2006

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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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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 Lonnilynch1@aol.com

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