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2007 Little Ensenada Race

MEETINGS

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Doug Jones' *Pacifica* Shadows and Passes *Spitfire*, Both Bound for Ensenada—
photo courtesy Dan McKinnon

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Staff Commodore Greg Stewart reports on the Little Ensenada Race, which he sailed aboard *Pacifica*: The Southwestern Yacht Club sponsored San Diego - Ensenada Yacht Race this year was not a race to miss. The wind, waves and weather were awesome for this annual popular race and this year it was a drag race for the 75 boat strong fleet! I sailed with Doug Jones on his S&S Yawl *Pacifica* in the Ancient Mariners Class that featured five starters.

The wind was up at 11:00 AM for the AMSS start and we shot off the line on a starboard tack, quickly encountering some big waves as we cleared the lee of Point Loma. It took several hours for the big boats to catch the AMSS yachts. All the AMSS boats were in close sight of each other all day as we surged down the coast. (cont'd, pg. 3)...

From the Helm: Now November...Next December

October was a busy month for the Ancient Mariners. We sailed the 6th of the 2007 20 Guinea Cup Series, and we also had an AMSS class participating in the Southwestern Yacht Club's San Diego—to—Ensenada Race. The final, 7th 20 Guinea Cup Race is this weekend, Saturday, 3 November. The 6th 20 Guinea Cup Race Results and the Ancient Mariners Class standings for the San 2008 Diego-to-Ensenada Race are in this issue.

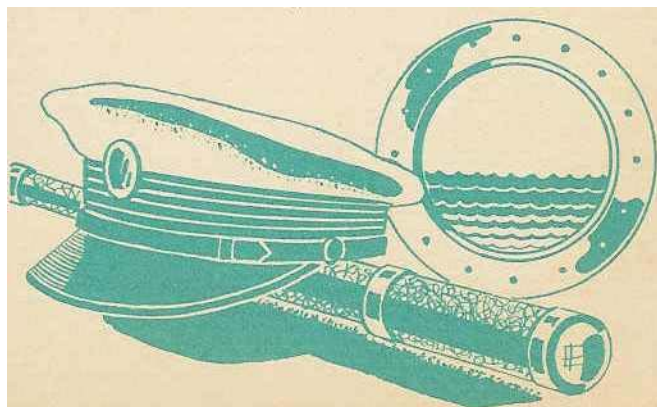
Many of us also attended the Maritime Heritage Conference at the San Diego Maritime Museum. AMSS (Deb Dominici) presented her program titled: "The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society—A Living Museum of Vessels from the Golden Age of Yacht Design." We also took this opportunity to restore and update our AMSS "Poster Boards," which are now a fine, up-to-date "road show kit" that we'll use not only for our General Meetings, but also at events such as the Tall Ships 2008, this year's San Diego Wooden Boat Festival in June (at the new and improved Koehler Yard!), and Family Boat Building.

We have just put together a new stock of heavyweight, hooded Ancient Mariners sweatshirts in red, white or navy blue. These are perfect for holiday gift-giving, and, in particular, favored gear for December's Half-Pint-o'-Rum Race. The reds and blues have an embroidered AMSS burgee & logo on the front, and the whites have a large silk-screened burgee covering the back. Assorted sizes are available; attend our General Meeting this Thursday (1 November) at the Southwestern Yacht Club, 7:30 PM to pick out your own. \$25.00 each.

Please bring your friends and family to our November General Meeting at the SWYC. Greg Stewart has a program on the 2007 Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta. Greg sailed aboard the famous S&S yacht **Dorado** in the Regatta over the Labor Day weekend in Newport, RI. He will be showing his own photographs of the race and the waterfront, along with some more photos from the race by two professional photographers. We have some new members (see page 5) and we're looking forward to seeing you and yours on the water for the last 20 Guinea Cup of 2007, and the Star of India sail on the 10th and 11th—**Dave**

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Little Ensenada Race, cont'd

...Then when the bearing to the finish line was 100 degrees we jibed to port and surged down the waves that were much better aligned than all day on starboard. On **Pacifica** we covered the 62 nm distance in 7hr 57m 46s, for an average speed of 7.87 knots!!! I bet our distance sailed was not more than one mile more than the rhumbline, on the water, of course! Here are the race results, for the Ancient Mariners Class: - Greg

| Yacht, Handicap SPM | Skipper | Type | Finish | Elapsed Time | Corrected Time | Place CL |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Taroa, 165 | T. Sterling | Kettenburg 50 | 18:57:46 | 7:57:46 | 5:07:16 | 1 |
| Spitfire, 135 | Woods | Cherubini Ketch | 18:56:27 | 7:56:27 | 5:36:57 | 2 |
| Pacifica, 110 | D. Jones | S&S Yawl | 18:50:00 | 7:50:00 | 5:56:20 | 3 |
| Sally, 75 | C.F. Koehler | 10 Meter | 18:47:15 | 7:47:15 | 6:29:45 | 4 |
| Old Glory, 160 | D. McKinnon | Caulkins 50 | DNF | | | 5 |

Ancient Mariners at the 8th Maritime Heritage Conference

The 8th international Maritime Heritage Conference was hosted for the first time in San Diego by the Maritime Museum in early October. The conference is a tri-annual event, and featured many special programs, panels and displays. The Museum supplied Ancient Mariners with passes, gratis to our club. The **Star of India** and the **Berkeley** supported a large number of presentations throughout the conference. The WW II era **Lane Victory** came down from San Pedro to help accommodate over four hundred registered guests, and the **USS Midway** also provided for several of the events, including an opening address by Ian Toll, the acclaimed author of Six Frigates, in which the founding of the United States Navy is described in new detail.

Our own Ancient Mariners were in attendance. Debra Dominici prepared and delivered a great program covering our club, and the contributions which private owners of classic vessels make toward restoring historically significant boats. Deb's presentation was titled: "The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society—A Living Museum of Vessels from the Golden Age of Yacht Design." On the last day of the conference, three Ancient Mariners yachts were open to the visiting public at the museum: **Alsumar**, **Freedom** and **Pacifica**.



*Freedom and Alsumarrafted up alongside the Steam Yacht Medea -
photo courtesy Neva Sullaway, Maritime Museum of San Diego*

December Dinner Party & Awards Coming Up!

AMSS Board Member Johnny Smullen has been working on a special project that involves some very fine improvements to our regular annual December meeting. This year we have arranged to have a sit down, three course dinner followed by the annual award ceremonies. You will be receiving an invitation (RSVP with self-addressed envelope). We'll begin at 6:00 PM on Thursday, 6 December; and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Awards will come with the dessert and coffee. Please invite your crew, whether they are members or not—we plan to organize tables by boats. Dress is yacht club casual.



The late Craig Mueller and **Brushfire's** Crew at last year's December Meeting and Awards Ceremony

6th 20 Guinea Cup Race Results

Race Chairman Greg Stewart Reports: The 6th 20 Guinea Cup Race was sailed on Saturday, 13 October 2007. The fleet was smaller than some of the past Guinea-Cups, probably due to the rainy morning. The racing fleet included **Brushfire, Sprig, Pacifica, Sabrina, Altair, Pilot, Zephyr** and **Maid of Kent**. Johnny Smullen had the honor of selecting the course and picked the Bravo course, a favorite of his, and mine. The race started with a southerly breeze and ebbing current. This made for slow downwind inbound legs and quick upwind outbound legs. As the day progressed, the weather got nicer and the wind shifted to the West. After the race, some of the crews went to the SWYC where a front of Dark & Stormy's came over the fleet. Come to our meeting on Thursday night to get a copy of the current Standings through G-Cup #6. -Greg

| Yacht, Handicap SPM | Allowance SPM | Allowance H:M:S | Finish H:M:S | Elapsed Time | Corrected Time | Place CL, Points CL |
|--|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <i>Long Course (Bravo), Distance 12.80, Start Time 12:00:00, Scratch Boat 70</i> | | | | | | |
| Brushfire, 0 | 0 | 0:00:00 | 15:00:02 | 2:50:02 | 2:50:02 | 1, 1 |
| Sprig, 125 | 704 | 0:11:44 | 15:13:05 | 3:03:05 | 2:51:21 | 2, 2 |
| Pacific, 110 | 512 | 0:08:32 | 15:15:00 | 3:05:00 | 2:56:28 | 3, 3 |
| Sabrina, 85 | 192 | 0:03:12 | DNF | | | 4, 4 |
| Altair, 160 | 1152 | 0:19:12 | DNF | | | 4, 4 |

* Race Results for the Short Course, L-16 Cup cont'd on pg. 5...

6th 20 Guinea Cup Results, cont'd

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|---|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Short Course (Bravo), Distance 6.40, Start Time 12:00:00, Scratch Boat 255 | | | | | | |
| Zephyr, 270 | 96 | 0:01:36 | 14:07:00 | 1:57:00 | 1:50:44 | 1, 1 |
| Pilot, 255 | 0 | 0:00:00 | 14:13:55 | 2:03:55 | 2:05:24 | 2, 2 |
| Maid of Kent, 450 | 1248 | 0:20:48 | 14:51:00 | 2:41:00 | 2:08:12 | 3, 3 |
| L-16 Cup | | | | | | |
| Zephyr, 270 | 96 | 0:01:36 | 14:07:00 | 1:57:00 | 1:55:24 | 1, 1 |

Welcome Aboard!

Our most successful Membership Chair, Johnny Smullen, keeps on bringing in new members! Please welcome and accord all customary courtesies to these new members, especially when we have an opportunity to greet them ashore or underway. Jan and John (son of Jerry) Driscoll are joining us as flag members with the lovely 48' S&S sloop **Chimaera**, built by Driscoll Custom Boats in 1967. Brian Smullen has joined as a flag member, with the **Cui-laun**, a 55' teak ketch built by McGruer in Scotland. Now home ported in Camden, ME, **Cui-laun** has crossed the Atlantic many times, and won the 1979 Marblehead, MA to Cork, Ireland race. We have our own Luders 16 racers, Brad Smith and Janet Callow, to thank for bringing yet another Luders flag member into our pack. Nanette and David Schroeder sail their Luders 16 **North** in Bar Harbor, ME. Welcome Aboard!

AMSS Boats Needed for the Star of India Sail, 11 November

The annual **Star of India** sail is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 10-11 November. The Maritime Museum has asked for volunteers from the Ancient Mariners who are able to use their boats as official, designated Escort vessels for both days. There's a USCG requirement for at least one Escort vessel to be in company with the museum ships offshore. Please contact me if you're going out, and can carry an Escort banner aboard your yacht. Also, I'm sure that the tall ships would enjoy an informal escort by additional boats as they arrive back in the bay each evening. Thank you! - Dave



The *Star of India*, with crew aloft to furl after last year's sail

The greatest difference between the beautiful yacht and the plain one is the way their crews treat them, for the crew of the beautiful yacht usually gives her tender loving care.

- L. Francis Herreshoff

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------|-----|---------------|
| | | | | 1 Gen. Mtg. | 2 | 3 20 G Cup #7 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Star Sail |
| 11 Star Sail | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 BOD | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 TxS- Giving | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

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I have built barns and houses and I know the peculiar trait such things have of running past their estimated cost. This knowledge was mine, when I estimated the probable cost of the building of the *Snark* at \$7,000. Well, she cost \$30,000. Now, don't ask me, please. It is the truth. I signed the checks and raised the money. Of course, there is no explaining it.
- Jack London



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