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## Latest Classic Racing News: Cotton Blossom in the Med

### MEETINGS

- On the Water—Friday 6 October—Sunday 8 October: SWYC San Diego-to-Ensenada Race (Little Ensenada Race)
- Thursday, 12 October. AMSS General Meeting—Open House and Reception at Seabreeze Bookstore, 1254 Scott St., 7:00 PM
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*Cotton Blossom, getting underway for another race*

Dennis Conner reports: "Folks, We finished the Cannes regatta yesterday which was the last of the **Panerai Series**. In the big picture we sailed 4 regattas averaging 120 boats all built before 1949. We won 2 of the 4 series both in our class, and overall and received the special Panerai watch as a symbol of excellence. We won our class in the other 2 events meaning we won all 4 regattas in class. We sailed 11 races and won 9 in our class. We were not racing against **Tamara IX** or **Cholita** as they rate 35 seconds per mile slow, putting them in another class. **Bonafide** of course is in the gaff division so we do not sail directly against her. She is very tough to beat and beat us 6 times on corrected time. We beat her 5 times. Our performance was generally well received although they hit our rating twice, lowering us from 108 seconds per mile to 76 seconds per mile, a 33 second per mile penalty for no reason as we did not change the boat in any way. I will leave the boat in France for the winter. I plan on offering her for sale in the sailing magazines in the spring with hopes she will sell. Miss you all and will be home by Thanksgiving. cheers dc."

## Commodore Beth Boucher: "Farewell" From the Helm

September was a great sailing month for the AMSS fleet as we had good turnouts for both the Commodore's Cup and the 20 Guinea Cup #4 that followed a week later. There was definitely more wind on the second weekend, but I can't see much reason to complain about the conditions in San Diego Bay – except when it rains for the Half Pint of Rum in December. Oh well, it's not that bad.

For Guinea Cup racers, the fifth and final race is Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> so don't miss it – series awards will be presented at the December meeting. While the field is a little spread out for the 11 long course participants, we have a tight race for the short course, with the Luders fleet and **Maid of Kent** in close competition.

As in past years, the first weekend of October marks the San Diego to Ensenada Race and there are some AMSS participants! While there are not many on-the-water events for October after "Little Ensenada", we have some significant shoreside activities. See Deb Dominici's article on pg. 5 detailing the Family Boatbuilding event held the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Eichenlaub yard. This is a four-day boat-building affair which culminates Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> in the launching of Bevin's skiffs built from scratch over the four days.

The AMSS Support Team of Doug Jones, Jerry Newton and Scott Copeland will be on hand throughout the entire event along with Deb who has organized these events in the past. We will man a booth there Saturday afternoon, and encourage AMSS members to come support the effort – we'll have refreshments on hand as well. Don't forget that this month's meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12 at the **Seabreeze** bookstore. Owner Ann Kinnear will host AMSS for an open house.

Finally, I want to let you all know that my husband, Mike, and I are moving to Newport, RI at the end of October – well actually, the Navy is moving us there so we don't have much choice... While we love New England and have roots there, we hope to be back in San Diego frequently throughout this one-year tour and, of course, when it's done this time next year. (I can't leave *Spot* for that long, and she will remain here). Kindly, Vice Commodore and Albatross editor extraordinaire Dave Easter will finish out the year for me. It was wonderful to meet the many great people in AMSS. Thank you for letting me serve as your Commodore – I hope to see you on the water soon! – Beth

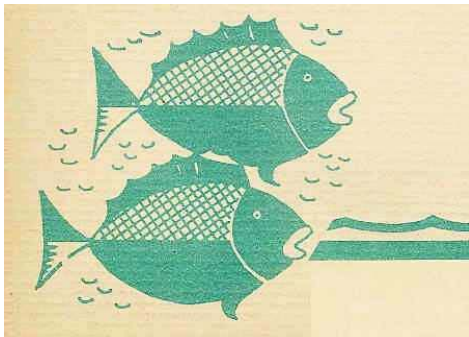
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## Guinea Cup #4 Race Results

Yacht, Handicap SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Place
<b>Long Course (Echo), Distance 10.60, Start Time 12:00:00, Scratch Boat 70</b>						
Freedom, 175	1113	0:18:33	13:50:40	1:50:40	1:32:07	1
Brushfire, 70	0	0:00:00	13:35:30	1:35:30	1:35:30	2
Sprig, 122	551	0:09:11	13:51:30	1:51:30	1:42:19	3
Spot, 150	848	0:14:08	14:02:00	2:02:00	1:47:52	4
Pilot, 255	1961	0:32:41	DNF			5
<b>Short Course (Echo), Distance 5.30, Start Time 12:00:00, Scratch Boat 270</b>						
Maid of Kent, 450	954	0:15:54	13:13:45	1:13:45	0:57:51	1
Windley, 270	0	0	13:08:45	1:08:45	1:08:45	2
Zephyr, 270	0	0	13:09:00	1:09:00	1:09:00	3
Jalapeno, 270	0	0	13:09:15	1:09:15	1:09:15	4
<b>L-16 Cup</b>						
Windley, 270	0	0	13:08:45	1:08:45	1:08:45	1
Zephyr, 270	0	0	13:09:00	1:09:00	1:09:00	2
Jalapeno, 270	0	0	13:09:15	1:09:15	1:09:15	3

The fourth, and next-to-last of the 2006 Twenty Guinea Cup Series was sailed on Saturday, 8 September. A light northwesterly breeze prevailed throughout the race. **Freedom** was sailing well, winning on corrected time just ahead of **Brushfire** and **Sprig**, with **Spot** following close behind. The Short Course once again featured very close sailing, with elapsed finish times separating the three Luders boats by a scant 15 seconds each! **Windley**, **Zephyr** and **Jalapeno** are setting an exciting example of class rivalry this year. Their times across the line on the previous Guinea Cup Race (#3) in July were separated by only 10 seconds. These Luders bear watching on the final Guinea Cup Race. "Rock-Paper-Scissors" - will it be Brad, Janet or Randy claiming the short course honors this year? Stand by! See Year-to-Date 20 Guinea Cup standings on page 4...with the last race remaining and to be sailed on 4 November.



A lot of sentimental rubbish has been written and is being written about sailing vessels. The bulk of this tripe is perpetuated by people who have never had to hang on by their navels to an upper topsail yard in a breeze of wind —

Weston Martyr

## 2006 20 Guinea Cup Series: Standings to Date

Yacht	Guinea Cup #1	Guinea Cup #2	Guinea Cup #3	Guinea Cup #4	Guinea Cup #5	Total	Place
Date	2/11/2006	3/04/2006	7/08/2006	9/08/2006	11/04/2006		
<b>Long Course</b>							
Brushfire	2	1	3	2		8	1
Freedom	5	6	1	1		13	2
Sprig	1	3	7	3		14	3
Flirt	3	2	4	6		15	4
Sally	7	5	6	6		24	5
Cathleen	7	10	2	6		25	6
Spot	4	7	10	4		25	7
Vanja	7	4	10	6		27	8
Pilot	7	10	5	5		27	9
Elena	7	8	10	6		31	10
Altair	7	10	8	6		31	11
<b>Short Course</b>							
Maid of Kent, 450	4	1	1	1		7	1
Windley, 270	2	3	1	2		8	2
Zephyr, 270	1	2	3	3		9	3
Jalapeno, 270	4	5	2	4		15	4
<b>L-16 Cup</b>							
Windley, 270	2	2	1	1		6	1
Zephyr, 270	1	1	3	2		7	2
Jalapeno, 270	4	4	2	3		13	3



If a man must be obsessed by something, I suppose a boat is as good as anything, perhaps a bit better than most—E.B. White



## 2006 Family Boat Building: 14-16 October



The 2006 Family Boatbuilding event will be held 14—16 October at the Eichenlaub Boat Yard, 2608 Shelter Island Drive. This event is presented by the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society in cooperation with the Maritime Museum of San Diego. This year's activities are in honor of Carl Eichenlaub, and will start at 8:00 AM Saturday morning. The finished skiffs will be launched on Monday, at noon. AMSS members are invited to join in a celebration Saturday at 4:00 PM to honor Carl Eichenlaub, and give a farewell "send off" to our Commodore Beth Boucher to Newport, RI for a year, where her husband Mike will be assigned to the Naval War College. Five boats will built this year! In total, 25 Bevins' skiffs have been built during the past four events. Please stop by the AMSS booth for refreshments, and to stock up early on Ancient Mariner's T-shirts and merchandise, which are most desired Christmas and holiday gifts appreciated by all ages.

## 12 October General Meeting—Seabreeze Bookstore

This month's General Meeting will feature a reception at Seabreeze Bookstore by Ms. Ann Kinnear, who will brief us on the many products, services and items which are available from her business, located at 1254 Scott St., Point Loma, San Diego. Since 1980, Seabreeze has been providing a unique assortment of products to boaters worldwide.



Recognized as the best-stocked nautical bookstore on the West Coast, Seabreeze is also a major navigation chart agency carrying tools, gifts, USCG study guides and cruising guides covering most of the world.

Please join us at the store for our October General Meeting, especially if you have not yet had the opportunity to stop by and browse. See [www.seabreezelimited.com](http://www.seabreezelimited.com) for additional information and directions.

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