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## 29th McNish Classic Yacht Race

### MEETINGS

- Commodore's Barbecue, San Diego Yacht Club, Saturday, 2 September (immediately following the Commodore's Cup Race)
- 2 September, Buoy #17: Commodore's Cup Race, 12:00 noon
- 7 September, General Meeting, SWYC, 7:00PM: Brett Dingerson on Electrical Systems
- 9 September, Buoy #17: 20 Guinea Cup #4

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- Friends and families are welcome at the Commodore's BBQ—please join us Saturday, 2 September at the San Diego Yacht Club!

Woodland Hills resident Dan Israel skippering his 30-foot cutter **Silvan** won the Strathmore Cup in the 29<sup>th</sup> running of the McNish Classic Yacht Race on Saturday, August 5th, 2006. Israel's novice, but true-blue crew consisted of his wife Lynne, daughter Marcy and grandson Doug. Paul Scripps, of San Diego, once again earned Best Elapsed Time honors for his deft handling of 80-foot **Miramar**, a 1948 ketch completing the 17-mile course in 2 hours, 19 minutes, 13 seconds with average speed of 7.33 knots.



*Tom Meyers' Tempest* Photographed by: Carolyn Koehler

Israel needed every bit of sailing skill and luck because it was a drag race for second place as **Elusive II** sailed by Don Greene of Ventura finished a mere three seconds behind **Silvan**. Sponsored by the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, Israel also won his weight in Mumm's Champagne – five cases full. "Had I known there were five cases of champagne in the offing," remarked Israel, "I would have sailed faster! The first two marks were no problem, but we had to fight it out with **Elusive II** all the way to the finish line even though they had lost their steering at the start forcing them to use a tiller. We must have done everything right!" cont'd pg. 3...

## From the Helm

I hope this issue finds you ready for a couple of weekends on the water with AMSS! The conditions have been a bit light lately, but quite nice for sailing nonetheless. This Saturday, September 2, is the annual Commodore's Cup followed by the Commodore's BBQ/Ball at San Diego Yacht Club. The dinner will be potluck style, with members encouraged to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share, along with something to cook on the grill. AMSS will provide beer and wine. Friends, family and crew are welcome to attend.

As in the past, the party will be held next to the pool area at the Yacht Club. Parking lot attendants will have a list of AMSS members, so you should be allowed to park in the lot even if you are not a member there. If you would like to come by boat, you can raft up at the front guest dock, but please contact Pat Johnson at [p-nj@cox.net](mailto:p-nj@cox.net) for reservations.

The race starts at noon between buoy # 17 and the southern end of Shelter Island. The party will commence when the race is completed, so come on over after your boat is put away – we'll see you there! Race results will be announced at the BBQ. There are two more sailing events scheduled for September – the 4<sup>th</sup> race of the 20 Guinea Cup Series is Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and our Cruise to Glorietta Bay is Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's a good thing that September is such a great month for sailing in San Diego!

In other racing news, AMSS boats had a great showing in August's McNish Classic Yacht Race held up the coast near Ventura. Paul Scripps and **Miramar** cruised to a victory in the Ketch Class and also took Best Elapsed Time honors for the 17-mile course. CF Koehler sailed **Sally** to a first-place win in the Sloops and Cutters Class A, and was third overall. He was followed closely by Tom Meyers in **Tempest** who took second place in the class and fifth overall. Congratulations!

Shoreside, we have a few interesting presentations lined up for the next few meetings. Don't miss Brett Dingerson at this month's General Meeting September 7<sup>th</sup>, where he will discuss marine electrical systems and the corrosion issues that challenge many boat owners. Please note that October's meeting at Seabreeze Bookstore will be on October 12<sup>th</sup> – the second Thursday of the month, as SWYC and a number of San Diego boaters are busy with the Little Ensenada Race held the weekend prior to that. See you soon! – Beth

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## 2006 McNish Classic Yacht Race

The wind started light at 12 knots and built to 18 by the finish. Of the 37 boats entered, 32 started and 29 finished the 17-mile course picked to favor the sailing style of traditional styled wooden boats

**Sally**, a 1928 59-foot sloop skippered by C.F. Koehler of San Diego, captured the Sloops and Cutters Class A and third overall, despite blowing a genoa, and finishing with her #3 jib. The 46-foot **Tempest**, a 1937 yacht sailed by Tom Meyers of Dana Point, earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place class finish and 5<sup>th</sup> overall. **Vignette II** of Oxnard sailed by Edith and Walter Russakoff, a 1946 Island Clipper to third and placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall. In Sloops and Cutters Class B, Don Greene of Ventura sailed **Elusive II** to second, Santa Barbara resident Tom Huston placed third sailing the 1940 **Siboney**.



*Sally crossing the finish line, 29th McNish Race*

Len Daniello sailed 72-foot **Dirigo II** into second with help from the entire charter crew. Brian Eichenlaub's 42-foot **Witchcraft** from San Diego nailed third place.

One of four gingerly contested classic yacht regattas on the western seaboard, the McNish Classic has attracted a remarkable mix of veteran and novice sailors for more than a quarter of a century. All the boats are designed before 1952 and range in size from a small 17 feet to 82-feet. - [Louise Ann Noeth 805.445.8414](mailto:LouiseAnnNoeth@805.445.8414)

Race Founder Dick McNish's **Cheerio II** was the victor in the Yawls Class and eighth overall. Venturans Lisa and Greg Collier's **Panacea** finished second and tenth overall. In the Ketch Class, 80-foot **Miramar** was first and the 52-foot **Spitfire** sailed by Jeffery Woods of Newport Beach once again earned second place followed by **Patience**, sailed by Denton Porter of Long Beach. Always threat to West Coast schooners is 71-foot **Dauntless** skippered by San Diegan Paul Plotts who took first place in Schooner Class.

## Queen Christina Nations Cup Races

Greg Stewart was recently fortunate to be asked to represent the USA in a regatta called the Queen Christina Nations Cup sailed, in 6 meter yachts in Vancouver BC August 18-19, 2006. Greg reports: This recently established event is the brainchild of Kimo McKay of the Puget Sound 6 Meter Association intended to be a very friendly event amongst countries where 6 meters are actively sailed. The event moves around; this year's races were hosted by the Canadians. The Vancouver, BC 6 Meter enthusiasts ran the races and hosted the shoreside activities at the Kitslano Yacht Club. The deed of gift prohibits the host country from sailing so there are no local knowledge issues and they can concentrate on hosting the event.

This year the fleet included teams from the USA, UK, Finland & Switzerland. (Late conflicts prevented the German and Sweden team from attending.) My crew, in addition to the owners representative, included AMSS member Doug Jones, prospective member Chris Dalton, and 25 year racing friend Jon Easley from Macatawa, Michigan. The racing was held at the Kitslano Yacht Club in perfect 6 meter conditions.

To make the racing as fair as possible since non-one designs were used, a boat rotation scheme allowed each team to sail each boat twice making for a 8-race regatta. It was fun to sail 4 different boats and see how each sailed. On day 1 we sailed the S&S designed **Maybe VII** in races one and two and then jumped on the Bjorn Aas-designed **Saga** in races 3 and 4. We had a great day 1 and had a nice lead. Onshore we introduced the other teams to Dark & Stormy's. On day 2 we sailed the Luaurin-designed **Gallant** in races 5 and 6, and then jumped on the Wedellsborg-designed **Cava**. Day 2 was not as good as day 1, but Team USA held on to win the event! We again treated the teams to Dark & Stormy's and did the ceremonial drinking from the trophy (seen below). - Greg

Team	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
USA	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	4	16
Finland	4	4	2	3	3	2	1	1	20
Switzerland	3	3	3	1	1	4	4	3	22
UK	1	2	4	4	4	3	2	2	22



## 34th Annual Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance

The Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation, Inc. presented the 34<sup>th</sup> Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance, celebrating "Boats of the '40s" as the Marque Class on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This popular event featured more than a hundred beautiful woodies, and drew a crowd of over 6,000 visitors. As usual, the host yard Sierra Boat Company, in Carnelian Bay, provided a magnificent setting for the show.



Panerai, who provided generous funding for the Ancient Mariner's 2006 Yesteryear Regatta, was aboard as a Presenting Sponsor

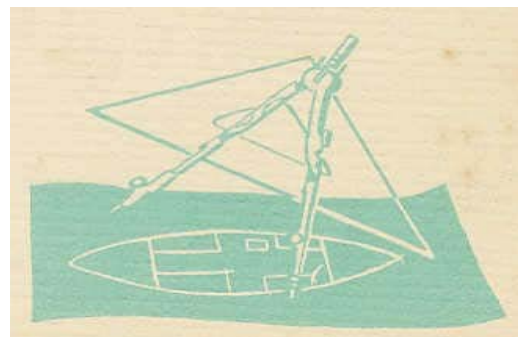
for the Concours. Gabriele Pedone, Chad Warrick and Lisa Tieche from Panerai manned a very hospitable visitor's pavilion. A traditional parade of the entrant's boats from the Sierra Boat Company and out into Lake Tahoe capped a memorable event. The Tahoe Maritime Museum ([www.tahoemaritimemuseum.org](http://www.tahoemaritimemuseum.org)) and Tahoe Yacht Club ([www.tahoeyc.com](http://www.tahoeyc.com)) are valuable resources for more information about these wonderful mahogany classics.

*"Riva Row" shines with the Italian marque's Aquaramas, Aristons, Olympics, Tritones and Crusaders* Photographed by: Dave Easter

## Welcome Aboard!

To all Ancient Mariners, please welcome aboard two new Flag Members: Michael Capone (***Hershey's Kiss***), a Herreshoff Buzzard Bay cutter, built by M.M. Davis of Solomon, MD in 1945, and Walter Gover (***Sea Babe***), a 1937 Angleman design, built by American Marine Ltd. in Hong Kong, 1961. Walter also has a 1952 Lightning (***Fanci***, Hull #2368) built here by Kelvin Savell. We're looking forward to meeting our new friends, both on and off the water - Thank you for joining our club!

Reverence for wood has a long history. Wood has qualities that cannot be duplicated. Only the extremely strong and rigid synthetics can much exceed wood's strength for weight. And wood naturally bends in curves admired by the eye and welcomed by the water.— Olin Stephens, March 2004



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 C-Cup/ SDYC BBQ
3	4	5	6	7 Gen. Meeting	8	9 #4 20 Guinea Cup
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 BOD	22	23 G-Bay Cruise
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, 2 September, Buoy #17, 12:00 Noon: Commodore's Cup Start
- Saturday, 2 September, 5-ish. Commodore's BBQ. At the San Diego Yacht Club. Please bring your main course to grill, and a dish to share (i.e., "pot luck")
- Saturday, 9 September, Buoy #17, 12:00 Noon: 20 Guinea Cup Race #4 (No rest for the weary...)



This classic wood K-38 has been well cared for by previous owners, and has been extensively worked on by professional shipwrights hired by present owner. The boat has been partially refastened, many frames sistered with epoxy laminate frames, new tanks, aluminum mast and boom (to original rig specs), oversized rigging, upgraded sails and replacement electronics, electronic windless and new anchor gear. The hull, decks, interior have been refinished as part of this on-going maintenance process. The boat is used for occasional day sailing and is kept under full boat cover when not in use. Seller prefers a veteran classic boat owner who can take care of the vessel properly.

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