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2010 McNish Classic Results

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Brushfire closing in on her Overall Win in the 2010 McNish Classic

Photo Courtesy Dick McNish

Dennis Conner's **Brushfire** sailed the 2010 McNish to her second Overall Win, dc again saddled with a few cases of Mumm's champagne equaling his weight on the scales. This was a fairly average year for sailing conditions; with an early southern breeze at 8-10 knots, later ranging westward to about 10-12 knots. Top five places overall were: **Brushfire**, 1st; **Circe**, 2nd; **Miramar**, 3rd; **Rose of Sharon**, 4th and **Pacifica**, 5th. The San Diego fleet was dominant, taking away those first five and, by Class, 1st and 2nd in each of the Sloops and Cutters A, Yawls, and Schooner Classes. **Miramar** was first in the Ketch class. There was a fleet of twenty-nine yachts competing. Please see page 6 for a full breakout of the overall race results.

September Letter from the Commodore

Glad to see summer finally arrived, albeit a bit late but none the less most welcome. I was missing for the first part of the month of August where the first lady and myself had the opportunity to head on back east and sail in Maine for the Eggmoggin Reach annual regatta. This is a spectacular event and I strongly recommend it to our members and any wooden boat enthusiasts. For the most part the rain in Maine stayed mainly on the plain so we were so lucky to have only one foggy typical Maine summer day, a "soft auld day" as we would say back home. It was good to experience the fog and light mist as a reminder of what the whole summer can be like on the north east side of the country. For instance, we sailed with some folk who told us this was their fourth regatta and they have never seen any islands and sometimes not even the other yachts in the race! Not for us, we were blessed, luck of the Irish, especially when you get a bunch together, we were a mostly Irish crew aboard **Cuilaun** (Flag member of the AMSS). This get together was to celebrate **Cuilaun's** 40th year and a good excuse to round up some of her crew from years past.

The Eggmoggin Reach regatta is a race comprising of various feeder races from local towns leading up to the penultimate race around buoys and rocks usually held on the first Saturday of August. To stretch the fun out there are a series of BBQ's and parties in various charming locations in the sound. The first for us was a delivery and practice opportunity from Camden to Castine followed by the Castine to Camden feeder race the next day. And with an overnight in Camden we were off again for the feeder race from Camden to Brooklin, the home of the WoodenBoat school and regatta base. We had the whole fleet gathered at anchor on the Friday night ready to race the next day in the Eggmoggin Reach.

This of course is a teaser for nice photo presentation about the regatta probably early in the new year at our general meeting, keep an eye out in the Albatross for details ...

— *Johnny Smullen, Commodore*

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September Flag Boat – Spot

Spot was launched in 1947 at the Kettenburg yard in San Diego. Christened **Papoose**, she was the 37th hull out of 83 Pacific Class sailboats built and one of the first PC's launched after the war. She is 32' overall and 21' at the waterline with a draft of 4 1/2 feet. She is mahogany-planked with laminated oak frames and all of her spars, even her spinnaker pole, are wood. Her long cabin design is typical of the post-war PC's.



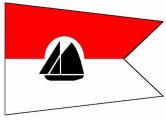
Beth and Mike Boucher bought **Spot** (then **Egret**) from Dick Stratton in 1995. Mike was deployed to the Middle East when Beth emailed him with the proposal that they take advantage of this opportunity – a classic wooden boat – in Southern California! With internet speeds being what they were in the mid-90's and the added challenge of communicating with a Navy ship in the Persian Gulf in those days, it took a while for the reply. Beth grew impatient and went ahead with the purchase without the OK from Mike. He came home happy to own such a beautiful boat!

Spot was sailed and raced often that first summer, but following a memorable trip during which we observed daylight coming through the planking below-decks, we decided she needed some work. In March of 1996, we hauled **Spot** at the Kettenburg yard “to replace a few frames”. Six and a half years and gallons of epoxy later, she was re-launched, and sailed the PC Nationals the next day.

Her rebuild included replacing or sistering 90% of the frames, replacing floor timbers and floorboards, installing a new cabin house and cockpit coaming, quenching her old plywood deck and cabin top's thirst for epoxy, replacing her stem and transom, splining her seams with mahogany, fairing the hull and replacing all mast and deck hardware. Her July 2002 launch date wasn't hastened by the fact that **Spot's** parents moved to the East coast for two and a half years during the process, leaving her in the yard awaiting visits and TLC.

Today, home in San Diego after a three and a half year exodus to other parts of the country courtesy of the US Navy, we sail and race her as much as we can with friends and dedicated crew Kathleen, Kitty and Tim. Our transom really is pretty – it's just that most of you never get to see it. Maybe someday.... *Staff Commodore Beth Boucher*





Special Program Announcement

Scripps Research Vessel Visit: *R/V Melville*

September AMSS Meeting, 2 September **6:00 PM**

Many thanks are due to our Program Chairman, Greg Stewart and the Scripps Institute of Oceanography for the arrangements which have been made to permit AMSS members to visit and tour the oceanographic research vessel *R/V Melville*. A sign-up sheet limited to a group of 15 was circulated and filled at the August General Meeting. So, this monthly meeting will be unique not only for the venue, but for the fact that we can only accom-

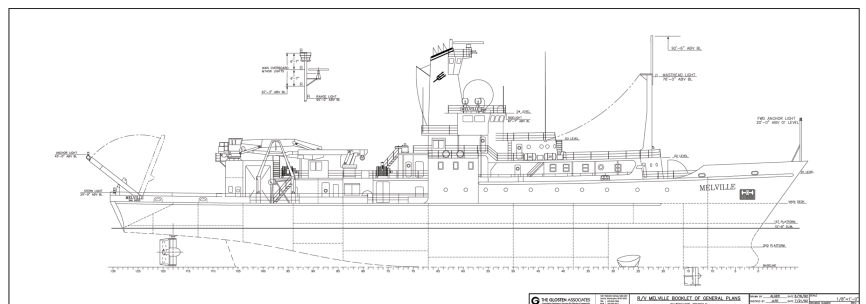


Nimitz Marine Facility, SIO, Pt. Loma, CA

moderate a small group. If you are confirmed for this visit, please bring a government issued photo-ID to the Scripps Marine Facility for entrance on Thursday, 2 September. If there are cancellations, please notify Greg Stewart directly. Alternatively, if you wish to attend but are not confirmed, please contact Greg no later than Wednesday, 1 September to check on cancellations status.

Directions to the Scripps Nimitz Marine Facility are to follow Rosecrans St. south, and take the last left turn before the gated entry to the Submarine Base. Park in the lots to your right (NRaD) or left (SIO), ahead. Greg Stewart's cell # 619 723-3078. Scripps Front Office # 858 534 1639.

Scripps Institute of Oceanography has one of the largest academic research fleets, with four research vessels and the research platform FLIP. Scripps oceanographic vessels have played a critical role in the exploration of our planet, and since 1907 have enabled scientists at Scripps to conduct significant research in all the world's oceans. The Ancient Mariners have been looking forward to a visit such as this to the Scripps Marine Facility for a long time. We have all sailed next to the SIO research vessels and the Nimitz Marine Facility time and again, and now we're able to get a close-up look at these operations. Thanks again to all who made this possible!





2010 Commodore's Cup Race Results

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Long Course	Around Island
Distance	31.90
Start Time	12:00:00
Scratch Boat	78

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Short Course	Around SD#1
Distance	13.10
Start Time	12:00:00
Scratch Boat	150

Boat	Hand.	Allowance	Allowance	Allowance	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected Time	Place	Points	
	SPM	SPM	H	M	S	H:M:S	H:M:S	H:M:S	CL	
Long Course										
<i>Pacifica</i>	112	1085	0	18	5	0:18:05	16:57:50	4:57:50	4:39:45	1
<i>Woody</i>	170	2935	0	48	55	0:48:55	17:29:00	5:29:00	4:40:05	2
<i>Dauntless</i>	168	2871	0	47	51	0:47:51	17:33:00	5:33:00	4:45:09	Non AMSS
<i>Sally</i>	78	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	16:47:00	4:47:00	4:47:00	3
<i>Allure</i>	380	9634	2	40	34	2:40:34	19:33:25	7:33:25	4:52:51	4
<i>Freedom</i>	195	3732	1	2	12	1:02:12	18:00:25	6:00:25	4:58:13	5
<i>Sprig</i>	120	1340	0	22	20	0:22:20	17:33:00	5:33:00	5:10:40	6
Short Course										
<i>Pilot</i>	310	2096	0	34	56	0:34:56	15:11:24	3:11:24	2:36:28	1
<i>Windy</i>	290	1834	0	30	34	0:30:34	15:23:20	3:23:20	2:52:46	2
<i>No'Ka'O'i</i>	185	459	0	7	39	0:07:39	15:04:50	3:04:50	2:57:11	3
<i>Spot</i>	150	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	14:57:20	2:57:20	2:57:20	4

Wind: 10-15 Northwest to Westerly. Sea: lumpy with 3 different wave sets, Calmer inside Point Loma.

Note: DNF = last place + 1 point

20 Guinea Cup #5 (including a 2010 Tallship Festival "Fly-by") Sails Saturday, 4 September

Please note that this month's 20 Guinea Cup Race entails some special plans and provisions, which will require that competing skippers obtain and review copies of Sailing Instructions: "20 Guinea Cup #5 Only—2010 Festival of Sail Edition." Specifically, our fleet will be mixing it up with multiple waterfront activities associated with the 2010 Festival of Sail, which will be conducting mock gun battles in the bay with Maritime Museum and visiting tallships during the time of the race.



The Committee Boat for this race will signal warning, preparatory and start times by long blasts. The start and finish line will be between SD Buoy # 19 and a visual line to the "Bird Sculptor" at the Traffic Circle on Shelter Island Drive. Start in the direction to the first mark (SD Buoy 16A). There are three Classes for this race: Short Course, Long Course A, and Long Course B. No spinnakers, mizzen staysails, fisherman staysails or gollywobblers may be flown for this event. All boats are to fly their AMSS burgees.



2010 McNish Classic Overall Results

Start No.	Class, Place Overall	Boat Name	Description	Yr.	Owner	Start H:M:S	Finish H:M:S
27	SC/A, 1	Brushfire	50' Sloop	68	D Conner	13:30:00	16:03:41
25	Yawl, 2	Circe	56'	50	M & K Bohanon	13:15:00	16:08:33
28	Ketch, 3	Miramar	78'	43	Scripps	13:34:00	16:08:41
20	SCH, 4	Rose of Sha-	59'	30	Chamberlain	13:05:00	16:10:24
23	Yawl, 5	Pacifica	51' Yawl	47	D Jones	13:10:00	16:14:02
24	SC/A, 6	Bolero	44' Sloop	46	T Marison	13:12:00	16:19:48
26	SC/A, 7	Sally	59' Sloop	28	CF Koehler	13:25:00	16:20:54
12	SC/B, 8	Antares	40' Sloop	61	Guilford	12:54:00	16:28:51
17	SC/A, 9	Spartan	42' Cutter	60	T Zetlmaier	13:04:00	16:40:06
16	SC/A, 10	Elusive II	40' Sloop	61	D Green	13:03:00	16:41:19
15	SC/A, 11	Vignette II	43' Sloop	59	W Russakoff	12:59:00	16:43:28
10	SCH, 12	Mischief	42'	78	J Giubilato	12:52:00	16:44:03
8	SC/B, 13	Bequia	Gaff Cutter	78	Lopez	12:42:00	16:44:29
19	SCH, 14	Dauntless	70'	30	P Plotts	13:05:00	16:49:53
18	SC/A, 15	Scarlett	38' Cutter	59	K Roche	13:04:00	16:53:04
6	Ketch, 16	Fairwinds	40'	68	T Bercowitz	12:37:00	16:53:56
14	Yawl, 17	Cheerio II	56'	31	D McNish	12:55:00	16:54:26
2	Ketch, 18	Splinter	28'	67	D Shepley	12:12:12	16:56:26
21	Ketch, 19	Spitfire	52'	68	J Woods	13:06:00	16:56:54
3	SC/B, 20	Savannah	36' Sloop	63	B Proctor	12:16:00	17:12:14
4	Ketch, 21	Charity	38'	62	A & K Renga	12:23:00	17:28:21
13	SC/B, 22	Rejoice	38' Cutter	63	S Asbornsen	12:55:00	17:31:11
5	Ketch, 23	Distant Star	36'	67	C Frost	12:36:00	17:33:31
22	SC/A, 24	Tempest	46' Sloop	37	T Myers	DNS	###
11	SC/B, 25	Silvan	30' Cutter	80	D Isreal	DNS	###
7	Ketch, 26	Princess	45'	55	D Mollett	DNS	###
9	SC/B, 27	Rogue	38' Sloop	36	B Crow	DNF	###
1	SC/B, 28	Lady Sarina	27' Sloop	38	J & E Reber	DNF	###

2010 Tallships Festival of Sail

The Festival of Sail is an annual event with something for everyone. The event is held over Labor Day weekend each year and starts with a bang! Cannon fire will salute the entrance of the tall ships from all over the world as they parade around San Diego Bay passing by Harbor Island, Shelter Island, Seaport Village and the Coronado Bridge ending up at the Maritime Museum's docks.

The five day event includes live entertainment from a variety of genres including; Contemporary Rock, Sea Chanteys, Mariachi's, Steel Drum Bands, local community groups, etc. We will have a petting zoo where kids can get up close and pet a variety of animals. Cruises on San Diego Bay, cannon battles, sailing on racing yachts, over 150 arts and craft vendors, multitude of food options, interaction with pirates, and more...

Local and visiting tallships that will be underway during the festival include **Amazing Grace, America, American Pride, Bill of Rights, Californian, Curlew, Irving Johnson, Jada, Kaisei, Pilgrim, Spirit of Dana Point**, and all of the Ancient Mariners flag vessels competing in the 20 Guinea Cup # 5 Race on Saturday, 4 September (maybe not all "tallships," but generally much better looking). Most of the Ancient Mariners are also San Diego Maritime Museum members, and that card will obtain entrance to the festival events and visiting ship tours. Please see www.sdmaritime.org for more information.



McNish Classic: Parting Shots...



Pacifica

Courtesy Mark Albertazzi

Rose of Sharon
Courtesy Mark Albertazzi



Dennis Conner & Dick McNish
Courtesy Dick McNish

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

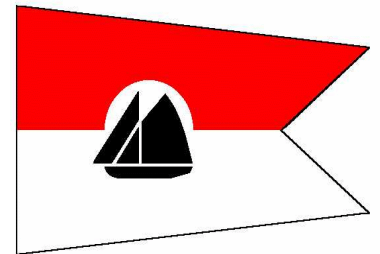
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...it is a mistake to talk of the monotone of ocean or of the monotonous nature of its sound. The sea has many voices. Listen to its surf, really lend it your ears, and you will hear in it a world of sounds: hollow boomings and heavy roarings, great watery tumblings and tramlings, long hissing seethes, sharp, rifle-shot reports, splashes, whispers, the grinding undertone of stones, and sometimes vocal sounds that might be the half-heard talk of people in the sea.—Henry Beston, the Outermost House, 1928

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