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Happy Holidays!

MEETINGS

- Saturday, 10 December, 2011
Half Pint 'o' Rum Race. 12:00
Start. Too much fun...Be There!
- Friday 16 December, South-
western Yacht Club, 6:00 PM.
Annual AMSS Meeting, Dinner
and Awards Ceremony. Reser-
vations required..
- 25 December. Merry Christ-
mas!
- 1 January. San Diego Bay New
Year's Day Sail

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Half Pint o' Rum Racers hoisting sails for the start ... photo courtesy Bob Grieser

Well it's that time the year again where we mingle in the holiday spirit and gather to exchange nautical stories and reap the rewards of your sailing season. Yes it's the **Annual Meeting, Awards & Commodore's dinner to be held Friday 16th December at Southwestern Yacht Club at 6pm**. We have a delightful evening lined up starting at 6pm with a no host bar set up in the main dining room and entertainment provided by Adrain Ahern and his steel drum, Adrain will gladly play requests for you — just ask!

While we are gathering and mingling we will have a slide show rolling over with the AMSS fleet during the 2011 racing season. Dinner will commence sharp at 19.15 and the seating is open seating. The three course dinner will be followed by coffee & tea, the Commodore's address, results for the 2012 officer's election, and then straight into the prize-giving for the **20 Guinea Cup**, the **Commodores Cup** and the **Half Pint of Rum Race**.

Please look out for your invitation in the mail and make sure you sign up and RSVP for this great annual event. More details can be found on the website.

Johnny Smullen

December Letter from the Commodore...

May and June are our glory months as we grace the Bay with our classic yachts sailing the Yesteryear and Kettenburg Regattas; November and December are our pride and joy as we finish up the Guinea Cup Races and sail the Half Pint Regatta, bringing our sailors to the beach. Furthermore, in December we celebrate the work of the 2011 Board of Directors and congratulate a newly elected Board chosen to carry on our business of Preservation and Promotion.

Thanks to the efforts of the 2011 Board of Directors, we enjoyed exceptional speakers and field trips associated with our General Meetings this year: Carl Eichenlaub presented on the Duckboat he built for his friend and Hall of Fame Sailor, Betsy Alison. Captain Stephen Mann enlightened and entertained us with his sea shanties and sketches illustrating the dynamics of sailing a Tall Ship. Ray Ashley gave us a private tour of the Maritime Museum's ship building project: the San Salvador. Bob Steel's Lapworth, and April Salem's Sparkman & Stephens restoration presentations were inspiring. Johnny Smullen and Greg Stewart's photographic reports on current Vintage Racing: The Eggemoggin Reach, The Opera House Cup, The Museum of Yachting's Classic Yacht Regatta, and the 12 Meter North American Championship, were glorious indeed!

Throughout the year the Board continued to work towards increasing our accessibility for our Members. We are updating our Web Site which will give instant access to our Newsletter, The Albatross. Our Roster is current and will be mailed to the Members early next year, promoting a unique raft up of information and talent.

With each event, restoration, race, presentation, and publication, the purpose of our Society is elevated. Our Historical Documents are a priceless resource we treasure and our influence on the Nautical World is significant; our Permanent Display Case on board the Berkeley alone is viewed by some 150,000 visitors a year.

For our success, I am grateful to you, our Members; I am thankful for the generosity of the Greater Shelter Island Business owners and the Maritime Museum of San Diego; you supported our endeavors and allowed us to add that nice touch of appreciation to our accomplishments.

Three cheers for a Great Year! Huzza Huzza Huzza

Commodore Jano Callow

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December Flag Boat – *Jean*

<i>Owner:</i>	<i>Jack Sutphen</i>
<i>Length Overall:</i>	<i>24 Feet</i>
<i>Beam:</i>	<i>8 Feet</i>
<i>Draft:</i>	<i>2 Feet 4 Inches</i>
<i>Year Built:</i>	<i>1977</i>
<i>Type of Boat:</i>	<i>Lobster Boat</i>
<i>Designer:</i>	<i>Creston Bryant</i>
<i>Builder:</i>	<i>Riverside Boat Company</i>
<i>Construction:</i>	<i>7/8" Cedar Plank on Oak Frames</i>



From an Interview with Jack Sutphen ~

Contributed by Deb Dominici

Jack on Board Jean

On the day before Veterans Day, I had the privilege of sitting down with Jack Sutphen. We chatted about the America's Cup (AC) preview in the bay that weekend, his new boat JEAN, the PC fleet, and how he got interested in sailing.

We quickly talked about his new boat that Roger Stewart of SDYC saw at the Woodenboat Festival in Port Townsend in 2010. Roger showed Jack the brochure of this boat and Jack said "I have to have it." This boat, now named JEAN, is a 24-foot Striper built by Riverside Boat Company in Maine which replaced his 24-foot lobster boat SWIFT (which I bought from Jack in 2002,and he bought back from me in 2009), that he had recently sold. The attributes that JEAN has and SWIFT lacked, are a small pilot house and cabin with a functional head below. Plus it was in great shape. Jack said, "The past owner, David Lett, had put \$15,000 worth of rehabilitation work into the boat in 2003, then called MAINE MONDAY. The work was done in Maine, where it was originally built, by the designer's son, Paul Bryant. David Lett owned Eyrie Vineyards in Oregon, known for making an excellent Pinot noir. Unfortunately due to health problems, David never really got to enjoy the boat before he passed away in 2008. Jack talks regularly to David's son, Jason Lett. Jack quoted Jason as saying, "I know my Dad is up there somewhere smiling to see the boat is being well used."

JEAN has a six-cylinder Ford engine and Jack says "I fire it up and leave the dock myself and then go to John DeForest's slip. I park next to his 50 foot powerboat (originally owned by Bud Caldwell) and then go sailing on LOAFER, a Herreshoff 12 ½ with John." Not too bad for someone turning 94 on January 4th, 2012.

(for more of Deb's interview with Jack, go to pages 4 & 5)

Interview With Jack Sutphen, continued

Jack, a nine-time AC veteran, went down to the compounds of the nine syndicates with Bruce Sutphen, his nephew, the day before we talked. ORACLE organized the entire gathering and Jack supposed that Ellison was the money behind the show. Jack could not believe the new boats, "Each AC 45 has its own metal building that can store the boat, it's mast, and all other gear," he said. "It was good to see JJ Isler working down there. As an old timer and wooden boat sailor, I am shocked about what has happened to the American's Cup. However, when you watch these AC 45s sail in 20 knots and capsize like a Lazer, it is exciting!"

A mention of Bud Caldwell reminded Jack "If it was not for Bud, the Kettenburg PC Class would not have survived. Gene Trepte, Bud Caldwell, and I started with six PCs in the mid 1980's and now there are 23 PCs!" Jack also was an important element to the PC's class survival. That is how I met Jack in 1994, when I was organizing the Kettenburg Regatta. He was the PC fleet captain. We had fleet captains for each type of Kettenburg sailboat, and had them act as contacts to rally other Kettenburg owners for participation. Jack then joined Ancient Mariners and many PC owners followed his example.

Jack now owns Wyle-Menace (PC #62) with Bruce Sutphen, Dennis Conner, and John Wyle. Jack told me, "Dennis and I were driving in the car back from the Ensenada Race, and Dennis said, I want a PC. One never questions Dennis when he says he wants a boat, so we bought Ish Fisler's PC." Jack has won the PC Nationals seven times and has owned PCs #18, #72 and now #62.

Many know the story how Jack and Dennis Conner met in 1974, Dennis basically taking Jack's position on COURAGEOUS and Jack being asked to step off the boat. They also know how he and his wife Jean came to San Diego 32 years ago to work as Dennis's AC Trial-Horse Skipper. If you do not know, I suggest if you read Jack's book, ***Messing About in Boats for 80 Years, with Jack Sutphen***, available at Seabreeze Books and Charts. I have read Jack's book, given numerous copies to friends and relatives, and so I wanted to find out more about the Jack's early days and what made him want to sail.



IC Sailing With Jean

Interview With Jack Sutphen, continued

Well Jack answered my question with, "We lived in New Jersey, outside Allenhurst near Asbury Park, and my Mother's brother lived next door. Our house was half a block from the beach." Jack as a small child would go out with Tom McCarthy on an open fishing boat. "Tom had a pigeon which he would take out with him. As the day wore on, Mr. McCarthy would write a note to his wife about when he expected to be coming in, attach the note to the pigeon, and send the bird free to fly home with the message." Who needs cell phones?

"Everyone loved the New Jersey house and my Mother enjoyed being near her brother, but in 1929 when the Great Depression hit, my Dad had built four spec houses on one block in Larchmont, New York, and none of the houses were selling. So with the enticement of a larger house and the ease of selling the house near the beach, we moved to Larchmont. My Mother was upset and worried what she was going to do with me, an eleven year-old who just left all his friends, when she saw an ad in the Newspaper, *Larchmont Yacht Club Juniors' Sailing program, Six days a week, Free if one brings your own sandwich.* My Mother said I was going, I had no choice."

So Jack was pushed into sailing by his parents who never sailed. His involvement at Larchmont Yacht Club (LYC) was the beginning, or...was it going out on the fishing boat with Mr. McCarthy? In any case, Jack's junior sailing at LYC led to crewing on bigger boats. LYC is where he met his wife, Jean (whom he first saw at a swimming competition at LYC after returning from sailing and who was later a National 200 meter Freestyle Swimming Champion). Their first dates consisted of sailing and later to frost-bite sailing at LYC. After college, Jack worked in a shipyard as a tug boat operator. It was there he was recruited as skipper (and also as instructor) for the Air Sea Rescue boats (Air Corps Crash Boats). After the war, Jack worked at the sail loft at Ratsey & Laphorn Sailmakers. Working as a sailmaker on WEATHERLY's sails led to Jack's AC career.

Jack reminisced, "I really feel the frost bite races gave me the best experience for my later AC Career. Jean and I raced 21 Sundays in the late fall and winter at LYC. Each Sunday there were five to six races with up to 30 boats at the start line." Jack adds modestly, "We did not always win, but we always finished in the top few places".



2011 Guinea Cup Race Results

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Boat	GC 1 Date	GC2	GC3	GC4	GC5	GC6	GC7	Finish Points	DNS/DNF Points	Total Points	Total Points w/ t/o	Overall Place
Long Course - A												
	4s/4f	2s/2f	1s/1f	1s/1f	1s/1f	1s/1f	0s/0f					
Pacific	3	1	1	1	1	1	DNS	8	5	13	5	1
Chimaera (P)	2	2	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	4	25	29	19	2
Sprig	1	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	1	30	31	21	3
Frolic	4	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	4	30	34	24	4
Long Course - B												
	2s/2f	2s/1f	1s/1f	1s/1f	1s/1f	0s/0f	0s/0f					
Altair	1	DNS	1	1	1	DNS	DNS	4	18	22	6	1
Woody	DNS	1	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	1	32	33	21	2
Spitfire	2	DNS	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	32	34	22	3
Route 66	DNS	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	38	38	26	4.5
Zest	DNS	DNS	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	38	38	26	4.5
Short Course												
	3s/3f	2s/2f	1s/1f	2s/2f	2s/2f	1s/1f	2s/2f					
Pilot	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	9	0	9	5	1
Windley	1	2	DNS	2	2	2	1	10	4	14	8	2
Maid of Kent	3	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	3	24	27	19	3
L-16 Cup												
	1s/1f	1s/1f	1s/1f	2s/2f	2s/2f	2s/2f	2s/2f					
Elusive	DNS	DNS	1	1	2	1	1	6	6	12	6	1
Windley	1	1	DNS	2	1	2	2	9	3	12	7	2

Note: **BOLD Italic Blue** denotes DNF, DNF = last place in Race + 1 point
BOLD Italic Red denotes DNS, DNS = last place in Series + 1 point
 Note: Series Points will be based on the best (5) out of (7) Events.

Current Long Course - A DNS = 5
 Current Long Course - B DNS = 6
 Current Short Course DNS = 4
 Current L-16 Course DNS = 3

2011 Half Pint-o-Rum Regatta ~ Saturday, December 10

The 2011 Half Pint o" Rum Race is our last race of the year, sailing on Saturday 10 December. Bring along your entry fee (a bottle of high quality rum), and be prepared for an off-anchor start. This one is arguably the favorite, and most certainly, the "most fun" AMSS race every year. The Race Committee has great latitude to assess penalties as well as time awards for exceptional seamanship, gaudy costumes, etc. Be forewarned that poor quality rum will be penalized, and in extreme cases, could be cause for disqualification, or adverse handicaps. The race will include the traditional format and an alternate format suited for intermediate sized boats where a dinghy is not practical and beaching is not possible.

Don't forget to join the raft-up afterwards in La Playa, watching the sun go down over a dark & stormy. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Racing, Cruising and Sailing classes are awarded after the results are properly adjudicated by the Race Committee, including handicap adjustments for good deeds or misbehavior.

Sailing Instructions, race description and entry forms can be downloaded from the AMSS web site. You can also see a gallery of photos from the 2010 race. The Awards for this race will be presented at the AMSS Annual Meeting, Awards and Commodore's Dinner December 16th. *Bottoms up!*

Report from the Purser

Please pay your 2012 Membership dues by January 1, 2012. Your dues are vital to our success and provide for great racing events and informative restoration and promotion programs. We take great pride in all of our members and want to see you back next year! You should have received a Dues Notice in the mail with a return envelope. Thank you

If you have any questions about membership please contact Leslie Jenness at 619-955-5984 or e-mail leslie@downtownsandiegoinmotion.com. Dues are only \$50.00 a year for regular and current flag members.

2011 AMSS BUDGET		EXPENSES	INCOME
DUES			\$4,350.00
Guinea Cup Races	Trophies	\$250.00	
	Post Race Events	\$300.00	
	Start Boat Lunches x5	\$50.00	
	Starting Horn	\$20.00	
Yesteryear Regatta	Trophies	\$463.80	
	Raffle/Ink/Postage	\$132.95	\$569.00
	Entry Fee		\$1,655.00
	Race Committee Gift	\$200.00	
Merchandise	Includes YYR	\$2,587.00	\$2,148.00
Burgee			\$350.00
Kettenburg Regatta		\$1,500.00	\$183.00
July BBQ	Club House	\$85.00	
	Food / Propane	\$153.35	
Commodores Cup	Trophies	\$250.00	
1/2 Pint Regatta	Trophies	\$250.00	
New Keg		\$156.24	
Awards Dinner	Food +	\$3,090.09	\$3,125.00
Dinner Raffle			\$145.00
Gifts	Transition Meeting Host	\$100.00	
	SWYC Jr. Sailing Club	\$250.00	
	SDYC Jr. Sailing Club	\$250.00	
	Officer Flags/Gifts	\$150.00	
	Wooden Boat Show	\$50.00	
	Service Awards (2)	\$200.00	
AMSS	US Bank Interest		\$0.61
	Regatta Liability	\$365.00	
	On the Beach Liability	\$350.00	
	U.S. Sailing	\$125.00	
	Rosters	\$563.63	
	Albatross	\$519.00	
	MMSD Video Update	\$1,400.00	
	Post Office Box	\$58.00	
	Web Update/Renewal	\$800.00	
	Business Cards	\$80.00	
	Postage/Supplies	\$56.18	
	GM Events Fund	\$250.00	
	Ballots + Mailing	\$100.00	
	Corporate Documents	\$72.50	
	Miscellaneous		\$494.00
TOTAL		\$15,227.74	\$13,019.61

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Half-Pint-o-Rum Race
11	12	13	14	15	16 Ann. Mtg.	17
18	19	20	21	22 Tran Meeting	23	24
25 Christ-mas	26	27	28	29	30	31

UPCOMING EVENTS

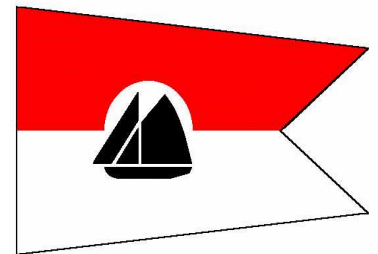
- Saturday, 10 December, 2011 Half Pint 'o Rum Race. 1200 Start. Come one & all!
- Friday 16 December, Southwestern Yacht Club, 6:00 PM. Annual AMS Meeting, Dinner & Awards Ceremony. Reservations Required.
- Thursday 22 December, Board of Directors Transition Meeting. Easter's home, 552 Fern Glen, La Jolla. All 2011 & 2012 Board Members Invited.
- 25 December. Merry Christmas!
- 1 January. San Diego Bay New Year's Day Sail
- Thursday, 5 January. General Meeting. Southwestern Yacht Club, 7:30 PM. 6-ish for no host dinner, cocktails.

Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp drizzly November in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses, and bringing up the rear of every funeral I meet; and especially whenever my hypos get such an



upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street, and methodically knocking people's hats off — then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can. *Herman Melville*

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