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New 20 Guinea Cup Series

MEETINGS

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There are a few changes to the 2010 Guinea Cup Series including Sailing Instructions and Courses. So, please review this issue and before racing go to the AMSS website and print out the official information. Here are a few highlights from the Instructions:



- All AMSS flag Yachts shall fly an AMSS burgee in an appropriate manner while racing.
- Description: The 2010 edition of the 20 Guinea Cup (20GC) is comprised of 7 races on: February 13th, March 13th (all sails allowed), June 5th, July 10th (all sails allowed), September 4th, October 19th (all sails allowed), and November 13th.
- Eligibility: This event is open to all AMSS members and accepted guests. Four of the seven events will be sailed using working sails only except as noted above. No Spinnakers, Mizzen Staysails, Fisherman Staysails or Gollywoblers may be flown for these events. Poled-out jibs are allowable. Three of the scheduled events allow the use of all sails (Spinnakers, etc.).
- Classes: Short Course: Handicap range 190 and over (L16's will also be scored as a one design)
- Long Course A: Handicap range 149 & under. Long Course B: Handicap range 189 to 150
- Starting Line: Both classes will start between SD Buoy #19 and a visual line to the head on top of the Bali-Hai restaurant at the north end of Shelter Island. Start in the direction to the first mark. Cont'd, pg.6...

Commodore's Monthly Message (February)

Today I took our Cosine Wherry out for a row and some exercise, and as I shipped the oars along side of the dock to pick up some water and sun block I thought to myself...There are not very many places I have lived where you can go rowing on the last days of January in shorts and tee shirt, and needing sun block and water. Well, I have to say I love living here in San Diego. I set off towards the police dock to see if any good yachts were about and worth a story. Sigh, none there today. So I took the inside passage along Shelter Island towards Silvergate YC. Not many craft can make it down there for a look as there are low gangways to the docks, so it is a good place to go for a row or kayaking and many interesting boats to see.

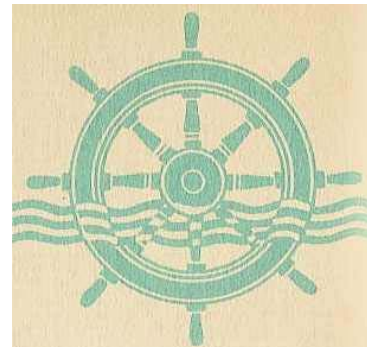
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I popped out at SGYC and rowed over to SDYC to have a look at some of our fleet. I am delighted to report that I saw lots of people working on their yachts. Something I had wished for in my last letter, varnish brushes were out, and I found folk rigging their new (New to them) PC promising to be out for our first race Feb 13th. As I continued to row over to SWYC again I found our members busily working and preparing for the season ahead. A great sight to see. Good luck to you all. Of course I probably should have been working on Altair myself but I was enjoying the fresh air and my new found sport rowing.

Which brings to mind this thought? We must promote this wonderful form of exercise, as it is really enjoyable and I do know we have some fantastic ten to sixteen foot wherrys and classic rowing boats amongst our members. So, I ask you to take the challenge: let's create a fun rowing day to share. I am open to suggestion and would welcome your comments at our next General meeting, Thursday February 4th at San Diego Yacht Club. Hope to see you out on my next row and see all of you at the next meeting.

Keep up the good work! - *Johnny Smullen*



February Flag Boat – *Sally*

Sally is a classic 10 meter yacht, one of two that still sail today. There were only 14 of these vessels built for members of the New York Yacht Club. **Sally** was designed by Starling Burgess, and built by Abeking Rasmussen of mahogany over steel. The sistership **Branta** also now hails from San Diego.



The boats were shipped to Nova Scotia and sailed into New York on their own bottoms to avoid sales tax. **Sally** is believed to be named after a performer on Broadway. She is a very competitive racing boat in San Diego with the Ancient Mariners and available for charter. The boat's L.O.A. is 59', beam 10'5".

Sally, On the Way Down to the 2005 Half-Pint Race Start

C.F. Koehler first caught sight of **Sally** in the early 1980's. As he was driving near Santa Cruz he spied the top of her mast. He could tell she was a big boat but wanted to know more. She'd been donated to U.C. Santa Cruz and needed much work, but C.F. had to have her. In his early 20s at the time, his father had passed away and C.F. seemed to be looking for something to throw himself into. He bought **Sally** at a bargain price and sailed her down to San Diego with a few friends.

Koehler parked **Sally** at his father's yard and in his spare time replaced a score of planks, installed new teak decks, covering boards, railcaps, bulwarks, installed a new interior and replaced the engine. While Koehler had worked at his father's boatyard all his life, it was restoring **Sally** that established his reputation as a master shipwright. Once the work was done, Koehler campaigned **Sally** in West Coast classic yacht races and racked up an impressive record of wins from 1988 through 1994. Today, **Sally** is the showcase for the Koehler Kraft Yard, which C.F. Koehler now runs.



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**** Special Program Announcement****

A Night With Carl Eichenlaub

Thursday, 4 February, San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM

Carl Eichenlaub, boat builder, sailor, and mentor will be a guest speaker at the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society on February 4th, 7:30 p.m. at the San Diego Yacht Club.

In 1965, Carl was quoted as saying: "like trees, boats should be wooden."

Carl built his first wooden boat, a Stormy Petrel, when he was a junior in high school. He opened Eichenlaub Marine when he was a junior in College. Today, at the age of 80, he is lofting and preparing to build a Duck boat for his friend Betsy Alison, the US Disabled Sailing Team Coach.



In the 50's and 60's Carl built Snipes, Lightnings, and Stars. In 1960 he won the Lightning Internationals with a boat he build for his dad. At one time or another, Carl's boats dominated the Snipe Class, the Lightning Class, and the Star Class. In the early 70's he built **Gambari**, an innovative strip planked One Ton designed by Doug Peterson, and once again revolutionized competitive sailboat racing.

Carl filled the Shipwright post for the U.S. Sailing Team and was the official Boatwright for 6 Pan Am Games, two Goodwill Games, and 6 Olympic Games. At the age of 75, he joined the Sailing Hall of Fame and was presented the Herreschoff Award by US Sailing for his many contributions to the art and science of sailing.

Carl's willingness to help other sailors, all the while entertaining with a good story, adds an extraordinary dimension to his building and racing career. This is an evening you won't want to miss. Please join us in the Spinnaker Room at the San Diego Yacht Club on February 4th at 7:30 p.m. Earlier for drinks or the bar menu.



2010 Programs Shaping Up Nicely

Well, we started off the year with Johnny Smullen's outstanding talk on the Galway Hookers, an indigenous Irish workboat that had, indeed, shaped the culture and commerce of that region long before powered vessels and automobiles changed the landscape. Thanks, Johnny!

Coming right up, we'll hear from the legend himself, Carl Eichenlaub at the 4 February General Meeting. Please review the ****Special Program Announcement**** on page 4 (separately e-mailed earlier, as well).



Terry Nathan is the President of the International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS) in Newport, RI, and will be giving his presentation to the Ancient Mariners at our 4 March General Meeting. The IYRS and the Museum of Yachting have been transformed in recent years under Terry's leadership, from a start up to a sustainable organization with an international reputation for excellence in the maritime trades associated with classic yachts. The photo above shows the recently renovated campus facilities able to support a wide range of shipwright education and all manner of special programs.

Ray Ashley, who we know well from the San Diego Maritime Museum, has also sent a recent message to our Program Chair Greg Stewart suggesting a joint AMSS/SDMM activity later this year: "About five times each year we (SDMM) have a "Members Night" which often takes the form of a lecture, presentation, etc. Part of the evening is spent socializing and in members walking around the museum checking out new stuff. What of, for some of these gatherings, we showcased some of the Ancient Mariner's yachts as the official Ancient Mariners/Maritime Museum host of the evening. We'd have the owners bring over the boats beforehand and set up with beverages and goodies to host people and show their boats. Photograph the activities for our newsletters and publications and promote the event with mailers to go out to notify members." We're looking forward to making this happen.

Greg has also e-mailed out Events Calendars to AMSS members. If you haven't received one please check your e-mail, or pick up a hard copy at the General Meetings. 20 Guinea Cup Race #1 is coming right up, on Saturday 13 February. 20 Guinea Cup Race #2 on 13 March will permit spinnakers. The April Fools Race is shaping up as a Bay-to-Ocean and Return race, followed by a Raft-Up. So, get ready for some fun!



20 Guinea Cup Races, Cont'd

- Start time & Signals: The starting sequence, from the Committee Boat, for both classes will be as follows: Sequence Time Signal
- Warning 1150 Long Blast . Preparatory 1155 Long Blast. Start 1200 Long Blast
- Courses: The Committee Boat will designate the course to be sailed at SD Buoy #19 by hailing and broadcasting on channel 68 and by displaying the appropriate code flag(s). See attached Course Descriptions.
- Short Course Class will sail one (1) lap of the designated course, unless otherwise stated on Course Sheet. Long Course Classes will sail two (2) laps of the designated course, unless otherwise stated on Course Sheet. Changes in Sailing Instructions: Changes in these instructions, if any, will be broadcast on the water.
- Finish Line: The finish line is the same as the start line. Finish from the direction of the last mark. Take your own finish time corrected to Pacific Bell time & call / text in to (619) 993-9295 or email doug@traditionalboatworks.net
- Scoring: The 20GC will utilize the low point system, points will be awarded equivalent to the boats finishing position in her fleet (first place = 1 point, second place = 2 points, etc. A "Race" DNF will be scored as the number of starters in the race plus one. DNS points will not be assigned until the end of the "Series" and will be based on the number of boats that started at least one "Race" in the "Series" plus 1. The cumulative points of the best six out of seven events will determine the Overall positions.
- Social & Prizes: Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall yachts in each Class at the AMSS December
- General Meeting. The overall winner of each class will be noted on the Perpetual Trophy.
- Finally, be sure to print a copy of the 2010 courses, and have them in hand on race dates. The Committee Boat will fly a signal flag indication the course to be raced that day. The Committee Boat will usually be one of the following: **Pacifica, Frolic, Sprig** or **Altair**.



Don't forget the new Starting Line for 2010. Both classes will start between SD Buoy #19 and a visual line to the head on top of the Bali Hai restaurant at the north end of Shelter Island. Start in the direction to the first mark

Save The Double Gaff Schooner *Grayhaven*!

Sadly, a well known double gaff schooner designed by John Hanna is now being dismantled, and will likely be broken up. The present owner plans to salvage as much of the original forgings, stanchions, spars and standing, running rigging and any other valuable pieces and parts (e.g., there's a nice boom gallows and some mast hoops in the picture). If there are Ancient Mariners or local boat owners in need of some of these hard-to-come-by fittings, please contact owner Paul Barnasky at (619) 313-3130.

Grayhaven was originally built in Costa Mesa. Local marine author and journalist Joe Ditler acquired her about 21 years ago for some few \$1000s in back slip rental. At that time, she was known as ***Lila Bill***, and her name was changed to ***Grayhaven***.

Specifications include an LOA of 46', LOD 36', beam 12'. Planked with Douglas fir over oak, and heavily built with an internal planked ceiling making up essentially a double hull. If there are die-hards out there, Paul says the boat could be brought back together, but the bulldozers are scheduled to break her up before month end. Schooner Cup Races, anyone?



John Griffin Hanna was a sailboat designer, famous for designing the Tahiti ketch. Hanna was born in Galveston, Texas, on October 12, 1889. Around 1917, he settled in Dunedin, Florida and was greatly influenced by the Greek double-ended sponge boats found in nearby Tarpon Springs, Florida. Shortly after his move to Dunedin, Hanna purchased a double-ended ketch-rigged sponge boat that had been built in Apalachicola, Florida by a Greek-American shipwright named Demo George. This vessel, and others that Hanna studied, would inspire the design of Hanna's famous Tahiti ketch. At least two boats of Hanna's design have circumnavigated the world twice. Jean Gau in the ***Atom***; and Tom Steele in the ***Adios***. (Don Holm, *The Circumnavigators* page 355). Hanna's design is mentioned in *Modern Mechanix and How to Build 20 Boats*

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It's Time to Paint!

Only good quality paints will stand up in marine work; cheap paint will not last. It is well to leave experimenting to others - Howard Chapelle

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