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Two Big Races Coming Up!

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Ready or not and coming right up (this Saturday, 3 April) is the new and improved program for the Ancient Mariners April Fools Race. We have a new course this year, in lieu of the traditional Mission Bay Raftup. The Sailing Instructions are available on the web or by e-mail (Doug Jones, Race Committee Chairman). There will be two classes: Racing (Handicap Distance



Miramar, moving easily through the 2009 Yesteryear Fleet

Photo courtesy Bay shots

15.7 NM, and Cruising (Handicap Distance 11.8 NM). The race will start at Buoy #15 at 1200, and the finish will be between Buoy #17 and the South tip of Shelter Island. **Pacifica** will be the starting boat. There will be a lively, if not slightly rowdy Raftup in LaPlaya following the race. Please don't forget that each yacht must provide a "trophy" at the Raftup awards party for the boat that corrects out one place ahead.

Many folks have already been very busy preparing for our traditional Yesteryear Regatta, the annual race that "started it all" back in 1975. The 36th Yesteryear Regatta is sailing Saturday, 9 May. Race Chair Doug Jones has been coordinating with a variety of (cont'd pg. 6...)

April Message from the Commodore

On the vernal equinox March 20th this year I sat by the water looking up at the top of Point Loma watching the fog forming a scrim on top held back only by the royal palms, eucalyptus, and pines, a competition between 92107 and 92106, with the latter winning the spring tomfoolery until the last of us in 92106 close our eyes and drop our guard, the fog, like a fox scavenges the neighborhood and flows down around every garbage can slowly and quietly engulfing the east side, as we wake in the grey soup we wonder what sort of day is in store but by the time the late risers are having their first cup of Joe it's all gone, burnt away, making way for a beautiful spring day , Ah, Spring is finally here, rebirth, renewal, re-growth, looking forward to long evenings, great for sailing and messing around on boats, Wednesday night sailing is a favorite relaxing way to spend some time with friends and family and time to dream up ways to spend the rest of the glorious weather we have here. Let's bid the rains adieu and get ready for fun times ahead.

We have the Yesteryear Regatta May 8th and the Annual wooden boat festival at Koehler Kraft to look forward to June 19th - 20th a favorite amongst our members and friends and this year will be the 20th so I am expecting it to be one of the highlights of the year. There will be lots to do and see and some interesting side shows, we will get back to this in the next is-

sues of the Albatross, in the mean time keep up the good work, spirit, and enjoy springtime

- *Johnny Smullen*



“SEASTATE SIX. SOBRIETY ZERO.” -

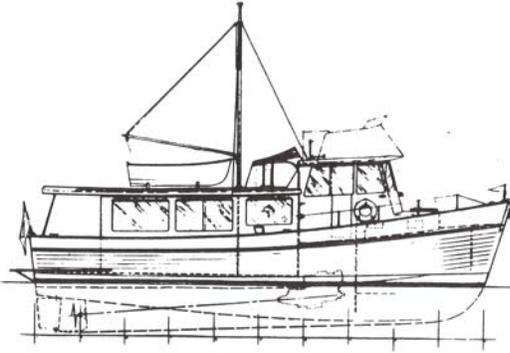
Radio Message sent from a Woods Hole oceanographic crew at sea back to the mainland..

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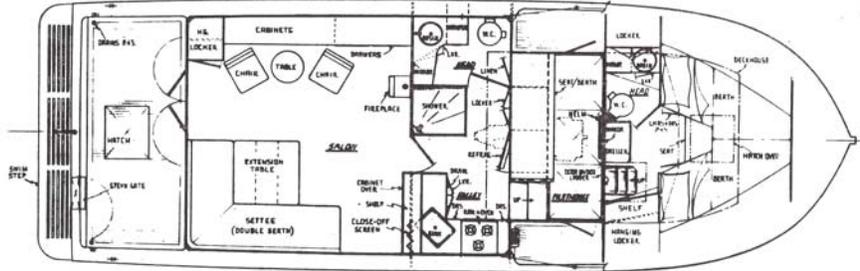
February Flag Boat – *Ocean's Child*

Ocean's Child is a 1970 Newport Trawler, built in Japan from a Blaine Seeley design. She is 36 feet 3 inches LOA and has a beam of 12 feet 9 inches, and a draft of 3 feet 9 inches. She boasts headroom of 6 feet 4 inches. Her keel and frames are Apitong, and her hull is double-planked mahogany. The engine is a 185-horse Cummins V-8, although the original design called for a much smaller 120 Ford Lehman.



NEWPORT TRAWLER SPECIFICATIONS

LOA	36'3"
LWL	34'0"
BEAM	12'9"
DRAFT	3'9"
DISPL.	23,000 LBS.
FUEL	350 GALS.
WATER	150 GALS.
PLANKING	1 1/8" MAHOG.
KEEL & FRAMES	APITONG
FASTENINGS	SILICON BRONZE
DECKHOUSE TOP	FIBERGLASS OVER
DECKS	5/8" TEAK
ENGINE	128 HP DIESEL
REDUCTION GEAR	2:5:1
RANGE	1000 MI. PLUS
HEADROOM	6'4"
ACCOMMODATIONS	5 - 6



Newport 30 *Ocean's Child* Schematic

Originally called ***Endeavour***, her logs suggest she was cruised for some period on the East Coast. Renamed ***Judith Ann***, she was found in Marina del Rey in 1997, sold and renamed ***Shell Bell*** and moved to San Diego in 1998, and acquired by Ancient Mariner Capt. Ann Kinner and Richard Mann in September of 1999. Currently she is undergoing significant renovation and upgrades, both in her operating plant and her accommodations, although she retains the original interior configuration.

Ocean's Child fits the classic definition of a "perfect" boat: drinks six, feeds four, sleeps two. The saloon allows for casual entertaining, particularly when the doors are open to the cockpit, which is fully covered. However, the settee is a bit on the short-and-narrow side for anyone to sleep comfortably, and the primary sleeping area is the V-berth forward of the pilot house.

We believe she is hull number 18 of an original 24 which were built in wood between 1968 and 1972. Another 21 or 22 were built in 1972 and 1973 out of fiberglass and known as Pacific Trawlers. There is word that some hulls were built to operate as fishing boats, but we have not been able to determine how many or where they worked. -Ann

Kinner



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**** Special Program Announcement****

Benchmark Restoration, by Carl Koerner

Thursday, 1 March, San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM

Please join us on Thursday, 1 April to hear Carl Koerner's account of a very substantial renovation of his yacht, ***Benchmark***. ***Benchmark*** is a modified 30 Square Meter built in Sydney in 1930, and was the December "Feature Boat" in the Albatross newsletter. The boat has been replanked from the keel to above the waterline. All of the frames were broken so most were replaced with laminated purple heart and the rest were laminated and repaired. The cabin and deck were stripped back to bare wood and refinished. The rig was removed and stripped back and refinished, and all the running rigging was replaced. The engine was removed.



Here the purple heart frames are evident



Carl, not sure if he's awake or asleep, and dreaming head-back of working mahogany planks forever

The work on the rebuild was performed by C.F. Koehler, the staff at Koehler Kraft, Victor J. Marolda and Carl Koerner. The Koerners wish to thank Victor J. Marolda for the hundreds of tireless hours he spent helping restore the yacht. We'll hear more about how it all went at the meeting, and Carl summarizes what was accomplished: "We replaced all the frames below the waterline with laminated purple heart and replanked the hull with mahogany, the seams above the water line were splined and the whole boat painted including the rig. The cockpit floor is lined with teak. All hatches are teak with holly inlays. All bright work is 2 layers of epoxy and 9 layers of varnish. The talk will be in the Spinner Room, 7:30 PM. Please bring your friends!



20 Guinea Cup #1, #2 Race Results

2010 GC Race Results.xls

2010 G-Cup - Results GC #1 February 13, 2010

2010 GC Results R#1

Long Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Delta
11.80
12:00:00
75

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Short Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Delta
5.90
12:00:00
290

Boat	Hand. SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H	M	S	Allowance H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed H:M:S	Corrected Time H:M:S	Place CL	Points CL
Long Course - A											
Sprig	120	531	0	8	51	0:08:51	14:19:09	2:19:09	2:10:18	1	1
Chimaera (P)	75	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	14:12:10	2:12:10	2:12:10	2	2
Frollic	144	814	0	13	34	0:13:34	14:26:15	2:26:15	2:12:41	3	3
Circe (P)	95	236	0	3	56	0:03:56	14:17:05	2:17:05	2:13:09	4	4
Pacifica	112	437	0	7	17	0:07:17	14:20:47	2:20:47	2:13:30	5	5
Sabrina	85	118	0	1	58	0:01:58	14:16:18	2:16:18	2:14:20	6	6
Sally	78	35	0	0	35	0:00:35	14:24:30	2:24:30	2:23:55	7	7
Long Course - B											
Altair	175	1180	0	19	40	0:19:40	14:29:22	2:29:22	2:09:42	1	1
Spifire	160	1003	0	16	43	0:16:43	14:30:40	2:30:40	2:13:57	2	2
Thetis	150	885	0	14	45	0:14:45	14:37:00	2:37:00	2:22:15	3	3
Short Course											
Pilot	310	118	0	1	58	0:01:58	13:24:55	1:24:55	1:22:57	1	1
Windley	290	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	13:37:00	1:37:00	1:37:00	2	2
Maid of Kent	450	944	0	15	44	0:15:44	13:55:40	1:55:40	1:39:56	3	3
L-16 Cup											
Windley	290	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	13:37:00	1:37:00	1:37:00	1	1

Note: DNS = last place in Series + 1 points. Points not awarded until end of series
DNF = last place in Race + 1 point

(P) Denotes Provisional Handicap

To be scored in Series must be an AMSS Member.

2010 GC Race Results.xls

2010 G-Cup - Results GC #2 March 13, 2010

2010 GC Results R#2

Long Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Echo
12.65
12:00:00
75

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Short Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Echo
6.33
12:00:00
290

Boat	Hand. SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H	M	S	Allowance H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed H:M:S	Corrected Time H:M:S	Place CL	Points CL
Long Course - A											
Pacifica	112	468	0	7	48	0:07:48	13:53:18	1:53:18	1:45:30	1	1
Chimaera (P)	75	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	13:48:35	1:48:35	1:48:35	2	2
Sprig	120	569	0	9	29	0:09:29	14:03:40	2:03:40	1:54:11	3	3
Long Course - B											
Spifire	160	1075	0	17	55	0:17:55	13:57:03	1:57:03	1:39:08	1	1
Woody	170	1202	0	20	2	0:20:02	14:00:05	2:00:05	1:40:03	2	2
Short Course											
Maid of Kent	450	1013	0	16	53	0:16:53	13:27:45	1:12:12	0:55:19	1	1
Pilot	310	127	0	2	7	0:02:07	13:12:12	1:27:45	1:25:38	2	2
Windley	290	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	13:47:20	1:47:20	1:47:20	3	3
L-16 Cup											
Windley	290	0	0	0	0	0:00:00	13:47:20	1:47:20	1:47:20	1	1

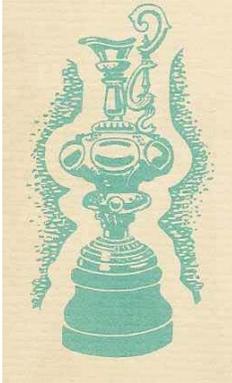
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Two Big Races, Cont'd



...organizations, yacht clubs and port authorities to clear the course, that will not be restricted due to the Red Bull Air Races this year (who have changed their venue this year to the East Coast). There are some new and outstanding "take home" Yesteryear Trophies designed especially for this regatta, (i.e., pennants from Prestige Flags). The Perpetual Trophies awarded for the 2010 Yesteryear will be updated with winner's plaques in their permanent Ancient Mariners exhibit at the San Diego Maritime Museum. We're expecting a large number of sponsors, each offering outstanding prizes as raffle items on race day. We'll also have a new special edition 2010 Yesteryear Regatta T-shirt available, with a silkscreen of last year's overall winner, **Miramar**, to

make an outstanding fashion statement in and around the docks. A very fine Skipper's Packet, stuffed with all you'll need to know and some valuable promotional items will be produced by some of our sponsors, and handed out at the Skipper's Meeting.

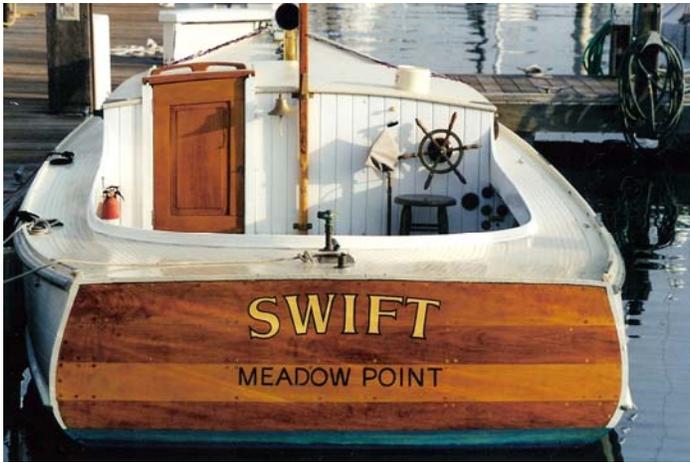
The Yesteryear Regatta, first called the Spring Regatta, was organized by local classic boat enthusiasts Bill Clark, Doug Smith and Bob Spriggs. They then founded the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society to promote the enjoyment of classic boats. It's a 12 NM "pursuit style" race (with staggered starts) in San Diego Bay that starts off Harbor Island, rounds Buoys #5 and #6 to seaward, and then back into the Bay. The Skipper's Meeting and the Post Race Awards Ceremony will be held at the San Diego Yacht Club. Race Management will be by the seasoned Southwestern Yacht Club race committee, as usual. We're expecting a large turnout for this year's race; and hope to see you at the starting line! Last year we had forty entries, and we're looking for more this time. Don't forget to mail in your entries right away.

Welcome Aboard!

It has been several months since we have had the pleasure to announce some new members to our ranks. Please greet, introduce yourselves and show all due courtesies to these new members as they join us in races and on-the-water events, and at our General Meetings and other shore-side activities (with one of our favorites, the annual San Diego Wooden Boat Festival at Koehler's, coming up in June). Katherine and Marvin Borman (Flag members - the S&S yacht **Circe**) were introduced at the January General Meeting. We have a long list of new Regular members, who are very welcome and encouraged to crew for our races, and join us for all the fun and interesting programs which have been arranged by our eminent Programs Chairman, Greg Stewart. The new Regular members include: Holly Bookwalter, David J. O'Brian, Kathleen Drain, George and Tina Morgan and Dianna and Robert Simons. Welcome Aboard, and thank you for joining our club!

AMSS Showboats - *Swift* and *Chimaera*

Ancient mariner Jack Sutphen has sent along some notes regarding the "Reconditioning of *Swift*," which was celebrated by a party on Saturday, 5 March at the Southwestern Yacht Club, arranged by Deb Dominici. Jack cites the particulars: "*Swift* was built by the Maine Maritime Museum from a 1924 lobster/bass boat design by William Frost. Deb had bought the boat from me, and now I have bought it back (Deb has first right of refusal if I put it up for sale



again). *Swift* was hauled at Koehler Kraft boatyard, and the taken to Traditional Boat Works. There, Doug Jones accomplished some rebuilding and painting. John DeForest then went to work restoring the 1950s Willys Jeep motor. Finally, I added some more painting and varnishing, and so it turned out as a very fine group project." Thanks to all who helped bring *Swift* into her own again, and to Deb Dominici for the fine party at Southwestern. - Jack Sutphen

Chimaera with crew aboard, 10 in all including 2 junior sailors, were guests at the SD Maritime Museum on the evening of 17 March, open for display to those attending the Museum "Members Night." We were all well treated, well fed and well watered by our gracious hosts with an easy parking place alongside steam yacht *Medea*. We dressed ship for the occasion and welcomed 40 or more guests aboard with jumbo shrimp and a variety of wines and beer. The museum did a nice job of taking care of us, showing us *Medea* and *Berkeley* and hopefully we reciprocated equally with their members, many of whom were not unlike our own membership in many ways especially in their knowledge of boats and construction methods. I hope everyone had a good time. I know I did and wish to that the Museum for being such pleasant and considerate hosts. - John Driscoll



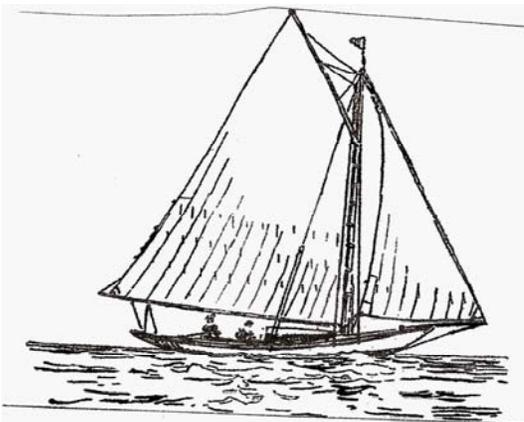
Chimaera Alongside the Steam Yacht *Medea*.

Photo courtesy Ted Walton Photography

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

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The klop, klop of water
under the bows of a small
boat will cure most trou-
bles in this world
- Arthur Ransome

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