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Ancient Mariners Sailing Society
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2009 Kettenburg Regatta

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The 2009 Ancient Mariners Kettenburg Regatta was sailed on 7 June, with a nice breeze, sunny skies, six yachts competing in the Kettenburg Class, eleven in the PC Class and three in the PCCs. Following both Race #1 and Race #2, the final results placed **Woody**, **Celeste** and **Comanche** as first in each of their respective classes.



File Photo of *Celeste* (2009 Kettenburg Regatta Winner—PC Class), on an earlier sail, with Doug Holthaus' Topsiders ready to snag some running rigging—Photo Courtesy Elon

There was heavy skirmishing in the relatively large PC Fleet, with eleven yachts competing. First-to-last PC for Race #1 had a total Lead-Margin time of only 6min,15sec. PC Race #2 sailed a bit faster, showing a total Lead-Margin spread of even less time (5min, 13 sec) at the finish. **Celeste** and **Jack's Wylie Menace** flip-flopped for the two races, first and second. Finishing Race #1, **Route 66** was trailed by **Jade** (2 sec), then **Maiga B.** (another 3 sec), no doubt a real "photo finish." The PCC Fleet started with four yachts, but **Selene** was a DNF for the Race #2. **Woody** dominated the K Class all day (1st, 1st) with a good showing of six boats competing at the start. Please see page 5 for additional 2009 Kettenburg Regatta Race Results...

Our Yesterday

Editor's Corner: The San Diego Wooden Boat Festival was great—and now come July and August!

Every Father's Day, the San Diego Wooden Boat Festival is put on by Koehler Kraft, 2302 Shelter Island Dr. A large number of beautiful classic boats came to the show, with favorites like **Dickie Walker**, **Dauntless**, **Ocean Queen V**, **Brushfire** and many others all spiffed up for the visiting woodie enthusiasts. There was a fine reception and dinner for exhibitors Friday night, and then everyone was kept busy for the rest of the weekend with raffles, demonstrations, along with very fine food, special events and many other fun activities.

Most of the generous businesses who

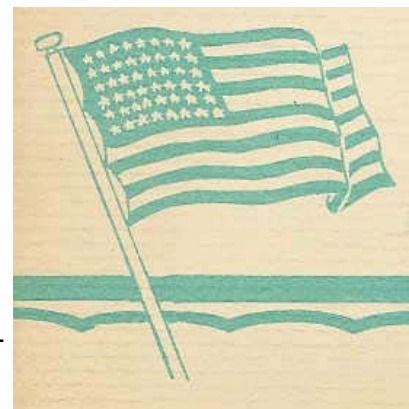
sponsored our Yesteryear Regatta in May also supported the Wooden Boat Festival, proceeds from which are donated to Challenged America. Many thanks are due to the Koehler's, their crew and many volunteers who keep this show running strong every year.

Please note that our July General Meeting will actually be a 4th of July Weekend Kickoff Barbecue, this Thursday (2 July) at the Southwestern Yacht Club. Please come and bring your friends, family and guests, starting at 7:30 or earlier. We have two important races coming up soon, the 20 Guinea Cup #4 (18 July), and the McNish Classic Regatta (1 August), at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, Channel Islands Harbor. They're promising plenty of wind this year, and their hospitality to visiting racers is legendary, to say the least. Also not too far away, we'll have the 6 August General Meeting with Maritime Museum President Ray Ashley and Doug Sharp presenting a program on the design of the replica **San Salvador**, Juan Cabrillo's flagship which first landed in Dan Diego in 1542.

The Commodore's Cup later in August will once again go around the North Island of the Coronados, and we're planning to run the race together with the PC Fleet, who will be sailing the same course. Details to follow. Please make your plans to join us at these events, races and regattas throughout the summer. This issue of the Albatross is accompanied with an updated schedule of dates to look forward to for the remainder of the year, courtesy of AMSS Program Chair Greg Stewart. Happy July 4th! *Aloha-Dave*

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July Flag Boat – *Chimaera*

General specifications:

LOA 46' 9"

DWL 32' 7"

Beam 11" 2"

Draft 6' 10"

Fred Liebhardt, a prominent local architect, had the boat built. He owned it for about 15 yrs. John LaPrade was the second owner. He had it for around 4 yrs. It then sold to a Marilyn Owens and her husband Scully. They had it for over 20 yrs when I purchased her in 2007.



Chimaera Underway in the 2008 Half-Pint o' Rum Race
-Photo courtesy Gretchen Dorian

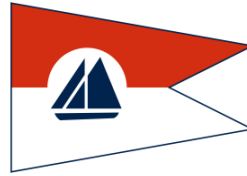
The original lines for the boat were drawn by my father, Gerry Driscoll. He sent them back to Sparkman & Stephens, where Olin Stephens made a few hull changes in the area of the mast. S&S completed the engineering, produced the plans and we built the boat here at the Driscoll yard on Shelter Island. I actually worked on the boat myself as a young man apprenticing in a little of everything at the family yard.



Chimaera's first long distance race was the 1968 San Diego to Acapulco race. The crew included the owner, Fred Liebhardt, my father, Gerry Driscoll, Olin Stephens, Lowell North, Gene Trepte and Rodney Eales. They won their class but missed first overall by a slim margin. The boat competed locally under the CCA and then the IOR rules. Its most significant win was probably the 1970 Sir Thomas Lipton Cup win with most of the same crew mentioned above sans Olin Stephens.

When Scully owned the boat it was converted to a racer/cruiser with the emphasis on the latter. It had a self steering vane on the transom, steps on the mast, and lots of other modifications that although well done were of no value to me. I'm in the process, as we all are, of restoring the boat to some semblance of her former glory with a few modifications of my own. *-John Driscoll*

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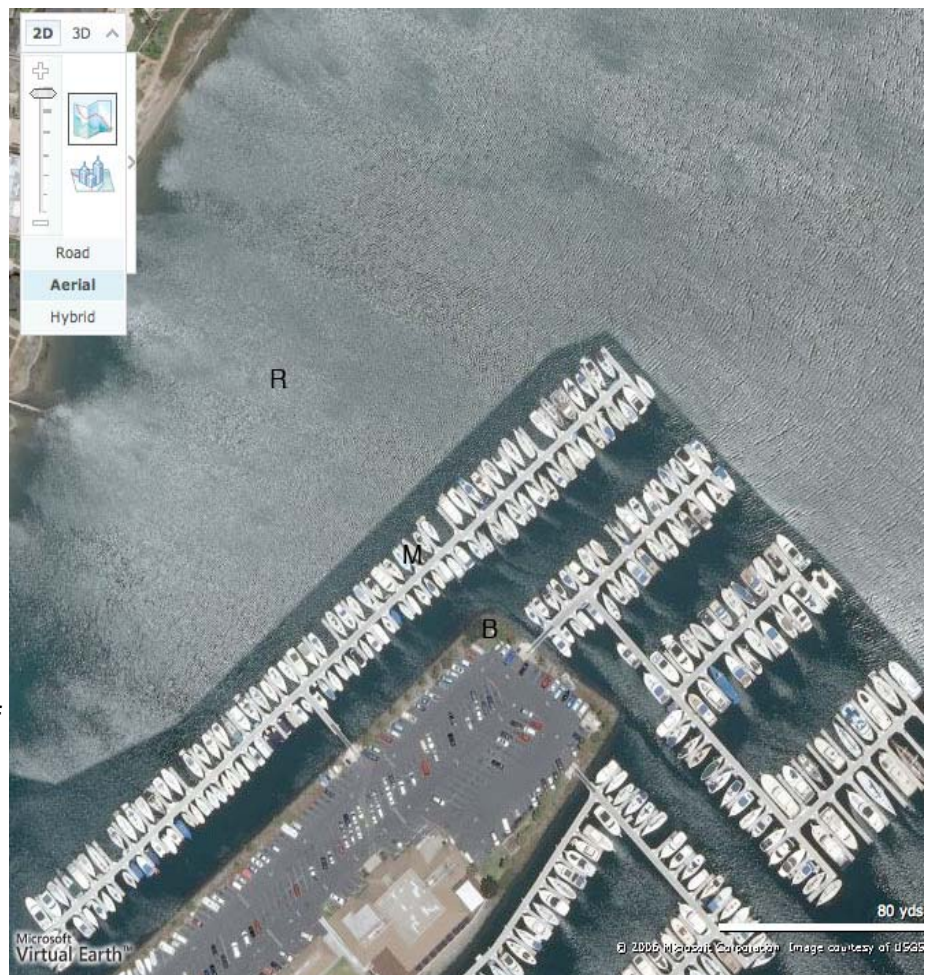


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Program Announcement

Ancient Mariner's 4th of July Weekend Kick-Off Barbecue.
Thursday, Southwestern Yacht Club, 6:00 PM

This special ****Program Announcement**** is for our 4th of July Kick-Off Barbecue, coming right up this Thursday (2 July) at the Southwestern Yacht Club. We'll have burgers and hot dogs, but you're encouraged to bring whatever else you'd like to grill, potluck side dishes to share and lawn chairs. Also, bring your favorite beverages and drinks. If you wish, the club bar is also available, of course. The location of the barbecue pit ("B") on Southwestern Yacht Club premises is shown in the photograph—by the "D" dock, and south of Maid of Kent's slip ("M").



Also, please take note of the other events and races for July and August elsewhere in this issue of the Albatross, including the Newport Wooden Boat Festival, which will be held on 8 August at the American Legion Yacht Club in Newport Beach (see ALYC291@gmail.com.) Ancient Mariner's yachts returning from the McNish Classic Race will be welcome to join the show!



2009 Kettensburg Regatta Results

Southwestern Yacht Club's Race Committee once again provided superb race management, and the staff did a fine job managing the starts and finishes all afternoon. There was a fine reception and awards ceremony at the club after the Regatta. The distance of the course sailed in each race was 4.60 NM, with the start times for each class presented in the results table below. Class K had 7 points awarded for DNC, DND, DNS, PMS, DSQ, and RET. 15 points were awarded in the PC Class for the same, and 6 points in the PCC Class. Every year there is more and more interest in the large fleet of classic Kettensburgs calling San Diego and the West Coast home. Real enthusiasts will want to purchase the new book, Building Kettensburgs, authored by Mark Allen, and sponsored by Mystic Seaport and the San Diego Maritime Museum. Copies can be found in stock at the museum's store on the Embarcadero, or Seabreeze on Scott St.

RACE RESULTS FOR CLASS K. Race #1 Start Time 12:00:00, Race #2 Start Time 13:35:00								
Yacht, Sail #	Hand. SPM	Type	Skipper	Finish Time Race #1	Finish Time Race #2	Place Race #1, Place Race #2	Total Score	Final Standing
Woody	170			12:55:37	14:28:27	1, 1	2.00	1
Desiree, 37007	160	K38	Parker	12:57:17	14:30:24	2, 2	4.00	2
Avanti, 7942	165	K41	Lepis	12:57:49	14:30:55	3, 3	6.00	3
Campana Del Mar, 29	165	K41	Baker	12:59:01	14:35:40	4, 4	8.00	4
Elixir, 7271	165			12:59:57	14:35:40	6, 5	11.00	5
Athena	175			13:01:30	DNF	DNF	12.00	6
RACE RESULTS FOR CLASS PC. Race #1 Start Time 12:10:00, Race #2 Start Time 13:45:00								
Celeste, 40	0.00	PC	Holthaus	13:04:37	14:35:42	2, 1	3.00	1
Menace, 62	0.00	PC	Sutphen	13:03:14	14:36:57	1, 2	3.00	2
Water Wagon, 26	0.00	PC	Busch	13:09:18	14:38:34	10, 3	13.00	5
La Cucaracha, 14	0.00	PC		13:06:28	14:39:07	5, 4	9.00	3
First Fiddle, 11	0.00	PC		13:07:04	14:39:26	8, 5	13.00	6
Onion Truck, 21	0.00	PC	Bud Caldwell	13:03:56	14:39:31	9, 6	15.00	7
Route 66, 66	0.00	PC	Lawrence	13:09:29	14:40:25	11, 7	18.00	10
Jade, 9	0.00	PC	Gustafson	13:05:18	14:40:27	3, 8	11.00	4
Maiga B, 78	0.00	PC		13:06:52	14:40:30	7, 9	16.00	9
Yankee, 72	0.00	PC	Grundies	13:06:35	14:40:55	6, 10	16.00	8
Azora, 39	0.00	PC	Anderson	DNC	DNC	DNC	30.00	12
Skylark, 31	0.00	PC		DNC	DNC	DNC	30.00	13
Twilight, 54	0.00	PC	Worthington	DNC	DNC	DNC	30.00	14
Cal M.E., 84	0.00	PC	B. Eichenlaub	13:06:05	DNS	4, DNS	19.00	11
RACE RESULTS FOR CLASS PCC. Race #1 Start Time 12:20:00, Race #2 Start Time 13:55:00								
Comanche, 22	230	PCC		13:11:01	14:42:05	1, 1	3	25
Lark, 16	380	PCC		13:20:55	14:51:46	3, 2	4	26
Belle of the West	450	PCC		DNC	DNC	DNC	DNS	DNS
Eulalie, 1	290	PCC		DNC	DNC	DNC	1	2
Selene, 3	290	PCC		13:12:25	DNF	2, DNF	2	15

Updated Schedule of AMSS Events and Programs

Thanks to AMSS Programs Chair Greg Stewart for updating the 2009 Schedule of Events and 2009 Schedule of Programs. These are sent as additional PDF file attachments along with your July Albatross forwarded by e-mail. Or, if you're still receiving your newsletter by snail mail, your newsletter will seem a bit heavier this month. Enjoy, and keep these handy as reminders.

Newport Wooden Boat Festival, Saturday, 8 August

The American Legion Yacht Club in Newport Beach is hosting the Newport Wooden Boat festival on Saturday, 8 August, in cooperation with the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum and the Wooden Hull Yacht Club. We were recently approached by boat festival organizers, who recommended that any AMSS vessels would be welcome to participate, and that we could be accommodated with Newport tie-ups earlier in the week, especially if boats returning from the McNish Classic to San Diego wanted to spend a few days in Newport. Please contact Commodore Hilmen with any questions you may have regarding these kind arrangements, or to be put in touch with the proper contacts.



In Cooperation with the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum & The Wooden Hull Yacht Club

\$5 Admission (12 and under free) • Festival Parking \$15

American Legion Yacht Club • 15th Street & Balboa Blvd • Newport Beach
Contact: American Legion Yacht Club • ALYC291@gmail.com



An anchor is a forged piece of iron, admirably adapted to its end... To its perfection its size bears witness, for there is no other appliance so small for the great work it has to do.

- Joseph Conrad from *The Mirror of the Sea*, 1906



McNish Classic Race: Saturday 1 August, 2009

Many of us will be casting off later this month for the McNish Classic Yacht Race. The winner of the race obtains the prestigious Strathmore Cup, and Skipper's weight in Mumm's Champagne. Starting at noon on Saturday, the first boat leads the "inverted start" fleet over a 17 mile course over the waters off Channel Islands and Ventura Harbor. A barbecue and trophy presentations will take place at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club following the race. Trophies will be awarded in each class and for overall winners.

Friday night, before the race, there will be a free Taco Bar. Please contact Scott Harrison (805) 985-3363 or the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club for further information (805) 985-PCYC (7292). Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club will provide dock space at no charge. Join others at the guest dock raft-up, or if you prefer your own slip. Skipper's Meeting 08:30 Saturday Morning. If you require assistance with crew, the PCYC will endeavor to fill your need. This year's race is in memory of Juanita McNish, Dick McNish's wife, who passed away February 20, 2009. Juanita was very involved in the race from its inception, and will be missed by all.



Surplus Ancient Mariners Display Cabinet Available

The display cabinet pictured here was custom built primarily of oak, and was acquired by AMSS as the display cabinet for our first exhibit at the Maritime Museum of San Diego. Subsequently, a much larger museum display cabinet was made available for our permanent exhibit on the main deck of the Berkeley ferryboat.

This cabinet is fairly large and in excellent condition. It has several glass shelves, and the lower part contains two drawers and a full width closed cabinet with doors. We expect that the Maritime Museum will want us to remove it from the Berkeley as new exhibits are arriving in the near future.

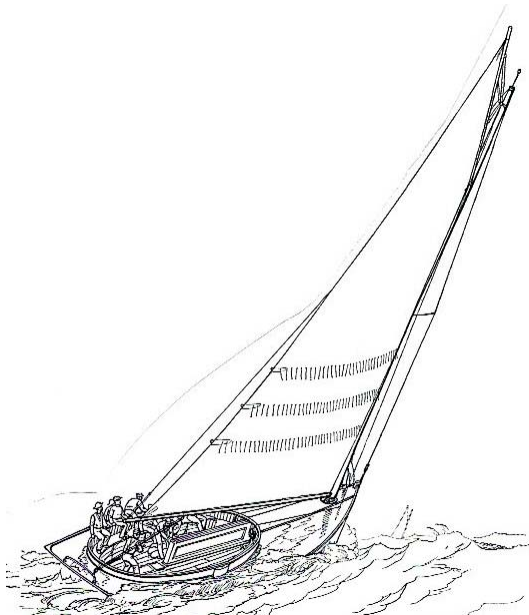
If you could make good use of this cabinet at your home or workplace (bookshelves and storage, dinnerware and curio display, the AMSS will deliver it to its new home for a very small price, to become a donation to the AMSS. Please call Dave Easter if you or your friends could be interested in acquiring this piece of furniture. Thanks! deaster1@san.rr.com



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 BBQ-SWYC	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Coronado Isl..
12..Over night SDYC	13	14	15	16 Board Mtg.	17	1820 G-Cup #4
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1McNish Classic

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Before Squalls or Heavy Weather:

- Close tightly all portholes and openings,
- Cover hatches and skylights with heavy canvas,
- Rig lifelines to assist crew handling sails or ground tackle,
- Secure all deck gear, esp. anchors,
- Down below, stow all loose gear and materials, make sure locker doors and drawers are shut tight against opening

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