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MEETINGS

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Two of Seven New Racing Sails for *Sprig*, 1st Time Out of the Bag

The 2009 Six Meter World Cup will be sailed in Newport, RI during the first half of September, at nearly the same time of year as when the America's Cup Races were held for many years at that smart port town. Sail Newport is the organizing group, with cooperation of the Museum of Yachting, International Yacht Restoration School and the New York Yacht Club. The Fleet will be divided into Classic and Modern divisions. *Sprig* will be in the Classic division, racing with new Dacron sails which will permit her to qualify as a Vintage Classic, and race for some additional Vintage trophies. *Sprig's* stalwart crew include owner Greg Stewart, Doug Jones (Trimmer), Chris Dalton (Bow), Kirstin Hetch (Trimmer) and John Gladstone (Tactician and Sailmaker). The entire boat is now being prepared by this experienced crew. Cont'd, pg. 7...

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Editor's Corner: Busy August Ahead

We'll have our plates full this August with plenty of great races and events scheduled. Kicking off on the first day of the month, the McNish Classic Regatta will sail the usual offshore course from Channel Islands Harbor. Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club is our perennial host up that way, and they do a tremendous job of taking care of kith and kin while we're visiting and competing for that grand prize, the skipper's weight in Mumm's champagne.

There's a ****Special Program**** Announcement for our General Meeting at the San Diego Yacht Club on Thursday, 6 August

(please see page 4). We're very pleased to have Maritime Museum of San Diego President Ray Ashley, and naval architect Doug Sharp present a program on the **San Salvador**. The ship was Juan Cabrillo's flagship, and a replica will be constructed starting later this year at Spanish Landing. Please come early to have drinks or dinner at the club if you wish before the program begins at 7:30PM. As always, friends, family and guests are welcome. This will surely be one of our most crowded events this year, so come grab a seat while you can.

Our feature article this month is about the the **Sprig** Team's campaign for the Six Meter World Cup, scheduled to sail in Newport, RI in September. Please visit with your friends who are part of the **Sprig** Team before they leave to convey your very best wishes for success. This is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a handful of our favorite Ancient Mariners,

whose effort to prepare for this prestigious competition was a major undertaking, to say the least. Go fast and sure every race you guys, and may USA 6 dominate the Vintage Fleet of boats hailing from all sailing nations! Greg Stewart will recap the entire event with a slide show and presentation for our General Meeting Program in October. Better, visit them in September, and see if there's a guest bunk available on **Sprig's** Mother Ship.

The Commodore's Cup will sail on Saturday, 16 August and once again the North Coronados Island in Mexican waters will be the far mark, so please be sure to consult the 2009 Sailing Instructions. To double your pleasure, we'll run the race together with the San Diego PC Fleet, which will be sailing the same course. See you out there... *Aloha-Dave*

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July Flag Boat – *Scamp*

Scamp was designed and built at the Stone Shipyard as Lester Stone's personal boat between 1957 to 1966. Tom and Wyndham Jackson acquired *Scamp* in 1997, and have sailed her in Alaskan waters before bringing her down to San Diego. Together, they have over 30 years of oceanic sailing experience in areas ranging from Australia to Alaska. **Scamp's** basic specifications are:



length 33', beam 11', draft 5' and the boat displaces 22,000 lbs. She's a beamy, safe ocean going vessel that can withstand some heavy weather, and may be safely single-handed. The Jackson's made a decision to complete an extensive reconstruction of *Scamp*, with the intent to keep the boat and sail her for many more years. **Scamp** was hauled at Koehler Kraft in November 2003, and returned to the water a new boat a scant five months later, in April 2004.

Tom is a professional engineer, and the program he presented at an Ancient Mariners General Meeting following the reconstruction imparted some very wise guidelines. Tom emphasized the importance of establishing the scope of the project at hand, involving detailed planning before all else. Of note, the original construction of **Scamp** at the Stone Shipyard required 5,200 hours. **Scamp's** reconstruction project subsequently incorporated over 1,600 hours, with the vast majority of those coming from Tom and his friends, and less than 300 from contractors.



There's an article available online at the Ancient Mariners website (www.amss.us): "An Ancient Mariner Restores his Classic Yacht **Scamp**." This article was first published in the Summer/Fall issue, Vol. 44 of the Maritime Museum of San Diego's quarterly scholarly journal, Mains'l Haul, accompanying another about the association of the AMSS and the SDMM: "A Living Museum of Vessels from the Golden Age of Yachting." So, please visit our website for a more detailed look at Tom's outstanding success with **Scamp**. Where he got the energy to complete this project in five months is a real mystery!

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Program Announcement

Ray Ashley and Doug Sharp on the **San Salvador**,
Thursday, 6 August, San Diego Yacht Club. 7:30 PM

Two years ago our nation celebrated the four hundredth year since the founding of the first successful English colony in Jamestown, Virginia. Yet sixty five years before settlement at Jamestown and seventy-eight years before the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts, in the very year that gave birth to the scientific revolution, a tiny Spanish expedition bound up the coast of New Spain toward what they thought was China discovered what would one day be the fabulous and wealthy state of California. During the past century the name of that expedition's leader has become known to every schoolchild attending fourth grade in a California school as has the name of his ship: **San Salvador**.



Now the Maritime Museum of San Diego is planning the ambitious project of reconstructing the galleon **San Salvador** in full scale as a signature regional effort, completing her transition from symbol of our founding story to fully operational museum ship and classroom for thousands of visitors and school children each year. Resurrecting a ship no one has seen for more than 400 years from fragmentary evidence has proven to be a forensic voyage in itself. Dr. Ray Ashley, President of the Maritime Museum and naval architect Doug Sharp, will review the San Salvador story and describe her return to physical form as a signature effort for our region and a celebration of our relationship with the sea. Come hear about this exciting project!

Please join us for this Ancient Mariners General Meeting; bring your friends, family and guests, and prepare to enjoy one of our finest programs this year. Come earlier to avail yourself of bar or dining services at the club before the meeting. We hope to see you there!

2009 20 Guinea Cup #3 and #4 Race Results

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2009 G-Cup - Results GC #3 June 6th, 2009

2008 GC Results R3

Long Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Bravo
12.80
12:00:00
83

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Short Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Bravo
6.40
12:00:00
195

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									
Pacifica	112	371	0 6 11	0:06:11	14:21:22	2:21:22	2:15:11	1	1
Frolic	148	832	0 13 52	0:13:52	14:29:39	2:29:39	2:15:47	2	2
Chimaera (P)	83	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	14:19:26	2:19:26	2:19:26	3	3
Short Course									
Pilot	310	736	0 12 16	0:12:06	13:30:57	1:30:57	1:18:51	1	1
Zephyr	290	608	0 10 8	0:10:08	13:29:00	1:29:00	1:18:52	2	2
L-16 Cup									
Zephyr	290	608	0 10 8	0:10:08	13:29:00	1:29:00	1:18:52	1	1

Note: DNS = last place + 2 points, DNF = last place + 1 point
(P) Denotes Provisional Handicap

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2008 G-Cup - Results GC #4 July 18, 2009

2009 GC Results R4

Long Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Bravo
12.80
12:00:00
83

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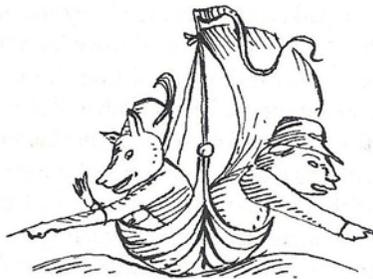
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Short Course
Distance
Start Time
Scratch Boat

Bravo
6.40
12:00:00
180

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									
Chimaera (P)	83	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:56:51	1:56:51	1:56:51	1	1
Sprig	124	525	0 8 45	0:08:45	14:06:00	2:06:00	1:57:15	2	2
Altair	175	1178	0 19 38	0:19:38	14:39:15	2:39:15	2:19:37	3	3
Nirvana	100	218	0 3 38	0:03:38	14:33:47	2:33:47	2:30:09	4	4
Short Course									
Woody	180	0	0 0 0	0:18:07	13:08:54	1:08:54	0:50:47	1	1
Zephyr	290	704	0 11 44	0:11:44	13:21:00	1:21:00	1:09:16	2	2
Windley	290	704	0 11 44	0:11:44	13:21:42	1:21:42	1:09:58	3	3
Pilot	310	832	0 13 52	0:13:52	13:25:04	1:25:04	1:11:12	4	4
Freedom	195	96	0 1 36	0:01:36	13:19:02	1:19:02	1:17:26	5	5
L-16 Cup									
Zephyr	290	704	0 11 44	0:11:44	13:21:00	1:21:00	1:09:16	1	1
Windley	290	704	0 11 44	0:11:44	13:21:42	1:21:42	1:09:58	2	2

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Walter Cronkite Crosses the Bar, 1916–2009

From The Economist Obituary of 23 July 2009: The best hours of Walter Cronkite's life were not spent in a newsroom, or in pursuit of a story. They came after vigorous days of sailing his yawl **Wyntje** off the coast of Maine or Georgia. There was nothing more satisfying then, he wrote,

than dropping anchor in an otherwise deserted cove just before sunset, of pouring that evening libation and, with a freshly roasted bowl of popcorn, lying back as the geese and ducks and loons make your acquaintance and the darkness slowly descends to complement the silence.

An anchor, by the dictionary definition, was “a thing affording stability; a source of confidence.” In its narrower sense of a man on television, holding a firm line through chaotic events, it was coined for Mr. Cronkite in 1952, when he covered the Democratic and Republican conventions for CBS. That he went on to play the role of anchor for the whole of America, holding the craft steady through the gales of Vietnam, Watergate and the Kennedy and King assassinations with his reading of the CBS Evening News, was a source of both pride and surprise to him.

Save (Take!) This Boat, Please - the Madeline O

The Madeline O is a 32' bridge deck motor yacht built by the venerable Fellows and Stewart Shipyard in 1926. In appearance, she resembles some of the pre-war Lake Union bridge deck motor yachts, with the classic enclosed cockpit and deckhouse aft, cabin amidships, ports along the topsides fore and aft, and a ventilating skylight. Madeline O is in trouble, and needs a new home—she's to be removed from the San Diego Yacht Club very soon. She is available to individuals or organizations who would make a commitment to keep her in service, but quick action is required. Lots of work, but the price is right.



One of the main attractions of this boat is that she's an original San Diego vessel, having been home-ported here since new. So, it's a part of the local waterfront, and part of our maritime heritage going back many years. However, it's also remarkable that she's an “all-original time capsule.” Nothing has been changed or modified. She's fitted with a galley containing a two-burner stove and icebox. There's a bronze compass and original clock and barometer. Anchors, antique windlass, etc. The engine is the original gas inboard 4-cylinder Kermath, that, when running, made a cruise speed of 7 knots. So, this is a real picnic boat for the Big Bay of San Diego. Contact Gary Piazzoni for additional information, garypz@sbcglobal.net, 619 429-3717. Or contact the editor, Dave Easter, deaster1@san.rr.com, 858 551 4340.



Sprig to Race World Cup, Cont'd

The **Sprig** campaign will have yacht transportation back and forth to Newport arranged by Mike Thomas and Hank Thayer. There will be a power boat to serve as tow and tender for extra gear. **Sprig** will be stored at New England Boatworks before and after the event. A Mother Ship has been chartered for the **Sprig** team, easing logistics and dining aboard, with possible spare bunks for some guests.

Greg advises that he expects the foreign boats to be more competitive than USA's., with about 15-20 Classic boats and 10-15 Modern boats. Strong competitors include: **Fri-dolin**, FIN 12; **Elisabeth X**, NOR 80; **Totem**, US 51; **Djinn**, FIN 67 and **Dix Aout**, FRA 111. Asked to cite the ten most important tasks or milestones that have faced the **Sprig** campaign to date, Greg cites: "(1) Money. (2) Rebuilding and refinishing the mast. (3) Official 6 Meter measurement. (4) New Dacron sails to comply with the Vintage Rules sub-fleet. (5) Re-Fairing the hull bottom. (6) Borrowing a suitable trailer, modified to take Sprig cross-country. (7) Rework deck gear to comply with Vintage Rules while maximizing efficiency. (8) Organization and Logistics. (9) Cross – country transportation. (10) Money!" Now we know why Greg's Mustang (Jack Sutphen's old ride) still needs a paint job. Before the team departs, all Ancient Members are requested to convey their best wishes for good luck during the races. Donations of Black Seal to augment team stores and the Mother Ship galley will be gladly accepted.

Commodore's Cup Sails Sunday, 16 August

The 2009 Commodore's Cup Race continues the traditional Long Course from San Diego Buoy #3, around the North Coronados Island, and back to finish at Buoy #3. Boats sailing the Long Course may be required to register with the Ancient Mariners Port Captain, who will provide a list of entrants to Homeland Security agencies to avoid formal U.S. Customs filings by each boat on return to San Diego. Stand by for further instructions on this matter; please consult the AMSS website or call any Board Member before the race.

This is a take your own finish time race, sans Race Committee and Committee Boat. Record your own finish time in accordance with the Sailing Instructions, and the name of the vessels that finish ahead and astern of your boat. The Short Course boats will race a 12 mile course from the Buoy #3 Start to Buoy #1 (to Port), San Diego Mooring Buoy "TG #1" (to Port), Buoy #3 (to Starboard), Buoy #14 (to Starboard), and Buoy #17 (to Port, Finish). Long Course boats will start and finish at Buoy #3, and round North Coronados Island to Port.

Further information will be posted on the AMSS website before the Commodore's Cup Race. The event is open to all Ancient Mariners Sailing Society members in good standing and invited or accepted guests of the Commodore.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 McNish Classic
2	3	4	5	6 Gen Mtg.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Comm Cup Race	20	21	22	20 Board Mtg.	21	22
23/30	24/31					

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When the ship is decked out in all her canvas, every sail swelled, and careering gaily over the curling waves, how lofty; how gallant she appears—how she seems to lord it over the deep!~ Washington Irving

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