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sailing society

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Classic Design Owner:

The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society has recently expanded the type of boats eligible to race in many of the AMSS events. In particular AMSS has introduced a "Classic Design" Class for AMSS Regular Member Vessels that are of "Classic Design" but do not meet the "Classic Construction" component of AMSS Flag Member vessel status. Please see attached Announcement.

We are reaching out to you since it your boat appears to qualify as an AMSS "Classic Design" Vessel and to invite you to consider applying for AMSS Regular Membership so you can race with AMSS.

If you are interested in becoming an AMSS Regular Member and having your boat confirmed as an AMSS "Classic Design" please fill out the attached AMSS Membership Application and return it along with a check for \$50. The approval process consists of the Board of Directors reviewing the Regular Membership Application and the AMSS Racing Committee confirming the Vessel meets the "Classic Design" guidelines. (The check will not be cashed until both steps are completed. If for any reason "Regular Member" membership and/or "Classic Design" Vessel status is not granted your check will be returned.)

An AMSS Regular Membership includes access to:

- Monthly programs on classic boat races, rebuilds, restorations, notes on destinations.
- Competitive Corinthian racing followed by after parties at a local venue such as Fiddlers.
- Annual Commodore's Ball at Southwestern Yacht Club.
- A wealth of information the many experienced sailors & boat builders in the AMSS membership.

At present AMSS "Classic Design" Vessels are eligible to race in the following AMSS races:

- Guinea Cup Series (7 Race Series February-November)
- Half Pint-o-Rum Regatta
- April Fools Race

Feel free to give me a call at my office (619) 223-2154 or my cell, (619) 726-3412 if I can be of any assistance.

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For additional details about:

AMSS Programs, Races & Events visit the AMSS website at <http://www.amss.us/>
AMSS Handicap Method visit (<http://www.amss.us/racing-events.html>) .



AMSS Introduces "Classic Design" class

The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, AMSS, introduces "Classic Design" class of vessels eligible to race in AMSS Races. A description of the eligibility requirements and participation details are as follows:

Description

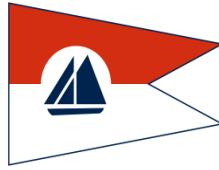
1. Existing AMSS Regular Members may propose their vessel be granted permission to race in the "Classic Design" class by submitting request to AMSS Membership Chairperson for approval by the Racing Committee.
2. Prospective AMSS Regular Member owners, interested in the "Classic Design" class, shall apply and be granted Regular membership per the Bylaws and receive approval, for a specific vessel, to race from the Racing Committee.
3. "Classic Design" class vessels accepted to race will be of classic or traditional design, even if they are not made of wood such as the K41, 5.5M and Shields designs.
4. The "Classic Design" class will be offered for the remaining races in the 2016 edition of the 20 Guinea Cup Series and the 2016 Half Pint-o-Rum Regatta.
5. Pending 2017 AMSS BOD approval, the "Classic Design" class vessels will be eligible to race in the 2017 editions of The 20 Guinea Cup Series, April Fools Race and Half Pint-o-Rum Regatta.
6. "Classic Design" class vessels will have own class and be scored separately.
7. "Classic Design" class vessels will be handicapped per the AMSS handicapping philosophy.

Background

The Committee of John Buser, Johnny Smullen, Jerry Newton, Dave Gardner and Greg Stewart considered alternatives for allowing boats of Classic Design to race that do not meet the requirements of AMSS Flag Vessels. The Committee reviewed the historical aspects of what type vessels have been allowed to race in AMSS races since 1975 as well as trends in other areas of the country. The Committee determined that the present criteria that "Flag Vessels" must be of "Classic Design and Construction" per the Bylaws should remain intact. The Committee determined that it makes sense for AMSS to start allowing/re-allowing Regular Member Vessels that are of "Classic Design" and not of "Classic Construction" to race. The Committee proposed the above to the 2016 AMSS BOD and was approved on July 21, 2016.

AMSS has posted the above on the AMSS website, in the Membership Section, and will forward as a Regular Membership invitation to Owners who have expressed interest to race that may have boats that may meet the "Class Design" criteria.

12/15/16 update



2017 Membership Application

Background

The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society was founded in 1975 as a non-profit corporation with purpose "to preserve and promote interest in vessels of ancient and / or classic design." The Society meets monthly, publishes a monthly newsletter called the **Albatross** and sponsors regattas, cruises and related events throughout the year. The Society's major event is the Yesteryear Regatta held in spring or early summer.

Eligibility

There are three classes of membership:

Flag members are those who own qualifying vessel.*

Regular members are individuals without qualifying vessel.

Honorary members, which are of two types: individuals who have commended themselves to club esteem and boats that have distinguished themselves by virtue of their historical value.

**A qualifying vessel is a sail or power boat of ancient vintage and/or classic design that is made of traditional materials.*

Two flag members of the Society must sponsor an applicant.

Benefits

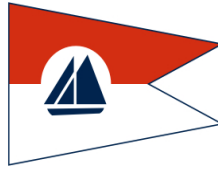
Include Informative monthly meetings, Races & Cruises, Classic Boat Shows, Raft-Ups, Monthly newsletter (Albatross), Social Events, Boat building demonstrations, Discounts at participating establishments.

Process

The following is a brief description of the membership process:

1. After receipt of membership application and fees the Board of Directors will vote on applicant at the next regular monthly BOD meeting. Each class of member must be accepted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
2. Prospective Applicant's are welcome to attend general meetings and participate in all events.
3. Accepted members will be officially welcomed at the next general meeting, presented AMSS burgee (if applicable), and requested to say few words about them self and their Vessel.
4. Your name and description of your yacht will be published in the *Albatross*.
5. Questions about this application or the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society should be directed to Membership Chair Leslie Jenness at (602) 301-0059 or <leslie@gendertraining.com>.

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Date: _____

2017 Membership Application

AMSS Membership Classification Flag Member (incl. burgee) \$85 () Regular Member \$50 ()

Member Sponsors 1. _____ 2. _____

Personal Information

Name _____ Spouse/Partner _____
 Street/PO Box _____ Occupation _____
 City _____ Work Phone (____) _____
 State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____
 Home Phone (____) _____

Activities/Interests (circle all that apply)

Racing, Crewing, Cruising, Boat Building, Repair & Maintenance, Maritime History, Social Events, Club Organization & Committees, Program Planning, Sail Events, Website, Newsletter, Merchandise, Other: _____

Vessel Information Sailing Vessel () Motor Vessel ()

Vessel _____ Homeport _____ Berth _____
 DOC/CF # _____ Sail Number _____ PHRF Rating _____
 Designer _____ Design Class Name _____ Year Designed _____
 Builder _____ Where Built _____ Year Built _____
 Length Overall _____ Waterline Length _____ Beam _____
 Draft _____ Displacement _____ Working Sail Area _____
 Hull Material _____ Type of Construction _____
 Spar Material _____ Rigging Material _____
 Rig Type: Sloop () Cutter () Ketch () Yawl () Schooner () Catboat () Other: _____
 Gaff Main () Marconi Main () Spinnaker ()

Please write a brief description and history of your yacht on the backside of this sheet- something suitable for publication in *the Albatross* newsletter. Please include photos, a line drawing, articles written about the vessel.

Submit Application to below address Attn "Membership Applications"

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