



## **Mitena Perpetual Trophy**

### **Trophy Dedication Announcement**

*New Perpetual Trophy for the Half Pint-o-Rum Regatta to be dedicated at the 2009 AMSS Annual Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Commodore's Ball on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>.*

The **Mitena Perpetual Trophy** is a new Ancient Mariners Sailing Society Perpetual Trophy the first of which is dedicated for very popular Half-Pint-o-Rum Regatta. It will be awarded to the corrected time winner in the Traditional Format Class A.

The Windlass for the **Mitena** Perpetual Trophy was donated to AMSS by Paul Brown of Macatawa, MI through AMSS member Greg Stewart. Known to his friends as "Brown" he was the project manager of the **Mitena** Syndicate a well known Great Lakes clan of racers that campaigned the 8 meter **Warrior**, 12 meter **Mitena**, 73 foot Yawl **Windigo**, Ericson 46 **Dragon**, 51 foot Sloop **Mitena** (ex **Dyna**), & the C&C61 **Brassy** (ex **Sassy**). Brown passed away in early 2009 and this trophy is dedicated to honor Brown and the other **Mitena** Syndicate members that Stewart met and sailed with growing up.

Said Stewart , "The Half Pint-o-Rum Regatta is just the type of event that the **Mitena** Syndicate would have enjoyed. They were a bunch of fun loving characters that would have fit in well with the early AMSS characters of the same period." "The Windlass aptly fits the Half Pint since setting and retrieving the anchor can play a major factor in one's result."

The **Mitena** Windlass is a Bronze Windlass from the L. Francis Herreshoff designed and Herreshoff Manufacturing Company (HMC) built 12 meter yacht **Mitena**. This Windlass is one example of the fine Bronze castings made in house at the HMC. The HMC was known for building almost every part that went on HMC yachts as a means of controlling schedule, cost and quality. This Windlass is featured in the L. Francis book the **Common Sense of Yacht Design**.

The **Mitena Perpetual Trophy** will be housed in the AMSS display case at the Maritime Museum of San Diego with each year's winner noted.