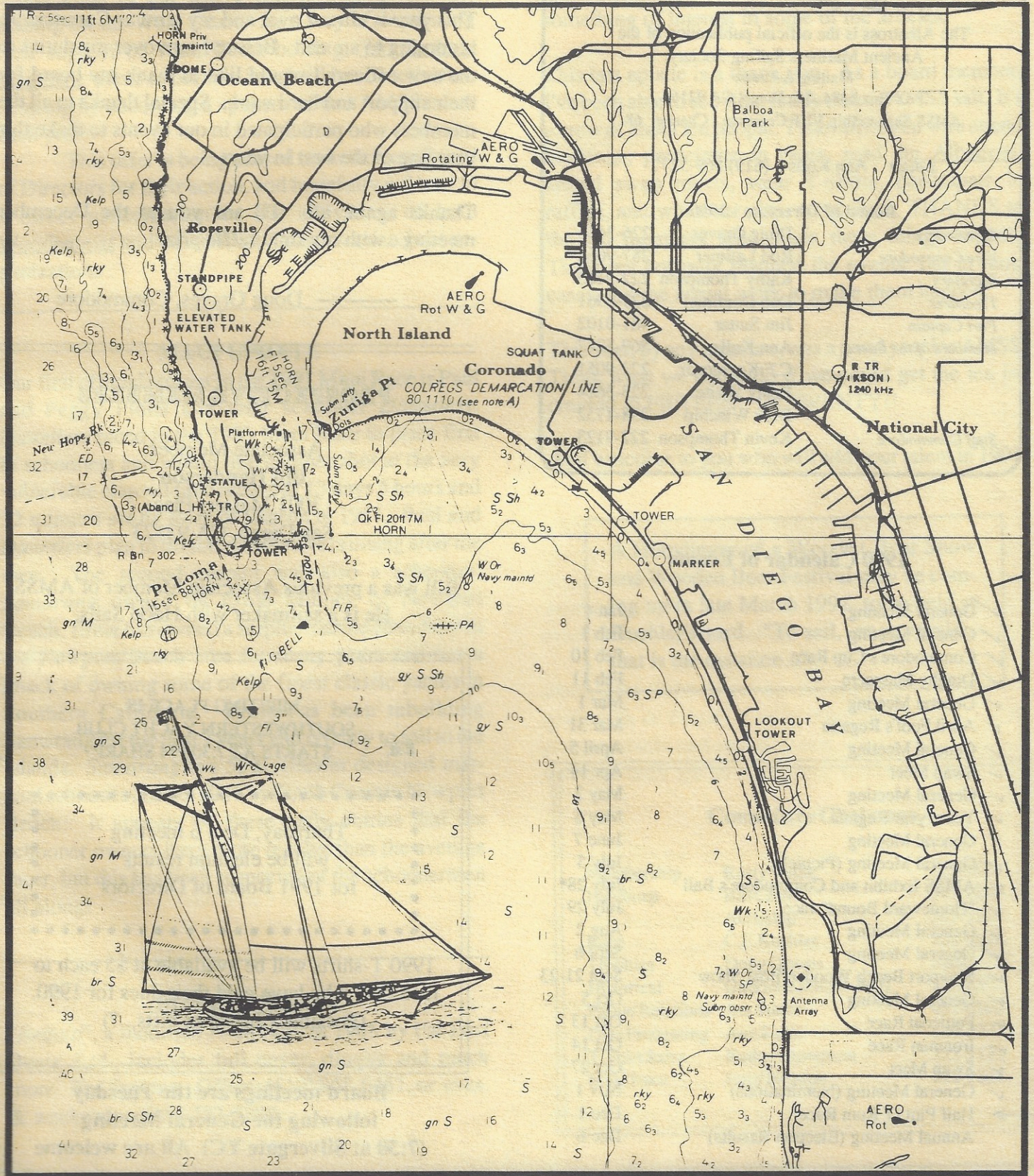
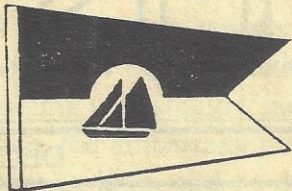


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**1990 Calendar of Events**

✓ General Meeting	Jan 4
✓ General Meeting	Feb 1
✓ Commodore's Cup Race	Feb 10
✓ Dinghy Massacre	Feb 11
✓ General Meeting	Mar 1
✓ April Fool's Regatta	Mar 31
✓ General Meeting	April 5
✓ Swap Meet	Apr 14
✓ General Meeting	May 3
✓ Yesteryear Regatta	May 5
✓ General Meeting	June 7
✓ General Meeting (Picnic)	July 5
✓ AMSS Exhibit and Commodore's Ball	July 28*
✓ "Homeward Bound" race	July 29
✓ General Meeting	Aug 2
✓ General Meeting	Sept 6
✓ Newport Beach Wooden Boat Show	Sept 21-23
✓ General Meeting	Oct 5
✓ Petticoat Race	Oct 13
✓ Ironman Race	Oct 14
✓ Swap Meet	Oct 27
✓ General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 1
→ Half Pint O' Rum Race	Dec 1
Annual Meeting (Election Results)	Dec 6

# From the Helm

This year is almost over and my term as Commodore is coming to an end. Before I turn over my duties to the new officers I would like to thank my board for their support and hard work. Special thanks to all the members who participated in our events to make this year one of the best in years.

Thanks again, all. I'll see you at the December meeting...with my final raffle prize!

————— Doug Graves, Commodore

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

Associate Member:  
**Bill Henderson**  
3001 Masters Place  
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Bill was a previous Associate Member of AMSS.  
He is a sailmaker with Hood Sails.

MEETING PLACE IS  
SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB.  
STARTS AT 7:30 PM SHARP



Thursday, Dec. 6 meeting  
will be election results  
for 1991 Board of Directors

1990 T-shirts will be available at \$5 each to  
members who have paid their dues for 1990.  
(Possible Christmas gifts...?)

**Board meetings are the Tuesday  
following the General Meeting  
(7:30 at Silvergate YC) All are welcome**

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## ANCIENT MARINERS AND WOODENBOAT

The editor of Woodenboat Magazine has sent a letter to Ancient Mariners expressing Woodenboat's appreciation of our active sponsorship of wooden boating on the West Coast. As a way of expressing their support of West Coast boating, Woodenboat Magazine wants to become involved in our activities, possibly by becoming a sponsor of one AMSS event each year.

This offer is being passed on to the new Board of Directors for their action, and hopefully will lead to a direct participation in our activities, of both Woodenboat and other West Coast wooden boat organizations .

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### MAUI UPDATE

Our first official entrant in the 1991 Maui Race is Paul and Peggy Plotts and their schooner *Dauntless*. *Dauntless* raced in the 1985 Maui Race to place first in schooners and would like another shot at the very vulnerable elapsed time record of 13 days 5 hours and 52 minutes set by *Rose of Sharon* in 1981. Paul and *Dauntless* plan to do some extensive cruising after the race. The second entrant was also a schooner, *Samarang* owned by Ernie Minney of Newport Beach. Ernie has owned a surplus marine chandlery in the Newport Beach area for many years and has a knack of owning some of the finest classic yachts in Southern California. Ernie has been rebuilding *Samarang* for the past 3 years and is ready to sail to the Islands. *Samarang* is a 55 ft. Brewer designed marconi schooner built in 1946 by South Coast in Newport Beach. It appears by these early entries that the schooner owners have more resolve than the average racer, but this has been suspected of the schoonermen all along!

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### BOAT FOR SALE

"*Bequia*", a modified H-28 built in 1965 by Far East Boats, Ltd., includes full cover, dinghy and much more. Ted Stearns. Office: (619) 258-6451, or eves. & weekends: (619) 287-5393

## PORTSIDE by Jim Sutter

This is the last column as Port Captain for 1990. I've written on topics as diverse as environmental law and hatch-building. I hope some of you have found something of interest in some of the articles.

This last epistle is a thank you. As a board member, I've been able to see what really makes AMSS sail. It's a crew of about ten people. From all of you who attend meetings, participate in races, read the Albatross, attend swap meets, wear T-shirts, participate in raffles, and whatever else we've done, THANKS to the ten members who made these things happen. These ten not only planned the events, but in most cases, did the actual work to make them happen.

This year, by any measure, was a good year for AMSS. Think what we could do if we could get the ten increased to FIFTEEN! Or TWENTY!!

And welcome to you who will add your talent in 1991.

A Humdinger of a Wooden Boat Show and Wooden Boat Festival may be coming up in late March 1991, to be held at Koehler's yard. "To sail, or to varnish, that is the question..."

### Committee Chairmen

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## SHALLOW THINKING by Rod Latimer

One of our flagship vessels has again confirmed that the waters off the south end of Shelter Island are becoming very shallow indeed. Thanks to an incoming tide, the embarrassment to the skipper lasted only about an hour, and no damage was sustained to the vessel.

The area bounded by the flagpole in front of the Harbor Police dock to the day marks at the Shelter Island channel entrance, to the East entrance gate of the Kona Kai, continues to sand in, and is now less than three feet deep in places at low tide.

While a passage for shallow draft power boats has been reported near and along the rock wall, deep draft sailing vessels should avoid this area regardless of the tide.

There are several more shallows in the bay that should also be avoided. The North end of Shelter Island between the Bali Hai Restaurant and the commercial harbor channel entrance day mark ("5MPH" sign) is very shallow, sometimes less than three feet at low water. The sand bar is slowly creeping northward and is now very near a line between the Bali Hai guest dock and the day mark.

Several people have reported further sanding in and around the entrance to Glorieta Bay, especially between Bay Bridge Tower Number 12 and Tower 6 in the southern curve of the bridge. No depths have been reported, only that several sailing vessels have grounded there in the past few months.

The very large bar on the East side of Glorieta Bay channel continues to be a hazard to all sailing vessels. At low water, less than four feet of water exists for several hundred yards East of the East Channel Entrance Buoy.

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## HALF PINT O' RUM RACE

The Half Pint O' Rum will start promptly at noon on sat. Dec. 1, 1990. We will begin off the beach southeast of the Naval sailing club along the bay side of the Silver Strand. To find the starting area proceed under the Coronado bridge to harbour buoy 26 then come to approx. 165 deg. mag. Please consult a recent harbor chart for the location of shoals east of the Coronado Bridge. We will be just southeast of some

new Navy construction; look for a perforated metal sheet on poles about 10 ft. above the sand. If you pass the Least Tern Nesting area and get as far as Crown Cove you have gone too far and will soon be aground. The skippers' meeting will be held on the beach at 11:30 where the course will be given out. An entry fee of *at least* a half pint of rum is required. Note: this is the only race of the year where your handicap may depend on the *quantity* and *quality* of your entry fee. The race committee this year will be C.F. Koehler in *Sea Kay III* and as usual, will have great latitude in assessing penalties as well as time awards for exceptional seamanship. In the past the best of the entry fees are consumed by the skippers from the bottle on the beach awaiting starting instructions, and in a recent race Jack Cabeen on *Sea Witch* was credited 5 min. for bringing cups to the beach for the purpose.

This race is designed to award seamanship (and creativity) rather than merely boat speed. The race starts with the boats at anchor, with sails down and the skipper (not his representative) must row (or swim) ashore for the skippers' meeting. After the starting instructions are given, around noon a horn will go off and the skippers will row out to the boats and only when he is aboard can the crew begin to hoist sail and sail off the anchor (no motors). After sailing the course the finish will be on the sandy beach across from Silvergate YC on Shelter Island south of the boat launching ramp. The skipper or his representative must row ashore with his own cup, find the rum keg and drink a mug of rum, and only then is elapsed time recorded. You will find the race committee on the beach with the keg used at the start for this purpose. If you foul any of the moored boats in the area of the finish, the race committee will deal with the offender very harshly for lack of seamanship.

The results will be announced and the awards given out at the raftup in La Playa following the race. This raftup is usually the best of the year, where crews can reflect on the race (tell lies) and the remainder of the rum keg disappears into some of the finest rum drinks to be found. Remember to give yourself at least one extra hour to get to the start due to one of the largest ebb tides of the year. Also remember to give adequate room to other vessels when anchoring at the start.

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