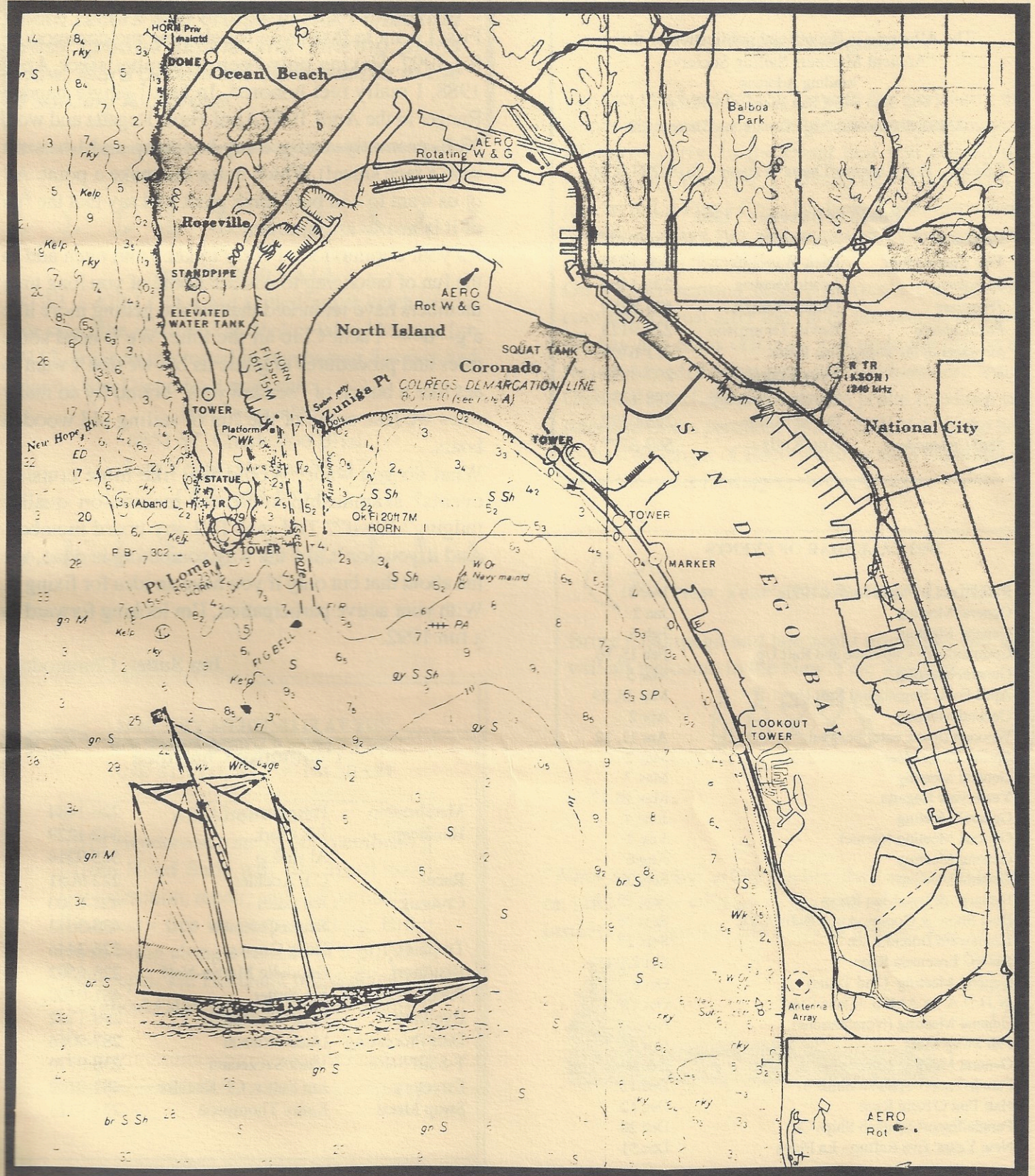


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1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Raft up at La Playa- End of 1991	Dec 31
General Meeting	Jan 2
General Meeting	Feb 6
Commodore's Cup Race and Raft Up	Feb 15, 16
General Meeting	Mar 5
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Mar 28, 29
General Meeting	Apr 2
Wooden Boat Center Festival	Apr 11, 12
Spring Swap Meet	May 2
General Meeting	May 7
Yesteryear Regatta	May 16, 17
General Meeting	June 4
General Meeting (picnic)	July 2
General Meeting	Aug 6
General Meeting	Sept 3
Petticoat & Iron Man Races	Sept 12, 13
Boat Show & Commodore's Ball CCYC	Sept 26
Homeward Bound Race	Sept 27
SWYC Ensenada Race	Oct 2,3,4
General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 8
W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)	Oct 17
General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 5
Fall Swap Meet	Nov 14
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 10
Parade/Escort Spanish Ships In	Dec 11
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 12
Parade/Escort Spanish Ships Out	Dec 20
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec 31

From the Helm

First I want to thank you for electing me commodore for 1992. Having only been a member since April 1988, I really feel honored. In fact I single handed Ranger in the April 1988 April Fools Regatta and won. (C.F. promptly changed my handicap and I haven't won a race since!) Which helps me make a point. All of us want to win but I think most will say that the fun of it is nearly as important.

As your commodore, I'll try to keep and even add to the fun of belonging to AMSS. Some of you long time members have remarked that we are getting more like a g-- d---- Yacht Club all the time. We'll need some rules and procedures to guide us but we don't want to act like a bunch of "sea lawyers" bound by so many rules we lose some of the fun of sailing old wooden boats.

What do you want? Would you like more cruising events? seamanship contests? restoration quality judging? What?? Tell me! Tell any board member! And if you don't like the way something is done, tell me about that but only if you have an idea for fixing it. With your active participation, I'm looking forward to a fun 1992.

Jim Sutter, Commodore

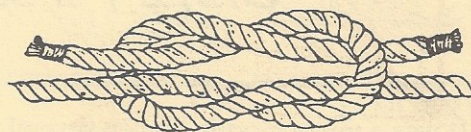
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COMMODORE'S CUP RACE

This year's Commodore's Cup Race, to be held February 15th and 16th, will combine a race to the Coronado's with an overnight stay at the islands. Courses will be laid for both racers and cruisers. Start checking your ground tackle and making plans now. More details will be available in the February Albatross.

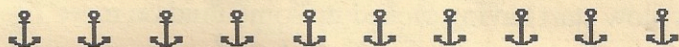
PORTside



by Kevin Thompson

The fact that I am having to write this very early this month suggests that you might also be receiving your Albatross early. In the event that you missed our meeting on December 5, I would like to invite you to join us in La Playa Cove for New Years Eve. Bring your boat, have fun and you won't have to worry about driving home.

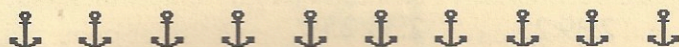
On a more serious note, America's Cup activity commences just after the 1st of the year. Our use of the bay and areas offshore will undoubtedly be affected. My affiliation with the Southwestern Yacht Club will hopefully place me in a position to keep you informed of the pertinent details. S.W.Y.C. is the host to the Challenger of Record and as such is putting on all of the races leading up to the Cup.



BOAT FOR SALE

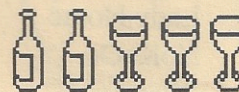
KIWI, a 42ft LOD Atkin Little Ranger ketch is now for sale. She is slipped at Shelter Island Marina Inn #112. Anyone interested in purchasing this rare and classic San Diego boat may call:

Bill Schroeder
6851 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89117
(702) 254-5650



New Year's Eve Raftup - La Playa

Bring Champagn and late night munchies and we will all welcome in the New Year together.



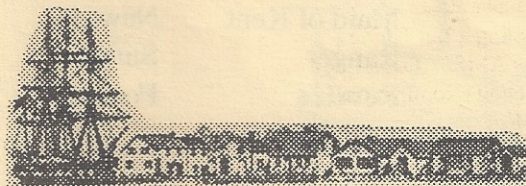
JANUARY MEETING IS AT THE
SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB.
AND STARTS AT 7:30 PM SHARP

All About Sails

Bill Henderson (one of our members) from Hood Sails will talk about sail construction, repair, and - of particular interest - tips on proper setting. Bill will bring along a sample of a proper sail repair kit. His chalk board diagnosis should also prove to be very useful!

"When men come to like sea life, they are not fit to live on land. Those who go to sea cannot escape from it, because it is then too late to chose another way of life"

Samuel
Johnson
1760



HALF PINT 'O' RUM RACE

It was a misty morning when several wooden boats chugged out of the slips or off their moorings and headed down the bay. Our new Commodore was stopped by the Coast Guard (supicious looking character that he is) but he managed to hide the fact that he is yet another member of the boating community that has inadvertently forgotten to pay his user fee.

The tide was at the peak as we dropped anchor and several daring skippers crept in close to shore. They rowed or swam to shore to sample the fermenting brew in the old wooden casket. Yes, this is the test of true seamanship. After making absolutely sure the brew was right, the whistle was blown and off they ran to the ships. The anchors came up and in very light and shifting breezes, the boats drifted off towards the Bridge. As usual, some drifted faster than others. Some had a very slow start having picked up some mud on more than their anchors.

The wind puffed and died and puffed and died and several boats fell behind and gave up. Several hardy skippers near the finish line deciding rowing was much faster and once within sight of Shelter Island beach jumped in their dingies and rowing furiously, left their craft doing wheelies in the middle of the bay. Once the final tot was downed, several boats adjourned to the raftup in La Playa and did what all good sailors do after a race - P A R T I E D!

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Handicap	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
<i>Racing Fleet</i>					
1	Sally	Koehler	80	2:39:25	2:39:25
2	Andale	Smith	126	3:02:20	2:56:12
3	Kachina	Thorpe	110	3:00:20	2:56:20
4	Kiahala		110	3:04:05	3:00:05
5	Malabar Star	Koepsel	190	4:07:25	3:52:45
	Lady Home				DNF
	NoKaOi	Morris			DNF
	Whisper	Williams			Disqualified

Cruising Fleet

1	Honalee	Miller	205	3:19:35	3:02:55
2	Sea Brig	Latimer	300	3:57:10	3:27:50
	Alouette	O'Brien			DNF
	Beyond	Beere			DNF
	Maid of Kent	Newton			DNF
	Ranger	Sutter			DNF
	Revelee	Fossum			DNF

As far as the half Pint 'o Rum cruising fleet is concerned we must paraphrase Sir Thomas Lipton: "Gentlemen (and Ladies) I have to congratulate you for doing your best to keep Honalee in sight the whole day through".