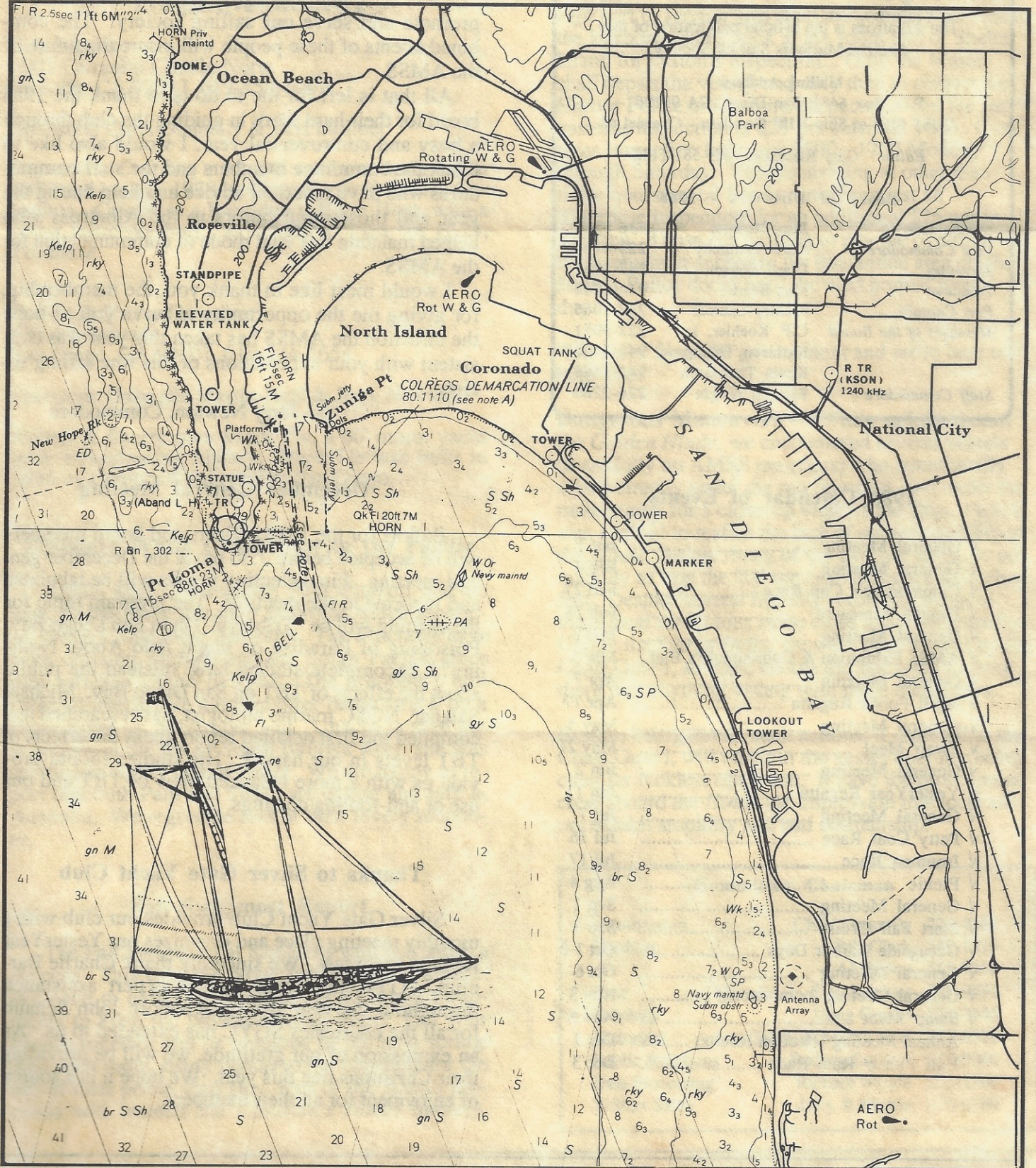
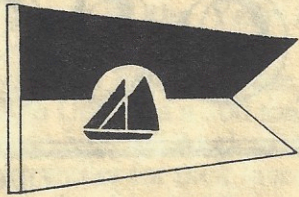


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It has been encouraging to see the rekindled interest in the AMSS this year. The name on the ballots you have received for next year's board represent a good combination of old and new members who are willing to

promote and serve our sailing society. The combined talents of these people will insure the future of the AMSS.

All that is left for me to do is to thank the 1988 board for their hard work in guiding the club through a busy and controversial year. I would also like to thank the committee members and the staff commodores who have lent their advice and help during the year and those contributors to the Albatross who helped maintain this vital mode of communication for the AMSS.

I would most like to thank you, the membership, for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I hope the direction the AMSS has taken this year was consistent with your expectations of this fine sailing society.

— Jerry Newton, Commodore

**1988 Calendar of Events**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| √ General Meeting .....                 | Jan 7   |
| √ General Meeting .....                 | Feb 4   |
| √ Commodore's Cup Race .....            | Feb 27  |
| √ Dinghy Massacre .....                 | Feb 28  |
| √ General Meeting .....                 | Mar 3   |
| √ AMSS Exhibition & Commodore's Ball..  | Mar 5   |
| √ General Meeting .....                 | Apr 7   |
| √ April Fool's Regatta .....            | Apr 17  |
| √ General Meeting .....                 | May 5   |
| √ Swap Meet .....                       | May 21  |
| √ General Meeting .....                 | Jun 2   |
| √ YesterYear Regatta .....              | Jun 11  |
| √ General Meeting .....                 | Jul 7   |
| √ Petty Coat Race .....                 | Jul 16  |
| √ Ironman Race .....                    | Jul 17  |
| √ Picnic .....                          | Aug 4   |
| √ General Meeting .....                 | Sep 1   |
| √ Start Fall Cruise .....               | Sep 3   |
| √ Oceanside Harbor Days .....           | Oct 1-2 |
| √ General Meeting .....                 | Oct 6   |
| √ General Meeting (nominatons) .....    | Nov 3   |
| √ Swap Meet .....                       | Nov 5   |
| Annual Meeting (election results) ..... | Dec 1   |
| Half Pint o' Rum Race .....             | Dec 3   |

**December General Meeting**

Ballots for the 1989 officers and board members will be accepted before 7:30 pm at the December general meeting. Final election results will be tabulated and reported at the meeting. The program topic for the evening will be "Tributyl Tin in San Diego Bay: Poisoning of Paradise or Much Ado About Nothing?" Incomplete studies have misled the public about the effects of TBT on San Diego Bay. Michael Salagar, NOSC marine biologist, has researched and compiled the first detailed report about the effects of TBT levels in our harbor. His studies should provide us with a more balanced view of TBT and our use of anti-fouling coatings.

**Thanks to Silver Gate Yacht Club**

Silver Gate Yacht Club provides our club with a monthly meeting place and organizes our YesterYear Regatta breakfast. We sincerely thank Charlie Barnum, SGYC manager, for his expert assistance throughout the year and Commodore John Schaub for all the courtesies SGYC has extended to us. As an expression of our gratitude, we will be providing their Christmas tree this year. We hope it is a source of enjoyment for all their members.

# Welcome Aboard

## New Members

There are no new members this month.

## Prospective Members

Ron Render  
2003 Caminito Circulo Norte  
La Jolla, CA 92037 619-459-6497

Sponsors: Chris Donnelly & Rod Latimer

Ron owns *Cricket*, a 12 1/2' cat boat designed in 1870 and built in 1978 by Greg Foster in British Columbia. *Cricket* is a Providence River Boat, with a cedar lapstrake hull. Ron used to own the H-28, *Toulouse*.

Robert & Sherry Groening  
655 4th Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101 619-224-7654

Sponsors: Gabrielle Martin-Neff & Jerry Newton

Robert & Sherry own *Black Tie*, a 60' motor yacht with a fascinating history. *Black Tie* was built in 1936 by Campbell Shipyard in San Diego.

## Schooner White Cloud Lost in the Pacific

AMSS Staff Commodore, Paul Mitchell, and his wife, Susan, have lost their beautiful Alden schooner, *White Cloud*, near Australia. The Mitchells have been cruising Mexico and the South Pacific since they left San Diego in 1982. The schooner's hull suffered irreparable damage after being struck by a rogue wave on November 2nd. Unable to save her at anchor in the lee of South Bellona Reef, she was scuttled in eighty feet of water. We are happy to report that both Paul and Susan are unhurt and safe in Australia. We regret the loss of their lovely schooner.

## Fall Swapmeet Report

The Fall Swapmeet at Koehler's yard was again a success. This time the buyer turnout was dramatic. We need to entice more sellers at all future swapmeets to keep the buyers coming back! Get your friends together and be prepared to sell next spring. And once more, many thanks to the Koehlers for the use of their prime yard site. Part of the AMSS proceeds will benefit the Children's Home Society.

## PORT SIDE by Rod Latimer

**Old Story... New Rules** — The U.S. Customs Service District Director has issued a new Special Directive for the San Diego area. It reads, in part:

"All private (pleasure) vessels returning from a foreign port or foreign area shall immediately proceed to the Harbormaster's dock at the south end of Shelter Island for customs inspection... Only the Master shall depart the vessel, and only then to contact the Harbor Police or Customs Inspector... The fee for customs inspection is \$25 per calendar year... Customs inspection hours are 0800 - 1700 Monday through Saturday. Vessels arriving at other than those hours, or on Sunday, may request an 'Overtime Inspection' for an additional \$25 per inspection. Those not wishing to pay the overtime fee must remain at anchor in the quarantine area off the Harbor Police docks until the next normal work day."

"Hi, we're from the government and we're here to help you."

**Dangerous Maneuvers** — While sailing aboard the *Golden Hinde*, we encountered several vessels (thankfully no AMSS members) who intentionally sailed directly under the our bowsprit, and under the main yards, for a close-up view of the ship. Few, if any, seemed to realize the lack of maneuverability of the *Hinde*, the overhang of the two ton yards, or our inability to stop the 200 ton craft in the ten to twelve feet. Despite several friendly warnings, many of these local looky-lous came close aboard repeatedly. Unlike the *Star of India*, we were not escorted by the Coast Guard, so these sailors did not seem to think there was anything wrong with these maneuvers.

Besides being dumb, such actions, if reported to the Coast Guard, will result in the vessel operator being cited for reckless operation. It gave the professional crew aboard the *Hinde* the impression that local sailors exhibit stupidity and bad seamanship.

### Committee Chairmen

|                  |                       |          |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Membership       | Chris Donnelly        | 223-4762 |
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|                  | Al Hislop             | 565-9214 |
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| Historical       | Gabrielle Martin-Neff | 223-6502 |
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| T-Shirt Sales    | Jerry & Marcia        | 436-0589 |

## USYRU Sportsman of the Year Award

In 1970 Lee and Larry Fossum made front page news in the San Diego Union as a 100 ton crane lifted their beautiful home-built 31' Angleman Sea Spirit ketch, *Revelee*, onto a trailer for their launching.

Our records show that Lee and Larry have been members of the AMSS since its beginning and have competed in every YesterYear Regatta since 1975. The Fossums, a generally soft-spoken couple, were wildly excited when they won the gaffer's class for the first time in the 1986 regatta. In all those years, they never mentioned the word, "handicap."

*Revelee* is as well kept today as she was on launching day and she is a favorite in parades and dockside shows. It is Lee and Larry's commitment to participate in AMSS events which is most noteworthy. They recognize the importance of getting their yacht away from the dock and into public view by attending virtually all AMSS activities.

Appreciation for their continuous support is long overdue. Recently, Lee and Larry made the first serious inquiry into the 1991 San Diego to Maui Race! This is not surprising for our 1988 Sportsman of the Year winners!

## Most Improved Boat

This year's Board of Directors' Most Improved Boat is the Mat Walsh Common Sense 28, *No-Ka-Oi*, owned by Robert & Julia Morris. The board commends the efforts of Robert & Julia in the near completion of the impeccable rebuilding of their sloop. The work has included a new interior, new rudder, new mast, new caulking, and one of the most beautiful hull finishes in our fleet. Her beauty is a tribute to their care and hard work. Congratulations, Robert & Julia!

## Commodore's Favorite Race

Don't forget to sail the Commodore's favorite AMSS event, the Half-Pint O' Rum Race, on December 3rd! The start will be in the South Bay with our traditional format: boats at anchor with sails furled. The finish will be on the sandy beach on Shelter Island when each skipper drinks his mug of rum. (See flier insert for race instructions) Skippers must row ashore to the South Bay beach for the 11:30am skippers meeting to receive final course instructions. Custom-crafted trophies by Doug Graves will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in racing and cruising classes. Awards will be presented and rum shared aboard Maid of Kent at the evening raft up in La Playa Cove. The helm of the AMSS will be unofficially passed to the new commodore over a mug of hot rum.

Be at the skipper's meeting on the beach in South Bay on Saturday, December 3rd at 11:30am and don't forget your entry fee, which is the usual half-pint of rum.

## Thanks From the Editor

I would like to thank Commodore Jerry Newton and Port Captain Rod Latimer for their contributions to the Albatross. Jerry and Rod contributed most of the content of each issue throughout the year. They responded in a fine fashion to the monthly deadline, which, of course, makes a panic-stricken editor look good.

Thanks also to Staff Commodore Richard Wright for providing and addressing the envelopes, Chris Donnelly for keeping me updated on new members, and to Marcia Hillmen and Kathleen Thompson for helping with the folding, stuffing, stamping, and mailing.

