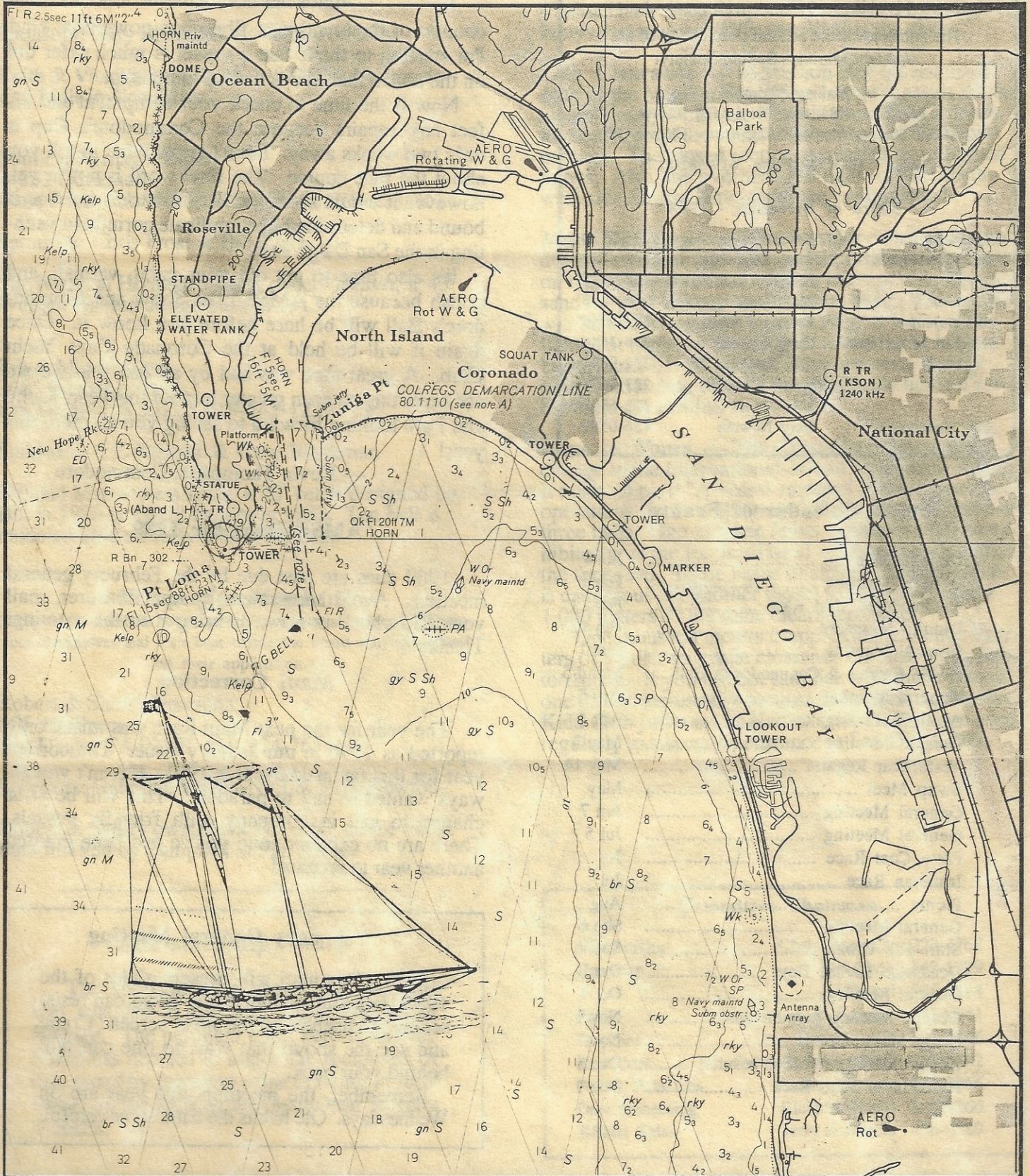
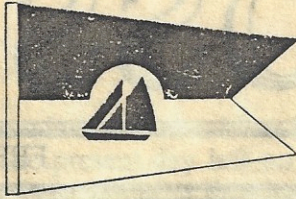


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I'm ready to go sailing. Between the holidays, family obligations, work, and bad weather poor *Salud* has only set out to sea once this month.

To make matters worse, she is still minus her boomkin due to a close encounter of the brand-new-fiberglass-powerboat kind. I'm starting to think that a vessel is much safer out on the ocean than she is tied up in her slip.

Now is the time to check your equipment and effect any repairs because the Commodore's Cup is only two weeks away. I don't know what to tell you about the race course. The final word is not in yet, however it would seem the U.S. Customs Service is bound and determined to complicate corinthian yachting in the San Diego area.

It's also time to get out your paint, varnish, and polish because the AMSS Boat Show and Commodore's Ball will be here before you know it. Once again it will be held at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club. A great time was had by all last year, so we are expecting an even greater turnout this year. Kathy and I are looking forward to seeing you all there this year!

— Kevin Thompson, Commodore

1989 Calendar of Events

✓ General Meeting	Jan 4
✓ General Meeting	Feb 1
✓ Commodore's Cup Race	Feb 11
✓ Dinghy Massacre	Feb 12
General Meeting	Mar 1
AMSS Exhibit & Commodore's Ball.....	Mar 4/5
General Meeting	Apr 5
April Fool's Regatta	Apr 1
General Meeting	May 3
YesterYear Regatta	May 14
Swap Meet	May
General Meeting	Jun 7
General Meeting	Jul 5
Petty Coat Race	Jul
Ironman Race	Jul
Picnic	Aug
General Meeting	Sep 6
Start Fall Cruise	Sep
Oceanside Harbor Days	Oct
General Meeting	Oct 4
General Meeting (nominatons)	Nov 1
Swap Meet	Nov
Annual Meeting (election results)	Dec 6
Half Pint o' Rum Race	Dec

AMSS Dues for 1989

1989 dues are past due by the February general meeting. Avoid harassment by our Treasurer, mail your \$25 check in now, or bring it to the meeting. Thanks!

Maui Correction

The year for the next Maui Race was mistakenly reported as 1990 in our January issue. The correct year for this fantastic event is 1991. Haven't you always wanted to sail to paradise? This will be your chance to sail in company with friendly vessels. There are no excuses now; you've just been granted another year to prepare!

February General Meeting

Debra Dominici will present slides of the 1988 Half Pint 'o Rum Race. Who can resist seeing themselves on the silver screen? Come and see the show; that way no one can talk behind your back.

Remember, the meetings this year are on Wednesdays. Old habits die hard, so be careful.

Welcome Aboard

New Members

Keith & Vikki Korporaal
3842 Liggett Drive
San Diego, CA 92106 619-235-6511

Sponsors: Gary Blackman & Chris Donnelly

Keith & Victoria own *Orian*, a 64'1934 Nevins design built in New York.

Nautical Heritage Society
24532 Del Prado
Dana Point, CA 92629 Rusty White 619-223-3624

Sponsors: Chris Frost & Bill Clark

The Nautical Heritage Society owns *Virginia*, a 43' William Garden design built in 1913.

Bill & Marnie Clark
3665 Hancock Street
San Diego, CA 92110 619-542-1229

Sponsors: C.F. Koehler & Gary Blackman

Bill and Marnie own *Toko*, a 20' ketch designed by Bill in 1986 and built by him in 1988. The hull is modeled after an early 1900's cat boat.

Prospective Members

(Prospective members must appear at a general meeting to introduce themselves and their boat before the board can take action on their application.)

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 built in 1936 by Campbell in San Diego.

Sportsmanship Award

The sportsmanship award for last year was awarded to Lee and Larry Fossum of *Revelee*. The pertinent point here is that the board has decided to honor the recipients of this award by featuring a line drawing of their vessel on the back of the YesterYear Regatta T-shirts.

PORT SIDE by Rod Latimer

Digging a Ditch — The berthing facilities at Chula Vista Marina are being dredged, causing a hazard to navigation until May. The derrick barge, *Haakon*, will be monitoring channel 16, if needed. In a related item, the day beacons 10 and 19 in the Chula Vista Channel have been temporarily replaced by unlighted buoys that may be difficult to find in the dark.

Low Clearance — In Mission Bay the southeast span of the Mission Bay Drive bridge (nearest the Islandia Hotel) is closed. Vessels should not attempt to pass through the structure southeast of the center passage. The closed section is marked by unlighted buoys. Also, the overhead red lights on the north-west side (Bahia Hotel side) are extinguished.

More Building — There is major construction underway at Oceanside Harbor, just inside the entrance on the southeast corner. It's an attempt to build a sand by-pass to keep those waters clear. This project will be underway until at least July. It is not well lighted at night, so it's difficult to see in the bright background of city lights. There are several large pilings extending into the bay that could hole an ice-breaker. Be careful.

Mine or Yours — The Coast Guard has made a change to the International-Inland Navigation Rules. It reads, in part: "A vessel engaged in mine clearance operations shall exhibit three all-round green lights or three balls. One of these lights or shapes shall be exhibited near the foremast head and one at each end of the fore yard. These lights or shapes indicate that it is dangerous for another vessel to approach within 1,000 meters of the mine clearance vessel."

One thousand meters is approximately three quarters of a mile, so a mile clearance on these guys isn't too much. If you are not familiar with these vessels, one of two are usually berthed in front of the Admiral Kidd Club just west of Harbor Island. They are used regularly to sweep the entrance to San Diego Bay.

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They Live By The Wind

(submitted by Rusty White)

All the winds that ever blew into all the sails that were ever made from the beginning of civilization to the present day left no mark at all upon the earth. They blew, they filled the sail, they pushed the boat, but after they had done their work, the earth remained the same.

Perhaps this is the cause of the affection of many landmen for the art of sailing. Its contrast to our destructive ways ashore may be the source of its allure, for of all the technological contrivances ever made by man, the sailing vessel may be the only one to play an important part in history without, in any way, disturbing the natural environment.

— Wendell P. Bradley

