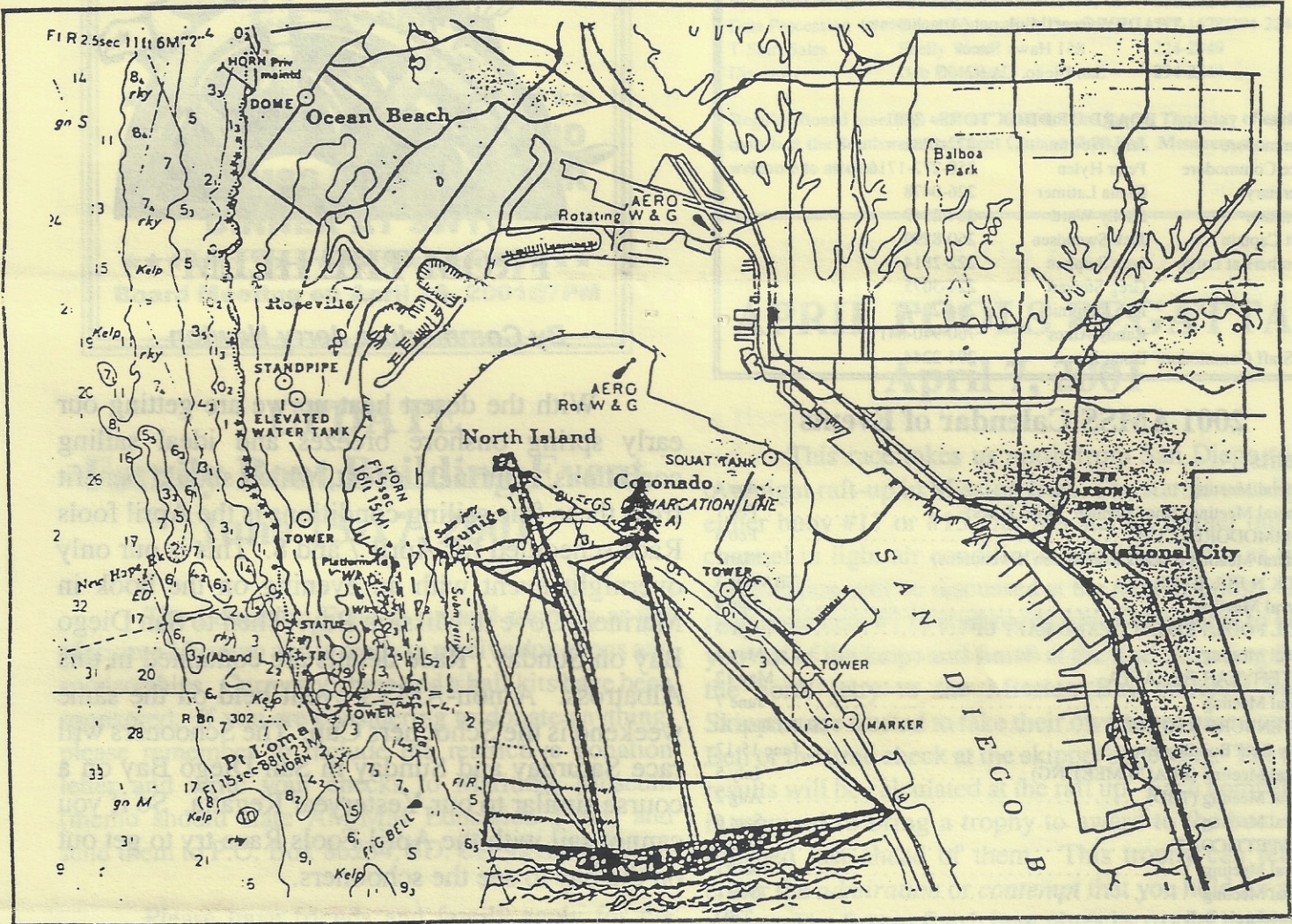


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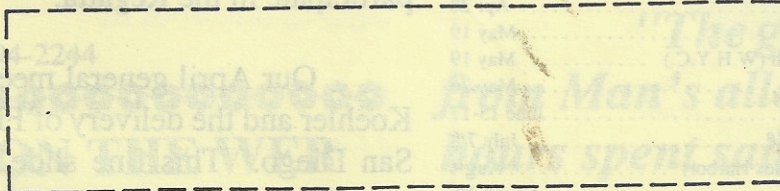
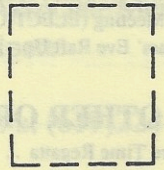
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## FROM THE HELM

*By Commodore Jerry Newton*

### 2001 AMSS Calendar of Events

#### Events

✓General Meeting	Jan 4
✓General Meeting (Knot Seminar- Doug Jones)	Feb 1
✓COMMODORES CUP	Feb 3
✓General Meeting (Luders Restoration -Swendsens)	Mar 1
✓JACK N JILL RACE	TBAMar 3
General Meeting	Apr 4
APRIL FOOLS REGATTA AND RAFT UP	Apr 7
General Meeting	May 3
YESTERYEAR REGATTA	May 12
General Meeting	June 7
KETTENBURG REGATTA	(SUN) June 10
Family Boat Building Event	June 15-17
General Meeting (BEACH MEETING)	July 5
General Meeting (TBD)	Aug 2
General Meeting	Sept 6
IRON/PETTICOAT	Sept 8
General Meeting	Oct 11
General Meeting	Nov 1
Commodore's Ball	TBD
HALF PINT OF RUM RACE	Dec 1
General Meeting (ELECTIONS)	Dec 6
New Years' Eve Raft Up - La Playa	Dec 31

#### OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS

One More Time Regatta	March 3
American Schooner Cup	April 7/8
Wild Goose Chase, San Pedro to Newport (W.H.Y.C.)	TBA
Heritage Regatta- Show (Newport Hb. Nautical Museum)	Apr 15
Newport - Ensenada Race	Apr 28
LUDERS INVITATIONAL	May 19
Eric Erickson Oil Island Race, Long Beach (W.H.Y.C.)	May 19
Master Mariner's Race	May 26
Koehler's Wooden Boat Festival	June 15-17
Howland's Landing WHYC Catalina Cruise	July 7/8
McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)	Aug 4
Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)	Aug18-19
Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race	Aug
WHYC Dana Cup	Sept 8/9
S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race	Oct 1

With the desert heat-up we are getting our early spring onshore breezes and ideal sailing conditions. Our next event, which should benefit from these fine sailing conditions is the April fools Race scheduled for April 7 and 8. This is our only overnight event with an evening on the hook in Mariners Cove in Mission Bay. Then to San Diego Bay on Sunday. Race details are contained in this Albatross. A non-AMSS event held on the same weekend is the Schooners Cup. The Schooners will race Saturday and Sunday in San Diego Bay on a course similar to our Yesteryear Regatta. So if you cannot sail with the April Fools Race try to get out on the bay to see the schooners.

Hopefully the current breezy conditions will continue into May for the Yesteryear Regatta. The Regatta will be held on May 12 with the usual bay race format. This is our most important sailing event for the year and we need all of our membership to get their vessels out on the water and participate in the Regatta.

Our April general meeting will feature C.F. Koehler and the delivery of Finesse from Florida to San Diego. This fine slide presentation features stops in the unusual cruising grounds of Cuba! See you there!





## NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2001

SWYC AT 7:30 P.M.

**C.F. Koehler**

**Cruising Cuba**



**PLEASE COME EARLY AND  
JOIN AMSS MEMBERS FOR  
DINNER AT SWYC**



**Board Meeting on April 26, 2001@7PM**

## UPDATE

### Family Boat Building Event June 15-17, 2001

The Education Fund is up and running at the Maritime Museum and is ready to receive donations and sponsorships. Currently, three and a half kits have been sponsored. If you are considering to donate anything, please remember to include the restrictive donation letter and write your checks to Maritime Museum (memo should state AM/MM Education Fund) and send them to P.O. Box 86234, SD, CA 92138-6234.

Please have friends and family apply for the event. Remember no previous experience necessary and since we have no applications so far, they may be able to get a complete scholarship.

If you need applications or letters for the restrictive fund donation, one can get them on our Web Site or pick one up at the next meeting.

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Regular Board meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 7:00 PM. Members are welcome to attend.

## APRIL FOOLS REGATTA

April 7, 2001

This race takes us north from San Diego to an overnight raft-up in Mission Bay. The start is usually at either buoy #17 or #15, but has started further out the channel in light air conditions (specifics as far as time and location will be discussed at the next meeting). The fleet must take #3 to starboard (which also helps to keep you out of the kelp) and finish at the line extending from the north jetty to the Mission Bay entrance buoy. Skippers are trusted to take their own times based on Ma Bell or the time check at the skipper's meeting. The race results will be calculated at the raft up. Each competitor is required to bring a trophy to award to the boat that finished just ahead of them. This trophy can reflect either the *admiration* or *contempt* that you hold for such a boat. The first to finish boat gives its trophy to the last to finish boat. This event invites any Associate Members with non-qualifying vessels to participate.

Contact Greg Stewart for race details at (619)224-5192 or e-mail him at [nmyd@cts.com](mailto:nmyd@cts.com).

***"The gods do not deduct  
from Man's allotted span, those  
hours spent sailing."***

**Ancient Phoenician Proverb**



## "HISTORY'S POINTS OF VIEW"

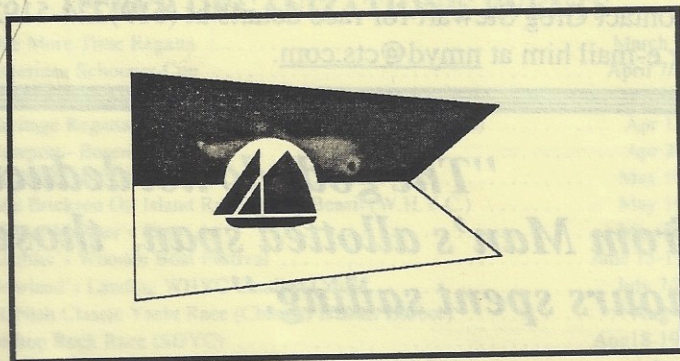
*From Historian Ed Barr*

### THE GLAMOUR OF THE SHIP CAPTAIN, ACCORDING TO WILLIAM MCFEE

In the imagination and opinion of the general public, the captain of a ship retains a certain glamour which has not gathered around the figure of the conductor of a train or pilot of an airliner.

### HOW TO BE A GOOD SKIPPER, ACCORDING TO THOMAS FLEMING DAY

If you are to command, show yourself a leader, not by talk, but by action. Always be first in everything that requires skill or courage. Thus you will win your crew's respect, and if they respect you they will obey you. Never send a man to do a task you fear to do yourself. If there is danger, lead, and your men will follow; but you cannot expect men to risk their limbs or lives to save your vessel if you shrink from position. Don't put all the hard work on the crew; do your share of it; also the dirty jobs. If you are working watch and watch, be sure to be the first on deck when your watch is called, and don't leave it, unless you are sure that the yacht is in safe hands and that your care and skill is not needed.



## THE BOSUN'S LOCKER

### DRY ROT

Dry Rot is a natural decay process caused by the growth of brown Rot, a type of fungus that feeds on the cellulose in wood fiber. Along with severe loss of strength, Dry Rot causes the wood to discolor, crack across the grain, and shrink.

Dry Rot is a misleading term, since wood must be damp for the fungus to exist. In fact four conditions must be present for the fungus to survive. They are:

1. Food - An adequate supply of wood fiber
2. Moisture - Moisture content of the wood at or near the fiber saturation point (above 20%)
3. Oxygen - As in air.
4. Warmth - 76 to 86 degrees F is ideal for rot growth, but it can be active in temperatures as low as 50 degrees F.

The many joints in a wooden boat are potentially ideal environments for Dry Rot. Whenever wood contacts wood, air circulation, and evaporation will be reduced. If a leak occurs, the moisture level of the wood at a joint can easily reach the fiber saturation level and still allow enough oxygen for rot growth.

Now that I have described it, how about one or some or all the members submitting ideas on what to do about it.

Gregg Potter (*From the December 1997 ALBATROSS*)