



ALBATROSS

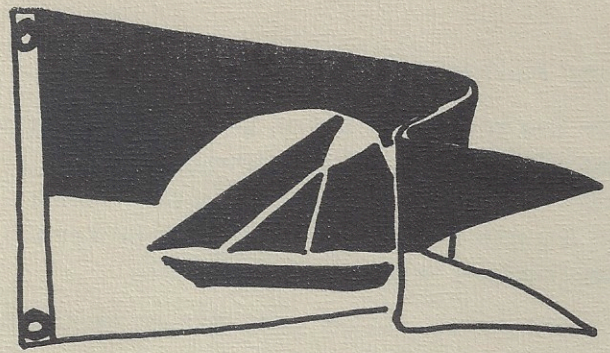
December
1975

Happy Holidays!

*Somewhere ahead — there is a light
The tinted radiance of the coming morn
And the starlit darkness will fade away
When hope once more will be re-born*

*Each wayward thought — each silver tear
Will pass like a white bird in the night
And the moments will become eternity for all
As God steps forth in the gleaming light*





THE HELM

The camaraderie, good fellowship and pleasant sailing that has prevailed since the conception of the "Ancient Mariners Sailing Society" has made my term as Commodore an enjoyable one. In the year since it's inception, the Society has made great strides in establishing itself as a responsible organization dedicated to promoting interest in sailing vessels of ancient vintage and or classic design. We have received national recognition for the success of our May regatta, and our program has been enthusiastically supported by the yachting community. Every new organization experiences growing pains. But our group has been fortunate in having members who have worked in concert to make the Society's races, raftups, and cruises a success. I would like to thank everyone in the Society for working to make our inaugural year a success.

Doug



CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Ancient Mariners will be decorating the Queen Mab for the San Diego Parade of Lights, Sunday evening, December 21st. There will be a meeting aboard the Queen Mab at 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning, December 20th to plan the decorations and survey the materials brought in - and perhaps do a little work. Sunday, we will complete the decorations, hopefully this year, before the start of the parade.

Items needed for decorations include strings of colored outdoor lights, spotlights, extension cords, cardboard, wood, paper, glue, string, nails, staples, tools, and plenty of ideas.

Last year, Ancient Mariners took the first place trophy, and much fun was had by all. Success depends on your participation, so if you cannot make it, send in a written excuse from your doctor.

If you have any questions or exceptionally brilliant ideas, call Al Hislop weekdays between 7:30 and 4:00 at 225-7097.

QUEEN MAB can be found at
the Kona Kai Club



ABOUT OUR COVER

Clue: A great place to vacation at, as it is summer there now

**THE ALBATROSS IS EAGER TO
SHARE YOUR STORIES AND
VIEWS WITH OUR READERS,
PLEASE HELP.**

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Dear Fellow Mariners:

For the modest sum of \$4.95 per person, you will be able to be present at an event that could possibly go down into the annals of history as the Premiere Commodore's Ball of all times.

Not only will you be able to rub shoulders with surely some of the most elite and prestigious yachtsmen in Southern California who naturally are fellow members of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, but there will also be music and fine fare as prepared especially for this grand ball by the Chef de Cuisine of the Southwestern Yacht Club.

If this were not already enough to cause you to telephone immediately for reservations, then imagine being able to procure your favorite beverage from the "no host" bar that will be adequately stocked and available for your pleasure.

Other highlights of the evening will be to welcome in the staunch devoted band of new officers that will have the arduous responsibility of navigating our Society through the coming year. We will also bid adieu to our past Commodore and officers in such a way that only close yachting associates could do . . .!!!

Inasmuch as this is the first event of the year for our very special Society, I would like to urge all members and their friends to join us for what promises to be a very fun evening.

PLACE: Southwestern Yacht Club

DATE: January 17, 1976

TIME: 6:30 P.M. until --we sink

For reservations, send your check to Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, P.O. Box 80582, San Diego, CA. 92138 by January 9, 1976.

Sincerely yours, Robert C. Spriggs
299-0905 (Daytime)
296-0682 (Evenings)

P.S. Shoes are optional

Editor, Albatross:

In the past, MARIBEL has taken verbal and written abuse from some members envious of her new mast. We do admit that the mast has moves befitting the act of a belly dancer, but as ALOHA and others have recently discovered, this act is really not too tough to follow.

Due to the change in dimensions and configuration of the rigging, the old sails did not fit too well. We were fortunate enough, however, to find some old rejects in the trash bin outside NORTH'S, and these were bent for the Half Pint O' Rum Race.

In the future, we hope to be able to afford new sails, and once again make MARIBEL competitive with the rest of the fleet.

Sincerely,

Al Hislop

For Sale:

PLATH Sextant

Gary Powell

Harbor Island Marina

Slip # 427 ph 295-1900

ANCIENT MARINERS who want to advertise for various things - for sale, trade, wants, or odd jobs, please call or write your ads.

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YACHT OF THE MONTH

BUILDING A DREAM

The turn of the century found Frank Fredette working as an apprentice carpenter on the "Star of India" and later as a naval architect who in 1954 designed a 40 foot Gaff Ketch that in 1962 my wife and I undertook to build.

In 1968, "SINGING WINDS" was launched at Kettenberg's. The following months were spend on rigging and finishing the interior, departing San Diego July, 1969 for a 4 year cruise to Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and back down the coast to San Diego.

We lofted "Singing Winds" in a field in Mt. View (S.F. area) on a 25 ft. x 55 ft. floor, patterns lifted then proceeded to carve wood.

As Frank's design was very traditional, so were his methods, this required Elizabeth and me to search the west coast waterfronts, talking to old shipwrights, buy, beg or receive as gifts the tools required. Our mallets, adze, slicks, draw knife, etc., came from this source. Our set of ships foot augers were given to us by a gentleman who used them in 1920 to build a boat to come down the Amazon River when their porters abaandoned them on an expedition.

We elected to move to San Diego where weather permits outdoor construction year round, so trailing our 14"x4"x32' keel plus our loft on a boat trailer behind our station wagon, moved to a lot in Rose Canyon. After approximately 6 months with backbone and frame molds up, the City of San Diego informed us we could not build on a commercial property. A search then developed from Oceanside to Tijuana for a house with a big back yard. Finally, 1 year later, we found a place in Clairmont, so tear down and put back up.

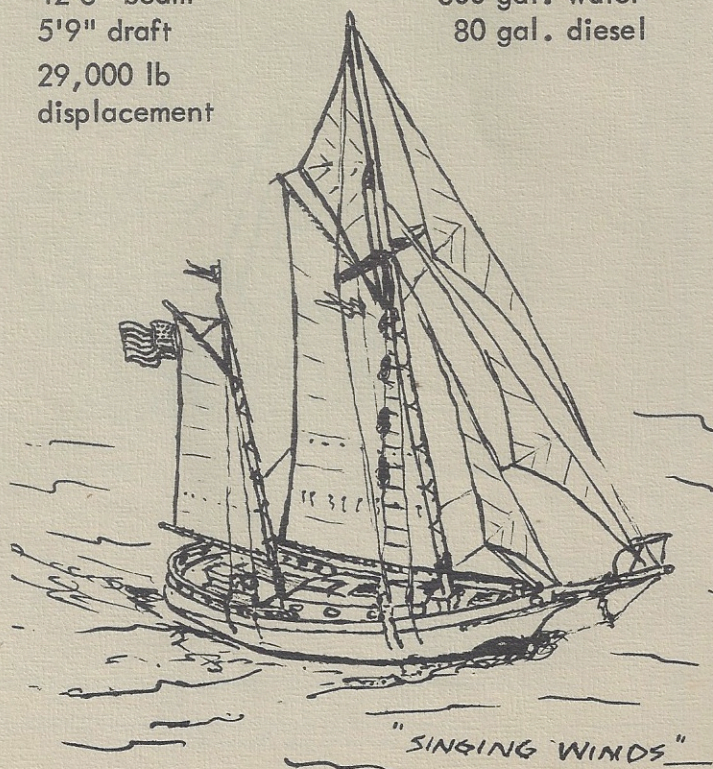
Our backbone is Apitong Hardwood, planking 1-1/4" Honduras Mahogany, frames of Oak, ballast of lead (4 tons), decks of 1" Marine Ply with 3/8" teak over, house of 2" cedar, deck beams 4"x4" fir, house carlins 5"x5"x18' oak, all fittings and castings of magnesium bronze, fastenings of bronze and monel, engine by SABB (Diesel), solid fir (free of heart) masts, and sails by Henderson Brothers. A note about our sails. The sails were bent on by an amature crew, sailed hard to Hawaii and Alaska, withstanding countless gales, two hurricanes, tropical heat, ice and snow, and 15,000 miles. four years later, not a thread loose, nor shape gone.

Our wheel (steering) was taken from a Russian gunboat that was attacked by the Germans in the Mediterranean during WW11, given to us by a Navy Commander that went to their rescue. Our 4 year cruise gave us a few ideas about our interior, so we gutted her out and just about have the interior completed again.

VITALS

32 ft W.L.
52 ft O.A.
12'6" beam
5'9" draft
29,000 lb
displacement

Ernie
1,300 sq. ft.
in 6 sails
300 gal. water
80 gal. diesel





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BRITISH UNITS - METRES

feet	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
metres	0	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.7	6.0

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