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Cotton Blossom's Mediterranean Campaign

MEETINGS

- Thursday Evening (6:30), 3 August. AMSS General Meeting aboard MMSD **Berkeley**. Ray Ashley to present his program: "The History of San Diego Bay: Maps and Images"
- Saturday, 2 September, High Noon: Commodores Cup Race, Start at Buoy #17.

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- All kith and kin are welcome at the 3 August General Meeting aboard **Berkeley**, at the Embarcadero—please come!



Cotton Blossom II —Q5— Prowling somewhere on the Mediterranean coasts...

Cotton Blossom is preparing to continue her fast-paced Mediterranean Campaign in September. Recently, she got some welcome upkeep after three tough regattas in heavy (i.e., compared to San Diego) conditions. The crew are even finding time for some walkabouts.

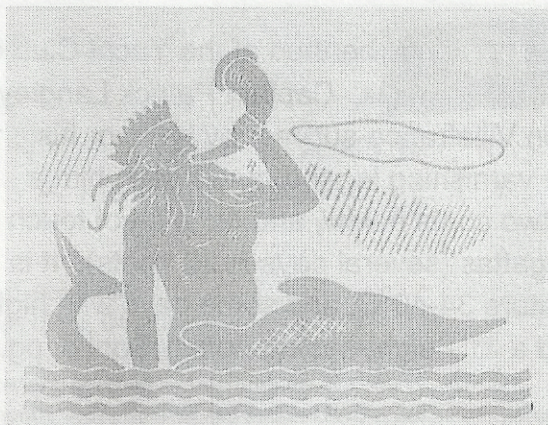
Dennis Conner reports: "CB is presently berthed at the Yacht Club de Monaco, next to their flagship yacht, **Tuiga**. Captain Patrick Langley commutes daily from his villa in Villafrance-sur-mer by train, or his scooter. Bob Bettancourt (the varnishing legend) and I gave him a hand on the varnish. We got two coats below, and did a lot of touch up on the damage from earlier regattas (several days in 20 knots). It is warm with the normal temperature 34-40°C, and some days with high humidity. Bob and Patrick did a little sight-seeing from ...Cont'd, pg.3

From the Helm

Hope you all are finding time to get out on the water to beat the heat! It was nice to see so many of you at the July picnic – thanks to Alex, Frank and Sylvia for hosting us at their beautiful Point Loma home. Sorry I missed July's Guinea Cup as I was out of town, but I was fortunate enough to have been in Maine, visiting some of my old stomping grounds like Camden, Blue Hill and Brooklin. While there, I had an opportunity to hear *WoodenBoat* editor Matt Murphy discuss his newest book highlighting the early 20th-century marine photography of Willard B. Jackson and show numerous classic boat images from the publication.

San Diego Maritime Museum Executive Director and AMSS member Ray Ashley will discuss similar historic photographs as well as older nautical charts, and how they reflect the perceptions of those who created them at our next general meeting. Hope you can join us Thursday, 3 August for this unique presentation aboard the **Berkeley**. Friends and guests are most welcome! The "social hour" will start at 6:30 PM on the second deck.

We've re-scheduled the popular Commodore's BBQ and Commodore's Cup race for Saturday, September 2. This year, we're holding both events on the same day so we can use the BBQ to announce race results, and hopefully draw a good crowd. As in the past, the party will be held at San Diego Yacht Club where we will arrange for the front guest dock to be open for rafting up after the race if you are interested. The format is potluck and AMSS will supply beer and wine. We'll send out event announcements as reminders closer to the date. Just to keep you on your toes, the weekend following is Guinea Cup #4 on Saturday, September 9. Enjoy the rest of summer – see you on August 3! –*Beth*



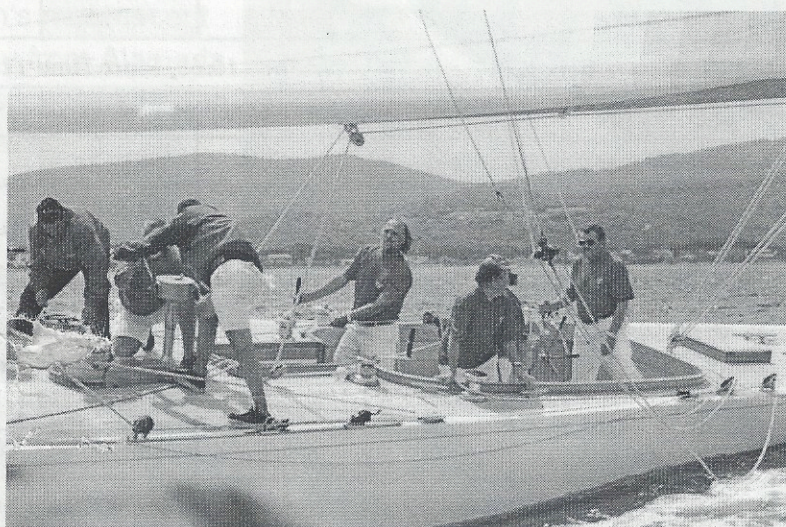
"LUCKY BAG: "The *lucky bag* is a place where the police petty officers stow for safekeeping effects that are found adrift aboard the ship...Where persons have been guilty of carelessness in leaving their effects adrift, they are placed on the report." - The Bluejackets Manual, United States Navy, 1940.

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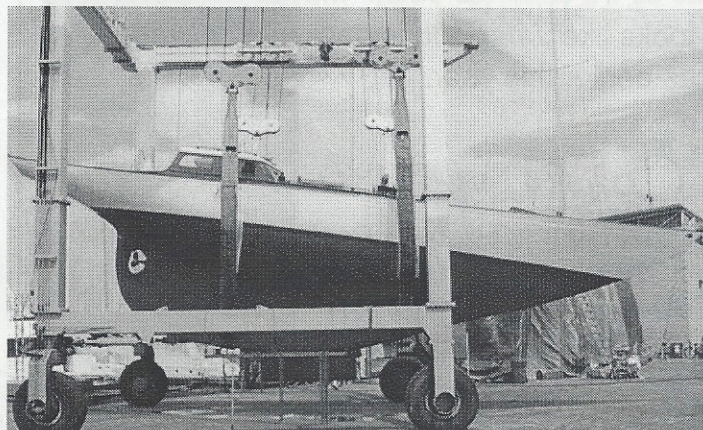
San Remo to Nice, Antibes and Cannes. They enjoyed the boats and beautiful people (the girls love Patrick) including a tour aboard **Adela**, a 212 foot schooner. Our next series of regattas starts in September, so things are moving fast. We are expecting 130 wooden classics in Imperale, Italy, all built before 1949. There are already 70 media signed up, so there will be a lot of press coverage. Life is good" - DC. - Good Luck, Q5!



Competitor *Vim*, showing a few fat winches and slim crew

Pacifica Hits the Water!

It was Monday ,17 July, 2006 when **Pacifica** moved from Traditional Boat Works on Hancock Street to Driscoll's Yard on Shelter Island, ready to be launched after 20 months of restoration work. Initially Doug Jones, owner of both Traditional Boat Works and **Pacifica**, joined forces with Robert D'Arcy of Port Townsend (who has done a major restoration of the Schooner **Martha**), started the deck replacement by tearing things apart, then finding that the deck beams should also be replaced. Fernando Alva helped Doug for the remainder of the wood working tasks. Heather Smith helped with brightwork along with Kevin McDonald. Fernando also supervised the painting and varnishing. **Pacifica's** crew Paul Peterson, Chris Dalton and Deb Dominici also lent a hand and supplied support. Bill Clark stayed a few months after retiring as a consultant and to witness the launch. The San Diego Boat Movers arrived at 8 AM and **Pacifica** was on the trailer by lunch. After her return ride down Rosecrans, **Pacifica** was in the sling and ready to be launched at 2:30PM.



After the launch, rum, bilge watching, more rum, more bilge watching, **Pacifica** swelled up enough that Doug felt she was going to be OK, and so her crew took her home to the Southwestern Yacht Club. Final touches are being done and a formal launch party is being planned once her rig is in.

- Deb Dominici

20 Guinea Cup #3—Race Results

Yacht, Handicap SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Place
Long Course (Echo), Distance 10.60, Start Time 12:00:00, Scratch Boat 70						
Freedom, 175	1113	0:18:33	13:44:10	1:44:10	1:25:37	1
Cathleen, 140	742	0:12:22	13:38:30	1:38:30	1:26:08	2
Brushfire, 70	0	0:00:00	13:30:53	1:30:53	1:30:53	3
Flirt, 160	954	0:15:54	13:46:50	1:46:50	1:30:56	4
Pilot, 255	1961	0:32:41	14:04:30	2:04:30	1:31:49	5
Sally, 75	53	0:00:53	13:34:15	1:34:15	1:33:22	6
Sprig, 122	551	0:09:11	13:47:25	1:47:25	1:38:14	7
Altair, 160	954	0:15:01	13:56:33	1:56:33	1:56:33	8
Short Course (Echo), Distance 5.30, Start Time 12:00:00, Scratch Boat 270						
Maid of Kent, 450	954	0:15:54	13:13:13	1:13:13	0:57:19	1
Windley, 270	0	0	13:07:00	1:07:00	1:07:00	2
Jalapeno, 270	0	0	13:07:10	1:07:10	1:07:10	3
Zephyr, 270	0	0	13:07:20	1:07:20	1:07:20	4
L-16 Cup						
Windley	0	0	13:07:00	1:07:00	1:07:00	1
Jalapeno	0	0	13:07:10	1:07:10	1:07:10	2
Zephyr	0	0	13:07:20	1:07:20	1:07:20	3

The third of the 2006 Twenty Guinea Cup Series was sailed on Saturday, 8 July. A gentle breeze was a welcome respite from the light air that has prevailed in many of this years' races. **Freedom** was feeling her legs, and placed 1st on the Long Course, sporting a new staysail made by Ullman (perhaps their first sail delivered with a 10% Ancient Mariners discount, as an AMSS Commercial Affiliate). The Short Course featured perhaps the most intense racing between the Luders 16s that we've seen in many years, with elapsed times separating the three boats by 10 seconds each! Maybe it's time to bring the Luders Nationals to San Diego! It looks like **Jalapeno** is back in fighting trim, none the worse for standing down a few races earlier this year.

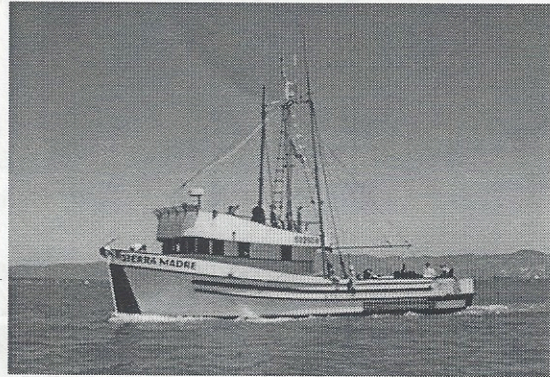
Upcoming West Coast Events

29th Annual McNish Classic Yacht Race, Channel Islands Harbor. Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, Saturday, 5 August.

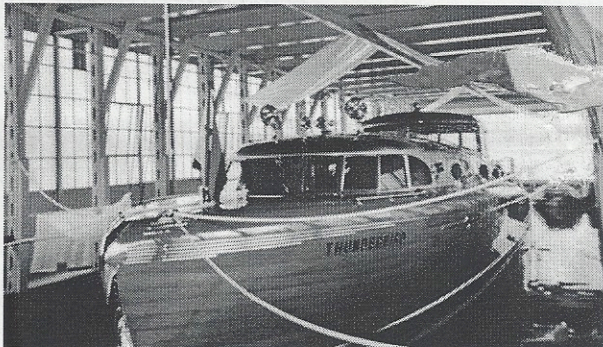
Tahoe Yacht Club, est. 1925, 2006 Concours de'Elegance, 4-5 August, Carnelian Bay at Sierra Boat Co.

Here and There

From further north, a couple pictures of interest. At right is Ancient Mariner Tom Jackson's most recent project, the **Sierra Madre**, on her way from Alameda to watch a baseball game at Candlestick Park in San Francisco Bay. Tom is bringing this vessel to San Diego this Summer, so stand by! How many boats is this, now, Tom? (Don't worry, we're not counting).



Sierra Madre, enroute to the ballgame




Mighty Thunderbird, at Thunderbird Lodge

Thunderbird, here at rest in her boathouse on the East shore of Lake Tahoe, built by Hacker for magnate and bon vivant George Whittell Jr., and often described as a Dusenbergs of the water (George owned six of the car marque). The tour of Thunderbird Lodge is highly recommended.

Welcome Aboard!

The Ancient Mariners are pleased to welcome the following new members. Please greet them at all events, and help them to enjoy our various on-and-off the water recreations! -

- Tom and Patricia Fitzgerald, Flag, (**Gem**), a fine Herreshoff boat.
- Betty and Jeff Sherman, Flag, (**Carl Eichenlaub**).
- Peter Lawrence, Flag.
- Michael J. Vizzier, "Viz," Regular, **Freedom** Bowman

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, 3 August, General Meeting aboard the Maritime Museum of San Diego's *Berkeley*, second deck. 6:30 PM "Social." 7:00 PM program by Ray Ashley- "The History of San Diego Bay: Maps and Images."
- * Please NOTE that dates have changed for our annual Commodore's Cup Race and Barbecue—now both scheduled for Saturday, 2 September. Buoy #17 at noon (start), and then San Diego Yacht Club in the evening for raft-up and BBQ.

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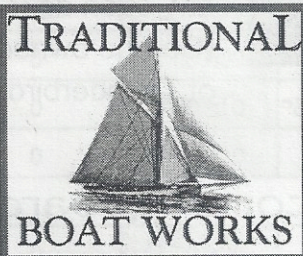
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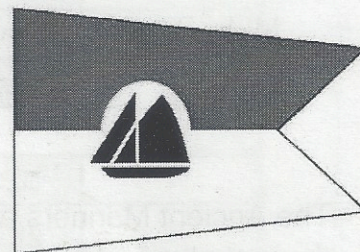
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