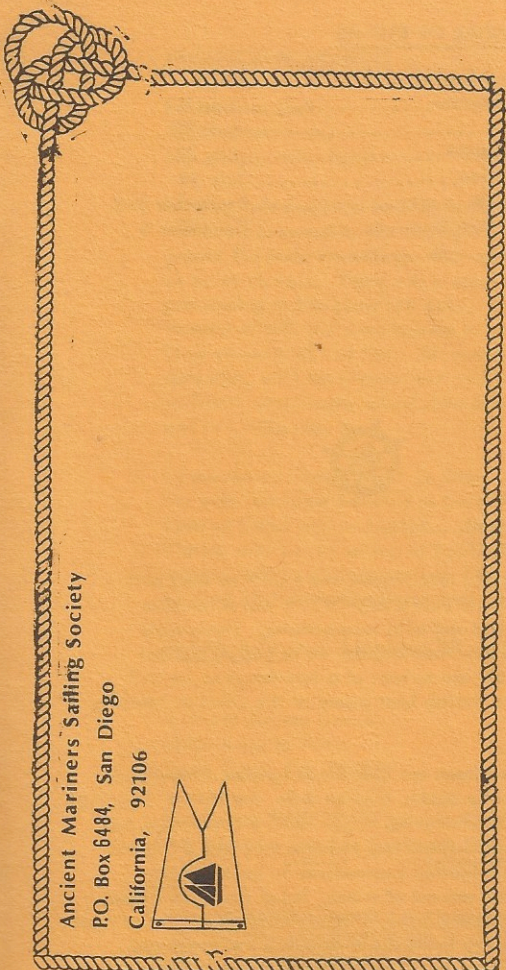


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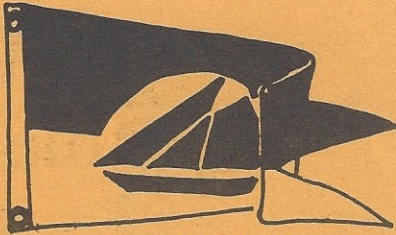
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Mother's Day Cruise.....	May 7
Yesteryear Regatta.....	June 11
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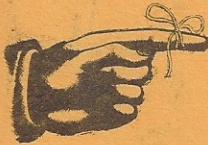


FROM THE HELM

I won't tell you I told you so, but didn't we beat both ways on the April Fool's Regatta? It was a fun time with good winds and mild temperatures. There were not too many goof-ups---guess we're getting our act together. I did see or hear of a few things so we will present a most foolish boat award at the General Meeting on May 5.

Some of the nominees are Eolo (went aground immediately after leaving the dock), Golden Rule (for bottom dregging), Sea Witch (for attempting to race with a commodore on board), Salud, Asylum and Nirvana (the last 3 tried to race with Half-Staffed commodores on board), Eolo (Again?---they ran out of wine), Salud (for a tap dance by Bill Clark on the bow), Thoroughbred (they let everyone who knew how to lower the sails off on the dock) and Sea Witch (for trying to go to weather).

A couple of weeks back, I was accompanied by two board members, an associate member and a cameraperson from the Log when we presented the tall ship "Juan Sebastian de Elcano" with an honorary flag membership and burgee. In return they presented the AMSS a beautiful plaque that we will put on board the Berkeley in our trophy case. I'll have it to show you at our General Meeting. SEE YOU THERE.



Your attention, please!

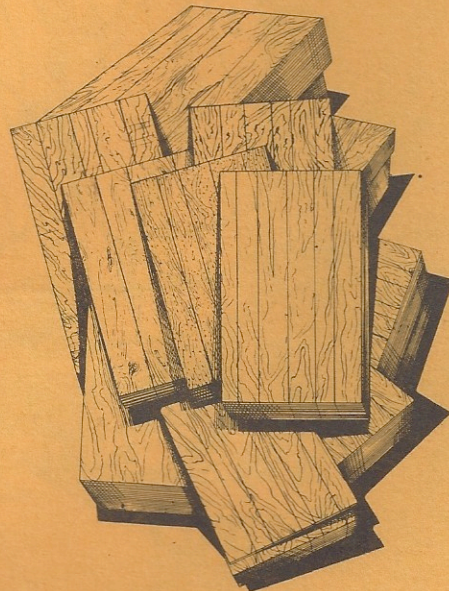
THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month we will have a slide presentation at the General Meeting on May 5 at Silvergate Yacht Club.

The show will be presented by Ed and Helen Lush and we will see pictures of their trip through the Panama Canal and into the Carribbean. If you have been lucky enough to hear some of Ed's sea stories at the April Fool's Raft-up, you have an idea of what fun this will be.

See you there, 7:30 for drinks, 8 P.M. for the meeting.

Jack



PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Ed & Helen Lush
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Golden Rule was built in 1958 in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, and was purchased by the Quakers to sail to Eniwetock to protest the H-bomb testing. Her crew of 4 Quakers got as far as Hawaii. There was a court order against their proceeding to the bomb test area. They attempted to go in spite of this and were hauled in by the Coast Guard. They stood trial and lost. An agent sold the boat to a man who, with his nephew and another volunteer sailed to Tahiti and nearby island then sailed back to Hawaii and to California.

Ed purchased Golden Rule in 1968. In 1970 he sailed her with two crew members to Costa Rica, through the Panama Canal and to Florida. In the time he was in Florida with her he sailed to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Haiti and Jamaica. In 1980 she was sailed to the Gulf of Mexico and trailered back here from Galveston.

Golden Rule is an Angelman 35' Gaffed ketch.

Russ and Shirley Dennis
10325 Annetta Ave.
South Gate, CA 90280

The Dennis' boat Mary is a 37' Hinckley sloop built in the Hinckley Yard in Southwest Harbor, ^Maine.

Wendell Keith Glenn (Capt. Easy-or-Ken?)
2733 Shelter Island Dr. # 353
San Diego, CA 92106

Prima Donna has been in our club before (under different ownership). She is a 38' Kettenburg designed sloop.

Wally Sykes
125 E. 32nd St.
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Wally has recently purchased Stormfuglen, a boat which has been in the club before. She is a Danish boat, a 40' cutter built in 1930.

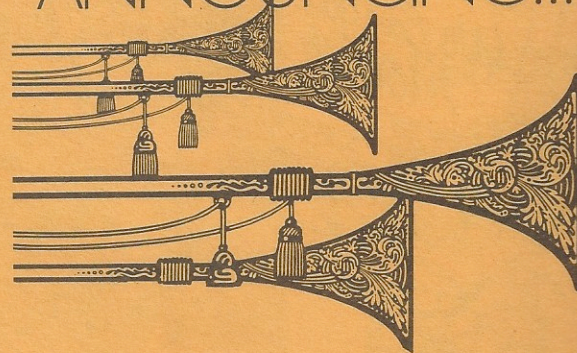
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ANNOUNCING...



FROM THE SOON TO DEPART EDITOR

Beloved Readers:

I want to thank each and every one of you (does anyone really read this thing?) for the opportunity I have had the last 2 years to study the fine art of newslettership. I wish I could say that I improved over time but it seems that over the last 6 months or so my job as well as the Albatross has deteriorated. I am not as affective at chasing down the stories or getting this thing out on time as I used to be. I even have trouble getting a FROM THE HELM and I'm married to the commodore!

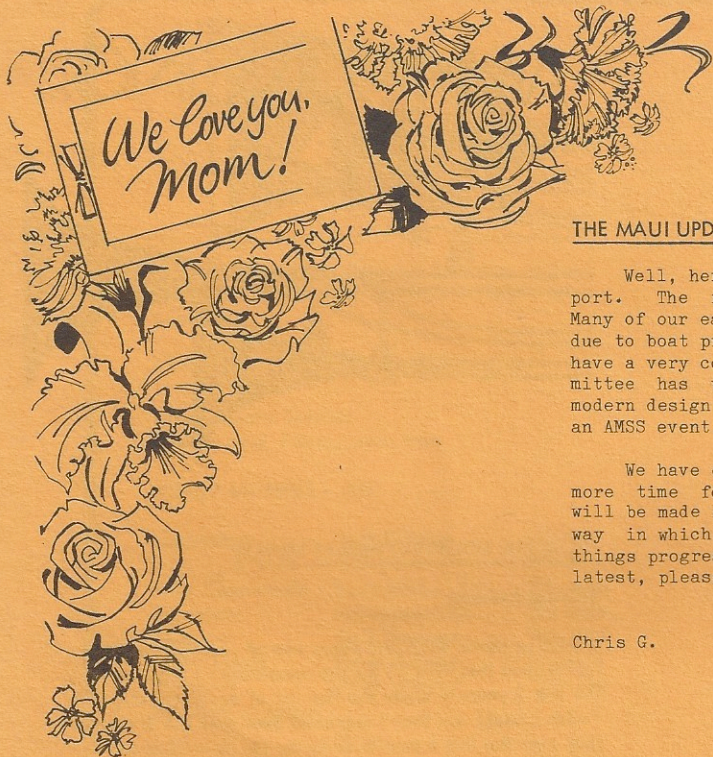
I also know that when I start moaning and groaning about something it is time to give someone else a chance at it. THE JOB IS FUN! I would be glad to teach anyone the tricks. The hardest part is recruiting folders, staplers, stamp-lickers and label putter oners.

If you want to know more, call someone on the board. There is no obligation to take the job if you call. They (the board) pays well too. I got a bouquet back in early '82.

Bye-bye,

Leslie

P.S. Thanks to all the contributors, especially John Frost, my hero, for filling many a bare page.



THE MAUI UPDATE

Well, here we are one month later and not a whole lot new to report. The race organization is proceeding on schedule (sort of). Many of our early candidates for participation have chosen not to race due to boat problems, money problems or both. As it looks now, we may have a very cozy fleet. Part of this may be our own doing. The committee has voted (unanimously) to reject two yachts on the basis of modern design and/or construction that were not deemed appropriate for an AMSS event.

We have extended our deadline for entries until May 1 to allow more time for a few hopefuls to get it together. Some big decisions will be made in the next few weeks that will impact the race and the way in which it will be run. I will endeavor to keep you informed as things progress in this critical period. If any of you would like the latest, please feel free to give me a call.

Chris G.

A QUIZ

Column for Albatross

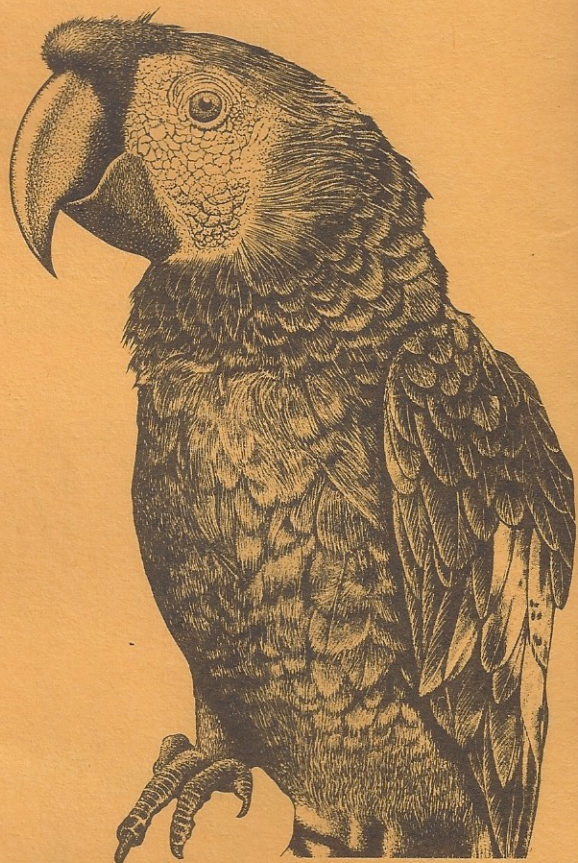
This column will appear any time Sue and I feel like putting it together. The following quotes were taken from a well known volumn written by a well known author who's name will be listed in next months issue along with the first AMSS member to guess the title and the author's true identity. Call in your quesses to (619) 566-2025.

"As he looked around, he saw some classes of racing sailboats over to the southwest and thought to himself, I suppose seven-eighths of the people on those craft are uncomfortable and miserable. He then spied one of those nickel-plated sport fisherman with three decks and no bottom, and he chuckled to himself as he thought what people would do to show off even if they made fools of themselves. Yes, he said to himself, I suppose our friends on the Piscator will haul in ten times as many fish in a season as that flying float-stage manned with a lot of cowboys and would-be actresses."

"...these modern pleasure cruisers, particularly the motor boats, seem to be planned to be a receptacle for the insane and perverted, whereas fifty or sixty years ago the yacht was the most beautiful thing afloat."

"We don't hate all power boats, Dan. It is only those modern freaks that look like the result of a collision between an automobile and a dining car, with the whole mess superimposed on a float stage. The motor boat designers have to design craft down to the taste of foolish and uncouth individuals. I suppose it will be impossible to educate them beyond red-stained wood and chromium plating. It's a shame that they are not compelled to anchor away from the yacht club for they spoil the looks of the waterfront."

How's that for unbiased opinion! It sounds like this guy should be on a couch in some doctor's office. Well, anyway, keep those cards and letters coming in folks. Chris and Susan G.



NOW HEAR THIS!