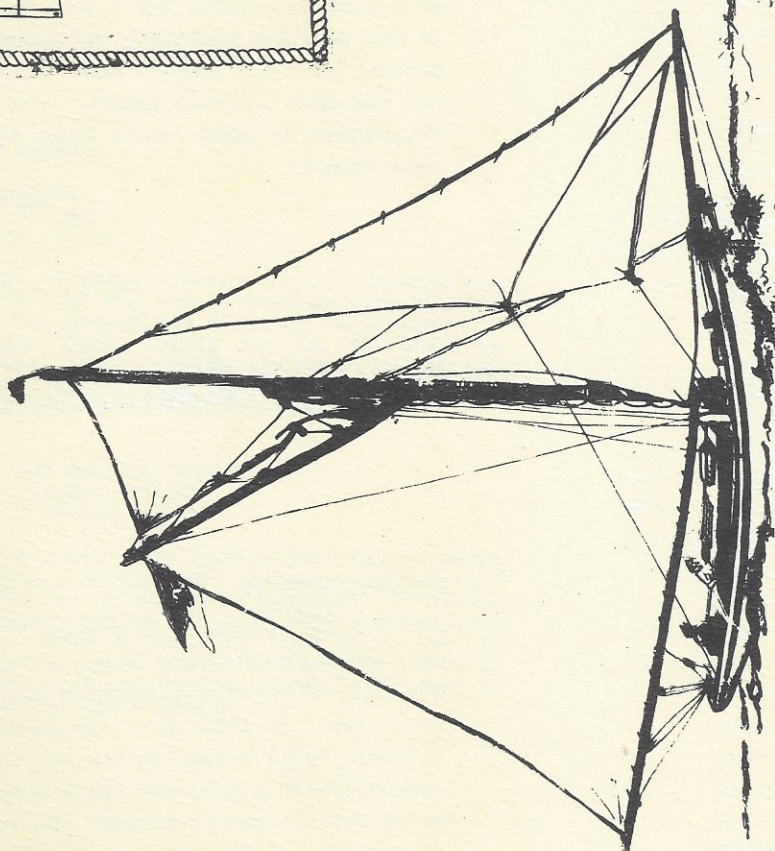


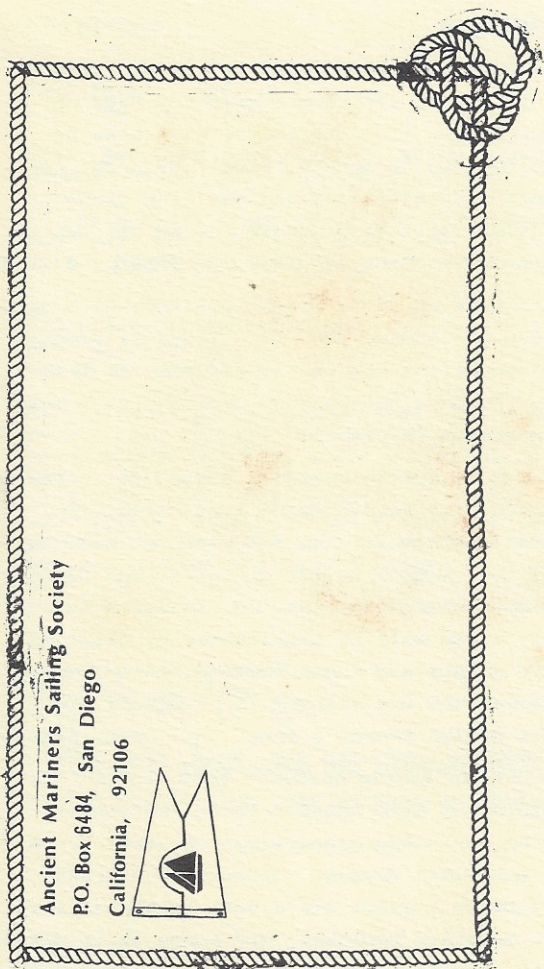
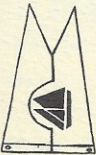
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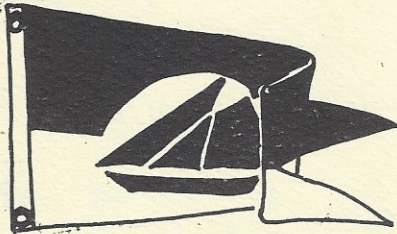
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1984 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Commodore's Cup Race February 11
- St. Valentines Day Dinghy Massacre. February 12
- Commodore's Brawl February 18
- April Fools Regatta April 8
- Mother's Day Cruise May 6
- Yesteryear Regatta June 9
- Pettycoat Regatta July 21
- Ironman Race July 22
- Ensenada Race September 1-3
- Oceanside Harbor Days October 13-14
- Film Festival November 17
- Half Pint O' Rum Race December 1



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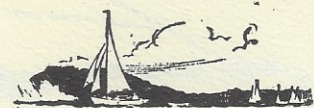
The AMSS Calendar of Events for 1984 begins this month with the Commodore's Cup Race on Saturday, Feb. 11. The course will take us out to the Los Coronados "middle grounds" for the mark and the racing and cruising class start times will be staggered so we all finish the same day! Everyone pray for some good winds.

Plan to raft up in La Playa Cove for the Dinghy Massacre on Sunday, Feb. 12. There is plenty of enjoyment for all who participate in this event. Perhaps the phantom penguins will make an appearance this year!

A phone poll by the Board of Directors indicated the membership favors going from "Brawl" to "Reunion" this year. So a Commodores Reunion it will be, with a buffet dinner at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Sunday, Feb. 26. A Tenth Anniversary theme will be highlighted by displays, honored guests and those "moldie oldie" past commodores who are allowed to attend by the Anchors Aweigh Seaman's Home. All past, present, and future members are encouraged to attend.

The Board has also voted to have the Society join the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs as an associate member. Membership in SDAYC will give us a voice and a vote in the affairs of our yachting community and place us in direct contact with San Diego's most experienced yachting and business oriented people. The growth and development of AMSS should directly benefit as a result.

Rusty



FEBRUARY MEETING

In 1851 the Clipper ship Flying Cloud embarked on a maiden voyage that made history, a record breaking 89 days 21 hours from New York to San Francisco. In 1983, Fritz Richardson of Custom Offshore Sails crewed on the 51' racing trimaran Cystic Fibrosis Crusader which attempted to break Flying Cloud's record. Be sure to join us for his interesting lecture and video tape.

NEW MEMBERS

Lani Chambers and Shane Ferguson
3025 Newell, Apt. #6
San Diego, CA 92106

Lani and Shane own NO-KA-OI which is a Matt Walsh Common Sense 28. Designed and built for Matt's daughter in 1933, she is hull #1 of 7. Hull # 3 of this class competed in the 1935 Trans-Pac race and was the smallest yacht ever to complete the race. NO-KA-OI is carvel planked Mahogany on Oak.

Patty Roberts and Al Hislop
1890 Linbrook Dr.
San Diego, Ca 92111

Patty and Al have decided that they need a larger yacht than Dingus for (bay) cruising and so they have bought Strokes, a 17' gaffer based on an old 1887 Whitehall design. Built at the Cover Shipyards in Clairemont in 1981, Strokes immediately distinguished herself by taking a 1st overall in the 1981 Ancient Mariners Race in Long Beach. Structurally, Strokes is a typical Del Cover work of art. Her copper riveted lapstrake hull is made of Port-Orford cedar on Oak frames.

Laurie and Richard Miles
22062 Via Santiago
Mission Viejo, CA 92619

Laurie and Rich are associate members. Rich is one of the many talented shipwrights working hard on the Californian over on Spanish Landing.

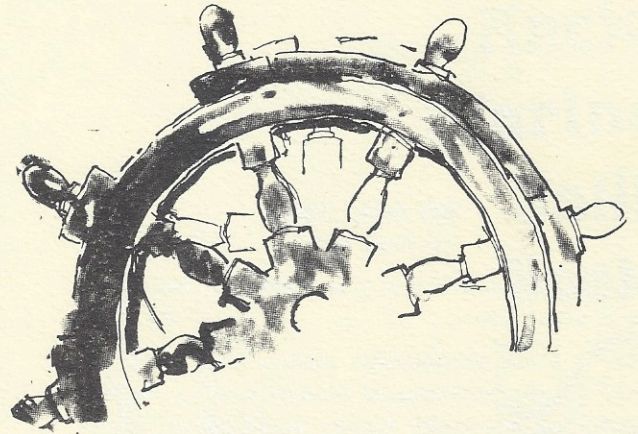
PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Richard W. Wright
2666 Worden St. #6
San Diego, CA 92110

Richard owns Sceptre which is a 6 meter sloop built in 1931 by the Nevins yard at City Island, N.Y. Rich has gutted the interior in preparation for a major deck repair to be followed by additional hull work. Previously known as Bob Kat and Angelido, this yacht was acquired in February of 1983 through a sealed bid auction.

Steve Stock and Morning Waters
2733 Shelter Island Dr. #92
San Diego, CA 92106

Steve and Morning own a beautiful little yacht named Saoirse, pronounced sair-sha, which is a Gaelic word for freedom. Saoirse is an Atkins "Little Dipper" design built in 1956 and designed in 1933. Steve is presently working on the old Winthrop Warner gaff rigged ketch Felisi down at the Driscoll yard and invites those interested to come down and see both yachts.



COMMODORE'S 10th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

During the last ten years there have been many good people, boats and events that have helped the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society achieve a respected status in our yachting community. To celebrate, AMSS Commodores and members, past and present, will get together for the Commodore's 10th Anniversary Reunion; Sunday February 26 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. No host cocktails will be held in the California Room from 6PM to 7PM followed by a buffet dinner and the Commodore's Cup and Dinghy Massacre awards presentation. Reservations are limited; and the dinner cost is \$12.95 per person, which includes tax and service charges. Please use the enclosed form and mail it in by Feb 10.

COMMODORES CUP and DINGHY MASSACRE

Saturday Feb 11, marks the start of our 1984 racing with the Commodore's Cup. The course will take all the boats around North Coronado, with the cruising class starting 1 hour earlier. After the race plan to raft up in La Playa Cove and prepare for the St. Valentine's Day Dinghy Massacre on Sunday the 12th. Awards will be presented at the Commodore's Reunion, so get your reservation in. More information on the races will be given at the Feb 2nd general meeting, or call Tom Belair.

LAST ALBATROSS?

No, we are not stopping the Albatross; but for some of you this will be your last issue. If your 1984 dues have not been paid by the first of February you will be dropped from the AMSS membership; no races, no Albatross. We don't want to lose you! So, please get those dues in; for after Feb 1, you will have to reapply for membership.

THE EARLY YEARS

by Doug Smith

In 1974 Bill Clark and I had what we thought was a great idea!

Bill, a local boatbuilder with a particular skill in the building of wooden boats, owned a modified Herrshoff design which he had built and called the "Clark 31". Bill's boat was the "Salud". I owned a 40' "R" class sailboat, the "Aloha". Our idea was to stage a classic boat race in San Diego, similar to races held in other parts of the country.

The purpose of forming the organization was to preserve and promote the use of sailboats of ancient vintage and/or classic design. Ancient vintage was defined as any vessel built prior to 1941. Classic defined as "that which has withstood the test of time". We felt that 1952 should be the cut-off year for a classic boat. That year was the end off an era of heavy displacement, long overhang, short rigs, narrow beam, etc designs.

If a boat was built later than 1952, it must have been built to designs that epitomized the feelings of the earlier era. We felt by allowing boats adhering to these standards we would enhance the longevity of the association.

We realized that the interpretation of "classic" could pose some problems. In order to protect the integrity of the organization we had many discussions to develop some standards that we could use in judging the acceptability for membership. From these discussions evolved a piont system giving credit for age, rigging, design, construction material, etc.

The Ancient Mariner burgee was designed by Mike York, an employee of Bill Clark. When the flag was completed it was noticed that the boat was going backward. This was indicitive of how the AMSS was going at the time. When we had the burgee corrected, it seems as if the AMSS started moving in the right direction.

Our first big media event was the May Regatta in 1975. As Commodore, I took the position that it was not what we were, but what others thought we were! With this thought in mind, the "hype" began. The 10 or 15 members we had at that time distributed flyers on the docks. Letters were sent to sailing magazines, interviews given to the local media, etc. It soon became evident to the yachting community that the AMSS was a well organized group that was going to bring San Diego the largest gathering of classic yachts ever to be seen here. We had become a legitimate Yachting organization.

That first regatta had close to 100 entries, many from out of town. Southwestern Yacht Club allowed us to use their club to host the event. The awards banquet was attended by over 1200 people. We had made the first AMSS regatta a success!

