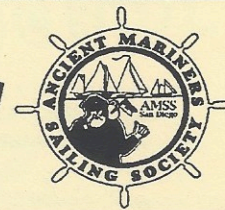


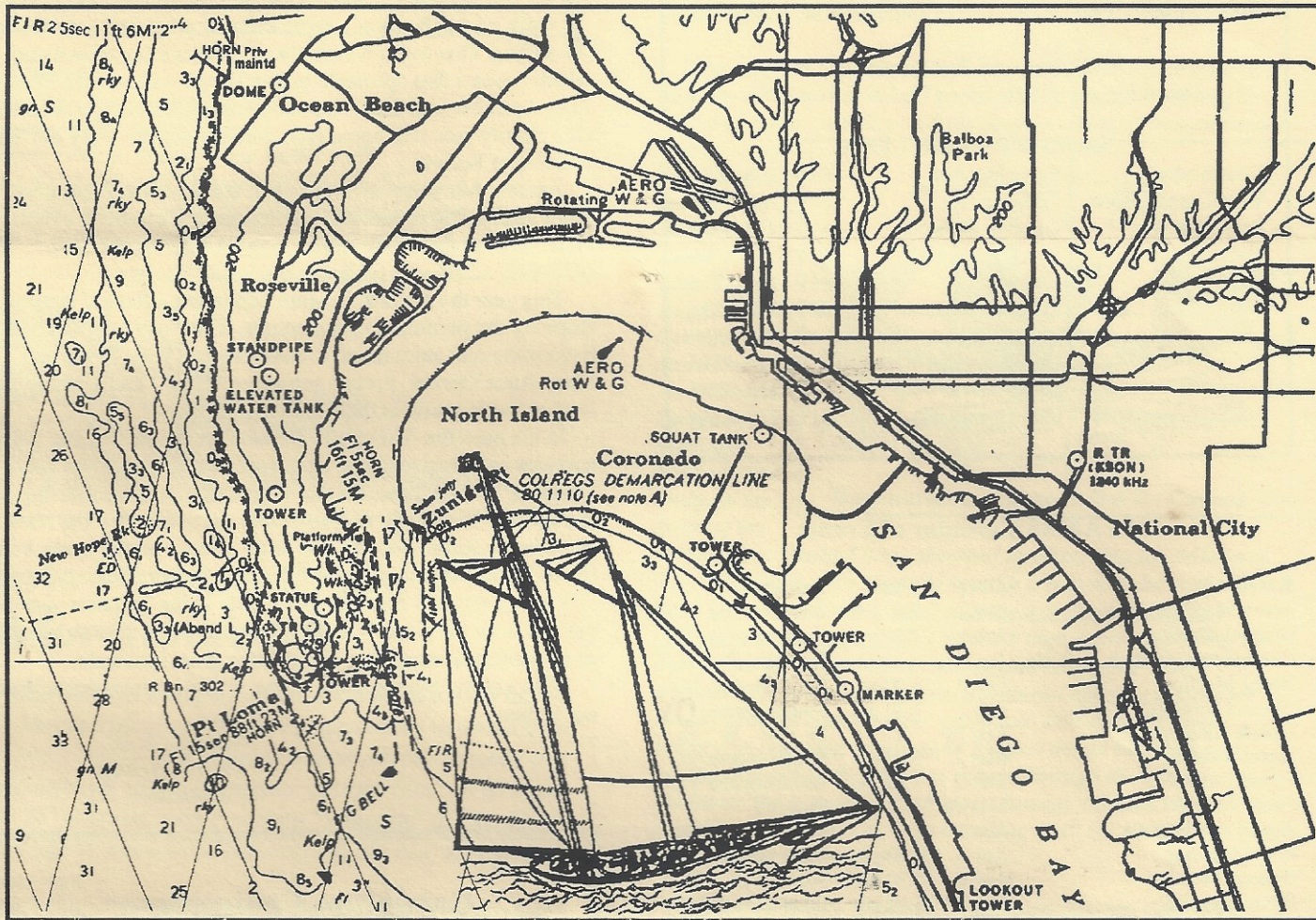
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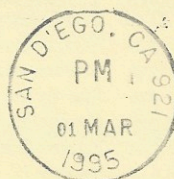
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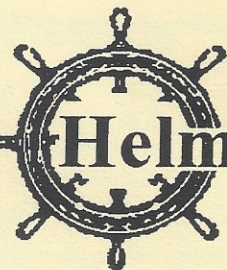
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## 1995 AMSS Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Board Meeting	Jan 5	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jan 5	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Commodore's Cup & Raft-Up	Jan 14		☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
Board Meeting	Feb 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Feb 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Jack & Jill Regatta	Feb 18		☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
Board Meeting	Mar 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Mar 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Photo Portrait Cruise	Mar 18	1:00 pm	Buoy #3
April Fools Regatta	Apr 1-2		To Be Announced
Board Meeting	Apr 6	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Apr 6	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Board Meeting	May 4	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	May 4	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Wooden Boat Festival	May 6-7	9:30 am	Koehler Kraft
Yesteryear Regatta	May 27	11:00 am	Southwestern YC
Board Meeting	Jun 1	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jun 1	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Kettenburg Regatta	Jun 24	1:00 pm	Star of India
Board Meeting	Jul 6	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jul 6	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Commodore's Ball	Jul 15	8:00 pm	Shelter Is. Beach
General Mtg. & Picnic	Aug 3	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Gorilla Rock Cruise	Aug 5	12:00 pm	Ballast Point
Labor Day Cruise	Sep 2-3	12:00 pm	To Be Announced
Board Meeting	Sep 7	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Sep 7	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Petticoat Race	Sep 16	1:00 pm	To Be Announced
Ironman Race	Sep 17	1:00 pm	To Be Announced
Board Meeting	Oct 4	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Oct 4	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Board Meeting	Nov 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting (nominations)	Nov 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 2	11:30 am	By Fiddlers Cove
General Meeting (elections)	Dec 7	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
New Year's Raft-up	Dec 31	4:00 pm	La Playa Cove

# From the Helm



It is that time in the year when we look at upcoming events, work on our boats at a more diligent pace, and schedule our sailing. One event which always draws a big crowd and which poses a fine spectacle in San Diego will be held March 31st, April 1st, and 2nd. The ninth annual America's Schooner Cup charity race will again raise funding for the Navy and Marine Relief Society.

Ancient Mariners not crewing in the schooners will normally attend one or more of the Schooner Cup social events which raises, via the Kona Kai International Yacht Club (KKIYC), additional funds for the Relief Society.

This year the admiral is again deploying a fleet of support ships for the participating schooners. The Navy people always have some real enjoyment. I recall that last year, Doug and Mary Anne Graves' French schooner, "Elan," had a whole destroyer battle group at their disposal. Imagine!

In the past, the AMSS has donated for the raffles and silent auctions and supported the Schooner Cup in numerous ways. This year we will donate a one year Associate Membership for the auction. Hopefully this will raise big money for the Navy and Marine Relief Society and bring a focus on the many benefits of being a member of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society.

I urge everyone who can participate in the Saturday morning sail from the Kona Kai down the Bay to be in their vessels as an additional support group for this great spectacle.

Who knows. Maybe some of the visiting schooners will join our society.

*Regards to all,  
Peter J. Benton  
Commodore '95*

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Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 6:00 pm, just prior to the general meeting.

## New Members and Petitions



## PORT SIDE

**Yacht:** Zephyr  
**Owner(s):** Janet Callow  
**Designer:** A. E. Luders Jr., 1934  
**Builder:** Luder Marine Construction Co. **Year Built:** 1949  
**LOA:** 26'4" **LWL:** 16'4" **Beam:** 5'9" **Draft:** 4'  
**Rig:** Sloop **Hull:** Cold Molded  
Zephyr is sponsored by Deb Dominici and Doug Jones.

**Yacht:** Ronin  
**Owner(s):** David & Joan Reams  
**Designer:** William Atkin, 1935  
**Builder:** George Smith **Year Built:** 1968  
**LOA:** 43' **LWL:** 32' **Beam:** 10' **Draft:** 5'  
**Rig:** Sloop **Hull:** Carvel Planked, Douglas Fir over Oak  
Ronin is sponsored by Kevin Thompson and Peter Benton.

**Yacht:** Dyad II  
**Owner(s):** Steve Tyler  
**Designer:** Paul Kettenburg  
**Builder:** Kettenburg Marine **Year Built:** 1954  
**LOA:** 38' **LWL:** 27' **Beam:** 9' **Draft:** 5'7"  
**Rig:** Sloop **Hull:** Wood  
Dyad II is sponsored by C. F. Koehler and Peter Benton.

## Photo Portrait Cruise Set for March 18!

This is a fascinating new event -- designed to give members and friends of AMSS an opportunity to obtain a formal photo of their wooden boat which can be made into a stunning black and white or color portrait. Size can go up to 16" by 20" or larger. John Free with "Valentine" (K-38.. #20) and George Wheeler with "Reward," (K-38.. #34) are coordinating the event.

A handout with tips on how to prepare your boat plus some sailing instructions will be distributed at the general meeting at the Southwestern Yacht Club on March 2nd, at 7:30 pm.. There will also be a sign-up sheet which will help coordinate your arrival on station southwest of Point Loma.

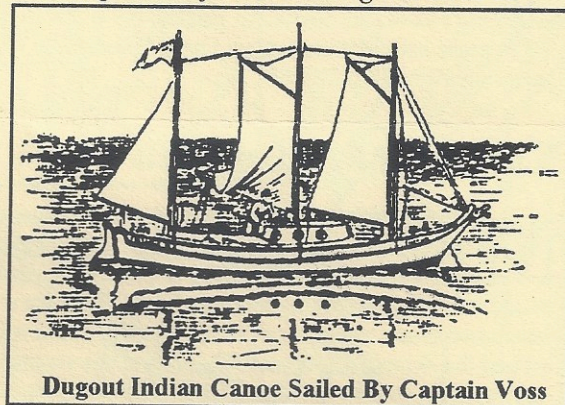
At 1 pm., George Wheeler will have cameras ready on Reward under double reefed main approximately three (3) miles SSW of Buoy #3 off Point Loma. If winds are light, sail hard on the wind -- passing Reward on your port at about 75 yards. If winds are moderate at 12+ knots, pass Reward on a beam reach from the same distance.

Cost of photography will include film, processing and printing, or you may leave your camera on Reward to be used instead. Every effort will be made to get at least one good shot forward of the beam and on the quarter of each boat.

As an interesting background, boats not being photographed are encouraged to sail 500 to 1,000 yards out from Reward to windward to provide a period background fleet, circa the 1940s and 1950s. For more information call (619) 271-8629.

Sea Safety is either ingrained through a personal experience or learned from the experiences of others. By far, the least costly and most efficient is the latter of the two possibilities. Captain John Claus Voss who, in 1901, sailed a three-masted dugout indian canoe around the world, leaves, in print, a legacy for us in the concluding pages of "The Venturesome Voyages of Captain Voss." Quoting from his text on "heaving to":

*"By properly heaving to, on no occasion did I ever have a boat smashed in, nor have I sustained the slightest denting to vessel or outfit... I will go a little further claiming that on no occasion while I was heave to under storm sail in a violent gale, have I shipped a sea that caused any damage... even though the storm sails had been carried away by the force of the*



Dugout Indian Canoe Sailed By Captain Voss

*wind. These results I have obtained by observing the following: The storm sails were trimmed in such a way that the vessel's head lay near the wind; her headway was stopped and she made a nearly square drift. The wake then, instead of being under the storm, when sailing, will appear along the vessel's weather side, which has a most wonderful effect in smoothing down breaking seas on their approach. To sum up, I have found that breaking wind waves in open ocean becomes dangerous only when the vessel is driven through the water, and the faster she is traveling the more damage a sea is likely to inflict! Pooping Seas, i.e., Seas breaking over the stern when running, are the worst of all!"*

More Sea Safety tidbits to follow from his 326 page book available from F. E. Grubb, Librarian, Maritime Museum of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C. for \$11.00 US payable to the Maritime Museum.

Edward S. Barr  
Port Captain

## March Meeting Thursday the 2nd at 7:30 pm.

— VIDEO RAFFLE —

We will screen Volume 1 of The Annapolis Book of Seamanship series entitled 'Cruising Under Sail.' Classic Lines is donating the video for our raffle.

Go For It...

## The April Fools Regatta

**A**pril 1 & 2, 1995 — This race takes us north from San Diego to an overnight raft-up in Mission Bay. The start is at either buoy #17 or #15, but has started further out the channel in light air conditions. The fleet must take buoy #3 to starboard (keeps 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 mark their own times based on Ma Bell or the time check at the skippers 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. Associate members with non-qualifying vessels are invited to participate in this event.

For more information contact Doug Jones, Race Committee Chairman at (619) 222-0865.

## Yesteryear Regatta

**M**ay 27, 1995 — This is the major open event that AMSS sponsors and members of sister organizations are wholeheartedly invited to participate. Entries are invited from any qualifying wooden boat. There are several classes and many trophies per class. The day starts with breakfast and the skippers' meeting. The first of the staggered starts begin at noon with boats of similar capabilities going off at about 15 minute intervals.

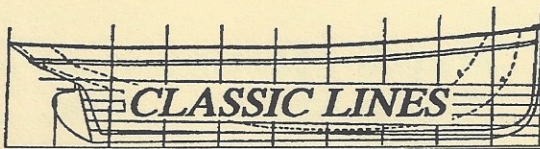
The race is approximately 12 nautical miles, starting just off Reuben's Restaurant, to a marker at Tom Hams to port, to #5 and #6 to port, to a marker near the "Star of India" to port and back to the finish at Reuben's. The post race party is usually a wild party with raffle prizes, results, trophies and lots of food, drink and music. The entry fee is approximately \$30. Breakfast and dinner are extra. Commemorative shirts are sold.

For more information contact Doug Jones, Race Committee Chairman at (619) 222-0865.

### — Stolen —

I would like to report that all four of my headsails including a working jib, spinaker and two genoas were stolen from my K-38, "Dyad II" during the week of January 16th - 20th. I keep the boat at Kettenburg docks (Driscoll's West).

I would appreciate any leads on the whereabouts of these sails. I am also looking for sails that can be used as suitable replacements. Call Steve Tyler at (619) 222-3087.



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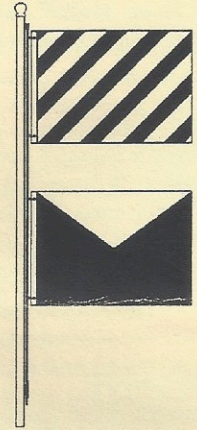
## The Jack and Jill Regatta

**S**an Diego, California, February 18, 1995 — Sequences for Jack and Jill helm positions were drawn from a hat at the 9:00 Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC) skippers meeting. It was a beautiful morning with a Santa Ana just filling in. We had seven boats show at the skipper meeting and all seven finished both races. Just another "ho hum day" in paradise.

The start line was off the Bali Ha'i Restaurant at buoy #19 and a moored ketch located at a bearing of 120° magnetic from buoy #19. The start time was 12:00 pm. The second race started at 1:30 pm. Comanche sounded the 10 minute, five minute, and start horns. What a start for the first race and the second race start was not too shabby either. Almost all boats were within seconds of the line roaring up to buoy #17. After taking 17 to port, all the Jacks and Jills raced down to the Navy Mooring Buoy #19, taking it to port. The finish line was the same as the start with all the boats taking their own time. (Look at the results to see how close it was.)

The bucket was presented to Diana and Rod on Freedom. Libations were enjoyed by all at La Playa at the raft-up after the race. Truly a wonderful and wind filled day.

Doug Jones  
Race Committee



## RACE RESULTS

Place	Boat	Skipper	Owner	Handicap	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
<b>First Race 12:00 Noon Start</b>						
1	Freedom	(Jack)	Latimer	145	0:48:11	0:46:16
2	Comanche	(Jack)	Dominici	120	0:49:07	0:49:07
3	Sundance	(Jill)	Thompson	175	0:55:00	0:50:47
4	Valentine	(Jill)	Davidson	140	0:54:00	0:52:28
5	Northstar	(Jill)	Poller	300	1:12:25	0:58:37
6	Duchess	(Jack)	Hovland	180	1:06:00	1:01:24
7	Zephyr*	(Jack)	Callow	220	1:11:40	1:04:00

### Second Race 13:30 PM Start

1	Northstar	(Jack)	Poller	300	0:51:00	0:37:12
2	Freedom	(Jill)	Latimer	145	0:40:07	0:38:12
3	Comanche	(Jill)	Dominici	120	0:38:56	0:38:56
4	Sundance	(Jack)	Thompson	175	0:43:43	0:39:30
5	Duchess	(Jill)	Hovland	180	0:44:25	0:39:49
6	Valentine	(Jack)	Davidson	140	0:45:00	0:43:28
7	Zephyr*	(Jill)	Callow	220	0:56:21	0:48:41

\* New Member

### Combined Standing

1	Freedom	Latimer	3 Points
2	Comanche	Dominici	5 Points
3	Northstar	Poller	6 Points
4	Sundance	Thompson	7 Points
5	Valentine	Davidson	10 Points
6	Duchess	Hovland	11 Points
7	Zephyr	Callow	14 Points

