

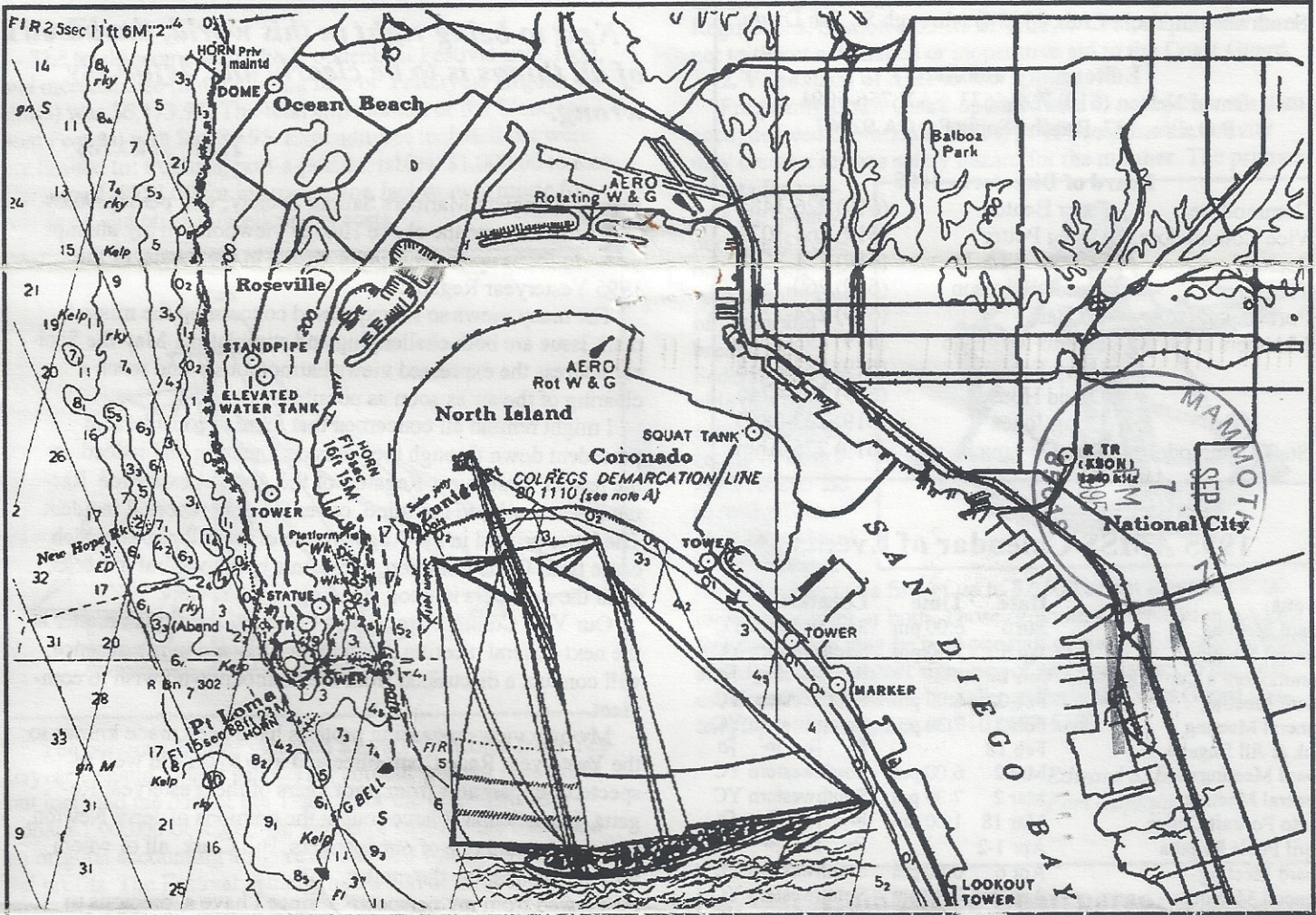
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## 1995 AMSS Calendar of Events

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	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
April Fools Regatta	Apr 1-2		♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
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	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
Yesteryear Regatta	May 27	11:00 am	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
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	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
Board Meeting	Jul 6	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jul 6	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Commodore's Ball	Aug 3	6:00 pm	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
General Mtg. & Picnic	Aug 3	6:00 pm	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
Gorilla Rock Cruise	Aug 5-6	12:00 pm	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
Labor Day Cruise	Sep 2-3	11:00 pm	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
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

# From the Helm

*Next to being right in this world, the best  
of all things is to be clearly and definitely  
wrong.*

*T.H. Huxley*

The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, will perhaps allow me to quote the above Huxley viewpoint in my attempt to focus upon the right or wrong in the results of the 1995 Yesteryear Regatta.

The many views so far expressed concerning the missed mark issue are both challenging and stimulating. May the Society address the expressed views harmoniously and reach a clearing of the air as soon as possible.

I might remind all concerned that there is considerable precedent down through the years of Yachting and indeed, in the few 21 Yesteryear Regattas of the AMSSs existence. Racing rules clearly, to my mind, cover the now reported incident. The letter printed in the August issue of the Albatross, which came from Chris Campion, came on a bit strong but it merits, from the members in good standing, some review.

Our Vice Commodore, Gregg Potter, will raise the matter at the next general meeting, September 7th., and in my absence, will conduct a discussion from the members who wish to comment.

My own views regarding protests have been made known to the Yesteryear Race Committee and also to certain well respected campaigners from prior years of the Yesteryear Regatta. In particular, I have sought the opinions of Jerry Newton, Doug Jones and one of our founders, Bill Clark, all of whom will help us resolve the matter.

Viewed from my perspective, since I have a, precious to me, 60 year old boat, I would be horrified if some racer in a Yesteryear Regatta interpreted the racing rules and suddenly rounded up upon me in his boat because he had missed a mark. Rather that he went on his merry way and left the results to the course umpires, the race committee.

*Happy sailing to you all,  
Peter J. Benton  
Commodore '95*



**September Meeting**  
Thursday the 7th at 7:30 pm.

**Air your views regarding the  
contested results of this year's  
Yesteryear Regatta.**

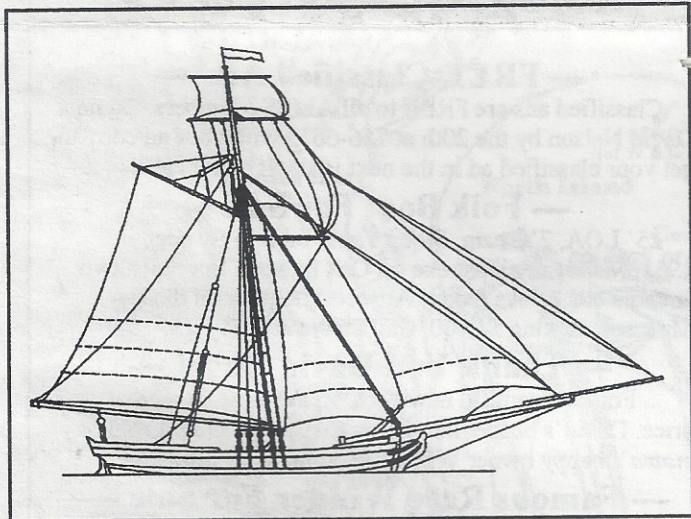


# Summary Of 8/30/95 AMSS Board Of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to give the Sea Scouts Ship #294 a \$500.00 donation after a request was made from Jim Sutter.

## The Facts:

The total income from the Woodenboat Festival gate, food, and merchandise (not including hats or Yesteryear Regatta T-shirts) was \$6,173.95. The total expenditure of the Woodenboat Festival was \$6,788.95. Expenditures included but were not limited to: trophies, port-a-potties, tables, \$1,000.00 to Koehler's yard, \$358.00 for insurance, the Jackstraw's music for two days, and other miscellaneous costs.



The previous figures included \$1,080.00 income from Yesteryear Regatta T-shirt sales. This amount was not pure profit but included the cost of the T-shirts for the club. This additional \$1,000.00 obscured the deficit of running the show and an original accounting a figure of \$465.00 was shown as Festival profits. The Festival actually had a deficit of \$615.00.

## The History:

The AMSS Board had agreed to donate a portion of the Festival profits to a designated charity. The Wooden Boat Festival Committee elected the Sea Scouts as the recipients of these profits. It was suggested that half the profits go to AMSS and half go to the Sea Scouts.

## The Discussion:

The board members favored giving more than \$500. However, there was a concern about doing so without the permission of the members and analyzing competing requests for AMSS needs. An idea was considered that a further donation be made via matching funds between the member donations and the treasury. The idea will be raised at the next general meeting for membership ideas and recommendations.

*Deb Dominici,  
Lyn Richardson,  
George Wheeler,  
Gregg Potter*



# PORT SIDE

These cogent observations were offered by the United States Coast Guard from the July 11, 1995 "Notice to Mariners":

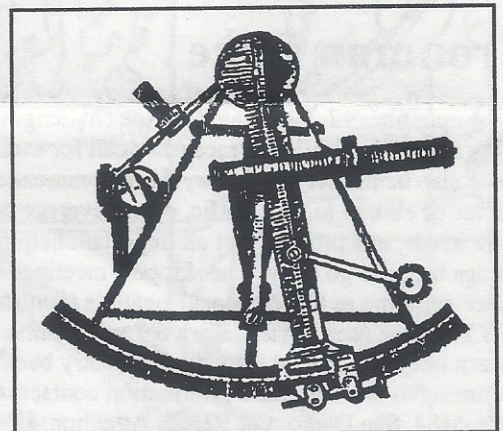
### 1. Required reporting of damaged US Aids to Navigation

It frequently occurs that aids to navigation are collided with, causing damage and displacement, or complete loss, without the knowledge of the Coast Guard. The Marine Investigation Regulations, Section 4.05-20 of Title 46 CFR, require the mariner to report a damaged or inoperative aid to the Coast Guard.

### 2. Vandalism of Aids to Navigation

Frequently Coast Guard operated aids to navigation are damaged, defaced by vandals. This type of irresponsible activity may create a serious safety hazard for the mariner. The primary targets for vandals are usually buoys and lights on structures located on the end of jetties and breakwaters.

Federal laws provide that those apprehended defacing or destroying a federal aid to navigation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor



and are subject to a fine of up to \$2,500 or not less than \$500 or imprisonment or both. Those providing information leading to a conviction may be paid one half of such a fine. All citizens are requested to report sightings of any vandalism to the nearest Coast Guard unit or by calling Eleventh Coast Guard District Operations Center at (310) 499-5380.

*Edward S. Barr  
Port Captain*

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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.



## Petticoat Regatta

September 16, 1995 — The Petticoat is a short (6-8nm) Bay race pitting female crews with wooden boats against each other. A typical course is to start at buoy #17, take #15 to port, #21 to port and back to #17, but there have been several variations depending on wind conditions. The skipper's meeting is at Southwestern Yacht Club at 9 a.m. on race day. After the race there is a raft-up at La Playa Cove. The whole point of the Petticoat Regatta is to develop the sailing confidence of our female members in an environment free from male interference. Men are allowed aboard provided they stay below, do not speak, and cook, clean, and produce stiff drinks on demand. For more information contact: AMSS, P.O. Box 6484, San Diego, CA 92166, Attention: Doug Jones, Race Committee Chairman, (619) 222-0865. ✻

## Ironman Race

September 17, 1995 — This race challenges your solo sailing skills. While the race rules call for each skipper to also be his/her own crew, it is recommended that an observer be aboard to spot traffic, open beverage containers, prepare meals, and provide that all important helping hand if things begin to go awry. The skippers meeting is held the same place and time as the Petticoat Regatta's (Saturday 0900 at SWYC). The race is generally a 6-7 mile course starting between buoys #3 and #4, rounding the entry buoy #1 to port and returning to 3/4. For more information contact: AMSS, P.O. Box 6484, San Diego, CA 92166, Attention: Doug Jones, Race Committee Chairman, (619) 222-0865. ✻

## Free Classic Sailing Ship Tours At Chula Vista's Harbor Day

Seven classic wooden boats will join the tall ship *Californian* spotlighting the on-the-water activities at Chula Vista's ninth annual Harbor Day Festival on Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Set around Chula Vista's Harbor, the event also includes a variety of musical entertainment, vintage automobiles, children's activities, arts and crafts booths, and maritime displays.

The *Californian*, an 1850-era revenue cutter used to protect the California coast, will be open for free public tours. *Adelphi* and *Blue Water*, both early 1900-vintage wooden sailing ships, also will have free tours; while *Prima Donna*, *Shadowfax*, *At Ease*, *Freedom* and *North Star* will be displayed at the dock for public viewing. The seven classic wooden boats are owned by members of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society.

In keeping with the nautical theme, pirates wearing colorful, authentic costumes will re-enact high seas scenes, while strolling musicians sing sea shanties. Other featured maritime displays and activities include canoes, kayaks and long boats used by the U.S. Olympic athletes from the ARCO Training Center in Chula Vista; scale-model exhibits and demonstrations provided by the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild and Argonauts; Coast Guard and Tall Ship Society of San Diego County booths; sailboat races by junior members of the Chula Vista Yacht Club; and a marine gear swap meet.

Live musical entertainment starts at 10 a.m. on five stages, featuring jazz, Motown, Latino, surfing, and rock and roll music. Headline groups include "The Cat-illacs," "Dr. Feelgood

and the Interns of Love," "The Islanders," "J.D. and the Blues-busters," and "Instant Replay."

Fiestas Patrias will be celebrated with Folklorico dancers, mariachis and ballad bands with a Mexican flavor. Local entertainment groups include the award winning "Music Machine," "Jazz Traxx," and "Music Tech Ensemble."

More than 150 food, crafts and business booths; children's games and activities; a classic car show with 200 vehicles; and strolling entertainment, face painters, magicians, clowns and stilt walkers add to the fun.

Harbor Day is accessed by taking the J Street exit off I-5 and turning west on Marina Parkway. Plenty of free parking is available for the event. Free shuttle busses will run every 20 minutes from the Bayfront/E Street Trolley Station to the event beginning at 10 a.m. For more information about Harbor Day, call 585-5605. ✻

## AMSS CLASSIFIEDS

### — FREE Classified Ads —

Classified ads are FREE to all AMSS Members. Contact David Nelson by the 20th at 756-6673 with your ad copy to get your classified ad in the next issue. It's that easy!

### — Folk Boat For Sale —

25' LOA, 7' Beam, Sloop *Yadin* built in Sweden in 1961, Mahogany lapstrake on Oak Frames. Six Sails, two anchors etc. Looks Good! Attracts attention on the Bay. Must see. Asking \$4,000. Call David at (619) 574-1040.

### — Thank You David Engel —

... For the beautiful new deck on *Sumatra*, at a great price. David's beeper number is (619) 406-3985. From *Sumatra*'s happy owner Wayne Stromberg.

### — Famous Race Winner For Sale —

12' LOA Gaff Sloop, *Dingus*. Great condition, complete with galvanized trailer. \$2,500 - Call Chris (619) 224-2733.

### — Spacious Gracious Lady For Sale —

Classic 1959 Angleman Gaff Ketch, "Sea Witch," many time winner of the Yesteryear Regatta. 35 LOD, 48' overall, 13' beam, built in LA. Refurbished in 1986 with NEW Masts, Sails, Yanmar 44 hp. engine, and large stainless fuel and water tanks. Hull refastened in 1994. Many innovative features include new light and airy interior design, storage galore, and larger forward stateroom.

All cruising electronics, Autohelm below-deck autopilot, Furuno digital radar, GPS, speedlog, impulse depth sounder, VHF and generator. Modern galley includes microwave, refrigerator, 4 burner stove, oven and broiler. Hot and cold pressurized water. Other modern amenities include a 13" 12 volt TV and VCR. She is built for cruising, comfort, safety and convenience and makes a great live-aboard.

*Sea Witch* also has a newly rebuilt 9' fiberglass sailing dinghy on davits called *The Sandwich*. Asking \$72,500. Call Jack at 543-0442.

### — Classic Lines Has Moved —

Classic Lines, Wooden Boat Chandler and Services, has moved from Koehler Boatyard to: 1227 Scott Street, San Diego, CA 92106. Come on by and enjoy browsing through traditional books and merchandise. Let us quote your next boat project. Call us at (619) 226-1484