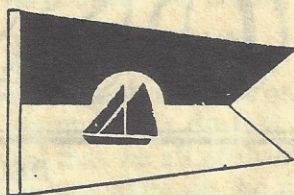


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1987 Calendar of Events

Annual Meeting (election results) ...	Dec 3
Half Pint o' Rum Race	Dec 5
General Meeting	Jan 7 '88
General Meeting	Feb 4
Commodore's Cup Race & raft-up @ La Playa Cove	Feb
Dinghy Massacre	Mar
Commodore's Ball	Mar
General Meeting	Apr 7
April Fool's Regatta & raft-up @ Mariners Cove	Apr
General Meeting	May 5
Swap Meet	May
General Meeting	Jun 2
Yesteryear Regatta	Jun
General Meeting	Jul 7
Pettycoat Race	Jul
Ironman Race	Jul
Picnic	Aug
General Meeting	Sep 1
Fall Cruise (Mariners Cove)	Sep
General Meeting	Oct 6
Oceanside Harbor Days	Oct
Ascot Display	Oct
General Meeting (nominations)	Nov
Swap Meet VI	Nov



It's got to be the love of sailing and all its associated experiences that keeps pulling forth individuals to serve as the head of such organizations as the AMSS. The composition of the 1988 Board candidates represents

some of the finest talent any group could wish for. By the time you read this, the votes will be cast and at the Annual Meeting the passing of the serving mallet will signify the beginning of the new Board's era.

Now, take a moment and read the list of Board members to the left of this column. They started the year with a commitment to serve and they finished the year as a team with a list of accomplishments that made the AMSS stronger.

I would like to thank our Vice Commodore, Keith Korporaal, for helping with the new membership management and for saying yes whenever that extra inch was asked of him; Dale Frost for displaying a quick hand with the minutes and a quality of understanding regarding the business of the Board; Sheila DeWeese for keeping both our banker and our creditors happy simultaneously; Chris Donnelly for working magic with the local authorities, making sure our events were well coordinated, and for many a night lounging in La Playa Cove; Ann Kolls for skillful handling of the T-Shirt sales, thereby giving Sheila a well-deserved break; Art Hoban for his wisdom of boats as well as human nature, which steered our discussions toward amicable conclusions; Robin Brackenbury for brilliant management of the race committee, which set new standards of clarity and consistency; Diana Watson, a mid-year appointee, for her contributions; and Lonnie Lynch, as Staff Commodore liaison. There is one more name: Gary Blackman, editor of this illustrious newsletter, who added a touch of dignity by his creative skills... and he never missed a deadline.

I would like to thank each person who served and helped with the various events during the year and for supporting the goals of this Board. We guided the AMSS to a successful forum for us boat junkies to play on the water and at the same time developed a ready welcome from the other sailing organizations in San Diego to participate in their events.

I have enjoyed the year working with the Board and knowing the membership better. I thank you for the privilege of serving as Commodore in 1987.

— Richard Wright, Commodore

Welcome Aboard

New Members

C. Wayne Walker
2821 Nimitz, Apt. E
San Diego, CA 92106 619-225-9425

Sponsors: Chris Donnelly & Chris Frost

Wayne owns *Nymph*, a Kettenberg K-38, built in 1954.

Prospective Members

Paul & Ruth Ellars
2556 Chicago Street #39
San Diego, CA 92110 619-276-8259

Sponsors: Keith Korporaal & Art Hoban

Paul and Ruth own *Atria*, a Herreshoff H-28 designed in 1944 and built in 1976.

George Ream
10325 Tanglewood Lane
Descanso, CA 92016 619-445-8154

Sponsors: Richard Wright & C.F. Koehler

George owns *Zita*, a six metre sloop, built in Sweden in 1939. She is moored at Koehler's.

December Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held December 3rd at Silver Gate Yacht Club at 7pm. Ballots will be opened and the 1988 Board will begin its reign. The ballot advisory votes should tell a story on what direction the membership wants to head. Robin will discuss the Half Pint 'o Rum Race with us.

Half Pint 'o Rum Race

The Half Pint 'o Rum Race will be held on Saturday, December 5th. There will be a raft up in La Playa Cove Saturday night following the race. Boats twenty five feet and under have the option of the beloved Le Mans start and finish on the beach on Shelter Island just south of the launching ramp. The larger racing and cruising classes will have a buoy start and finish in the harbor near the same beach. Rum will be served under the Commodore's flag in the raft up. If you can't make the race, come by the shore, hail a dinghy, and join the year-end fun!

Swap Meet VI

Swap Meet VI was a great success. Your Commodore and Chris Donnelly did what is becoming a semi-annual event: weed cutting and clearing the obstacles in the Koehler yard. The weather was on our side and the yard filled with treasures starting at 6am. C.F. said the line started before the sun was up.

Ann Kolls and Dudley welcomed the anxious buyers at the gate and Kevin and Kathleen Thompson served coffee and donuts. Keith Korporaal supplied the cups again—thanks, Keith. Chris Frost really helped as the central contact for the sellers spaces. This time he and Gabrielle furnished us with a computer printout!

The AMSS booth turned out to be a success. Richard Wright donated some seed items to fill the space and Rod and Diana Latimer made a generous donation of half the proceeds of their Atomic Four engine, which was sold out of our space.

Once again, a special thanks goes out to Terri and C.F. Koehler for the use of their yard. A magic wand couldn't conjure up a better location!

A thought for the next time is to have an AMSS information board complete with a description of who we are, the YesterYear Regatta, etc. along with a supply of application forms.

AMSS Sponsors a Charity

In the past the Children's Home Society of California has received donations from the AMSS through one of its key supporters, Terri Koehler. The Board has adopted this charity to be the recipient of the overflow from those events where we raise funds in excess of our needs.

The CHS was established in 1891 and through the efforts of its members and those much needed donations, it has served children by filling such needs as adoption, foster care, education, expectant parent counseling, and safeguarding their rights.

More information is available from the San Diego Region Headquarters at 7695 Cardinal Court, San Diego, CA 92123. Their phone number is 619-279-7800

Thank You

The AMSS has presented John Schaub, Commodore of Silver Gate Yacht Club, with a Christmas tree of their choice to express our gratitude for the courtesies they extended to us in 1987.

AMSS Dues for 1988

The membership dues for 1988 are due by January 1st. An invoice will be sent to all members of record in December. Please remit promptly; we're breaking in a new treasurer and this is no time to give him a hard time by delayed payments. Thank you.

Things We Could Be Doing Better

by Richard Wright

After a year of getting phone calls on "why not" or "could we" or "damn, don't do that again," some ideas have surfaced that we all probably have in our hearts, but no one has taken on the actual tasks to date. Also, because of limited time to contribute, a less than perfect event had occurred. Here are a few common threads that emerged from this process:

YesterYear Regatta— In its heyday, eighty to ninety vessels churned the waters of the bay. What may help to get that type of participation back is good PR. We need to get on the calendars of the print media. We also need to coordinate with other events to entice Newport/LA boats south. Perhaps we could organize a campaign among our members to walk the docks and place announcements on eligible boats. If another Koehler yard party is organized, a disc jockey could provide the entertainment after the Bar-B-Q.

T-Shirts— The concensus is to stick with a more traditional design for the logo. Also, other clubs that go with an assortment of sizes in one style—men's crew neck short sleeve—find their ending inventories a lot smaller than ours.

Power Boat Membership— There are some fine power vessels in our harbor that boast the same pedigree and caring as our sailing members' boats. Lou Wolfgang's *Rum Runner* is a fine start, but we need an initiative to invite others to investigate the AMSS and we need to organize special activities for them at our events.

Handicaps— The handicap committee members must be the most unsung volunteers of all time. This is not limited to AMSS; every other racing organization wrestles with what is fair and just. The most significant YesterYear observation was that the skippers really wanted to be racing like with like, even if their chance at the overall win was lessened. The

suggestion was to group the staggered starting time of similar vessels together rather than starting by rating sequence throughout the entire fleet. After all, there is no better surge of pride or ego than to take a fellow H-28 at the mark or to outpoint a similar vessel on the windward leg.

Please consider these suggestions and present your ideas at a general or Board meeting. Thank you.

Master Mariners Regatta

Doug Smith was in San Francisco on business recently and took a side trip over to Sausalito to see Pelican Harbor, the wooden boat habitat of the area. Once there he spoke with the Master Mariners Benevolent Association about their annual Master Mariners Regatta held on Memorial Day weekend.

They extended an invitation to AMSS members for the event and offered slips to those who attend. Doug is thinking of taking his Cal-32, *Andale*, up to San Francisco to participate. He is seeking other AMSS members with a sense of adventure who would consider making the trip up the coast in company with *Andale*. Perhaps AMSS boats could race back to San Diego or Catalina. Interested skippers should call Doug at his office for more information. His phone number is 222-2560

Standing Committees

Standing committees are finally here. The idea is that the committee chairmen remain in place to provide continuity of service to the membership. The present committee chairmen and chairwomen have agreed to remain in place at the discretion of the Board.

Starting with the first issue of 1988, the Albatross will publish the names and phone numbers of the committee chairmen every month in a manner similar to the Board members.

