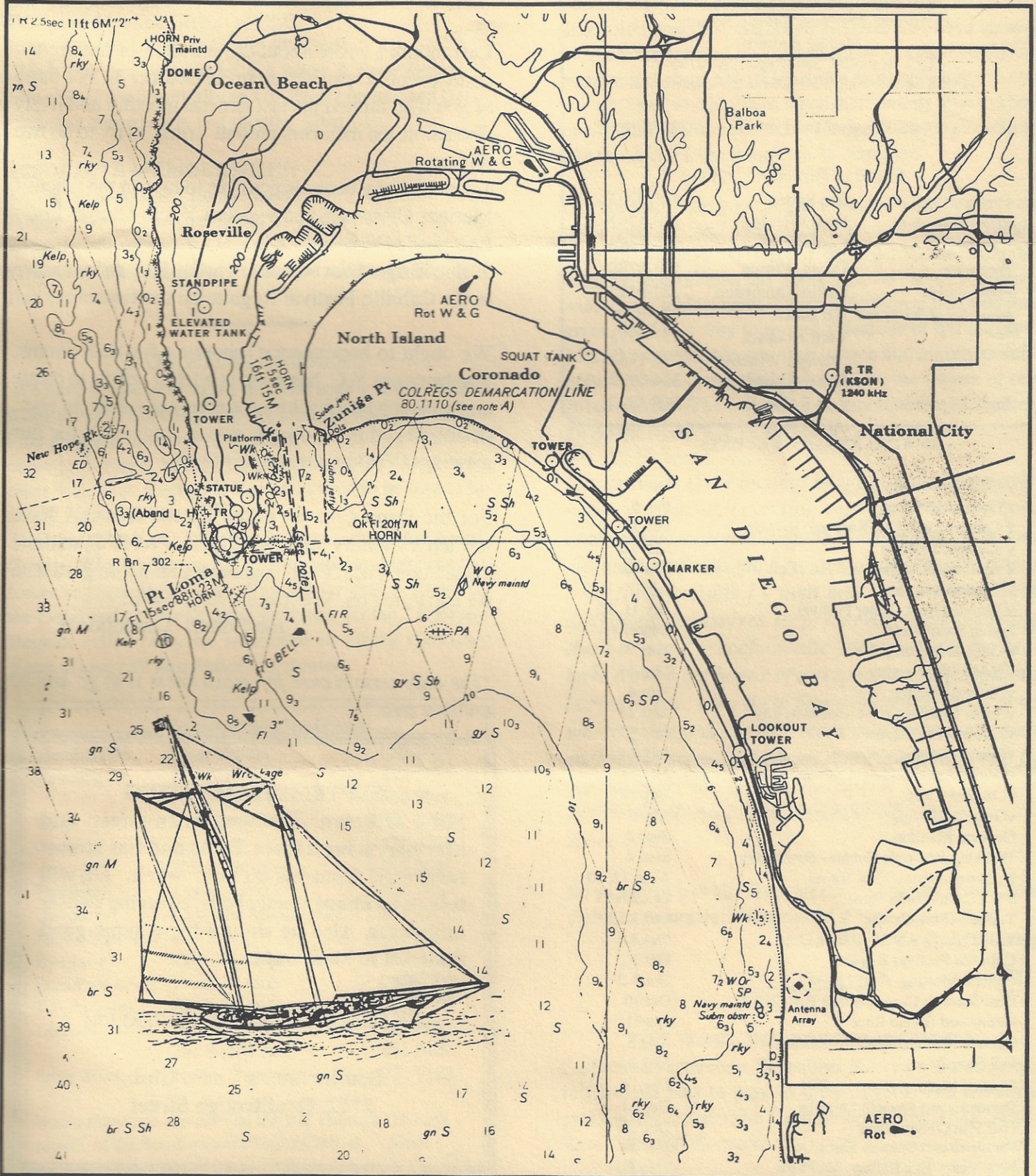
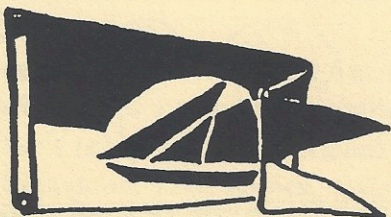


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**1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

√ General Meeting	Jan 2
√ General Meeting	Feb 6
√ Commodore's Cup Race and Raft Up	Feb 22,23
√ General Meeting	Mar 12
√ April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Mar 28, 2
√ General Meeting	Apr 2
√ Wooden Boat Center Festival	Apr 11, 12
Spring Swap Meet	Cancelled
√ General Meeting	May 7
√ Yesteryear Regatta	May 16, 17
√ General Meeting	June 4
√ Roller Coaster Cruise - Mission Bay	June 13
√ Jack and Jill Regatta	June 27
√ General Meeting (picnic)	July 2
√ Gorilla Rock Cruise - Los Coronados	July 11
√ Catalina Cruise	July 24
√ General Meeting	Aug 6
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Sept 3</b>
<b>Working Person's Cruise - South Bay</b>	<b>Sept 4</b>
<b>Petticoat &amp; Iron Man Races</b>	<b>Sept 12, 13</b>
<b>SWYC Ensenada Race</b>	<b>Oct 2,3,4</b>
<b>Todos Santos Cruise</b>	<b>Oct 2,3,4</b>
<b>W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)</b>	<b>Oct 3,4</b>
<b>Cabrillo Festival Regatta</b>	<b>Oct 3</b>
General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 8
Boat Show & Commodore's Ball CCYC	Oct 10
Homeward Bound Race	Oct 11
General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 5
Fall Swap Meet	Nov 14
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 10
Parade/Escort Spanish Ships In	Dec 11
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 12
Parade/Escort Spanish Ships Out	Dec 20
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec 31

# From the Helm

Last month I wrote about the problem of having too many events to participate in on October 3. For those of you who missed the last general meeting and lively discussion, the members present voted to try to do two things:

1. Get as many boats as possible to race in the Ancient Mariner Class of Southwestern Yacht Club's Little Ensenada Race.
2. Encourage those who can't make Ensenada to race in the Cabrillo Festival Regatta on the bay.

We ought to have a good showing for both events, Southwestern Y.C. has gone to a lot of effort to create an Ancient Mariner class for their annual event and, of course, they allow us use of their club for our meetings. We should support them.

For the Dana Cup, as asked by the Board, I have written a friendly letter to WHOA (WHYC) and the Dana Point Yacht Club in another attempt to get a date we can agree on. We'll keep you posted!

Jim Sutter, Commodore

*"The only certain cure for seasickness is to go and sit under a tree."*

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Mike O'Brien, Electronic Engineer and Mariner, is back from Texas and has almost recovered from his 80 hour week. He will talk to us about electrolysis covering causes and cures. Also he should have some good material to hand out.



**SEPTEMBER 3rd AT 7:30 PM**

at the  
**Southwestern Yacht Club,  
2702, Quailtrough Street**

## MEMBERSHIP PETITIONS

### Yacht: *Silver Seal*

**Owners:** Mark Stevenson

*Silver Seal* is an Olive May Gaff Cutter

Construction: Carvel, Pitch Pine

Builder: H. King & Sons, Ipswich, England, 1931

Designer: Maurice Griffiths, 1930

LOA: 37', LWL: 26', Beam: 8' 6"', Draft: 5' 2"

*Silver Seal* is sponsored by *Jim Sutter & Peter Benton*

*Silver Seal* is a beautifully and originally maintained Gaff Cutter as described in last months Albatross.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS:

**Associate Member:** Ed Merewether

Ed has 2 boats. The first is a Gaff Cutter built in 1966 by Westerly of England. It has wooden spars, mast hoops but a fibreglass hull and decks. He also has a Westsail 32 which also has lots of wood trim..

## BOARD MEMBERS

We have a volunteer to fill the void left by Dawn Miller who moved to Berkeley. Dawn's husband Paul is starting a PhD program in Naval Architecture at Cal this fall. Welcome to our new board member Donna Davidson, who owns Valentine a very red K-43 that used to be owned by Peggy Slater.

Also this month, we have another vacancy on the board. Gerelyn Winchip has started a new career and her schedule forces her to resign. Thanks Gerylyn for your great job on the Decal and getting all those great gifts for the Yesteryear Regatta raffle! Anyone interested in taking Gerelyn's place, please call Jim Sutter to volunteer.

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Board meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month, at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 7.30pm.

## THE WRETCHED BURGEE CONTEST

What do you do with your old Ancient Mariners burgee when it becomes nothing but a few threads hanging from your halyard?

Being the consummate squared away sailor that you are, you know that you have flown your colors proudly and diligently from your starboard yardarm and have shown everyone who passed by that you and your proud vessel are members of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society. Now that time and weather have taken their toll, its time to keep up this fine tradition with a new burgee that will shine just like the vessel from which she is displayed.

Did you know that you can get a replacement burgee at no cost? Yes, no cost! Every summer at the annual picnic meeting, we have our Wretched Burgee Contest and the member who submits the "most seriously scuzzy burgee" wins a new replacement. This has become a tradition that gives all of us a way to properly dispose of old burgees. After the contest, the winning burgee and all others submitted will be respectfully placed into the flames of our beach bonfire. The following ceremonial words, written by Annie Kolls, will be recited by the commodore:

*Inasmuch as these ancient burgees have flown over noble vessels representing the finest era of boat craftsmanship, and a bygone time of tradition and elegance; and inasmuch as these burgees were raised over these vessels by men and women who have dedicated themselves to preserving and restoring these fine and graceful classic yachts....these burgees have earned the honor of a respectful and propitious burial in fire. May their fine ash enrich the ground where great and soaring trees might rise...and may such a tree someday become a towering mast, and fly the burgee of the Ancient Mariners.*

**LONG LIVE ANCIENT MARINERS.**

*Amen.*

So we say to you all: Fly your colors proudly at all times and then respectfully dispose of it with honors.

Dick Winchip

## THE WORKING PERSON'S CRUISE

On Saturday afternoon, September 5th, we will rendezvous in Glorietta Bay to gaze at the shipyards and industrial parks while sipping the featured drink; the Toxic Waste Rum Cocktai!! Be there!

## LADIES.....

It's that time of the year when each Ancient Mariness has a chance to show her individual sailing prowess. Get your boat ready for the **Petticoat Regatta** on Saturday, September 12th. Ladies, if you need crew, look for volunteers at the September 3rd general meeting. Ladies who want to crew with experienced skippers, come to the AMSS General Meeting on Thursday night and volunteer. It really is fun!

The skipper's meeting will be at Koehler's at 9 AM on race day. After the race there will be a raft-up and awards at La Playa Cove. Here's an opportunity for the distaff members of this club to show the men what they can do. The whole point of the Petticoat Regatta is to develop the sailing confidence of our female members, in an environment where they don't get yelled at. It's going to be a great race!

## .....AND GENTLEMEN!

On Sunday, September 13th, you get your chance to show your solo sailing skills in the annual **Ironman Race**, to be held off Point Loma beginning at Noon. While the race rules call for each skipper to also be his own crew, it is recommended that you have an observer aboard to spot traffic, open beverage containers, prepare the meals, and provide that all important helping hand if things begin to go awry. The skippers meeting is at Koehler's at 0900 race day.

## SAGRES COMING - ESCORT NEEDED

Captain Howard Thomas attended our last meeting and told us about the Cabrillo Festival. The Portugese Tallship **Sagres** will be in San Diego arriving Sunday, September 27th at 10am. Don't forget to go out and welcome her. The fleet will gather off Point Loma and fall into formation behind the Sagres and other tall ships, i.e. the Californian. Also for those of you who cannot afford the time or energy for a trip to Ensenada or Dana Point, the Cabrillo Festival Regatta should prove to be a fun race and a great party. On the Sunday after the Regatta, the Sagres will take part in the 450th Aniversary of Cabrillo's Landing in San Diego.

## EINE KLEINE NAGHT SAILING...

There is much satisfaction to be derived from a well run yacht making good time on a fair night. The rush of the water along the hull, which always seems to be moving faster in the darkness, the phosphorescent foam of the wake, the glow of the navigation lights seemingly suspended in the two small clouds which surround them, the quiet voices of the watch sharing stories of other nights and other voyages. All of it builds a picture in the mind of quiet efficiency and strength.

The Skipper will be trying to sleep but seems to always be listening to the soft conversations from the helm. Nothing brings him to full alertness faster than little snippets of conversation from above, like... "why does he keep showing us both red and green lights..." or "what do three white lights on the mast mean?".

It's a surprising how many people think that they can go without sleep and stay efficient. History and our own experience tells it's not so, but someone is always trying to prove that a thousand years of nautical knowledge is now wrong. It seldom works. All overnight sailers should adopt some form of a watch system, if for nothing more than to keep the deck watch alert to any potential problems. No watch is longer or drearier than the period from six bells (3AM) to first light. Rotating watches keeps everyone safe.

Steering close hauled at night is something of an art form. You cannot see the telltales on the headsail, and normally have to rely on the wind against your face and the heel of the boat. If your boat is equipped with electronic wnd indicators, you're probably not on an Ancient Mariner, but you will be able to steer a good course without losing too much ground to leeward. It's easy to become mesmerized by the instruments, especially the compass, when concentrating on steering. Many a watch has been so taken with the compass, knotmeter, and wind indicators that they fail to realize they have sailed into a peasoup fog bank that suddenly loomed out of nowhere.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We know what an opinionated group Ancient Mariners is, but the editors have been surprised that we have received no correspondence in relation to anything that has either been written in the Albatross or spoken at meetings. Just for the record we will print your letters when we have space and the nerve.