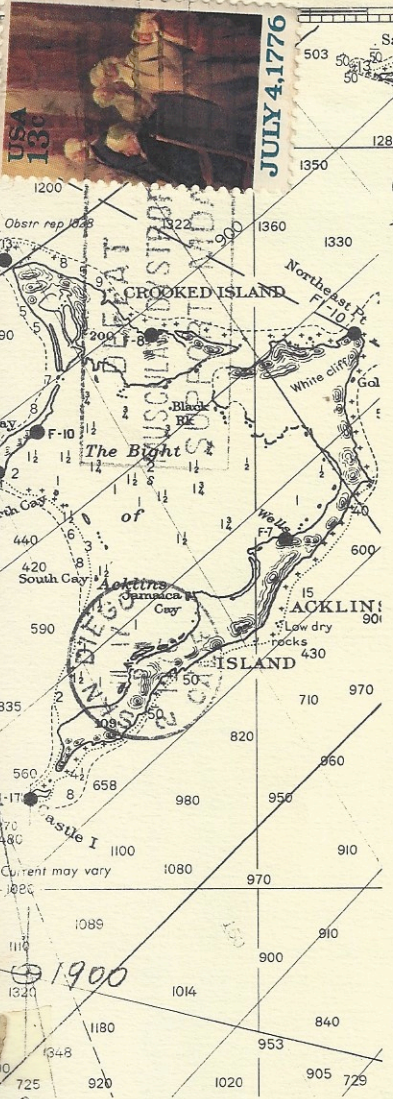
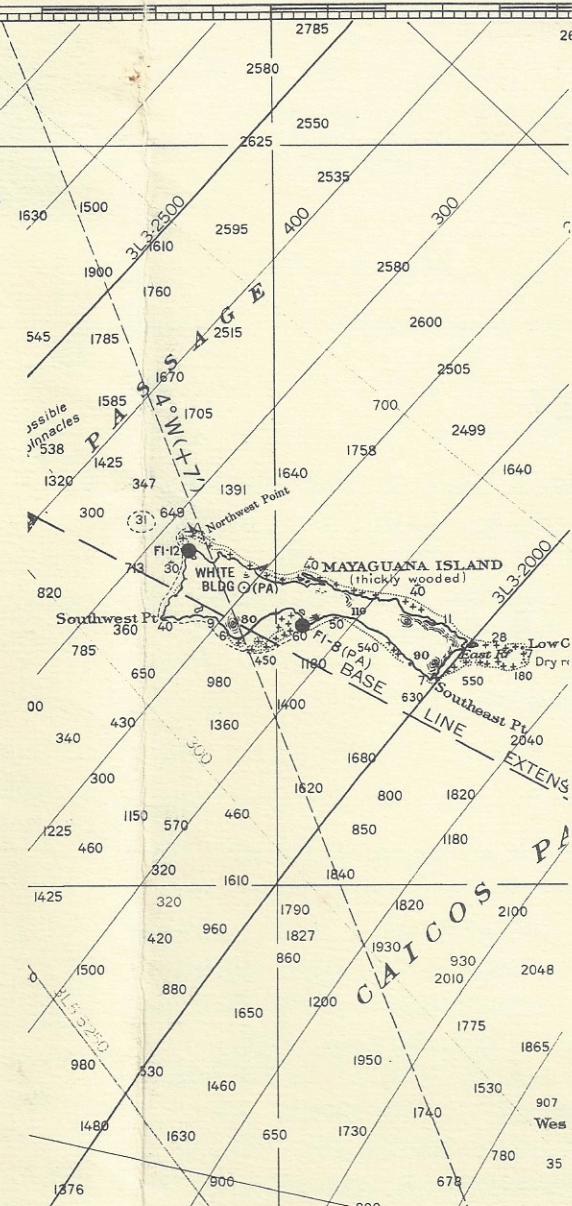
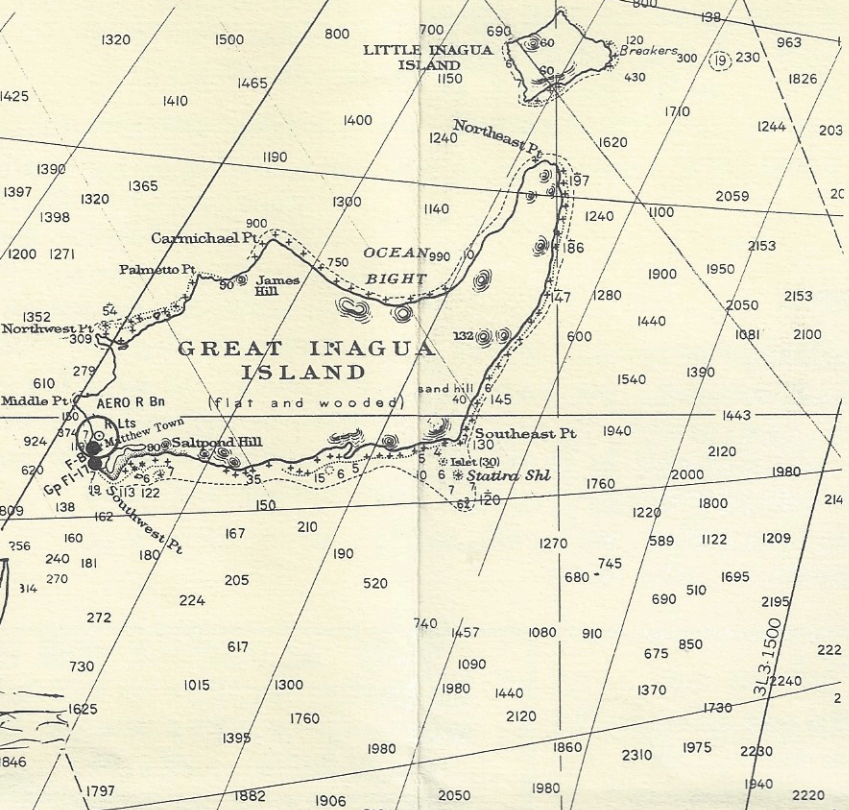
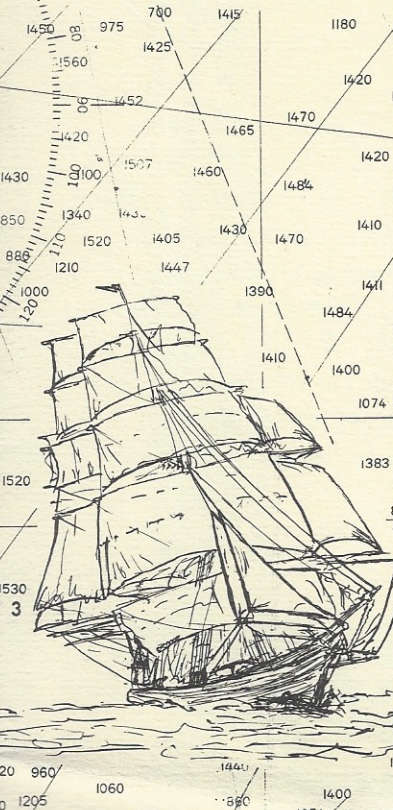


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July
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MEETING

JULY MEETING WILL BE A PICNIC DINNER AT SPANISH LANDING. ALL A.M.S.S. MEMBERS BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC DINNER, LOTS OF ROOM FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY. COME AND SPEND A PLEASANT SUMMER EVENING.
TIME 7:00 THURSDAY, JULY 29

THE A.M.S.S. JULY 4TH RAFT-UP AT MISSION BAY LUCKED OUT THIS TIME WITH BEAUTIFUL WEATHER.

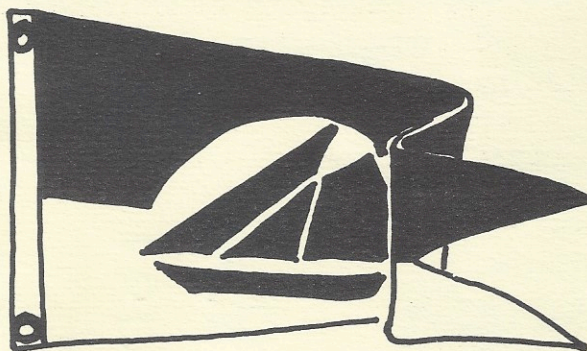
NIRVANA FLEW THEIR SPINNAKER GIVING ALL THE AERIAL ACROBATS A TURN AT SPINNAKER FLYING. SAILING OUT THE BAY SUNDAY TO ROUND-A-BOUT WITH THE STAR, I WENT BELOW TO FIX ERNIE HIS PEANUT BUTTER /JELLY SANDWICH, YELLS OF THERE SHE IS, RUNNING TOP SIDE, I COULD NOT BELIVE THE SIZE OF THE STAR, ALWAYS SEEING HER AT THE EMBARCADERO, NEVER SEEMED VERY LARGE, BUT ALL AT ONCE THIS WALL OF SAILS COMMANDING SKYS. A MOST IMPRESSIVE SIGHT.



THE ALBATROSS HAS RECEIVED SO MANY PHONE CALLS ASKING HOW PAT SMITH IS DOING ? VERY HAPPY TO REPORT, PAT IS AN OUT-PATIENT IN SEATTLE, WILL BE GOING TO WALNUT CREEK, CA. IN AUGUST AS A OUT-PATIENT. WILL BE IN SAN DIEGO APPROX JAN. 1977

NOTICE

The Board Meetings are now scheduled for the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., S.W.Y.C. All board meetings are open to the general membership.



OF INTEREST

THE WALKABOUTS, A FAMILY AT SEA, Mike Saunders, Stein and Day, \$8.95; San Diego Public Library Catalog Number 910.4

All of us dream of cruising. If you're still dreaming after reading Mike Saunder's account, the fever may be the real thing.

Walkabout tells the tale of the voyage of a family of six, two adults and four children ages 3 to 10, from the southeast coast of Africa around the Cape of Good Hope to England via Rio de Janeiro, the West Indies and the Azores. They found Walkabout, a 33 foot gaff ketch in a swamp in Mozambique. She had not been sailed in several years and had to be completely re-rigged and the interior redone. This was accomplished in the midst of a typhoon, and they set sail in March, 1972.

Clearing the Cape of Good Hope in November (including a five month stay in Cape Town), Walkabout arrived in Rio in late December. She laid over until February before starting up the coast of South America. Passing through the West Indies and the Azores, Walkabout arrived in Falmouth, England in July, 1973. Most of her voyage was spent in either a full gale or the doldrums and while Saunders much praises the strength of his boat, he has little good to say about her ride.

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SHARE YOUR STORIES AND
VIEWS WITH OUR READERS,
PLEASE HELP.

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Five appendices add much to the book and the armchair cruiser can spend much time pouring over their contents. They include the boat itself, a survey on the types of other cruising boats and the equipment they carried, a proper tender/lifeboat, commissioning lists and costs of cruising.

None of us would have to go through what Saunders did to get to sea but, once there, there is something in the experiences of he and his family for each of us.

BOB LYNN

Some questions have arisen recently regarding the status and voting rights of members. At the Board meeting of June 17, this matter was discussed and the following interpretations enunciated.

This matter is covered by Articles IV (1) and XV (1) of the By-Laws. Active members are defined as "owners, co-owners, spouses or partners of owners of boats who meet the criteria" of the organization. There may be only two active members from any one boat and each such member must pay the \$5.00 annual dues.

The following examples are illustrative:

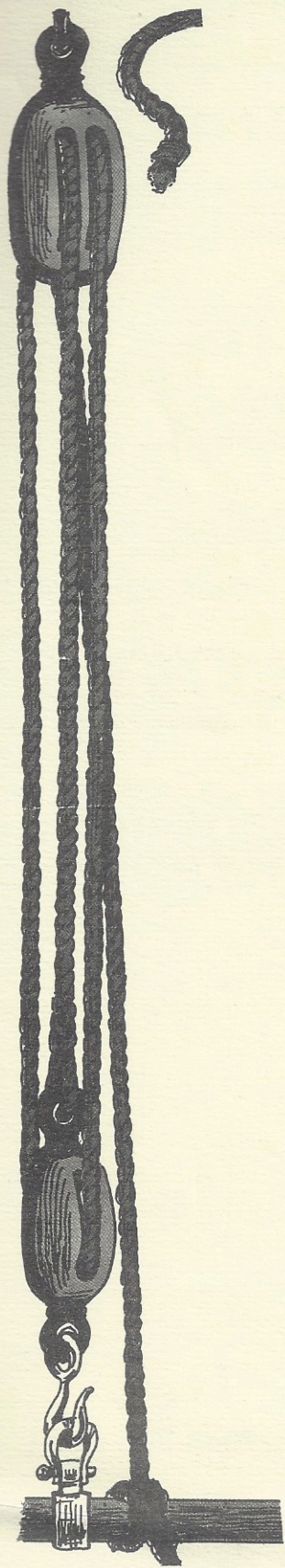
Boat A has one owner who has neither co-owner, spouse nor partner. That person pays \$5.00 dues and has one vote.

Boat B has one owner who does have either a co-owner, spouse or partner. Those two persons may either have one active membership for \$5.00 or two active memberships for \$10.00. If the \$5.00 choice is made, the other person is a more or less permanent guest of the active member.

Boat C has two owners, both of whom have spouses or partners. Only two of these persons (at the choice of the boat) may be active members. The rest are guests. The others may, of course, choose to be associate members. Associate members do not have the right to vote or hold office but must pay the annual dues.

If this is still confusing, please see me at the next meeting and I'll be happy to advise you what I think the By-Laws say about your particular situation.

Bob Lynn



YACHT OF THE MONTH

JONATHAN SWIFT PART II

It is almost three years to the day that we had our first visual experience of our yacht "Jonathan Swift".

We had decided to have lunch at the sea food restaurant on Mission Bay. It was the weekend and we had gravitated to the waterfront as was our usual practice, for at this time we were boatless and frustrated.

It was pretty hard not to miss her lying at the dock immediately below the restaurant. Darlene was first to make the comment "let's go down and look her over". Out of frustration and to the best of memory my reply was "if we look at one more boat that it is impossible to own I think we will move to the desert".

It was the next day that Darlene called me at work to inform me that in the classified ads there was a 60' steel cutter for sale lying in Mission Bay. The sight of Jonathan Swift immediately flashed into my head and within half an hour we were on the dock.

To relay to you the frustration, disappointment and excitement of consummating the sale would take far too long, so to make the yarn short the Spriggs' and Bank of America acquired the yacht "Jonathan Swift".

The responsibilities of yacht ownership soon became evidently clear, for as is usual with devotees of the old, classic and rare many of the negative points are rarely seen prior to ownership.

With Jonathan Swift it was not where and what to start on first to restore her to a new life, but to first make a complete evaluation of ourselves and the personal commitment that we were about to make to Jonathan.

After family discussion, it was decided to make it total to the best of our ability, both financially and personally.

We can both say that over the past three years we have never regretted that decision.

The rebuilding project started by completely stripping the interior. As you may recall from Part I, the wood grain, grey formica interior was pretty bad. Simultaneously work commenced on the deck with the complete stripping and preparing of bright work, scuppers, spars and the hull.

After the 'hack' work was pretty much completed, I needed the help of professional craftsman. The people we recruited worked with enthusiasm and I cannot think of one of them that did not enjoy working on Jonathan. This enjoyment and pride reflected in their workmanship and at this time Darlene and I would like to thank them all.

It was at this rebuilding stage that we were fortunate to find a young man who has since become a very good friend, and from him we have learned much, not only the art of yacht refinishing and seamanship, but something much more special. We learned that boats have souls and that a form of mental communication is possibleI would be interested to hear from other members if they have had similar experiences.

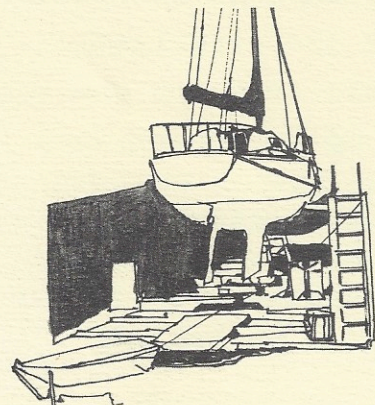
The three years have gone by much swifter than I would have thought and Jonathan Swift is probably as finished as she will ever be for I know no one who really ever finishes working on his boat.

The cruises that we have taken have so far been local - the Channel Islands and mainland ports. Occasionally these cruises have been for the purpose of campaigning her in Ancient Mariner races.

Even though her proud racing days were over, she still proves that you can't keep a good girl down and we have a couple of trophies from these events to prove it.

For the present and future, it is our intention to live aboard and enjoy her and who could not end a yarn without saying that someday a good, long cruise is a possibility.

Darlene and I are pleased to have shared our experiences and thoughts with you all..



Thank you,

Bob and Darlene Spriggs