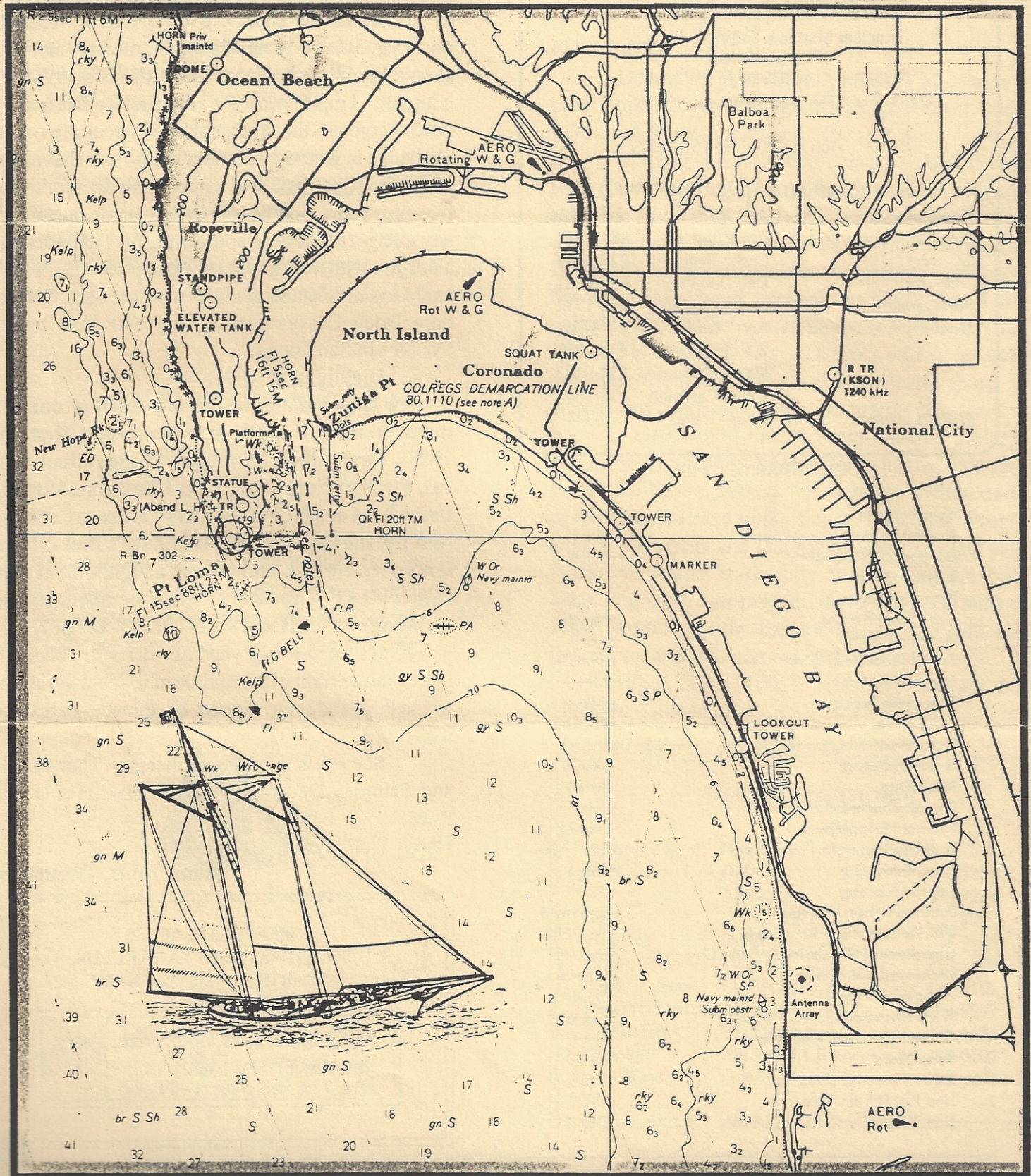


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ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY

DECEMBER 1991





From the

ALOHA. CIAO. SAYONARA. Thursday you'll have elected a new board of directors and you'll have a brand new commodore (who is also "comm-adorable", I might add). As your first woman commodore, I enjoyed the challenge, and hopefully met the challenge in your eyes. You will also soon have a new editor for Albatross. I've enjoyed doing it for the last two-plus years, and I'd like to do it again one of these days. Right now I need some time off. I'd like to thank all of you who were supportive and pitched in. Thanks again to our talented genius, two-time Staff Commodore Doug Graves for the best and most original trophies in San Diego.

Highlights Of 1991:

29 new members (equal to one third of our total membership!), San Diego to Maui Race (first since 1985), First Annual two-Day Wooden Boat Festival, First Annual Dana Cup Challenge, Birthday Party for Adelphi, First AMSS Cruise to Coronado (but not the last), Fun Commodore's Ball - Hawaiian Style, and last, and always a highlight: Annual Half Pint O' Rum Race - (for members in good standing) - COMING SATURDAY DEC. 7!

It's been a big year of "firsts". Thanks for letting me be right in the middle of it. Your votes, your friendship, and your support have made it all worthwhile.

See you at the election meeting, Thurs. Dec. 5, and Saturday December 7 at the Half Pint O' Rum Race.

Happy Holidays....

Annie Kolls, Commodore

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1991 CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

General Meeting	-Jan-3
General Meeting	-Feb-7
Commodore's Cup Race	-Feb-9
Raftup to follow	-Feb-10
General Meeting	-Mar-7
April Fools Regatta	-Mar-30
General Meeting	-Apr-4
So. Cal. Wood Boat Festival	-Apr-6,7
General Meeting	-May-2
Yesteryear Regatta	-May-4
Swap Meet	-May-18
3-day Gunkholing race/cruise	-May-30-June-2
General Meeting	-June-6
Maui Race	-June-9
Awards Dinner Lahaina YC	-July-1
General Meeting (picnic)	-July-11
Cruise to Coronado	-July-13,14
General Meeting	-Aug-1
General Meeting	-Sept-5
Petticoat & Iron Man Races	-Sept-14,15
80th Birthday Party for Adelphi	-Sept-21
Boat Show & Commodore's Ball CCYC	-Sept-28
Homeward Bound Race	-Sept-29
General Meeting	-Oct-4*
W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)	-Oct-6**
General Meeting (Nominations)	-Nov-7
Swap Meet	-Nov-9
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec-5
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec-7
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec. 31

MEETING PLACE IS
SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB.
STARTS AT 7:30 PM SHARP

Election Results, door prize, slides,
merriment (the usual).....

NEW MEMBERS

Charles Thorp

1405 Manchester St. National City, CA 91950

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Charles, who is self-employed, and his wife Laura, a teacher, own *Kachina*, a documented 1946 Kettenburg 46 PCC sloop, built in San Diego in 1958. Charles and Laura are interested in racing. Sponsored by Doug Graves and Dick Winchip.

Donna Davidson

1220 Rosecrans, #126, San Diego, CA 92106

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Donna, an R.N., has purchased Peggy Slater's well-known boat, *Valentine*, a Kettenburg 46 built in San Diego in '64-'65. Donna is sponsored by Doug and Mary Ann Graves.

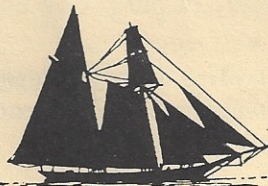
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS


Edward Abrams

P.O. Box 925, Julian, CA 92036

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Edward and Jody own *Aetos*, a Kettenburg PCC 46. Designed in the 40's, she was built in San Diego in 1950. Hull #19. A commercial artist, Edward was sponsored by Dick Winchip and Deb Dominici. He and Jody are interested in racing and cruising.



 **December Board Meeting**
7:30 December 3
Southwestern Yacht Club

PORTside by Dick Winchip

FULL MOON=High tides and low tides

December 7, 1991 is two days after a new moon and this also brings higher and lower tides. 9:03am: 6.5 feet...4:25 pm: -0.7 feet.

We will be conducting our annual Half Pint O' Rum Race this year on December 7th with an approximate 11 to 12 a.m. start which means you will be finishing near or at the low tide. I mention this because I listened to numerous radio conversations on November 21st (Full Moon) between the Coast Guard and vessels asking for assistance after having gone aground in San Diego Bay. Our race will be run over a course that does have its shallow-water spots, so watch your charts and depth sounders.

I also would like to point out that the area where we designate as the race finish, has become very crowded with vessels on mooring buoys, anchored and even some that have sunk. You will find that the only area off Shelter Island that has a somewhat clear path to the shoreline is directly in front of the boat launching ramp. At present, there is one (1) sunken vessel located on the eastern end off the Bali Hai Restaurant and it is marked with a wreck buoy.

PS....THE NEXT HIGH TIDE IS AT 10:58pm (Just in case...).

Committee Chairmen

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Half Pint O' Rum Race

It's that time of year, folks. Time to hie ye out to the market for a fine container of high quality rum, to be your entry fee for a legendary race of high action, high adventure, high jinks and high times at high noon on Dec. 7 (50th anniversary of a day of infamy).

Yes, this is the test of true seamanship, where you will start, sails down without your engine, right off the anchor, hopefully after your skipper, his mug, dog, and dinghy, is all back aboard. He or she will be rowing/paddling/wading/surfing/swimming from the beachside skippers' meeting where all skippers will be forced to sample the rum mixture early on. The finish of the race will require sailing as close as you dare to the beach at Shelter Island, dropping off (in a dinghy hopefully) a designated finisher, (not necessarily the skipper) who will row/paddle/wade ashore with an empty mug, and sample the keg. Your elapsed time is recorded when the empty mug is shown to the RC. This same Race Committee, who will test and maintain quality control of the mixture in the keg of entry "fees" periodically throughout the day, will also be responsible for penalizing and dealing harshly with the contestants/racers for any infringements of nautical courtesy, such as outright bald-faced cheating, carelessly running into other contestants, fouling anchored boats, using cheap rum as an entry fee, not bringing a mug to the finish line, etc. Bonuses will be considered for harmless yet creative "cheating", unusual costumes, and providing extra amenities at the skippers meeting or the raftup.

To find the starting area, proceed under the Coronado bridge to harbour buoy 26 then come to approx. 165 deg. mag. (Please consult a recent harbor chart for the location of shoals east of the Coronado bridge.) We will be on the sand beach on the west side of the south bay just southeast of some Navy structures. If you get as far as Crown Cove, you've gone too far (and possibly aground).

The skippers meeting starts at 11:30.

Bring your mug, and bring your jug.

"Don't Let the Years Thunder By...."

In Passing - Sterling Hayden 1916-1986
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To be truly challenging, a voyage, like a life, must rest on a firm foundation of financial unrest. Otherwise you are doomed to a routine traverse, the kind known to yachtsmen, who play with their boats at sea - "cruising," it is called. Voyaging belongs to seamen, and to the wanderers of the world who cannot, or will not, fit in. If you are contemplating a voyage and you have the means, abandon the venture until your fortunes change. Only then will you know what the sea is all about.

"I've always wanted to sail to the South Seas, but I can't afford it." What these men can't afford is *not* to go. They are enmeshed in the cancerous discipline of "security". And in the worship of security we fling our lives beneath the wheels of routine - and some form of working activity that will yield a sense of accomplishment. That's all - in the material sense. And we know it. But we are brainwashed by our economic system until we end up in a tomb beneath a pyramid of time payments, mortgages, preposterous gadgetry, playthings that divert our attention from the sheer idiocy of the charade.

The years thunder by. The dreams of youth grow dim where they lie caked in dust on the shelves of patience. Before we know it, the tomb is sealed. Where then, lies the answer? In choice. Which shall it be: bankruptcy of purse or bankruptcy of life?

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