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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, 29
General Meeting	Apr 2
Wooden Boat Center Festival	Apr 11, 12
Spring Swap Meet	May 2
General Meeting	May 7
Yesteryear Regatta	May 16, 17
Jack and Jill Regatta	?????
General Meeting	June 4
Roller Coaster Cruise - Mission Bay	June 13
General Meeting (picnic)	July 2
Gorilla Rock Cruise - Los Coronados	July 11
Catalina Cruise	July 24
General Meeting	Aug 6
General Meeting	Sept 3
Working Person's Cruise - South Bay	Sept 4
Petticoat & Iron Man Races	Sept 12, 13
Boat Show & Commodore's Ball CCYC	Sept 26
Homeward Bound Race	Sept 27
SWYC Ensenada Race	Oct 2,3,4
Todos Santos Cruise	Oct 2,3,4
General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 8
W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)	Oct 17
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

A few evenings ago I was hanging around the Broadway pier watching the tour boats come and go. Out of the mist appeared a salty looking character with a Captain Morgan's rolling gait. He went right to the end of the pier, took a twenty dollar bill out of his peacoat, tore it in pieces, and threw it in the water.

I warily approached and said to him " Say mate, why did you just throw away \$20.00? His reply bears repeating.

"Throwing away the twenty dollars brings back memories of being an Ancient Mariner. I paid my dues yearly, usually on time! But I skipped the races, the Yesteryear Regatta, and the Picnic. I just went to meetings. So I figure not getting my money's worth for my membership is like throwing it away! What a waste to have missed all those things I could have done. If you get a chance, tell the members to stop wasting their money and participate"

Jim Sutter, Commodore

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Swap Meets		

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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Petition:

Yacht: Windwave

Owners: Joe and April Dame

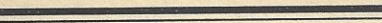
Windwave is a Kettenburg 40 built in 1959 and is hull number 3. Her first owner was James Arness, who starred in Gunsmoke, and the vessel was called Seasmoke. Joe and April are the fifth owners and since they are planning extensive cruising have made several major modifications. She is a very capable cruiser, with good cruising speed and easily handled by two people.

Construction: Wood, carvel planked

Builder/Designer: Kettenburg, San Diego

LOA: 39'11", **LWL:** 27' 4", **Beam:** 10'6", **Draft:** 5'4"

Windwave is sponsored by *Jim Sutter* and *Peter Benton*



PCC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The PCC National Championships will be held on **April 18th** in San Diego! The regatta, display and informal get-together will be hosted by the Maritime Museum and Paul Kettenburg. The skippers meeting will be aboard the *Berkeley* at **8:00am** with a noon start planned. The PCCs will race two to three short races in San Diego Bay's middle harbour area, ending around 3:00 pm. The schooner *Dauntless* will be the committee boat with Koehler's 25' motor boat *Sea Kay II* as the press and chase boat. Between 4:00 and 6:00 pm, wine and cheese will be served either on the *Medea* or in the Yachting Room aboard the *Berkeley* with Paul Kettenburg talking about PCCs.

The George Kettenburg National Championship cup, currently on display on the *Berkeley*, will ceremoniously be presented to the winner of the regatta. The name of the winning PCC owner will be placed on the cup plaque, which will remain on board the *Berkeley*. All are welcome and encouraged to view the race from the *Berkeley*.

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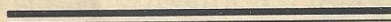
CRUISING CALENDAR

Given the fact that going from one place to another in a sailboat is an inherently slow method of travel, the distinction between racing and cruising is basically in the attitude of the participants. I mean, what's a couple of knots? The real difference is in the cruising mentality, the state of mind, and so we present the first cruising schedule of AMSS.

We begin with a roller-coaster cruise **June 13th** to Mariner's Cove, with a fishing competition along the kelp beds (if the pipe's fixed). On **July 11th**, we'll sail to Gorilla Rock (so named by Chris Champion) on the south island of Los Coronados. Friday, **July 24th**, we rendezvous at Dana Point, then sail to Catalina Island, to Hidden Creek Cove, aka Hen Rock (so renamed by Leslie Benton). Starting **September 4th**, we see the sights of the South Bay with a working persons cruise and progressive dinner--gaze across shipyards, industry and the last of the free anchorages. The cruising schedule culminates in a sail past Ensenada to Todos Santos on **October 2nd and 3rd**.

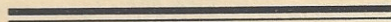
Remember, cruising is an attitude: straw hat, neon sunglasses and a cold cerveza. Last one to Mexico es un huevo podrido.

Jon Bates, Cruising Honcho



HELP WANTED:


Volunteers for the Yesteryear Regatta. If you can plan, organize, carry, clean, collect money or just make helpful suggestions - we need your help. Please call Dennis Ferguson at 688-3904.



SALE LOFT:

"WINDSHIP" H-28 Modified (30'). Built in 1960 by Far East Boat Works, Hull #5. Contact Dick Winchip, (619)696-7341

**APRIL MEETING IS AT THE
SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB
ON APRIL 2ND AT 7:30 PM**



A WHITE CANE START TO THE COMMODORE'S CUP

This year's Commodore's Cup, delayed one week for weather, proved to be an excellent outing for all those who attended. Our congratulations to everyone finding the Buoy 3 start line in a reported 1/16th mile of visibility in thick fog. The start was made in light airs with everyone keeping a sharp eye and ear out for the America's Cup spectator fleet as they made their way to the West. Fortunately, the Westerly filled in as the race progressed, making for near ideal conditions. The wind also thinned out the fog to an acceptable 2 1/2 miles by the time the cruising fleet made the short course finishline between the North Coronado Island and the Middle Ground. A few of the cruisers got a glimpse of the racing fleet slipping to the West of the north island on the longer around-the-islands course.

A quick downwind leg to the lee of the south island and everyone arrived at our windy anchorage without a hitch. There we were entertained by an excellent demonstration of motorless maneuvering into an anchorage by the crew of GAMIN.

With the wind whistling all evening, the between-boat partying was dampened, but those who got together enjoyed a great evening of friendly banter over warm milk and a keg of nails. It helped to offset a rather bumpy night as the wind stayed with us all night.

First light came rather late, again due to a peasoup fog. Several intrepid skippers slipped out of the anchorage early, feeling their way to deep water and hoping for improving weather as they headed north. By 1000 everyone was underway with clearing skies and radio reports of excellent visibility ahead. By noon, the westerly filled in again, making the return trip ideal for all.

Our thanks to the commodore for selecting an excellent weekend for our first overnighter of the season.

HEART FELT THANKS

In the past, I believed our Race Committee procedures and Handicapping system were barely acceptable and wanting for much improvement, as did many others. Hardly did a race go by that someone did not express a problem with; our handicap, the other guys handicap, the course, the start line (being too long or too short - take your pick), or the race was inside when "everyone" wanted it outside, and vice versa. It seemed that no matter what the committees did, someone could always find fault.

Well folks, never again from me. I have seen the light!

My hat is off to those members of the club who take such painstaking care with planning and then executing our races. They make it look too easy. I, for one, humbly beg their forgiveness for the harsh words I have spoken in the past. But no more. I am a born again AMSS Race and Handicap Committee believer. Thank you so very much for hanging in there and giving this club the support you do.. It could never happen without you!

You see folks, I have been to the America's Schooner's Cup.

Rod Latimer

RESULTS

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Handicap	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
<i>Racing Fleet</i>					
1	Sally	Koehler	80	3:36:00	3:36:00
2	Pacifica	Frost	108	4:01:00	3:49:20
3	Whisper	Williams	135	4:35:00	4:12:05
4	Gamin	Bates	180	5:04:00	4:22:20
	Kiahala	Keitges	110	DNF	DNF
<i>Cruising Fleet</i>					
1	Sea Brig	Latimer	300	2:27:00	1:57:45
2	Bout	Barr	280	2:30:00	2:09:25
3	Ranger	Sutter	350	2:52:00	2:11:55
4	Alouette	O'Brien	280	2:35:00	2:14:25
5	Malabar Star	Koepsel	200	2:24:00	2:16:00
6	Tavana	Clough	230	2:35:00	2:30:40
7	Windwave	Dame	155	2:31:00	2:31:00
8	Adelphi	Campion	225	2:41:00	2:33:25
	Revelee	Fossum	520	no time	