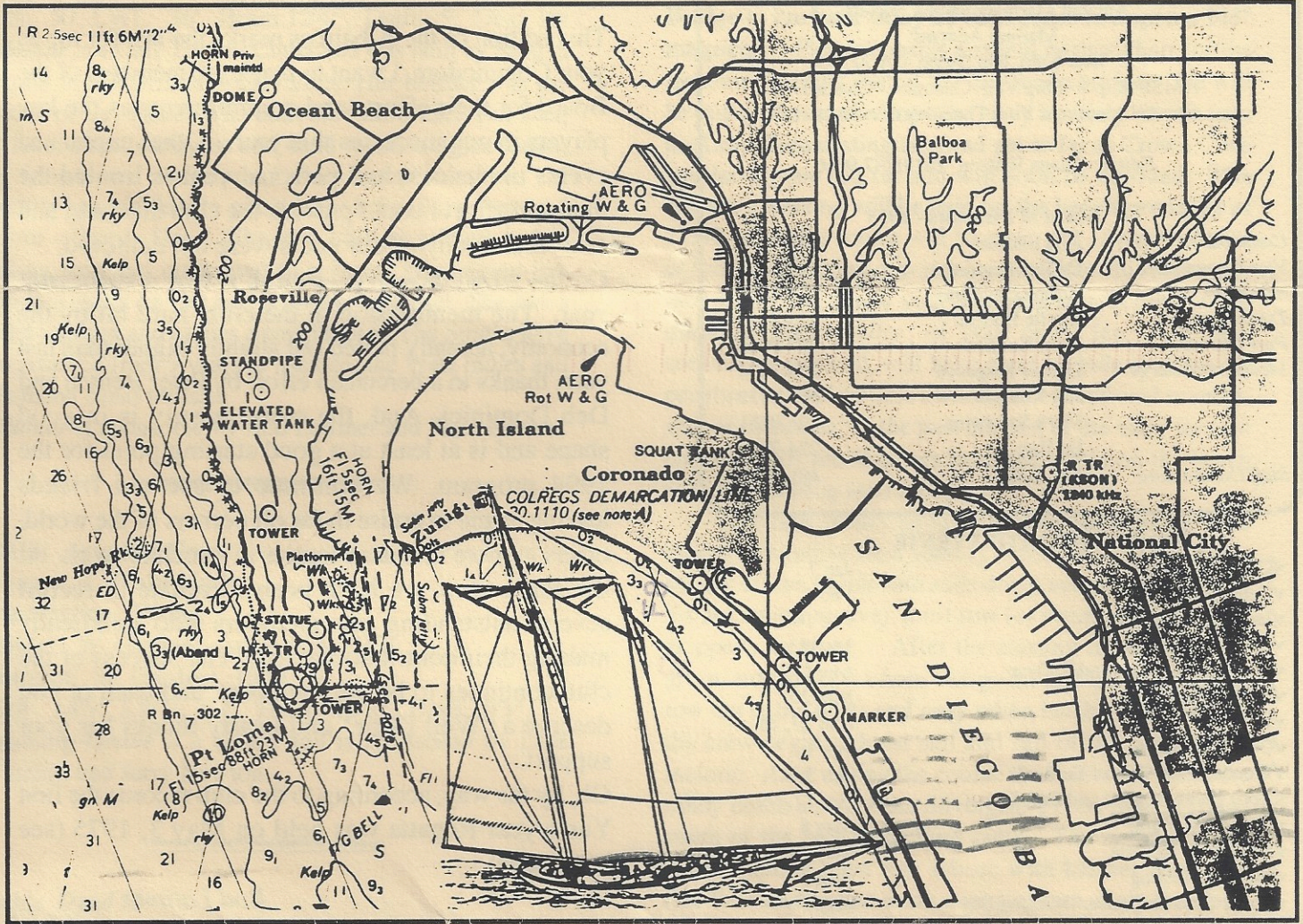


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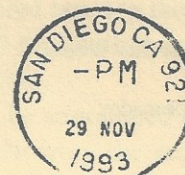
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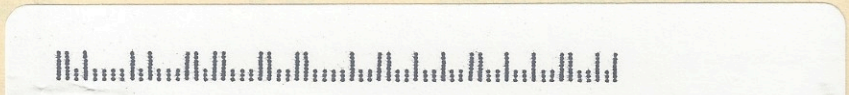
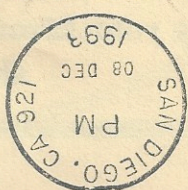
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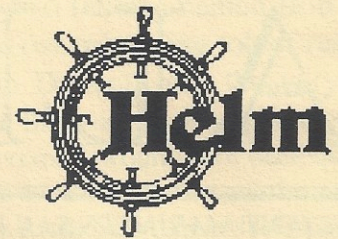
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1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

√General Meeting	Jan 7
√General Meeting	Feb 4
√Jack and Jill Regatta	Feb 14
√General Meeting	Mar 4
√Commodores Cup and Raft-up	Mar 6, 7
√Billy Bone's Race	Mar 20
√Schooner Cup	Mar 27, 28
√General Meeting	Apr 1
√Wooden Boat Center Festival	Apr 3, 4
√April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 17, 18
√General Meeting	May 6
√Yesteryear Regatta	May 15
√General Meeting	June 3
√Roller Coaster Cruise - Mission Bay	June 19
√PCC Championship	June 26
√General Meeting	July 1
√Commodore's Ball	July 17
√General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 5
√Escort the Star of India (Finest City Week)	Aug 14, 22
√Small Boat Messabout	Aug 14, 15
√Gorilla Rock Cruise - Los Coronados	Aug 21, 22
√General Meeting	Sept 2
√Labor Day Cruise	Sept 4
√Petticoat Race	Sept 18
√Iron Man Race	Sept 19
√SWYC Ensenada Race	Oct 1, 2, 3
√W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)	Oct 3, 4
√General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 7
√Boat Show - CCYC	Oct 16
√Homeward Bound Race	Oct 17
√General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 4
√Swap Meet - Sun Harbor	Nov 20
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 2
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 4
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec 31

From the



This edition of the Albatross marks the last for me as your Commodore. I want to thank the members of the Board for their efforts and commitments as the key players in our successes this year. Other unplanned events in business and personal venues limited the time and effort I could provide the club this year, and as a result many of our goals were not achieved.

On the whole however, I think it was a successful year. The membership in the club, hard hit by the economy, actually netted out slightly higher than last year, thanks to a herculean effort by Peter Benton and Deb Dominici. And, the club treasury is in good shape and is at least at a good starting point for the 1994 program. We continue to see old friends leaving, some to cruise in far off corners of the world, others to more mundane locales in search of work. At the same time, we have been fortunate to recruit several outstanding new members who are already making their contributions felt. The success of the club continues to be our members, and each of you deserve a "Well Done" and hearty thanks for your support.

Oh, by the way, according to the club records the first Yesteryear Regatta was held on May 3, 1975 (see back page).

*Rod Latimer
Commodore*

December Meeting:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR

1994

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**Presentation of Paul Kettenburg as
Honorary AMSS Member and a
slide show of Kettenburg Boats.**

**Bring your favorite K-boat slides to
share!**



MEMBERSHIP PETITIONS

Yacht: *Balamar*

Owners: George and Jessica Smith

Builder: E. Hazel, 1970

Designer: Griffith Oliver, 1967

LOA: 50', LWL: 36', Beam: 12'4", Draft: 5', Disp: 18t

Balamar is a Gaff Topsail Cutter and was built by hand in Bequia in the British West Indies. Her builder was the brother of Jay Hazel, who built the Californian. Her keel, keelson, stem, sternpost and dead wood are greenheart; her frames are of Bequia "white cedar", 4x4 on 12" centers; her planks are pitch pine; her rails, doors, and lattern - Purple Heart. She was built as a West Indies trading ship and converted to a yacht. Her engine is a Kelvin - starts on gas and converts to diesel. She has a fiddel topmast and carries a small topsail. The Smiths have just returned from 9 years in Mexico, the West Indies and 3 Panama canal transits.

Balamar is sponsored by Rod Latimer and Peter Benton.

Yacht: *Amazing Grace*

Owners: T. Walle Krals

Construction: Wood

Builder: W. Gardner, Aptos, CA, 1968

Designer: W. Gardner, 1950

LOA: 34'6", LWL: NA, Beam: 10'2", Draft: 6'3".

Amazing Grace is a Ketch and is sponsored by Dick Winchip and Jerry Newton.

Yacht: *Dyad II*

Owners: Steve Tyler

Construction: Wood

Builder: Kettenburg Boatyard

Designer: Kettenburg

LOA: 38', LWL: 27', Beam: 9', Draft: 5'7"

Dyad II is a K-38 and is sponsored by C.F. Koehler and Peter Benton.

Next Meeting: December 2
Meetings are held every month on
the first Thursday of the month at the
Southwestern Yacht Club,
2702 Qualtrough St, San Diego

HALF PINT O' RUM RACE

The Half Pint O' Rum will be held at high noon on Sat. Dec 2, 1993. We will begin off the beach southeast of the Naval sailing club along the bay side of the Silver Strand. To find the starting area proceed **under the Coronado Bridge to harbour buoy 26 then come to approx. 165° magnetic**. Please consult a recent harbor chart for the location of shoals east of the Coronado bridge. We will be just southeast of some new Navy housing. If you pass the Least Tern nesting area and get as far as Crown Cove you have gone too far and will soon be aground. **The skippers meeting will be held on the beach promptly at 11:30** where the course will be given out. An entry fee of *at least* a half pint of rum is required. Note: this is the only race of the year where your handicap may depend on the *quantity* and *quality* of your entry fee. The race committee, as usual, will have great latitude in assessing penalties as well as time awards for exceptional seamanship or costumes. In the past the best of the entry fees are consumed by the skippers from the bottle on the beach awaiting starting instructions.

This race is designed to award seamanship (and creativity) rather than merely boatspeed. The boats anchor off the beach with sails down and the skipper (not his/her representative) must row (or swim) ashore for the skipper's meeting. After the starting instructions are given, around noon a horn will go off and the skippers will row out to the boats and **only when** he/she is aboard can the crew begin to hoist sail and sail off the anchor (no motors). After sailing the course the finish will be on the sandy beach across from Silvergate YC on Shelter Island south of the boat launching ramp. The skipper or his representative must row ashore with **his/her own cup**, find the rum keg and drink a mug of rum. Only then is he or she finished. You will find the race committee on the beach with the keg used at the start for this purpose. If you foul any of the moored boats in the area of the finish the race committee will deal with the offender very harshly for lack of seamanship.

The results will be announced and the awards given out at the raftup following the race in La Playa. This raftup is usually the best of the year, where crews can reflect on the race (tell lies) and the remainder of the rum keg disappears into some of the finest rum drinks to be found. Remember to give adequate room to other vessels when anchoring at the start.

Bring your jug, and bring your mug!

Albatross - circa 1975

{ Ed: The following are reprints from the Albatross of April and June 1975 }

From the Helm (April 1975)

The 1975 season promises to be an exciting one for the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society. Although the club was actually formed in September 1974, 1975 will be our inaugural year. The enthusiasm of our members so far has shown that there is tremendous interest in our type of activities. The interest is great, not because we are a dying institution, but because we are a growing one.

More interest is being shown in boats of classic design than ever before. Boatyards and independent builders up and down both East and West coasts are building boats from the drawing boards of Herreshoff, Archer, Atkins, Hanna, Shock, etc. In San Diego, just recently, a local boatbuilder was commissioned to build a classic six-meter design, using traditional materials and methods. These boats are being built because their designs have proven to be dependable and comfortable. They suit the needs of those who sail, whether it's because of their desire to visit strange and different ports, or to sail only for the love of sailing.

Participation is the key to real success for any organization. We are not unique. The society needs your participation to make 1975 a successful year. If your boat isn't ready to sail, attend our monthly meetings anyway. Somebody is always in need of willing, knowledgeable crew members. That invitation is also extended to our Associate members who don't have a boat at this time.

Remember, the fever is running high for our type of organization, so "spread the word and keep the faith".

Doug Smith
Commodore

Regatta Recap(June 1975)

The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society's First Annual Regatta was one of the most breathtakingly beautiful events to ever take place on San Diego Bay. We all feel a tremendous amount of pride in this accomplishment, and the success of the event can only be attributed to the vast number of people who put forth their very best efforts in the planning of the regatta, and to all who turned out to make it a terrific day. The greatest honors

however must go to two fellows named Bob. Bob Spriggs, managed the overwhelming job of running the regatta, and Bob Driscoll, did the very fine handicapping. Without the work of these two men it is doubtful that our achievement would have been quite as remarkable. We can all look forward to another regatta next year, and hopefully it will be the great success that this year's was. Good on ya, mates!
B.H.

THE FIRST YACHT RACE

The first recorded official yacht race occurred on October 1, 1661, between the yacht *Catherine*, King Charles II commanding, and the yacht *Anne*, James, Duke of York, and the King's brother commanding. The race course consisted of two legs, the first from the starting line on the Thames River at Greenwich 20 miles eastward to Gravesend, the second leg being a beat up the river to the original starting line.

As usual with yachtsmen, the stakes were not high, one hundred pounds, but the competition and honor of winning were upmost in both men's minds. According to the news accounts, fine food and excellent drink were provided to the guests aboard both vessels (the first Ancient Mariner's?).

Both men had become avid yachter's after the gift of the sloop *Mary* to Charles a few years before by the Dutch Government.

Anne was first to the Gravesend mark, but could not overcome *Catherine's* better ability to point. . . or perhaps even James was not about to beat the King at his favorite sport.

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Members are welcome to attend.