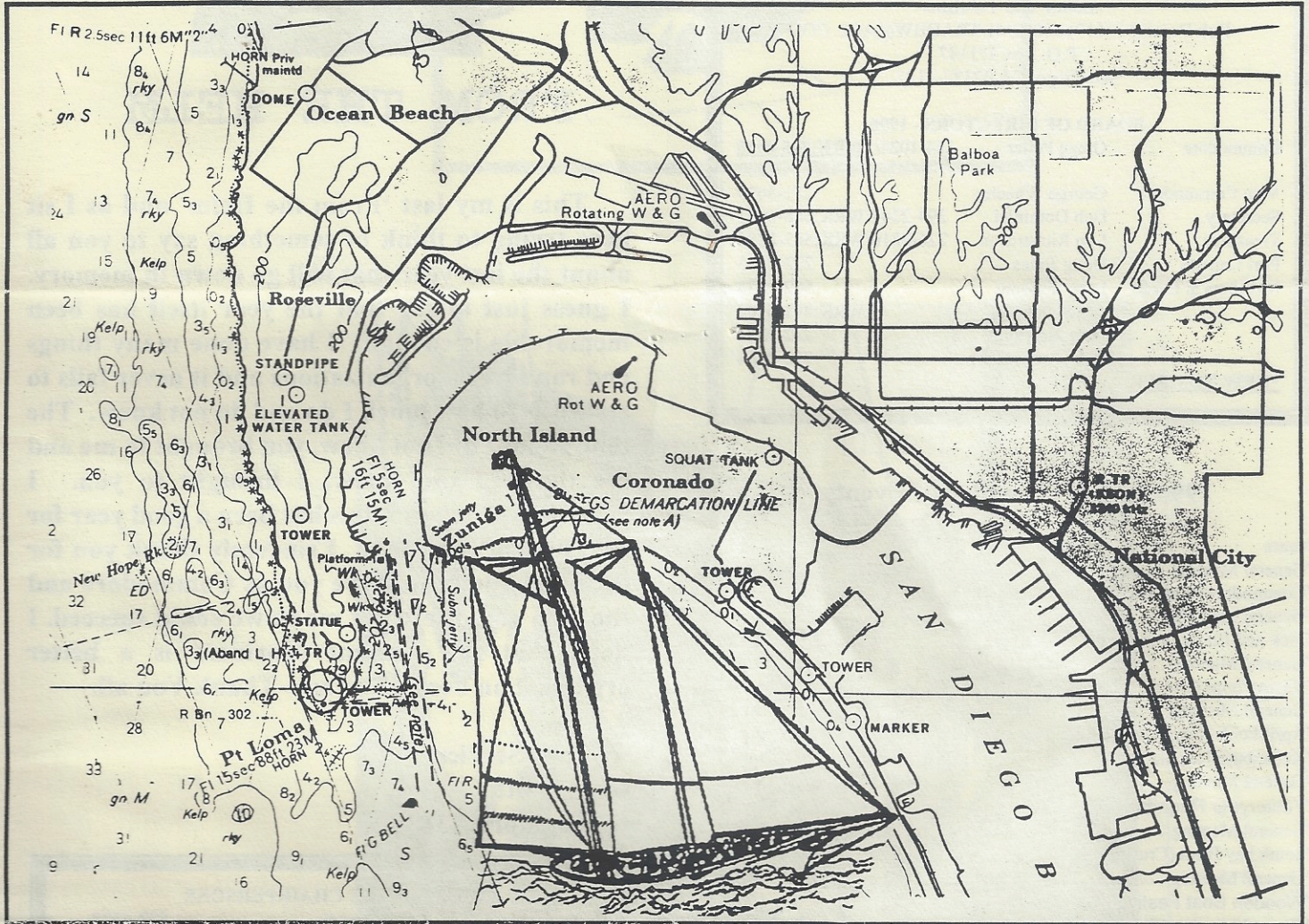


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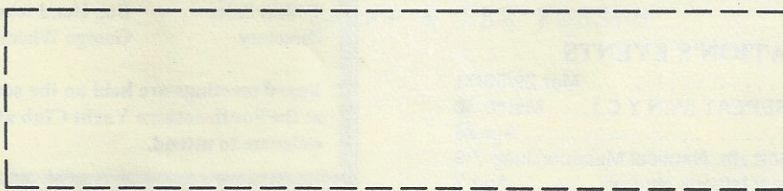
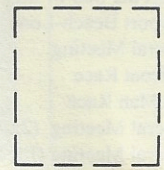
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## FROM THE HELM

This is my last 'From the Helm' and as I sit here trying to think of something say to you all about the last year that will go down in memory. I guess just to say that the year itself has been memorable is enough. I have done many things and ran several organizations and it never fails to amaze as to how much I do and do not know. The things that I did not know, you brought to me and the things I did know, I brought to you. I personally think that this has been a good year for the Ancient Mariners. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Commodore and the help you offered to me so we could succeed. I hope that the Ancient Mariners is a better organization because of me. Thank You all.

At Your Service

Gregg Potter

Commodore AMSS

## 1996 AMSS Calendar of Events

### Events

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| ✓General Meeting                             | Jan 4        |
| ✓Commodores Cup and Raft-up (Island Race)    | Jan 27       |
| ✓General Meeting                             | Feb 1        |
| ✓Jack and Jill Regatta                       | Feb 10       |
| ✓General Meeting                             | Mar 7        |
| ✓Yacht Photo Portrait Day                    | Mar 23       |
| ✓General Meeting                             | Apr 4        |
| ✓April Fools Regatta and Raft Up             | Apr 6        |
| ✓Kettenburg Regatta                          | Apr 13       |
| ✓General Meeting                             | May 2        |
| ✓Yesteryear Regatta                          | May 18       |
| ✓General Meeting                             | June 6       |
| ✓South bay Bash (Cruise)                     | June 8/9     |
| ✓General Meeting                             | July 11      |
| ✓Wooden Boat Festival                        | July 13/14   |
| ✓General Meeting (Picnic)                    | Aug 1        |
| ✓Escort the Star of India (Finest City Week) | Aug 10,11,18 |
| ✓Newport Beach-Long Beach-Catalina Cruise -  | Aug 17-24    |
| ✓General Meeting                             | Sept 5       |
| ✓Petticoat Race                              | Sept 7       |
| ✓Iron Man Race                               | Sept 8       |
| ✓General Meeting (2nd Thurs)                 | Oct 10       |
| ✓General Meeting (Elections)                 | Nov 7        |
| General Meeting (Commodore's Ball)           | Dec 5        |
| Half Pint of Rum Race                        | Dec 7        |
| New Years' Eve Raft Up - La Playa            | Dec 31       |

### OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| ✓Schooner Cup (Kona Kai)                                 | Mar 29/30/31 |
| ✓ONE MORE TIME REGATTA - A REPEAT (W.H.Y.C.)             | March 30     |
| ✓Newport - Ensenada Race                                 | Apr 26       |
| ✓Heritage Regatta (BalboaYC/Newport Hb. Nautical Museum) | June 7-9     |
| ✓McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)      | Aug 3        |
| ✓Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)                                 | Aug 23       |
| ✓Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race    | Aug 24       |
| ✓W.H.Y.C. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)                             | Sept 29      |
| ✓S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race                                  | Oct 4        |

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

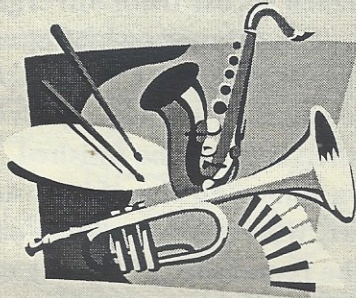
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Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 6:30 PM. Members are welcome to attend.



## NEXT MEETING:

COMMODORE'S BALL  
DECEMBER 5, 1996



COCKTAILS 6:30 P.M.  
DINNER 7:00 P.M.  
DANCING

SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

## MANHATTAN WEST ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT COMMODORE'S BALL!!

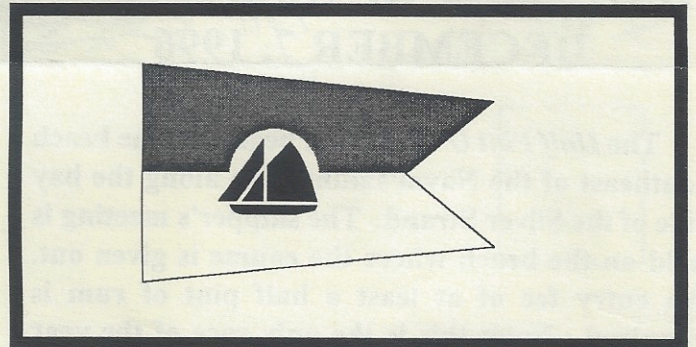
Ah -- what an elegant way to close the 1996 AMSS social calendar! On December 5th at the Southwestern Yacht Club, the music of Riz Brittan and his Manhattan West Orchestra will accompany the dinner, jovial conversation and dancing at the AMSS Commodore's Ball. In addition to Riz Brittan on trumpet, other musicians in the orchestra, who have played with top artists - both in New York and here - will include Marv Drucker on piano and Peter De Luke on alto saxophone and vocals. It will be a rare opportunity for all Ancient Mariners and their friends who delight in a special evening of friendship and music in the grand yachting tradition.

It will be especially delightful to hear the magic sounds of the orchestra music played on the great transoceanic liners and at the top hotels and yacht clubs when wooden yachts reigned supreme. To that end -- as a special salute, the Manhattan West Orchestra will include a virtual cavalcade of popular hits that salute the years of design and production of our members classic wooden yachts. Tunes will range from ragtime to rock; from swing

to easy listening and from international ports-of-call to the best dancing hits on the Coast. Riz Brittan is known for being able to play almost any tune you may wish from the period.

Commodore Gregg Potter advises that the cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00 P.M. At about 7:45 there will be a special recognition of AMSS new 1996 members, and principal leaders of the Wooden Boat Festival, the year's event leaders and the installation of the 1997 Board of Directors. The rest of the evening will be devoted to dancing, entertainment and good cheer.

Carolyn Torgerson and her committee are busy with decorations, meal coordination and reservations. Southwestern Yacht Club is offering an elegant dinner for the very reasonable price of \$20.00 per person - including gratuity and tax. Additionally the "no host" bar will be open throughout the evening. Recommended attire is dark-blue coat and tie with gray slacks for the gents and evening dresses for the ladies. All AMSS members are encouraged to send in their reservations (enclosed) and checks as soon as possible to Commodore Potter at 5236 Nutmeg Street, San Diego, CA 92105. All reservations must be received by November 20, 1996. For further information, contact Commodore Potter at 264-1024 or Carolyn Torgerson at 561-2667. -- GPW



## MEMBERSHIP PETITION:

Jack Cabeen with his Angelman SEA WITCH are coming back to the fold. Currently SEA WITCH is at Harbor Island West Marina and if you did not know, Jack has been a past member of AMSS for many years. WELCOME BACK!





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*HALF PINT  
OF  
RUM RACE*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1996

Please Sign-Up with  
Doug Jones (222-0865)  
INTERNET:TRADBW@AOL.COM  
No Later than:  
December 5, 1996

Around noon a horn goes off and the skippers row out to the boats. Only when he/she is aboard can the crew begin to hoist sail and sail off anchor (no motors). After sailing the course, the finish is on the sandy beach across from Silvergate YC on Shelter Island. The skipper or his representative must row ashore with his/her own cup, find the race committee and the rum keg and drink a mug of rum. Only then is she or he finished. The raft-up in La Playa following the race is usually the best of the year, where crews reflect on the race (tell lies) and the remainder of the keg disappears into some of the finest rum drinks to be found. The race is opened to Ancient Mariner Boats. If one is currently not an AMSS member, they need to contact Doug Jones 222-0865 or E-mail Boat INFO to TRADBW@aol.com no later than one week prior to race. *ALL PARTICIPATING BOATS MUST SIGN-UP WITH DOUG JONES FOR MOORING PERMIT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 5, 1996.*



**THE ANCIENT MARINERS  
SAILING SOCIETY (AMSS)  
HALF PINT OF RUM RACE -  
DECEMBER 7, 1996**

The *Half Pint O' Rum* race begins off the beach southeast of the Naval sailing club along the bay side of the Silver Strand. The skipper's meeting is held on the beach where the course is 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 has great latitude in assessing penalties as well as time awards for exceptional seamanship or costumes. The boats anchor off the beach with sails down and the skipper (not his/her representative) rows (or swims) ashore for the skipper's meeting.

