

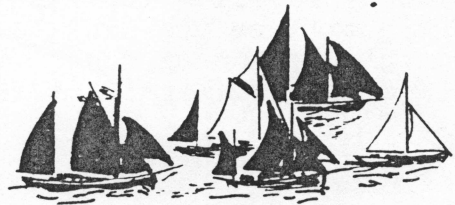
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NEWSLETTER OF THE ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY

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IMPORTANT DATES ! ! !

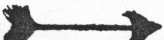
- JUNE 8th: Schooner Race, Oxnard
Details on back page
- JUNE 19th: Board meeting, 7:30 PM
Southwestern Yacht Club
- JUNE 26th: General meeting, 7:30 PM
Southwestern Yacht Club
- JUNE 29th: Sail down bay to salute
new flagship STAR OF INDIA
- JULY 26th: Raft-up in Crown Cove
Pot-Luck barbecue on beach
- AUGUST 3rd: Annual Ancient Mariner Race
Long Beach, Calif.



REGATTA RECAP

The Ancient Mariner's 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 the good sailors who turned out to make it a terrific day. The greatest honors, however, must go to two fellows named Bob. Bob Spriggs, who managed the overwhelming job of running the regatta, and Bob Driscoll, who 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.

Regatta results inside 

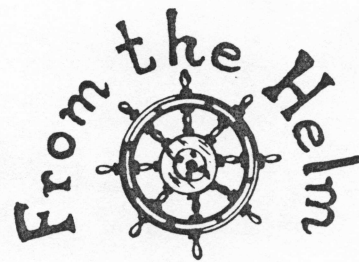
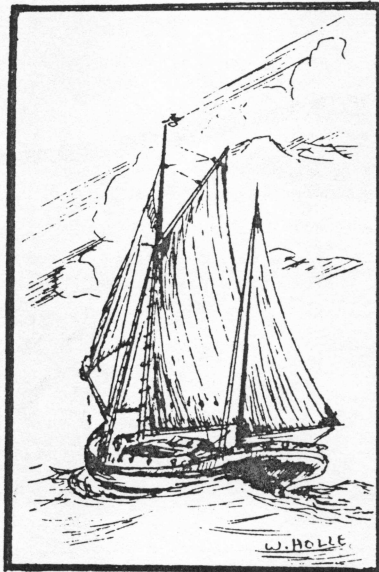


June Activity

On Sunday, the 29th of June, the Ancient Mariner's Sailing Society will assemble in the waters off the West end of Shelter Island at 11 A.M. We will then sail down the bay to the embarcadero, where we will salute our new member and flagship, the STAR OF INDIA. All those interested in this activity, please mark it on your calendar. Let's have a good turnout!

Kerry Geraghty

Sea Witch



In any new organization there are bound to be conflicts of opinion on how the organization should be run. But in order for the club's business to proceed smoothly compromises have to be made. Our organization is not exempt from this procedure. I believe it is incumbent upon each member to support the aims of the society in a manner in which he or she feels best.

Our monthly meetings are a way of generating this support. The club needs your assistance in promoting its activities.

If you have a complaint about how the society is being run, or an idea on how it can improve itself, the proper forum for airing your views should be at a board meeting or at one of the monthly general meetings.

It is my hope that the unique part of this sailing society is that it does not allow itself to become bogged down by procedural problems or petty squabbles, and it always keeps in mind the reason the society was formed and that is to promote and foster interest in and use of sailboats of ancient vintage and classic design.

Doug Smith
Commodore

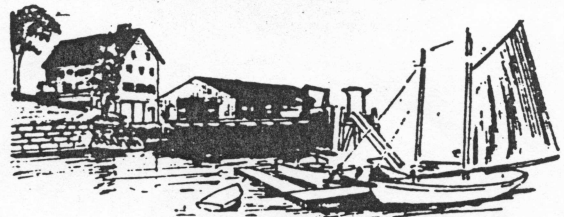
One of my favorite topics, SEAWITCH, will be the subject of this month's column on member boats of our Ancient Mariner's Sailing Society.

SEAWITCH, designed by the late Hugh Angleman, was the first of a class of sailing ketches which have become known as Seawitch ketches. Built at Angleman's yard in Wilmington, California, in 1939 she is constructed of mahogany, fastened to massive sawn oak frames. Her teak deck measures 37 feet, with a beam of 13½ feet, and she is 50 feet to the tip of her high bowsprit. The gaff-rigged main, ratlines, dead-eyes, and clipper bow mark her as a true vintage yacht. Angleman saw no need to change his original design since he said the sea never changes.

In 1949 SEAWITCH won class honors in the Trans-Pac, but the sturdy ketch was just getting warmed up for better things. In 1951 SEAWITCH sailed to overall honors in the Honolulu race. She was more than a decade old when she won the Trans-Pac, no small achievement for any yacht, even 20 years ago.

As we all know, time marches on, new innovations come along, and ketches are not fast going to weather. SEAWITCH is no longer a racing craft, and as Hugo Carver says, "The way to race-tune an Angleman is by adding more baggy-wrinkle." She is still as sound as when she was built and the Driscoll's are most pleased with her comfortable cruising capabilities.

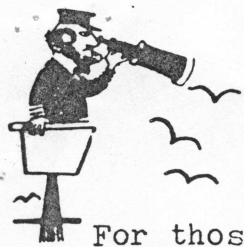
Saunie Driscoll
Historian



Our deepest thanks to Dr. Kramer Roefflesch for his interesting account of cruising the Gulf of California. Our May meeting was made very enjoyable by his informative talk and delightful humor, and we all appreciate the wealth of cruising details he imparted.

Thanks again, Kramer! Please join us often.

B.H.



Editor's Tibe

Regatta Results

For those of us who love the sea we feel also a special kinship with others who share our interest. This month I'd like to share the following letter to the editor of BOATING, from the June issue:

"JEAN GAU-A MAN OF COURAGE FACING
ADVERSITY

Sir: You are most likely familiar with Jean Gau's relatively recent loss of his beloved ketch ATOM off Tunisia, and his miraculous survival and painful return to civilization. You may be unaware, however, of his present situation.

At 73, America's remarkable single-handed circumnavigator (two voyages around the world-alone) is dangerously ill and almost destitute. Partially paralyzed from a brain clot, he lives in a small trailer donated by French admirers. Though he is an American citizen, he has only recently begun to receive Social Security and his illness and the loss of his boat-home have brought his morale to a distressingly low point.

Because I know Jean and am concerned, I've tried to obtain as much information as possible. But the problem of night letters which are misspelled when translated into French and the trying experience of obtaining details of his health certificate nearly did me in. Still, I know his condition to be serious. Readers wishing to help this courageous Old Man of the Seas may send checks to his bank account (Bank Nationale Populaire, Allee Paul Riquet, Beziers, France 34.500, Account No. 04 35709) or letters of cheer to: Jean Gau, 34 Rue Saint Vincent de Paul, Beziers, France 34.500.

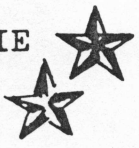
(signed) James Tazelaar"

Whether we do something collectively or individually, the fact remains that, indeed, this should not go unnoticed. I can't help recalling Gau's words to Charles Borden in "Seaquest", written in 1967: "Having lived on ATOM for the last twenty years, I would be miserable had I to spend my remaining old age in a house." Can we, as Ancient Mariners, do something to ease the heartache of one of our own kind? Let's give it a try!

Bev Holle

First boat to finish: KELPIE

Best elapsed time: KELPIE



Class winners-

I. Schooners:

- 1st) KELPIE
- 2nd) WANDERLURE
- 3rd) HARRY W
- 4th) ESCAPE
- 5th) QUEEN MAB

II. Ketches and yawls:

- Gaff- 1st) IRENA
- Marconi- 1st) SALUD
- 2nd) JADA
- 3rd) CLARA
- 4th) NELLY BLY
- 5th) COMBER
- 6th) ASYLUM

III. Sloops and cutters:

- Gaff- 1st) RENEGADE OF NEWPORT
- 2nd) ISLANDER
- Marconi- 1st) ZIN ZIN
- 2nd) NIRVANA
- 3rd) MARIBEL
- 4th) JON. SWIFT
- 5th) ALOHA
- 6th) RAMPANT
- 7th) MANUKAI
- 8th) TIMSHELL
- 9th) EDITH ROSE
- 10th) CFO576CC
- 11th) JANDY
- 12th) OLD SALT

Also participating but not officially finished by the committee boat:

Schooners: DON QUIXOTE

Ketches and yawls:

- Gaff- GAZEKA, KIVI, SEAWEEED, SEAWITCH, and WINDSONG

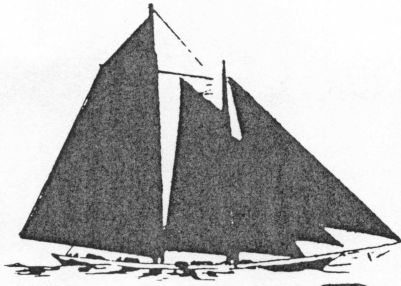
Marconi- INCHCLIFFE CASTLE, JOSS II, MANUITI, MARY BETH, and NAJEZ

Sloops and cutters:

- Gaff- ARTEMIS, CULEBRA, and PACIFIC CHILD

Our heartiest THANKS to everyone!

B.H.



Schooner Race

Members of our Ancient Mariners Sailing Society will represent San Diego aboard the QUEEN MAB in the Oxnard Schooner Races this coming Saturday, June 8th.

Festivities for the weekend begin with a raft-up party Friday night off the Whale's Tail restaurant. On Saturday at 12 noon, 45 schooners will begin the race off Ventura, proceeding around Anacapa Island and back up the channel to the finish line. A dinner will be held that evening at the Channel Islands Yacht Club.

On Sunday there will be an Iron Man race. Entrants will use sculling dinghies to row out to their anchored schooners and then single-hand the boats around the course.

It should be a spectacular weekend for anyone interested in joining the spectators.

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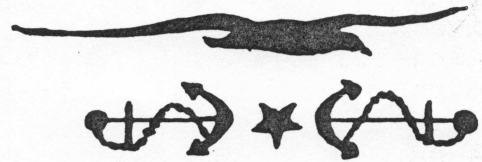
Regatta Pictures



At the June General Meeting, we would like to have everyone who took photos at the regatta bring them to share with the other members. We will have facility for displaying pictures or viewing slides. This should be most enjoyable for everyone, especially those who participated in the race.



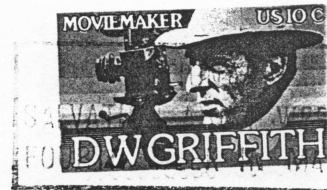
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2 1/2 h.p. Short shaft. Used
less than 1 hour. \$175.
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