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# SAN DIEGO BAY CALIFORNIA

From a Trigonometrical Survey  
 under the direction of A. D. BACHE Superintendent of the  
 SURVEY OF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES

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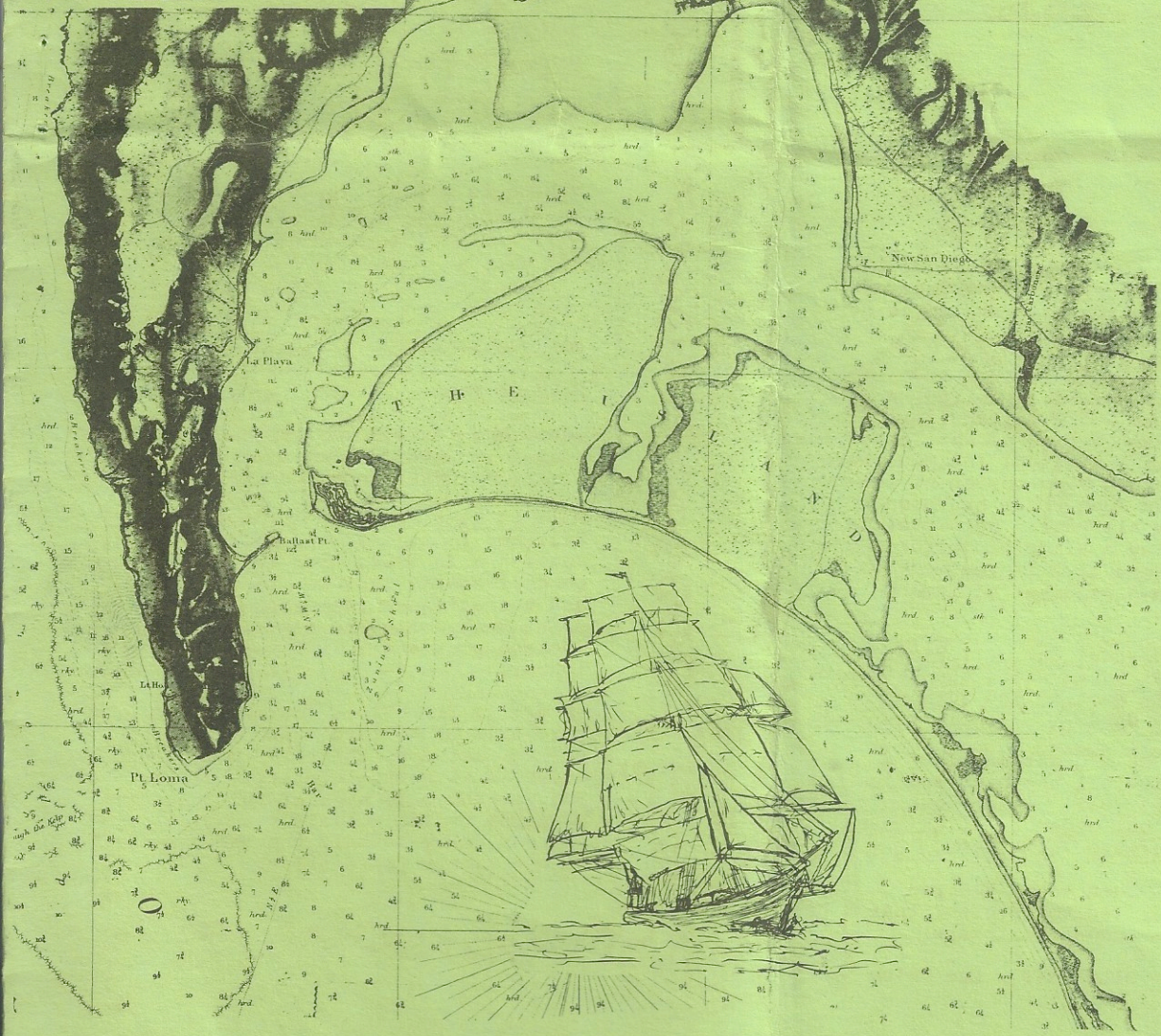
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## SAILING DIRECTIONS

*Point Loma and the Coronado Islands form good landmarks for the entrance to the Bay. The Rip, a shoal which extends from False Bay along the land to and three miles beyond Pt. Loma, will serve as a good guide in thick weather. Vessels in entering the port may pass through the Rip off the point, from the eastern edge of which several low water and having only half of the village on the Flaca open past Ballast Point, at high tide and close in that direction XXIX° 08' 31" N to the anchorage.*

*In beating while standing to the Eastward, do not approach the Sandings Shoal too closely as it is very abrupt, but to the Westward where the water shoals very gradually the bar will be a sufficient guide. Between Ballast Pt. and the Village there is a shoal with 12 fms of water on it at moon low tide, but being out of the channel it is no obstruction except to vessels of heavy draft, working to windward. Beyond the Flaca the Channel is closely marked at low water and its limits are more or less defined at any stage of the tide for Pt. Loma, as they resemble each other, particularly when the weather is hazy. There is nothing more than a boat channel at the entrance of False Bay, and that is impracticable except in very smooth weather.*

# ALBATROSS





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FROM THE BILGE

Well this is the last meeting of 1981 and to cap the year we want everyone to bring any slides and/or movies of Ancient Mariner events.

I'm going to bring slides I have of the Commodore's Race, the Iron Man's Race (the view while waiting for high tide) and lots of pics of the Yesteryear Regatta and the start of the Maui Race. Steve and Tommie have movies of the Maui Race and John Frost has been taking snaps all year. Del Cover is going to bring a slide projector for those that need it. If you want to bring your own or other equipment please do so.

We'll also discuss the Half Pint of Rum Race that takes place the Saturday after the meeting and vote on changing the dues.

This should be a great meeting; a time to review all the high and low lights of the year. Bring your pictures and come on out December 3, at 1930 hours, Silvergate Yacht Club.

Soon to be Retired,  
(editor's note: that's  
what he thinks)

BILGE RAT - Lee Colby



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

The Commodore and his wife are on vacation and therefore there was no FROM THE HELM received this month. Tom does want to thank everyone for their participation and in many cases hard work this year. THANKS TO YOU TOM for a job well done!

NEW MEMBERS

MahDee (formerly Privateer)

owned by: Thomas Owen McHugh  
P.O.Box 1188  
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Mahdee is a 53'3" (on deck) schooner built in 1931 in Dorchester, Massachusetts. She was designed by S.S. Crocker, Jr.

FOR CONSIDERATION:

Maid of Kent

owned by: Gerald (Jerry) Newton  
2040 Harbor Island Dr.  
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Maid of Kent is a 36' Atkin schooner designed about 1930 and built in Santa Ana in 1962. Her traditional embellishments include trailboards and a stantioned rail around the after deck. Rigging comprises galvanized plow steel with dead eyes and lanyards.

An artist from Vista contracted to have her built by Willard Boatworks. She was completed by the yard in 1962 and launched without electricity aboard. She was the only boat of this design produced by the Willard Yard probably and Jerry is only the third owner in her twenty years afloat.



### 7TH ANNUAL HALF PINT-O-RUM RACE

Saturday, December 5, 1981  
La Playa Cove  
High Noon

Alright all you weekend sailors, Dec. 5th is the time to come out and prove your seamanship as well as your sailing ability in the most unique annual sailing event held on San Diego Bay! All the local yacht clubs have their "Rum Races" this time of year, but none can match the fun and excitement of our Half Pint-o-Rum Race.

The start has the skippers on the beach. At the gun they will run to their dinghies and row out to their boats where their crews can then raise sails, up anchor and go; no engines allowed. After sailing the course to the sandy beach off Shelter Island, the skippers again must take to their dingies, row ashore and check in with the official finisher there.

The entry fee for this race is 1/2 pint of rum to be presented on the beach (La Playa) before the start. The proceeds will be poured into the perpetual trophy, a 3 gallon oak and bronze cask to be shared by all the post-race raft-up in La Playa cove. There will be a pot-luck dinner aboard the boats, Pacifica will have spaghetti for about 15 people.

Last years event was exciting as usual! Mike Williams on Whisper took 3 or 4 tries to anchor in 45' of water with 40' of rode (how did you do that, Mike?). Paul and Susan Mitchell of White Cloud found you need no anchor at all in 8' of water with a boat that draws 9'! Debbie Ferris on Jada found that paddling an inflatable raft with 1 paddle is great for going nowhere (and doesn't work any better when turned over)! I am sure we will again be treated to equally creative activities this year. For you "faint-of-heart" among us let me say that in 6 runnings of this event we have never had a serious mishap or accident.

We expect to see all of you there. If for some reason you can't bring your boat (we will require written excuse from your mother), find another member's boat to sail on, you don't want to miss this one.

JOHN FROST

## Boating Weekends Start Here



### PARTICULARS

- Open only to AMSS member boats in good standing
- Meet at La Playa Cove (between SDYC and SWYC) at 11 A.M.
- 2 courses: Long (about 12 miles, mainly reaching, all in bay)  
Short (about 8 miles, mainly reaching, all in bay)
- Entry fee: 1/2 pint of rum
- Required equipment: appropriate anchor and rode, dinghy
- Small boats capable of being beached need no anchor or dinghy but will receive a 2 minute penalty
- Detailed race instructions will be given on the beach
- Please contact John Frost (223-9119) for information

P.S.

Those who don't attend will officially be labeled "pencil-neck geeks" and will be required to either arm wrestle Hugo Carver or view all 1500 rejects from upcoming '81 Maui Race slide show!

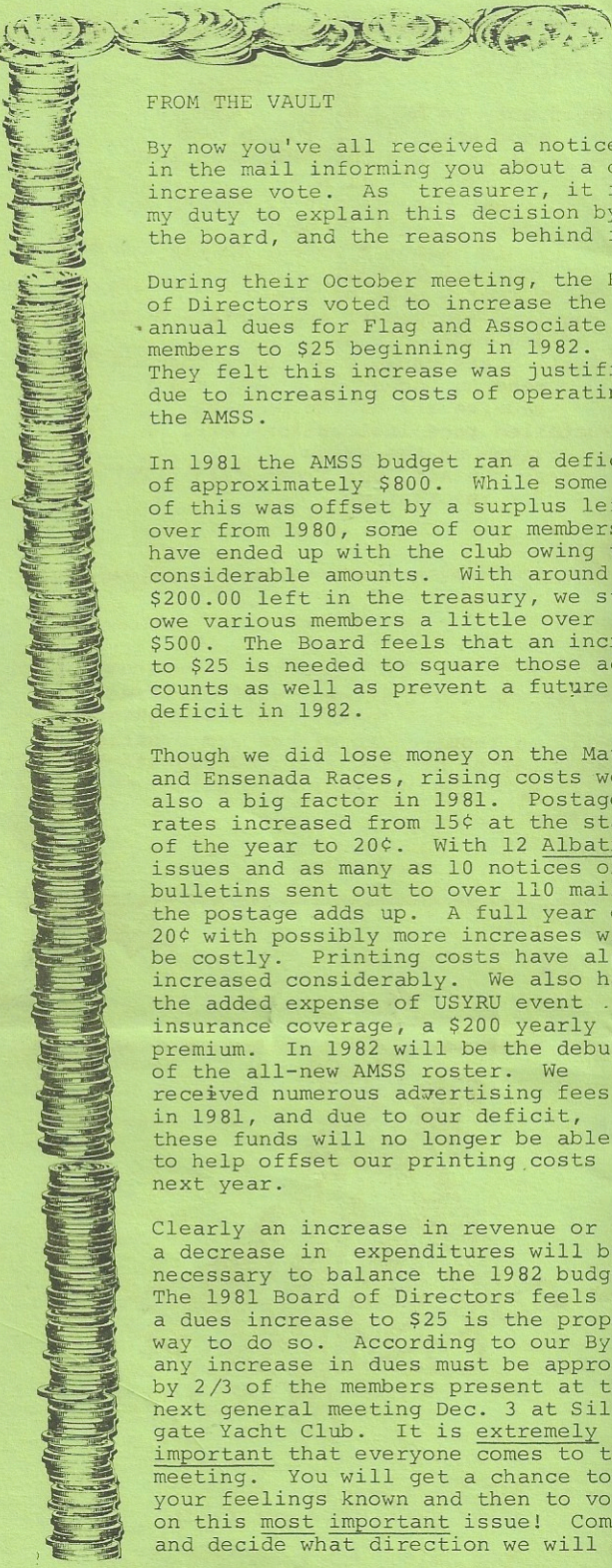


SIX YEARS AGO THIS MONTH  
(ALBATROSS, December 1975)

Doug Smith, the commodore thanked everyone for their hard work in the first year of the club. The shoes optional Commodore's Ball was to be held Jan. 17, 1976 at Southwestern Yacht Club. Dinner was \$4.95/person.

The Queen Mab was to be the club's representative in the San Diego Parade of Lights and "Singing Winds" was the boat of the month.





FROM THE VAULT

By now you've all received a notice in the mail informing you about a dues increase vote. As treasurer, it is my duty to explain this decision by the board, and the reasons behind it.

During their October meeting, the Board of Directors voted to increase the annual dues for Flag and Associate members to \$25 beginning in 1982. They felt this increase was justified due to increasing costs of operating the AMSS.

In 1981 the AMSS budget ran a deficit of approximately \$800. While some of this was offset by a surplus left over from 1980, some of our members have ended up with the club owing them considerable amounts. With around \$200.00 left in the treasury, we still owe various members a little over \$500. The Board feels that an increase to \$25 is needed to square those accounts as well as prevent a future deficit in 1982.

Though we did lose money on the Maui and Ensenada Races, rising costs were also a big factor in 1981. Postage rates increased from 15¢ at the start of the year to 20¢. With 12 Albatross issues and as many as 10 notices or bulletins sent out to over 110 mail boxes the postage adds up. A full year of 20¢ with possibly more increases will be costly. Printing costs have also increased considerably. We also have the added expense of USYRU event insurance coverage, a \$200 yearly premium. In 1982 will be the debut of the all-new AMSS roster. We received numerous advertising fees in 1981, and due to our deficit, these funds will no longer be able to help offset our printing costs next year.

Clearly an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenditures will be necessary to balance the 1982 budget. The 1981 Board of Directors feels that a dues increase to \$25 is the proper way to do so. According to our By-Laws, any increase in dues must be approved by 2/3 of the members present at the next general meeting Dec. 3 at Silvergate Yacht Club. It is extremely important that everyone comes to this meeting. You will get a chance to make your feelings known and then to vote on this most important issue! Come and decide what direction we will go.

CHRIS FROST



FOR SALE:

Nani Kai: 20' ketch, took First Place in the 1980 Yesteryear Regatta Short Course. \$4000 or best offer.

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