

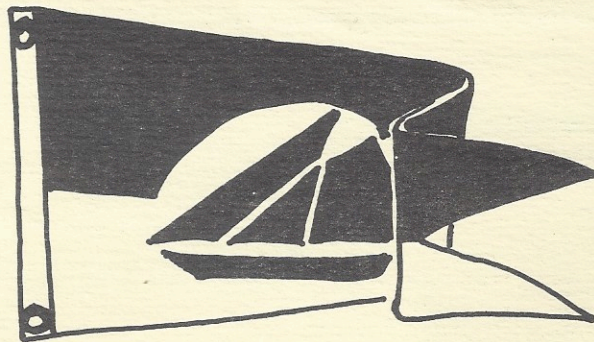
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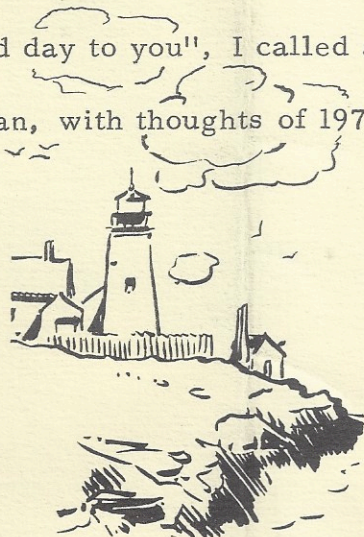


FROM THE HELM

IN RETROSPECT

6:00 AM 2nd of May

I had not slept at all during the night so I arose from my bed at 5:30 AM and decided I needed a good walk to clear my head. My problem was that damned Regatta. Three months of committe work just to have missing marks, wrong trophies, blown sails and a broken topmast. "Is it really worth it", I muttered. "Any way another year over"....."over", said the old gentleman as he cast his fishing line out into the bay. "Yes, over", I repeated. "May I inquire just what is over?" "The big regatta. If you had been here yesterday you would have seen it." He smiled and responded to my comment excitedly, "oh, you are talking about the schooners, ketches, gaffers and all. You bet I saw them. It took me back to my days as a boy growing up in Maine. I am out here with my son and his wife. He never became involved with boats like I was. It is a pity too, because I really think he missed something special." "How about you young fellow, did you enjoy it?" "Yes I enjoyed it very much. Good fishing and a good day to you", I called as I quickened my step and made my way back to Jonathan, with thoughts of 1977 and how better organized we could be.



Bob Spriggs

REMINDER

The Ancient Mariner's May Regatta provided quite a weekend for all who participated. Whether it was fighting back from the ocean, trying to get past Ballast Point or enjoying the socializing during the Raft-up. It added real color and excitement to the local scene by drawing many of the classic yachts of Southern California together. The Californian kicked off the event by sailing down the bay on Friday afternoon. Being the local sailing nut at work, many phone calls were received asking what kind of boat has lots of small pointy sails up front, a square one in the middle and a real funny thing in the back?

Well, the Regatta passed all too quickly and the good times and boats went their separate ways. If you enjoyed the Regatta, why wait for another year? The Ancient Mariner's Sailing Society offers the opportunity to meet the boats during the year.

The purpose of the society is "To preserve and promote interest in sailboats of ancient vintage and/or classic design" (Article I Section 1, By-laws of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society).

The May Regatta is only one of several get togethers we have planned. The remaining events are:

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| July 4 | - Cruise/Raft-up |
| Aug 1st & 2nd week | - Catalina Cruise |
| Aug. 8, 12:00 | - Ancient Mariners
Long Beach Race |
| Oct. | - Cruise to Glorietta Bay |
| Dec. | - Half-Pint-of-Rum Race |
| Dec. | - Xmas Parade of Lights |

The only way the society can prosper is through your joining and your help. We need you. We hope you need us. The initiation fee is \$25 (this includes the Burgee and the monthly newsletter, Albatross) and the annual renewal is \$5.00. Your boat identifies you as being an Ancient Mariner, so why not become one?

Ed - Vice Commodore
Membership Chairman

The next activity is scheduled over the 4th of July holidays. The annual Catalina cruise is the first and second week of August. The Long Beach Ancient Mariners is Sunday the 8th of August. Starting time is 1200.

Ed

Meeting

May 27 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 P.M.
Corinthian Room
Slides of Regatta will be shown by
Ruben Luna

The Regatta '76 as observed by novice sailers, non-Ancient Mariners Kay and Jack Koppel, who were privileged to join sailmaker Bob Henderson and son Tom as crew members for Liz, Ernie and Eric on the yacht "Singing Winds".

From breakfast and the skipper's meeting at the Southwestern Yacht Club, through the raft-up following the "sail", on was it really a race, the activity and excitement never let up. The entire day will remain one of our more memorable. Even the weather cooperated.

Liz's firm hand at the helm from start to finish was a sight to behold. The yacht appeared to respond as an extension of her every desire.

There were a few occasions when everyone on board wanted to be skipper, but Ernie's wishes were always our commands.

The day brought back a few memories, too. We were there the day this labor of love was launched and remember she was considered a cruising yacht, not necessarily expected to be very fast. May first proved she is also pretty darn fast. In fact, Ernie tells us she was going the fastest he has ever pushed her. Our elapsed time bears it out. Naturally, we wanted to be first crossing the finish line, but being close to first was still exciting and very rewarding. We add that we were sure glad we were re-entering the bay as we looked out towards buoy #3 and saw what appeared to be a solid mass of boats. Being in the middle of that may have been too much excitement.

Jack Koppel

1976 MAY REGATTA started out a bright and sunny day, the wind making itself felt very early. I, for one, couldn't get much sleep the night before (good case of the nerves).

The day turned out to be very exciting and I wish to pass on my thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make a success of the Regatta, Trophies, Awards, and Raft-up.

Doug Smith who headed up this very demanding chore of getting everyone and everything going in the same direction, deserves a very special thank you.

. Bill Clark and Kerry Geraghty for donating the beautiful teak trophy cases, and plaque.

. Ernie Armstrong for all the art work and printing.

. Bob and Darlene Spriggs coming up with the imaginative trophies and mugs.

. Hugo Carver and the A.M.S.S. members he had working for him on the race committee and committee race boat.

. Ruben and Delories Luna for their outstanding photography work. Ruben with his camera and Delories handling the boat.

. Esther Lusting representing the A.M.S.S. on the press boat.

A very special thank you to the other members who worked on committee or gave their time and ideas. All of you working together made the Regatta a very special weekend.

Elizabeth



This is meant to be a big thank you to those who helped Regatta '76 be a success. To begin with, we are indebted to Mr. Murray Wasson for making available to us the 96 foot motor yacht Electra. Thanks to skipper Jeff Moore and his fine crew who met us at the guest dock of the Southwestern Yacht Club - and of course to SWYC itself for opening its doors to us - and a big thank you to Mr. Marty Whalen, club manager.

We welcomed aboard Commander Ken Franke of Coast Guard Safety and Mrs. Franke, Captain Renard of the Maritime Museum, Mr. and Mrs. Maury Geraghty, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith, Sr.

We cruised in great comfort while following our glorious fleet in its spectacular and death defying maneuvers. Electra finished the course at Broadway Pier and returned to SWYC where we were greeted by the stirring strains of The Dixieland Band.

Skipper Moore was congratulated for a pleasant voyage and safe return. All hands agreed to meet again for Regatta '77.

Esther Lustig

IN DEDICATING THE MAY ALBATROSS TO PATRICK SMITH, ALL THE A.M.S.S. MEMBERS SEND YOU THEIR VERY BEST. LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR RETURNING TO SAN DIEGO.

GET WELL SOON.

Send cards or letters to
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