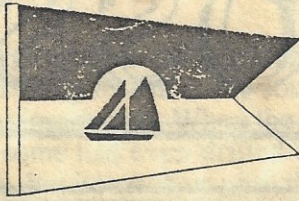


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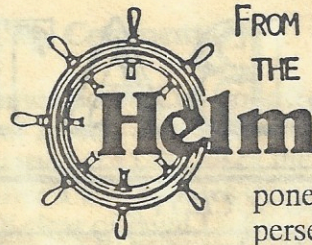
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1989 Calendar of Events

✓ General Meeting	Jan 4
✓ General Meeting	Feb 1
✓ Commodore's Cup Race	Feb 11
✓ Dinghy Massacre	Feb 12
General Meeting	Mar 1
AMSS Exhibit & Commodore's Ball.....	Mar 4
General Meeting	Apr 5
April Fool's Regatta	Apr 1
General Meeting	May 3
YesterYear Regatta	May 14
Swap Meet	May
General Meeting	Jun 7
General Meeting	Jul 5
Petty Coat Race	Jul
Ironman Race	Jul
Picnic	Aug
General Meeting	Sep 6
Start Fall Cruise	Sep
Oceanside Harbor Days	Oct
General Meeting	Oct 4
General Meeting (nominatons)	Nov 1
Swap Meet	Nov
Annual Meeting (election results)	Dec 6
Half Pint o' Rum Race	Dec



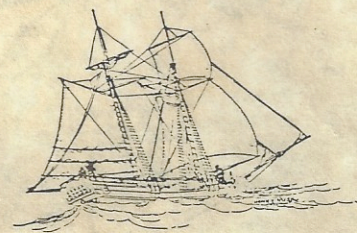
I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Commodore's Cup Race. I was starting to wonder if the race would have to be postponed for lack of wind. Those who persevered were treated to a great sail

down and back from the islands.

Salud now has a teak taffrail to sheet to, instead of a shattered boomkin. She is not in concours condition yet, but she will be at Coronado Cays Yacht Club for the AMSS Boat Show all the same. I hope to see all of you there. We have a pretty good idea now of which boats are coming, however, if you are planning to participate and have not notified us, please let either Rod Latimer (287-9066) or me (222-9123) know, so we can place you in the docking plan; and by all means come to the Commodore's Ball Saturday night. We had some great music to dance to by C.F.'s band last year and they are returning for an encore performance this year.

The April Fool's and YesterYear Regattas are approaching. We'll need some volunteers to help with the organization of these events. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved. Please let us know if you can be of assistance. The sooner we get started, the easier it'll be. Thanks.

— Kevin Thompson, Commodore



March General Meeting

Rusty White has put together an informative program for our March meeting. With the AMSS boat show at hand and our yachting season nearly underway, most all of us are thinking about paint and varnish. What paint to use... enamel or polyurethane? What goes into a quality varnish? These questions and more will be answered by Proline Paint Company president, Frank Szafrenski, and chemist, Ernie Sultanik. Jot down those questions that have been nagging you and come to the meeting prepared for a good question and answer session!

Welcome Aboard

New Members

(There are no new members this month)

Prospective Members

(Prospective members must appear at a general meeting to introduce themselves and their boat before the board can take action on their application.)

Peter James Benton
1170 Locust Street
San Diego, CA 92106 619-223-5702

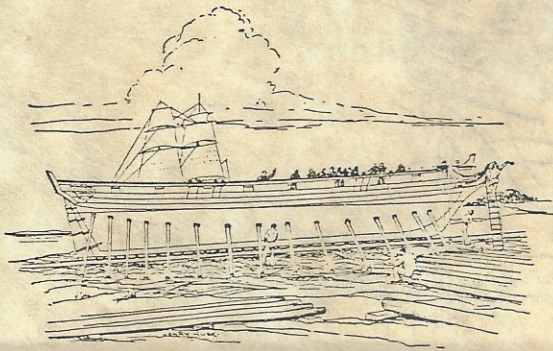
Sponsors: Jim Sterrett & Chris Donnelly

Peter owns *Santa Teresa of Avila* is a 22'3" marconi sloop designed by W. Rayner built by Mitchell's Boat Yard in Poole, Dorset, England in 1964.

Robert & Sherry Groening
655 4th Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101 619-224-7654

Sponsors: Gabrielle Martin-Neff & Jerry Newton

Robert & Sherry own *Black Tie*, a 60' motor yacht built in 1936 by Campbell in San Diego.



In Search of Ancient Albatrosses

Fourteen years of Albatross back issues are being collected for copying and binding. Thanks to Al Hislop, Patty Roberts, Trudy Wood, and Gary Blackman we have recovered 97% of the old printings, but there are a few gaps. If you are a collector of this fine old rag and have some of the missing issues, will you please call Marcia Hillmen at 436-0589(R) or 456-5318(B). Any copy you loan will be guaranteed a safe return.

Four hardbound embossed copies will be given to the club by Jerry Newton and Marcia Hilmen. Any member wishing a personal hardbound copy should take advantage of this one-time opportunity to obtain one. The cost per copy is \$30. Contact Marcia before March 31st. Any profit will benefit the AMSS.

PORT SIDE

by Rod Latimer

Coronado Cays — For those planning to attend the wooden boat show at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club, here are a few notes on how to avoid extensive practice in the art of kedging. You should know that there is not enough water to float an inflatable two yards outside the channel daymarks.

All vessels should stay in the main channel of San Diego Bay until reaching Buoy #28, opposite the 32nd Street Naval Station. From Buoy #28 take a heading of 168 degrees magnetic for the entrance to Coronado Cays Channel. For you real navigators, maintain 117-08 of longitude. This route will ensure a minimum depth of 11 feet at low water.

The entrance to Coronado Cays consists of eight concrete daymarks, four on each side of the channel. These daymarks have green diamonds on the east side and red diamonds on the west side (red right returning). Align yourself with the extended middle of the channel as soon as you have positively identified the daymarks. There is shallow water on both sides of the extended channel centerline for half a mile before reaching the entrance itself.

The channel runs south to a rock jetty then turns sharply to port. Follow the jetty toward the turning basin. The channel is dredged to the jetty wall and there is safe water to within a boat length of the rocks.

Upon entering the turning basin, make your course to the right of the fuel docks into the channel directly ahead. The club docks are the last ones on the left as you approach the end of the channel. There is a turning basin and a substantial south of the club. The basin is sufficiently deep for all vessels. An AMSS member will be on the club docks with the docking roster and will direct you to your slip. They will also be monitoring Channel 68, if you have a problem.

We're looking forward to a great show and party, so come one, come all!

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Commodore's Cup Commentary

As Kevin mentioned his column this month, the Commodore's Cup got off to a slow start. The racing class started at 11am at Buoy #17 near the south end of Shelter Island. The wind was so light that progress against the incoming tide was impossible. When the cruising class started at 11:40, all of the racers were still in the vicinity of the starting line; some had even drifted back across. After a few minutes the wind filled in enough to to at least gain steerage way, but it teased us until the fleet was well clear of Point Loma.

The course for the racing class was down around North Coronado Island and back. The cruisers sailed down to a line between the islands and took their own times there. Kevin decided to have the cruisers finish at the islands, so they wouldn't have to fight it out in the usual dying wind on the return leg—good idea.

This day, however, was perfect. It turned out to be a close reach both down and back in a breeze of 10 to 12 knots that held until well after dark. The predicted fog never showed up.

Many thanks to Kevin and Kathleen aboard *Salud* and Rod and Diana aboard *Sea Brig* for watching out for *Toko* and *Queequeg* who went along with the cruisers. Kevin will announce the results at the Commodore's Ball and they will be published in the April Albatross.

— Gary Blackman

