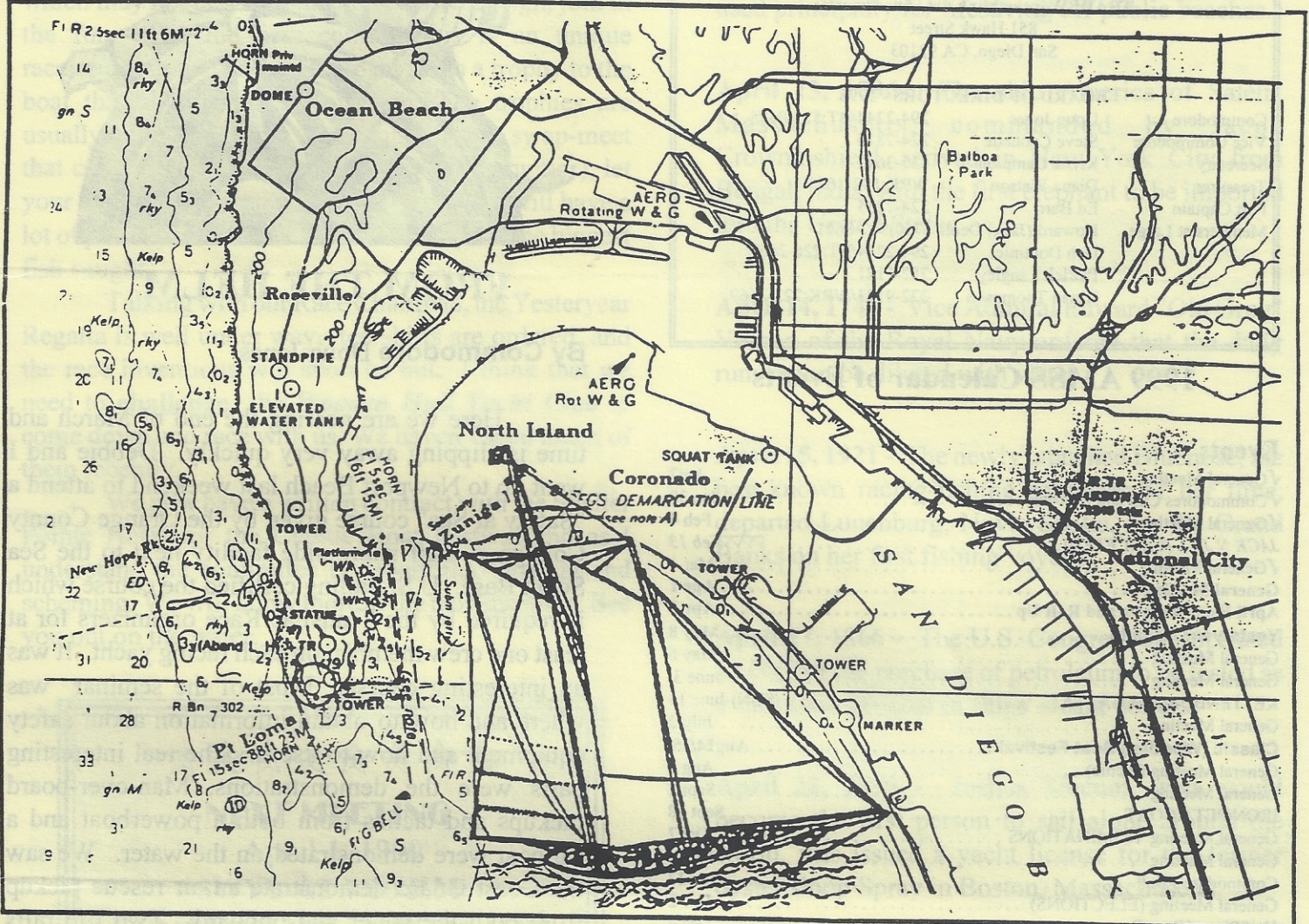


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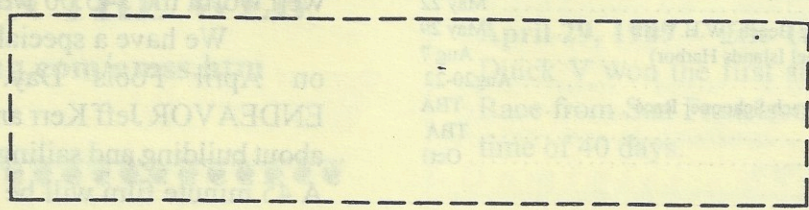
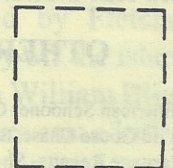
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**FROM THE HELM**

By Commodore Doug Jones

Here we are nearing the end of March and time is slipping away very quickly. Debbie and I went up to Newport Beach last weekend to attend a "Safety at Sea" course given by the Orange County College at their shore side facility next to the Sea Scout Base. U.S. Sailing certified the course which is required by the TransPac Race organizers for at least one crew member on each racing yacht. It was an interesting course. Most of the seminar was where and how to obtain information about safety equipment and how to use it. The real interesting parts were the demonstrations. Man-over-board pickups and tactics from both a powerboat and a sailboat were demonstrated on the water. We saw the Coast Guard demonstrate an air rescue pickup from both the water and onboard. Two life rafts were inflated. The last demonstration was putting out a fire. I was surprised at the ineffectualness of CO2 extinguisher to put out a fire. We did find out that halon is still available even though it is not made any more, so don't throw out those old halon fire extinguishers, get them recharged. The seminar was well worth the \$45.00 we paid to attend.

We have a special treat for the next meeting on April Fools Day. The Mate from the ENDEAVOR Jeff Kerr and his wife Helen, will talk about building and sailing the ship around the world. A 45 minute film will be shown. ENDEAVOR is a replica of James Cook's ship of exploration. From what I understand, this presentation is very

**1999 AMSS Calendar of Events**

**Events**

√General Meeting	Jan 7
√Commodores Cup and Raft-up	Jan 30
√General Meeting	Feb 4
JACK N JILL (CANCELED)	Feb 13
√General Meeting	Mar 4
General Meeting	Apr 1
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 3
Yesteryear Regatta	May 8
General Meeting	May 6
General Meeting	June 3
KETTENBURG REGATTA	(SUN) June 13
General Meeting	July 2
Classic (Wooden) Boat Festival	Aug 14/15
General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 5
General Meeting	Sept 2
IRON/PETTICOAT	Sept 18
General Meeting NOMINATIONS	Oct 7
General Meeting	Nov 4
Commodore's Ball	Nov 13
General Meeting (ELECTIONS)	Dec 2
Half Pint of Rum Race	Dec 4
New Years' Eve Raft Up - La Playa	Dec 31

**OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS**

American Schooner Cup	March 20/21
Wild Goose Chase, San Pedro to Newport (W.H.Y.C.)	TBA
Heritage Regatta- Show (Newport Hb. Nautical Museum)	Apr 18
Newport - Ensenada Race	Apr 23
LUDERS INVITATIONAL	May 15
Master Mariner's Race	May 22
Eric Erickson Oil Island Race, Long Beach (W.H.Y.C.)	May 29
McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)	Aug 7
Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)	Aug 20-22
Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race	TBA
W.H.Y.C. vs AMSS	TBA
S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race	Oct 1

**1999 TRANSPAC**

Cruising Class leaves Long Beach June 29

**Tired of doing the brightwork?**

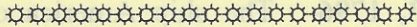
**Want your boat to look good for the  
Boat Show?**

**Let me help you- I did "Mahogany Manor" for Steve.**

**Rates are reasonable-**

**\$ 12.50/hr. Exterior/ \$ 15.00/hr. Interior. Call  
Jenifer - 224-7816**

**Seven years experience!**



**MARITIME MUSEUM'S EVENTS**

**MORE INFORMATION at (619) 234-9153**

**HM Bark ENDEAVOUR (Replica of Captain  
Cook's Ship) opened March 20-21 and 26-28**

**9 A.M. to 5 P.M.**

(Maritime Museum's Admission \$12.50)

**Rummage Sale: Ferryboat Berkeley**

**March 27-28 FREE**

**RARE BOOK SALE: Ferryboat Berkeley**

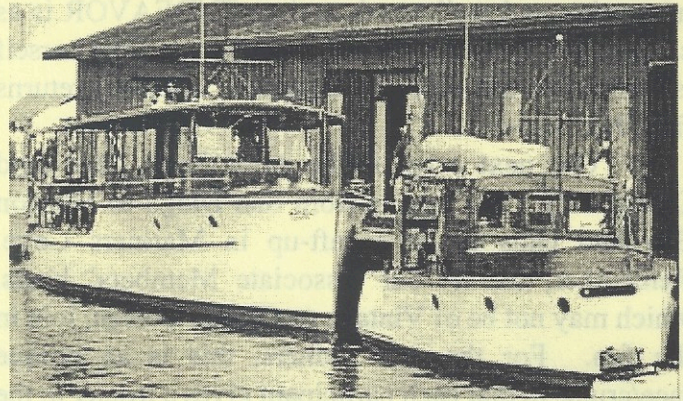
**April 10-11 FREE**

**Capt's Courageous**

**April 16-17**

**Shown on the STAR OF INDIA -**

\$10 for adults and \$8 for kids, MM members, & Seniors



**APRIL FOOLS REGATTA -**

**April 3/4, 1999**

This *race/cruise* takes us north from San Diego to an overnight raft-up in Mission Bay. The start is usually at either buoy #17 or #15, but has started further out the channel in light air conditions. The fleet must take #3 to starboard (which also helps to keep your craft out of the kelp) and finish at the line extending from the north jetty to the Mission Bay entrance buoy. Skippers are trusted to take their own times based on Ma Bell or the time check at the skipper's meeting. The race results will be calculated at the raft up. Each competitor is required to bring a trophy to award to the boat that finished just ahead of them. This trophy can reflect either the admiration or contempt that you hold for such a boat. The first to finish boat gives its trophy to the last to finish boat.

**THIS IS FOR SAIL AND POWER BOATS!** This event also invites any Associate Members with non-qualifying vessels to participate.

For more information: Rod Latimer,  
Race Chair, (619) 226-0478



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Board meetings will be held on the first Tuesday after the Thursday Regular Meeting of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 7:00 PM. Members are welcome to attend.

interesting and well worth seeing. ENDEAVOR is as close to original than any other replica and she herself is a once in a life time chance to see, when she returns from her haul-out.

Our next event is the April Fools Race (and Cruise!!!!). The race is from San Diego to Mission Bay and ends up at a raft-up in Mariners Cove. Remember, we let our Associate Members' boats, which may not be of Vintage or Classic Design, join in the fun. For the new comers, this is an unique race/cruise in that each participant gives a trophy to the boat that finishes ahead of them. The trophies are usually quite interesting, some thing from a swap-meet that can't be sold or given a way (lots of humor), let your imaginations run wild. I hope that we will have a lot of participants. There is also a trophy for the biggest fish caught.

Talking with our Race Chairman, the Yesteryear Regatta is well under way, tee-shirts are ordered, and the race inventions will soon be out. I think that we need to **challenge** the *Wooden Hull Yacht Club* to come down and race with us. We haven't seen much of them recently.

We now have a written contract with the Shelter Pointe Hotel for the Classic Boat Festival and as I understand the committee is deeply into planing and scheming. We will know more at the next meeting. See you out on the water.



### NEXT MEETING

April 1, 1999

SWYC AT 7:30 P.M.

**Guest Speaker: Jeff Kerr, First Mate on ENDEAVOR**

**45 Minute Film on ENDEAVOR**



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## AMSS IS ON THE WEB

[www.sdsailing.com/amss.htm](http://www.sdsailing.com/amss.htm)



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## HISTORY'S CORNER:

BY Edward S. Barr

### It happened in April-

**April 10, 1877-** A patent was issued to Nathanael G. Herreshoff of Rhode Island for a catamaran to be used principally for lifesaving off public beaches.

**April 13, 1796-** The ship America of Salem, Massachusetts, commanded by Jacob Crowninshield, arrived in New York City from Bengal, India, with the first elephant to be imported into the United States.

**April 14, 1740 -** Vice Admiral Edward "Old Grog" Vernon of the Royal Navy ordered that the daily rum ration be diluted with water.

**April 15, 1921 -** The newly launched Bluenose, the best-known racing-fishing schooner of her time, departed Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, for the Grand Banks on her first fishing voyage.

**April 17, 1866 -** The U.S. Congress appropriated \$5,000 for the purchase of petroleum to be tested as a substitute for coal in ships' steam boilers.

**April 22, 1895 -** Joshua Slocum, who would become the first person to sail alone around the world, was issued a yacht license for the former oyster sloop Spray in Boston, Massachusetts.

**April 28, 1789 -** A mutiny, led by Fletcher Christian, broke out on HMS Bounty off the island of Tofua in the mid-Pacific. Captain William Bligh and 18 loyal members of his crew were cast adrift in a lifeboat.

**April 29, 1969 -** Eric Tabarly in the 35-foot Pen Duick V won the first singlehanded TransPacific Race from San Francisco to Tokyo in the elapsed time of 40 days.

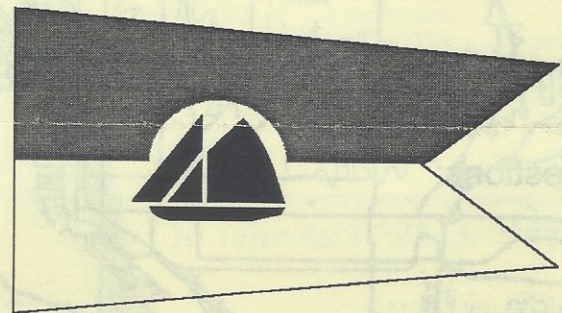


*Photo By Barbara Horner*

drink and music. The entry fee is approximately \$30. Breakfast and dinner are extra. Commemorative shirts are sold.

For more information: Rod Latimer or Diana Watson, Race CoChairs, (619) 2226-0478

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## YESTERYEAR REGATTA

May 8, 1999

This is the major open event (any vintage and/or classic designed boats can enter) that AMSS sponsors and members of sister organizations, such as the Wooden Hull Yacht Club (WHYC) are wholeheartedly invited to participate. Entries are invited from any qualifying wooden boat. There are several classes and many trophies per class. The day starts with breakfast and the skippers' meeting. The first of the staggered starts begin at noon with boats of similar capabilities going off at about 15 minute intervals. The race is approximately 12 NM long, starting off Reuben's Restaurant, to a marker at Tom Hams to port, to #5 and #6 to port, to a marker near the Star of India to port and back to the finish at Reuben's. The post race party is usually a wild party with raffle prizes, results, trophies and lots of food and

## ⇨ CHANGE OF DATE ⇩

### FOR TWO EVENTS!

Yesteryear Regatta - May 8<sup>TH</sup>, SWYC  
Classic Boat Festival - August 14/15, 1999  
At Shelter Pointe Marina  
(Formerly the Kona Kai)

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## KETTENBURG REGATTA

The "Regatta"/"Pass and Review" Details have not been finalized. Any assistance in phone calling would be appreciated. The EVENT is on Sunday, June 13, 1999. Reception on the Ferryboat Berkeley Sunday Afternoon, Race Committee is SWYC. Everyone is invited! *More Details: Deb Dominici 688-6961 WRK*

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# PORT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

By Edward S. Barr

## QUESTIONNAIRE: TO ALL MEMBERS

- 1) What attracted you to join AMSS?
- 2) Have your expectations been realized?
- 3) What can AMSS do to be more appealing to you?
- 4) Do you have any recommended activities or events that you would attend?

### Suggestions:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 5) We will assume, for those who do not respond to this questionnaire, that you feel the present course and content of AMSS is sufficiently satisfactory that no comments for change is necessary.

### Mail to:

Edward S Barr  
Port Captain- AMSS  
2390 Shelter Island Drive  
San Diego, Calif ( 92106)



**SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!**  
**BRING A FRIEND!**

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