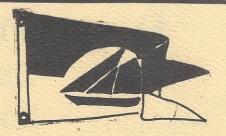


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1984 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mother's Day Cruise	May 12
Yesteryear Regatta	June 16
Pettycoat Regatta	July 21
Ironman Race	July 22
Ensenada Race	September 1-3
Oceanside Harbor Days	October 13-14
Film Festival	November 17
Half Pint O' Rum Race	December 1

MAY MEETING

AMSS Staff Commodore Chris Frost and Dale Fink recently went "south of the border" to cruise from Manzanillo to Acapulco aboard White Cloud, with Staff Commodore Paul Mitchell and family. Additional sightseeing took Chris and Dale to Zihuatanejo, Guadalahara and Mexico City. Their slide presentation should be well worth viewing, so be sure to attend the May 3 meeting.

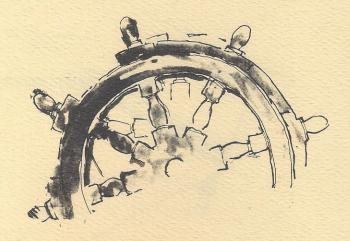
FROM THE HELM

On Saturday April 14, I had the pleasure of sailing the Tallship Olympic Parade route with Elmar Baxter, Chairman of the Topsail '84 Committee. The 35 mile parade route runs just offshore from Manhattan Beach, down the coast and through Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. The official 30 vessel flotilla will move along at a steady six knots, taking about 5 hours to complete the course.

It appears there is a sincere interest in having AMSS boats participate even if they are under the 60' LOA minimum size. I suggested that the parade committee consider Panda, HMS Dolphin, Nirvana, Scottish Fantasy II, and Pacifica. Should these yachts be approved as official parade participants, and their owners willing to make the effort, I think all involved would have a once in a lifetime opportunity. If you are interested in this event as an official participant, or crew, please let me know as soon as possible.

Our April Fools Regatta is expected to produce a well qualified "Fool" who will be justly rewarded at the May 3 general meeting. The beach party at Mariner's Cove was enjoyed by all who attended and the Sunday race featured an exciting duel between Pacifica and Scottish Fantasy II with Scottish Fantasy II crossing the finish just 15 sec ahead.

Rusty



PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Gabrielle Martin-Neff P.O. Box 6638 San Diego, CA 92106

Gabrielle owns a Star class racing sloop. Aldeberan is hull #1487 and was built in 1936 by Parkman Yachts, Inc., in Brooklyn, NY. Aldeberan is carvel planked of Pt. Orford Cedar.

Sherry and Norman Anton 611 Beyer Way, #403 San Diego, CA 92154

Sherry and Norm own the ketch \underline{Ebb} \underline{Tide} which was designed in 1954 by W. H. Dole and built in 1956 by John Amundson. \underline{Ebb} \underline{Tide} is carvel planked with clear Yellow Cedar \underline{Over} \underline{Oak} frames and sports her own custom bronze hardware.

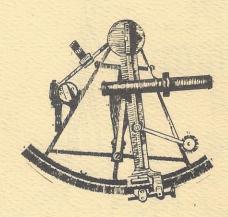


MOTHER'S DAY CRUISE & TREASURE HUNT

Due to conflict with events scheduled by other yacht clubs the Mother's Day Cruise has been moved to Saturday May 12. To make this event more fun for all, this year we have added a sea going (bay) treasure hunt. The treasure will be a form of liquid gold and related goodies that will be enjoyed by all participants. For more information see the enclosed flyer or call Rusty.

YESTERYEAR REGATTA

Our big event of the year is almost upon us! June 16 is the date for this year's Yesteryear Regatta. This years trophies will again be useful items for the boat, so start making preparations now. You will be recieving information in the mail shortly. If you are planning to participate please return the application as soon as possible. Remember this is the tenth anniversary of AMSS and the Yesteryear, so let's try to make it one of the largest and best.

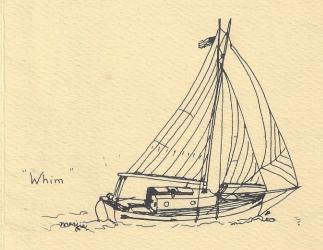


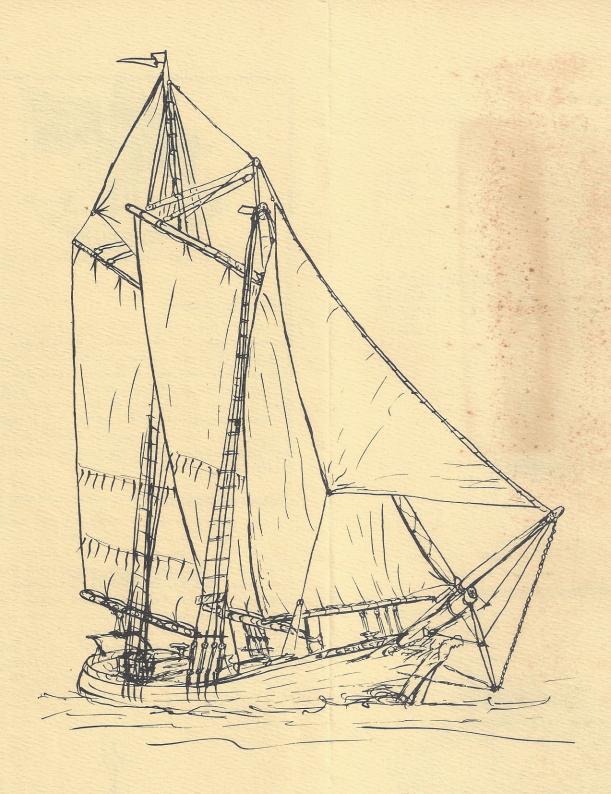
CHARITY CUP REGATTA

The Charity Cup will be run on June 9 this year, the week before the Yesteryear. We have been told that if enough Ancient Mariner boats want to enter they will form a separate class for us. Besides being a good tune up for the Yesteryear, it gives us a chance to show our support for the yachting community activities. It would be nice if we could have a large showing at this SDAYC event. IF you are interested contact Dave Gibbs.

NAUTICAL NOMENCLATURE

While we were talking with Gaffley about terms that came from the gundeck, this well used term came up. During the period in the Brittish Navy when wives of the seamen were allowed to live aboard when the ship was in harbor, "son of a gun" was the description used by the lower deck to childern born aboard ship. As the gangways always had to be kept clear, the only place a woman in labor could give birth was in the spaces between the guns on the gundecks. Inevitably, any male child born aboard was known as a "son of a gun".





Do you know the shallow Baltic where the seas are steep and short, where the bluff lee-boarded fishing luggars ride?

Do you know the joys of thrashing leagues to leeward of your port, on a coast you've lost the chart of overside?

It is there I am going with an extra hand to bail her, just one able long-shore loafer that I know.

He can take his chance of drowning while I sail and sail and sail her, for the Red Gods call me out and I must go.

From "The feet of the Young Men" by Rudyard Kipling 1897