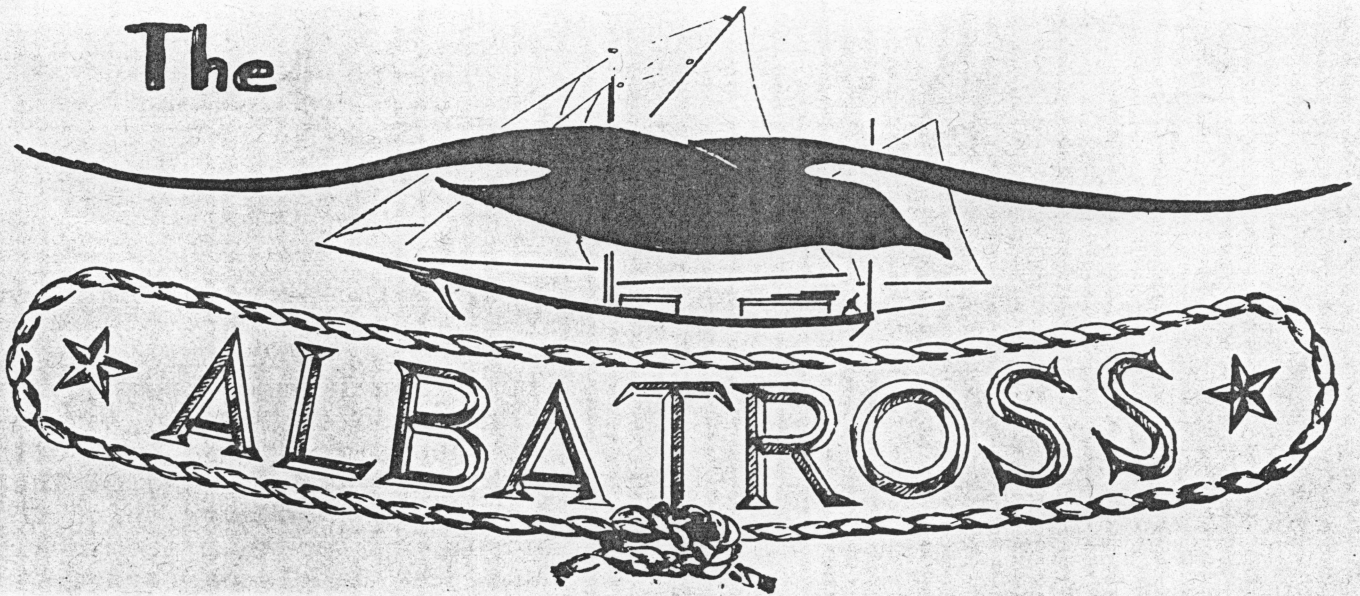


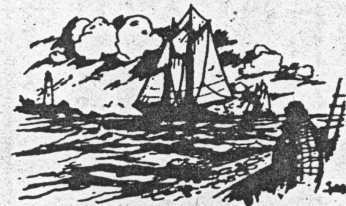
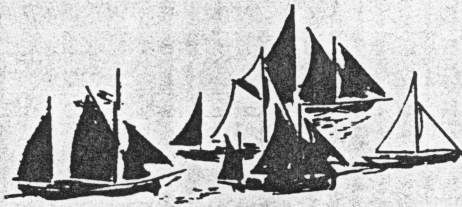
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IMPORTANT DATES

REGATTA WEEKEND!!! May 1, 2, & 3
Race on San Diego Bay
Festivities at Southwestern
Yacht Club with raft-up
in La Playa Cove

GENERAL MEETING: May 29th at 7:30 P.M.
Southwestern Yacht Club



ANCIENT MARINERS

The regular General Meeting was held April 24th at Southwestern Yacht Club. We were glad to see so many people turn out and wish to welcome all the new members.

The By Laws were approved by the membership present. Copies will be sent to all members.

All other discussion was formulating the activities for the May 3rd regatta.

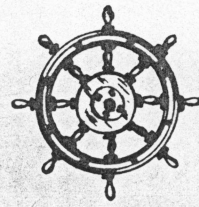
As I write this the Activities Committee is reaching a summit of activity in taking care of the myriad details associated with our forthcoming regatta. Racing is a welcome diversion from time to time, however, the enjoyment of vintage boats such as those belonging to the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society requires the allure of distant ports and calm anchorages. Given a limited time allocation "distant" must sometimes be translated as merely "away"; calm anchorages are available.

With this in mind, a cruise to Dana Point over Memorial Day weekend is in the making. Present plans are developing favoring an early start on Saturday, May 24th, proceeding directly to Dana Point at a 4 or 5 knot speed of advance, spending Saturday evening and all day Sunday rafted in the North basin, with an early start on Monday for the return to San Diego. Maybe we'll have quasi-isolation with most of the boats at Dana Point heading for Catalina for the weekend.

Priscilla Geraghty
Recording Secretary

Bob Driscoll
Activities Chairman

from The Helm



The grand spectacular will just be history when this goes to print, so I will not say too much about the regatta weekend except to thank everyone involved, especially Bob and Darlene Spriggs for work- so tirelessly to make this annual event a success.

But what I would like to talk about is a pre-race weekend some- time prior to May 3rd. The sky was overcast and threatening as the vanguard of Ancient Mariners sailed forward to meet the chal- lenge of the sea.

As the armies drew closer the Ancient Mariners prepared for battle. Oil skins appeared and anxious eyes looked skyward through minds debating on the best course of action they should follow, and then seemingly without warning the wind and the sea struck with the ferocity of a caged animal.

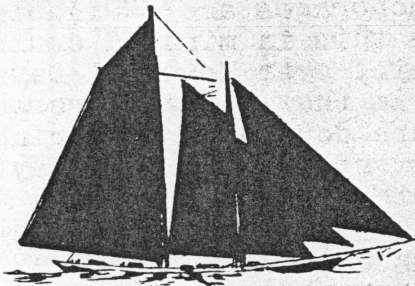
The first of the Ancient Mariners to fall was one who had not prepared himself or his steed for such a vicious onslaught. He was knocked from his mount like a feather in the wind. Another soldier attacking from the flanks found himself being blown onto a clearly marked reef that juts into the sea from the land.

Aboard the ALOHA all was not well either. Preparations were being made to take sail down at a time when I wished that I could be taking cover instead. Fortunately, a wizened old salt sailing with me was taking full command of the foredeck and had everything under control. After what seemed like hours, the battle was over. The army of the sea clearly the victor. But what the storm has taught us should make the Ancient Mariners a more capable and confident foe.

Sailing in the beautiful South- ern California weather has condi- tioned us so that we are not as alert to weather changes as we should be, and consequently some of our basic seamanship skills have grown rusty. Fortunately, the injuries of the battle were confined to our psychic, and this will heal. In the future we may not be so lucky.

I feel that I have learned a valuable lesson taught by the greatest teacher of all "exper- ience" and in the future I will be a better sailor because of that.

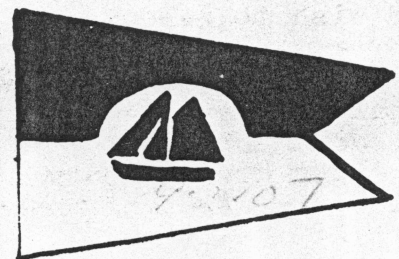
Doug Smith
Commodore



"There is nothing...absolutely nothing,.....half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.....In or out of 'em, it doesn't matter".

From "Wind in the Willows"
by Kenneth Grahame

FLY THE COLORS! If you haven't yet obtained an Ancient Mariners burgee, see Priscilla Geraghty aboard CLARA at Eichenlaub's, 2608 Shelter Island Drive.





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NAJEZ

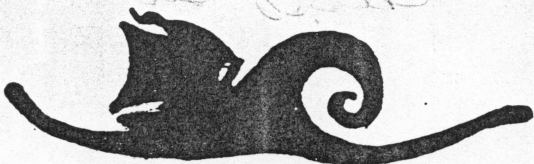
On the occasion of our First Annual Regatta, we have the chance to present ourselves as a full-fledged organization, and not merely a concept. It's important, however, to guarantee the tradition of future regattas by observing proper organizational procedures in every thing that we do.

Meetings that are conducted with little semblance of order, (or regard to "Robert's Rules of Order",) only end in confusion for at least some of the members, both at the Board level and at the General meetings. By-laws passed without a reading by the General membership certainly don't reflect the opinion of the entire group, at least not until everyone has had a chance to know the laws by which we will be governed. Also, the giving and taking away of positions on the Board of Directors without benefit of nomination or majority-vote is both inconsiderate and a grossly unfair practice.

It's important that we welcome and encourage those who are qualified and willing to give of their time and efforts for the good of the Ancient Mariner's Sailing Society. Allowing any one person to assume absolute power in all matters has no place in an organization such as ours. Where membership is concerned, we are still in a very fragile and formative stage. We must do all that we can to strengthen our numbers and bring unity to the group. This can only be accomplished by acting with maturity and good judgement for the benefit of all present and potential members.

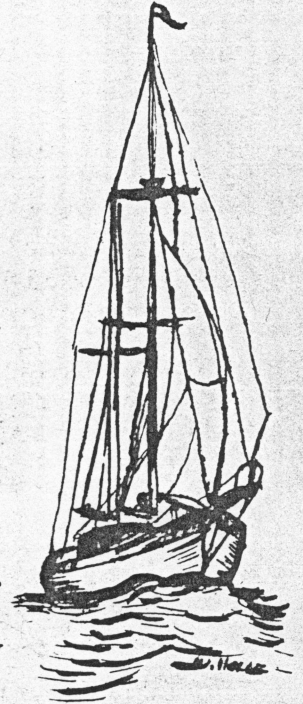
Fair winds and fine sailing!

Bev Holle



NAJEZ, a lovely ketch owned by Don and Barbara Armour of San Diego is our boat for this month.

NAJEZ was designed by John Alden and built in San Francisco in 1948 by a Danish boatbuilder, Jay MacFarland. She is 50' overall, and is built of fir with an overall displacement of 46,000 lbs. Ketch-rigged, she has a working sail area of 1080 ft. and accomodates 8 people, which makes her a comfortable cruising boat. She was originally christened "SIKRID" at her launching, after the builder's daughter.



SIKRID's first long passage was to the South Pacific. While riding at anchor in Papeete, she was noticed by authoress, Annie Van de wiele, who mentioned the boat in her book, "The West in My Eyes."

After SIKRID's return to the States, she lay idle in Sausalito where Don began casting her admiring glances. But, alas, a friend of Don's beat him to the punch and bought SIKRID. After SIKRID returned from her second cruise to Hawaii, Don talked his friend into selling her and the boat was finally his.

After buying and cosmetically refurbishing their new yacht, Don and family made plans to sail her to San Diego. But first, SIKRID would be rechristened bearing a new name across her stern. Don, while living in Northern California, had two German Shorthair Pointers named Nancy and Jezebel, and the dogs were included in all their boating ventures. He loved the dogs and named his new boat NAJEZ in their honor. According to Don, the name implies fickle or fancy female, and suits his boat just fine.

Saunie Driscoll
Historian

Welcome!

We wish to extend a very hearty welcome to all of our new members and associate members. We hope that our organization will offer you much pleasure and enjoyment in the name of classic boats. We are all anxious to further the same cause and to do all that we can to help each other in expanding our knowledge about the care, maintenance, and use of our traditional yachts. To those who are non-boat owners, we value your interest and appreciate your contributions to the society.



The sea has always been a seducer, a careless lying fellow, not feminine as many writers imagine, but strongly masculine in its allurements. The king of the sea, with his whiskers of weed and his trident and dolphins, truly represents the main and gives it character. The sea like a great sultan, supports thousands of ships, his lawful wives. These he caresses and chastises as the case may be. This explains the feminine gender of all proper vessels.

From "Vignettes of the Sea"
by Felix Reisenberg

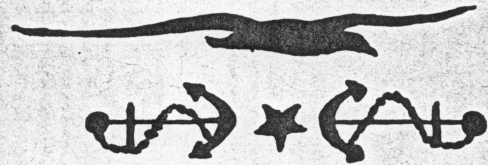
SLOP CHEST

The following items are for sale:

Small mahogany binnacle, \$10.
Kerry & Priscilla Geraghty
2608 Shelter Island Drive

Two 4 cy. 70 h.p. Volvo auto engines. \$50 & \$100.
Ed Lewis 225-7983

Two-burner Stainless steel alcohol stove. Needs work \$15.
Old one burner alch. stove \$3.
Bill & Bev Holle 224-7007



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