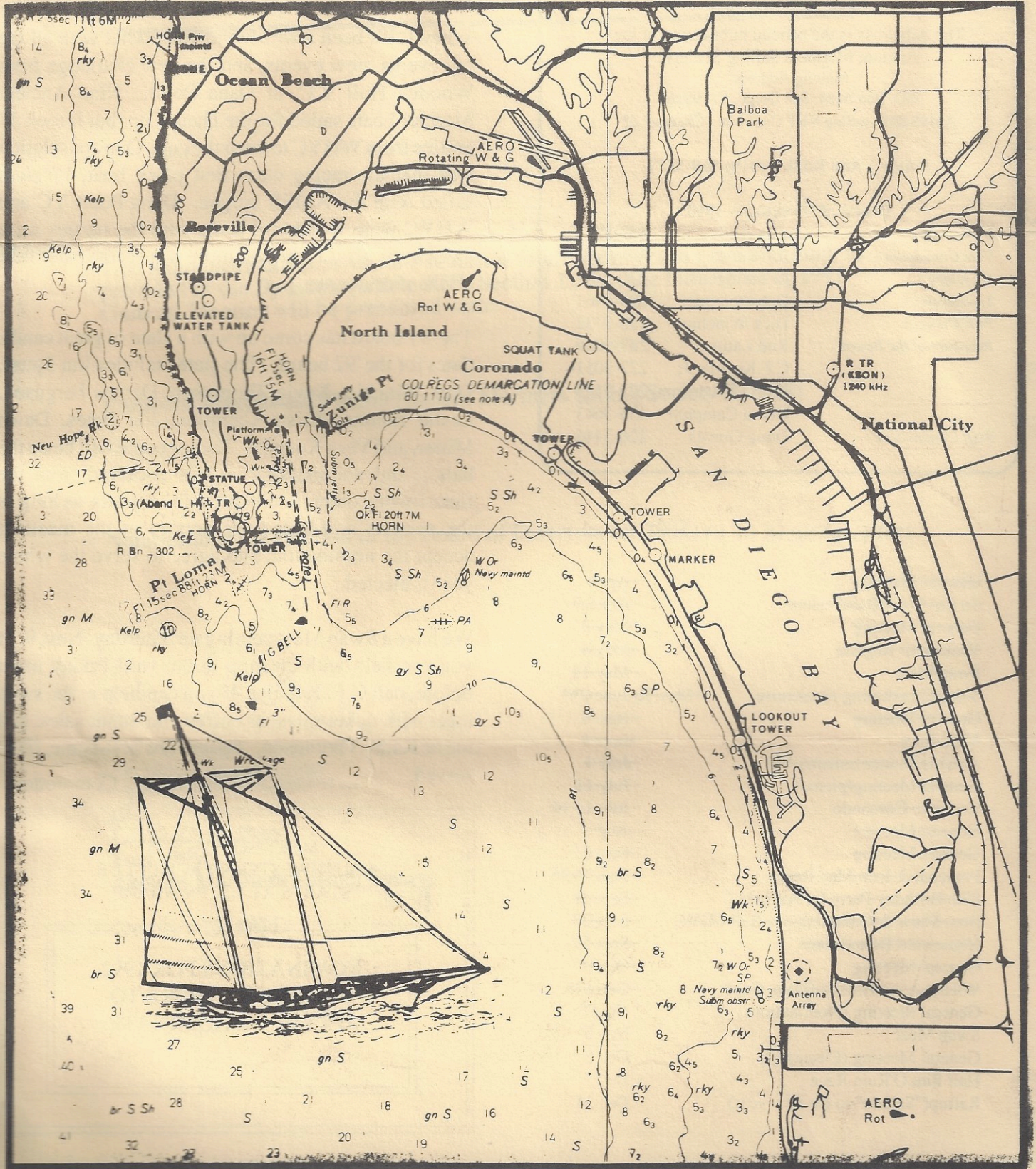
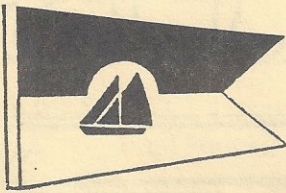


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1991 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting	Apr 4
So. Cal. Wood Boat Festival	Apr 6,7
General Meeting	May 2
Yesteryear Regatta	May 4
Swap Meet	May 18
3-day Gunkholing race/cruise	May 30-June 2**
General Meeting	June 6
Maui Race	June 9
Awards Dinner Lahaina YC	July 1
General Meeting (picnic)	July 11
Cruise to Coronado	July 13,14
General Meeting	Aug 1
General Meeting	Sept 5
Petticoat & Iron Man Races	Sept 14,15
80th Birthday Party for <i>Adelphi</i>	Sept 21
Boat Show & Commodore's Ball CCYC	Sept 28
Homeward Bound Race	Sept 29
General Meeting	Oct 4*
W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)	Oct. 6**
General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 7
Swap Meet	Nov 9
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 5
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 7
Raftup ("Salude" to the new year)	Dec 31

From the

Whew! It's been a whirlwind year, what with all the big events, new events, and the new challenge from Wooden Hull Y.C. at Dana Point. Nine Ancient Mariner boats sailed for the Dana Cup, but it took 31 entries from WHYC to keep the cup. One consolation was that the racing class first place boat, *Virginia* sailed with the AMSS burgee. Dana Point YC and WHYC were wonderful hosts, and the parties were enjoyed by all. (There was more wind at the party than on the race course.)

The '91 board has come up with a slate of great candidates for the '92 board. The slate includes Jim Sutter, Dick Winchip, Kevin Thompson, Dennis Ferguson, Leslie Benton, Krista Campion, Jon Bates, Dawn Miller, and Vern Koepsel. These people will be on the ballot, and nominations will be accepted from the floor for any other members for these posts, as long as the persons nominated are present at the meeting, accept the nomination, and agree to serve the whole year if elected.

We have a Swap Meet coming up Saturday, Nov. 9. If you can help with cleanup at the yard Friday night before, call C.F. Koehler. If you can help at the swap meet with ticket sales, or coffee and donut sales, call me or Kathy Thompson. Spaces are first-come, first-served.

Annie Kolls, Commodore

MEETING PLACE IS
SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB.
STARTS AT 7:30 PM SHARP



NOMINATIONS FOR 1992
BOARD! BE THERE TO
ACCEPT OR NOMINATE.

NEW MEMBERS

Deb Dominici

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An archaeologist for CalTrans, and treasurer for AMSS this year, Deb owns *Comanche*, a PCC 46, designed in the 40's and built in 1957 by Kettenburg in San Diego.

David Crall

3841 4th Ave. S.D, CA 92103 (619) 237-1249
David and partner Leslie Meredith have purchased *Yadin*, the 25' lapstrake Swedish Folkboat.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Charles Thorp

1405 Manchester St. National City, CA 91950
(619) 479-8052

Charles, who is self-employed, and his wife Laura, a teacher, own *Kachina*, a documented 1946 Kettenburg 46 PCC sloop, built in San Diego in 1958. Charles and Laura are interested in racing. Sponsored by Doug Graves and Dick Winchip.

Donna Davidson

1220 Rosecrans, #126, San Diego, CA 92106
(619) 224-6032

Donna, an R.N., has purchased Peggy Slater's well-known boat, *Valentine*, a Kettenburg 46 built in San Diego in '64-'65. Donna is sponsored by Doug and Mary Ann Graves.

AMSS Swap Meet
SAT. NOVEMBER 9
KOEHLERS YARD

CHANGE !!!

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING IS
TUES. NOV. 5, AT SOUTHWESTERN
YACHT CLUB. MEETING STARTS AT
7:30 PM

PORTSIDE By Dick Winchip

By-Law - ("a rule adopted by an organization chiefly for the government of its members and the regulation of its affairs")

Our By-Laws are the backbone of our organization!

Our credibility comes from how we operate within the established by-laws the membership has approved.

This next general meeting, we will be voting on some amendments to our current by-laws. The reason for this is that our current by-laws are out-dated and do not reflect our present operation.

We have confusion amongst ourselves as to which version of the by-laws out in print are the official ones. The proposed amendments are directed to correct this and place our house in order. These are **not** radical changes, just some fine tuning of our already well planned-out by-laws from previous boards and members.

Our By-Laws do require that a quorum be present at the meeting in order to conduct business and that the amendments receive two-thirds (2/3) of votes in order to pass. This is important to note because this gives all of you the chance to have a say in how the Society is run. Please...come out and support the organization by voting, not only for the by-laws, but also for the nominations of next year's board. You are what makes this **Society** work!

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Letters to the Editor

(Here are three eloquent and diverse letters regarding the name change editorial in the October issue:)

Ann:

Here's our vote for SDCYC! Great idea.

Fred Newell (*Emily L.*)

Dear Editor:

After Receiving my Oct. Albatross, I felt compelled to write the AMSS and express my disappointment at any suggestion to change the name of the group to "San Diego Classic Yacht Club".

While the rationale behind this suggestion may have some validity, it must be pointed out that the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society is received and revered world-wide as a respected group of wooden boat owners and sailors of near legendary status.

To change the name AMSS would only result in confusion, and dilute the hard work that has gone into making this organization so respected and well known; a nautical household name.

As a yachting journalist who has written about the AMSS and its members more times than any other writer alive, I can tell you that I have had positive discussions about the AMSS with editors across the board. I have never found the AMSS to be confused with "a sailing club for senior citizens" or "an old geezers version of Polaris Sailing Society". Instead, AMSS is spoken of with the most flattering of adjectives, and regarded with high esteem and professional respect deserving of the club's hard work and past efforts.

Through the San Diego Maritime Museum, I have had access to many groups which specialize in such distinct areas as wooden boats, schooners, the Revolutionary War, ship modeling, cruise ships, Cape Horn, the Military, replication, Maritime Research, etc. I have yet to find any group as independently successful, or well known as Ancient Mariners Sailing Society.

I disagree when you say you are a yacht club. And I don't think you can compare the AMSS with the Wooden Hull Owners Association. You are truly unique, and - if you'll forgive the choice of terms - "historical" in concept and application.

Stand proudly on your own two legs Ancient Mariners. Your group is more than just a name. Potential members and followers will search you out.

They will be undaunted by any confusion that stems from the use of the words, "Sailing Society".

LONG LIVE THE ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY!

Sincerely Yours,

Joseph Ditler, S.D. Maritime Museum

Dear Commodore Kolls,

I have read your editorial regarding a prospective name change and found it to be an excellent idea. Though I am also quite fond of the "Ancient Mariner" title, you made some very important points, which should be addressed.

As a relatively new member, I recall that, due to its name, there was a certain degree of mystery associated with the organization. It was hard to tell what its purpose actually was. It almost appeared to be a secretive closed-membership society, and I don't believe that that is the reputation that we want. We are a yacht club, and we should be recognized as such.

If changing our name might bring in more classic power boats, again we should make it so. I know that our organization originally was for sailing vessels only, but I feel that the addition of classic power boats adds a certain richness. We should do what we can to attract more.

And finally, as a native San Diegan, any institution with "San Diego" in its name is okay by me. (Except possibly the Port Authority.) I would like to see us promote a new name such as, SDCYC, as well as retain our nick-name of "Ancient Mariners", so as not to forget our roots.

Sincerely, your long-distance member,

Ren Oden, Assoc. Member, AMSS

DANA CUP RESULTS:

First Annual Dana Cup Challenge was raced off Dana Point as a buoy race with course flags. Nine Ancient Mariner boats met the challenge from 31 WHYC boats in light wind conditions with poor visibility.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Points</u>
A Fleet: (13 boats)			
1	Virginia	AMSS	13
2	Ace	WHYC	12
3	Tantara	WHYC	11
B Fleet: (16 boats)			
1	Altair	WHYC	16
2	Kona	WHYC	15
3	Kelpie	WHYC	14
