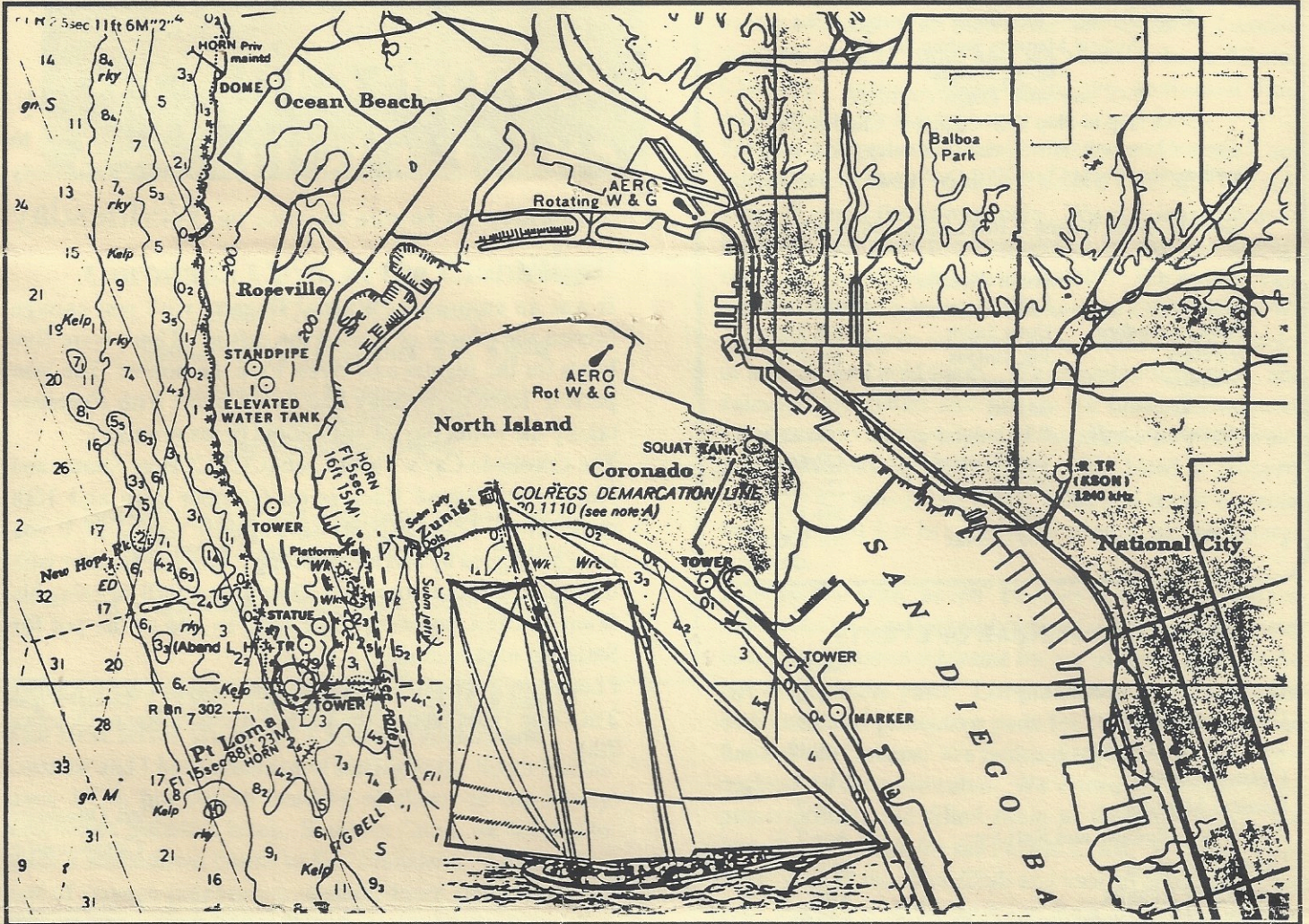


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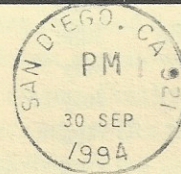
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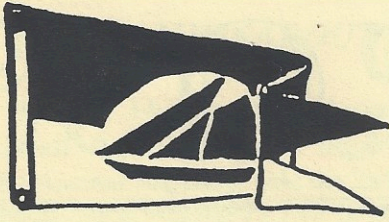
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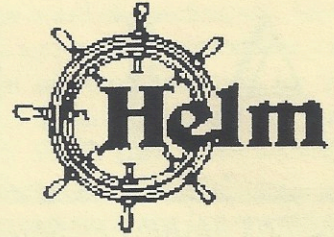
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1994 AMSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting	Jan 6
Commodores Cup & raft up	Jan 15
General Meeting	Feb 3
Jack and Jill Regatta	Feb 12
General Meeting	Mar 3
General Meeting	Apr 7
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 2,3
General Meeting	May 5
Yesteryear Regatta	May 14
General Meeting	June 2
PCC Championship/Kettenburg Regatta	June 25
General Meeting	July 7
Commodore's Ball	July 16
General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 4
Giant Small Boat Messabout '94	Aug 10 - 14
Gorilla Rock Cruise - Los Coronados	Aug 6 - 7
General Meeting	Sept 1
Labor Day Cruise	Sept 3-5
Petticoat Race	Sept 17
Iron Man Race	Sept 18
General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 13
Boat Show - CCYC	Oct 15
Homeward Bound Race	Oct 16
General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 3
Thanksgiving/Catalina Cruise	Nov 24 -27
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 1
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 3
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec 31

From the



The meeting this month will be **Wednesday**,
October 5th, 1994 at 7:30. The change of day is due to
Southwestern Yacht Club's (SWYC) Ensenada Race Party
on Thursday. So be sure to come on **Wednesday**
night!

It was an enjoyable Petticoat Regatta with just enough
breeze and plenty of rum at the raft up. There were five
boats for the regatta and *Wren* took the honors. The Iron
person Race on Sunday had seven boats with *Freedom*
taking the bullet (so far with some times missing).
The Coronado Cay's Yacht Club (CCYC) Boat Showe and
Homeward Bound Race is on October 15th and 16th
respectively. Thirteen boats have already signed up. If you
have not signed up and are planning to go, call Ed Barr with
information about your boat. Greg Potter will be bring his
Soup Kitchen, so bring something to add to the pot for
Saturday night's dinner.

I hope to see a bunch of people at the Dana Cup (October
2 at Dana Point) and at the Little Ensenada Race (October
7th).

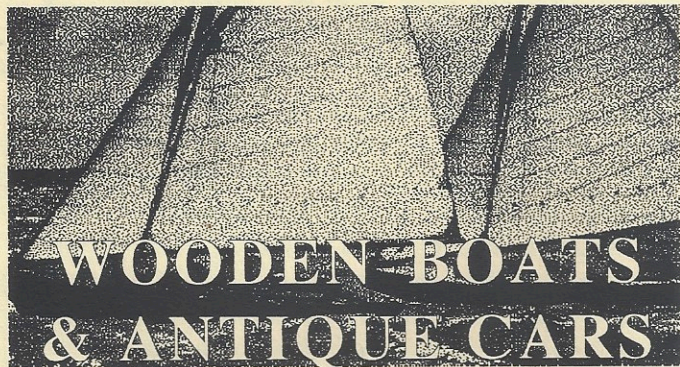
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Board meetings are normally held on the second Thursday
of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 7:00 PM.
however, there is no board meeting in August.

See the Classics in South Bay!



Coronado Cays, at the Clubhouse

Grand Caribe Causeway

Saturday, October 15, 10-4

All yachts will be open to the public.

Proceeds to benefit FOCUS
and the Maritime Museum.

Boats from Ancient Mariners Sailing Society.

Cars from Classic Car Club of America.

Car show is free. \$5 donation for wooden boat show.

September 1, 1994, Channel Islands Harbor.

The first letter from the Cruising Colemans.

Lorraine and I have dreamed of sailing to the South Pacific since 1978, but before heading offshore on our newly refurbished Seawitch ketch, Southern Cross, we decided to make a shakedown cruise to San Francisco. An essential part of voyage preparation, a shakedown cruise tests the boat, equipment and especially captain and crew (we had not been to sea for nearly eleven years). Unfortunately, every time we pointed Southern Cross bow north, something went wrong. This is our shakedown -- lessens new and old.

We taught ourselves to sail our first boat, a 30 foot sloop named Samba Pa Ti, on San Francisco Bay; it seemed the perfect destination for a shakedown. Motoring uphill from San Diego would be a great test for the machinery and new electronics like radar, and the windy bay would be perfect for learning our new boat and rig. Southern Cross is a gaff-rigged teak ketch designed by Hugh Angelman in 1938 and built in Hong Kong in 1961. She can fly six sails at once, but we never had to reef the mainsail in San Diego. We had to determine which sail combinations worked best in windy conditions. Besides, we wanted to visit our friends at Berkeley Yacht Club, and our families live in the Bay Area. We needed to say goodbye before heading for the South Pacific.

After studying the Coast Pilot, and articles in Sea and Cruising World magazines on traveling up the California coast, May and June seemed the best times to make the trip. We chose June 1st as our departure date, but it was soon postponed. At the end of May, the marine store where I worked for ten years, Pacific Marine Supply, sold their chandlery division to Downwind Marine. I, like a fixture, went with the store, and the new owner asked me to stay and help set up shop in the new location. I worked through most of June and we threw a huge "Going Cruising" party. Meanwhile, we continued final preparations for our trip.

We had a huge list of "things that had to be done", and others that "should be done" before leaving. We sold items through the newspapers. We condensed tons of furniture and stuff from an eleven by thirteen storage room into an eight by seven "vault". We moved vanloads of stuff to a basement below our rental units. We changed the engine oil in our cars, cleaned both vehicles in and out and sold them. We canceled insurance, and canned fresh butter and yellow fin tuna. We secured loose anchors in the bilge and installed a new salt water intake strainer for the engine. We hired a property manager to manage our rental units, and set up a special bank account for her and then closed all our charge accounts.

I had special wire "hoops" built for our storm trysail (no sail tracks on a gaffer) and ordered a last-minute special block from Garhauer Marine for our mizzen. I bought the last of our spare parts. Lorraine sewed a cover for the surfboard and protective pads for the solar panels and finished the curtains. We built a dodger and installed new cushions in the main cabin. We visited the doctor, chose prescriptions, and filled them at the pharmacy. We bought a tide book for the Pacific Coast. We made three "last" runs to the Price Club and took everything off the boat, stacked it on the deck and dock, organized it, listed it, then repacked it all. Whew! Then, we cleaned out the dock box and stowed all the paints, thinners, caulking, and do on. Finally, we topped up the diesel, propane, water and gas (for the outboard). Adios waterline! After we disconnected the phone, I told Lorraine, "This is it. No more cars or telephone; no more slip fees or income; we are cruisin". *(to be continued next month)*

OCTOBER 5th MEETING **(Wednesday this month!!!):**

*Video of the Fastes boats in Hawaii -
"THE KENWOOD CUP"*

*Spectacular shots of spinnakers from
underwater and good music - professionally
done. It will knock your socks off.*

GIANT MESSABOUT

August 10 through 14, the "Scuzzbums" (Southern California Small Boat Messabout Society) with co-sponsorship by Ancient Mariners, held the 2nd annual Giant Five Day Messabout at Fiddler's Cove in South Bay. The facility is the Naval Amphib Base Marina and RV Park. Over 80 people attended the multiple days and over 100 were present at two of the four meals. Cost for the messabout was \$5 per day per adult. (Campers were charged \$6 per night by the marina management and SCSBMS sprung for the porta-pot cost.)

There were 50 or 60 beautiful and unique boats and some of the more unusual were the tops'1 schooner *Charles Radcliff*, a 16' miniaturized replica of the 1806 schooner *Pride of Baltimore* complete with cannon, owned by Mike Porter of San Pedro; Perfect 10, a 10' micro-tugboat designed, built, and owned by Berk Eastman of Fallbrook; *Drage*, a 20' gaff-rigged Caledonia Yawl, built by Dr and Mrs. Robert Cox of Livermore; *SO-DU-IT*, a prototype 14' wood "sloop" with carbon fiber masts on the transom, no mainsail, and a split jib, owned and built by Nils Anderssen of Spring Valley; and *Fury*, a vintage 1939 Australian Sixteen owed by Annie Kolls of San Diego.

People brought their boats from as far away as Livermore, Watsonville and Arizona. Some camped in the RV park, many others in tents and vehicles at the "Half Pint of Rum Race" beach 1/4 mile south of the RV Park. It was a great setting. The Marina provided a fire ring, table with umbrella, benches and porta-pot for the campers. There were wonderful bonfires each night, complete with sea chanties by the famous "Singing Klopfensteins". Paul Klopfenstein provided a slide show (projected on a sheet hung on a camper and powered by generator) of shots of '94 Schooner Cup, taken during the race with a 1000mm lens. Ancient Mariners Dave and Janet Houser kindly loaned their inflatable as rescue boat, which was used to rescue one participant.

Attendees partook of four meals: a chili dinner prepared by renowned chef, Jim Sutter, past commodore of Ancient Mariners; an old fashioned burgers and dogs pot luck barbecue; mesquite grilled chicken breast and trimmings for 110 people Saturday night; and a gourmet breakfast, early Sunday morning prepared by Dudley "The Pancake Man" Elmore.

SCSBMS started as a small-boat builders group, but has grown to include others. Although 90% of the members' boats are traditional and wood, a few have small glass daysailers or camp-cruisers, and some members are planning to build a small boat and are getting help from other members. The messabouts are family oriented, fairly unstructured, and very relaxed, usually weekends. Non-competitive and friendly, the club is a safe haven from the rat race. The club

has no officers, no meetings, no board of directors, etc. Annie Kolls volunteered a few years ago to do the newsletter, and that has been the main form of communication for the members. Messabouts are held in various places, including Mission Bay, Shelter Island, South Bay, Lake Morena, Colorado River, and Sea of Cortez in Baja California.

Interest in the club has grown rapidly in the last two years. There are now nearly 100 dues paying members. The youngest flag member is 9 years old, the oldest around 85. (Official club photographer is 12 yr old Quеста Li Hogan of Olivenhain.) Cost of membership is currently \$15 per year, which includes the monthly newsletters, stories, photos, projects, and humor, involving small boats. There are many members, including some from Alaska, Canada, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, and Australia, who have never attended a messabout, but who subscribe for newsletter.

Next year's Giant Five Day Messabout will be August 9 through 13, 1995. The next "home" messabout at Fiddlers Cove, will be November 25, 26 and 27, the 3 days after Thanksgiving. Come on down!

For those who would like information on SCSBMS, Annie Kolls can be reached at (619)569-5277.

OTHER 1994 EVENTS

Newport to Dana Point Race (WHYC)	Oct 1
Dana Cup - WHYC versus AMSS (WHYC)	Oct 2
Little Ensenada Race (SWYC)	Oct 7,8,9
Swap Meet - Sun Harbor Marina	Nov 19
WHYC Ironman Race, Long Beach	Nov 12

SEPTEMBER RACE RESULTS

Petticoat:

1	Wren		220	2:00:49	1:50:09
2	Comanche	Dominici	120	1:50:18	1:51:08
3	Duchess	Hovland	180	2:15:00	2:07:30
4	Hullabaloo	Rae	220	2:22:30	2:09:10
5	Linda Marie	Long	140	2:55:45	2:52:55

IronPerson:

1	Freedom	Latimer	145	1:09:45	1:03:48
2	Sally	Koehler	80	1:05:00	1:06:05
3	Wren	Jones	220	1:25:25	1:11:20
4	Ranger	Sutter	400	1:55:00	1:21:25
5	Linda Marie	Long	140	1:33:02	1:27:37
	Malabar Star	Koepsel	220	??	??
	Skylark	Thomas	185	??	??