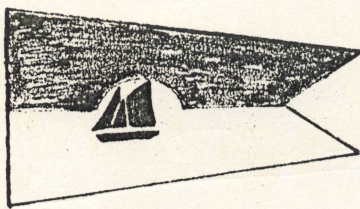


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Coronado Race

1974

Our first sailing event was a race out to the North Coronado Island and back, held on the 10th of November. This particular Sunday promised to be an exceptionally fine day for sailing. The sun was out and the wind was building to 15 knots. The start of the event for the fifteen or so boats present was very good, most taking a direct tack for the island while others elected to navigate close to the Point, picking up the strong down-draught. This proved to be the better course as these boats found themselves in a commanding lead when they cleared Point Loma. They found, however, as did the rest of the mob the wind dying slowly to about 5 knots. The heavier, more stable boats soon found difficulty in keeping pace with the smaller boats in such light wind and abandoned their pursuit in the afternoon. Three boats, however, did finish the race: Doug Smith in ALOHA, first across, Al Hislop and Ed Lewis in MARIBEL and old die-hard Bill Clark in SALUD drifting in around 8:30 that evening.

HALF-PINT-'O'-RUM-RACE

1974

Our now Annual Half-Pint-'O'-Rum Race was held December 4th. It was another beautiful, sunny and windless Sunday morning. For the eighteen boats present it was an unusual start. Most were able to drift toward the 'start line' within ten minutes of the start gun; in this case a toot on an air horn. A few boats drifted across the start sideways but all's fair when racing. The wind soon picked up enough for the boats to get steerage-way. -Early in the race, John Brady and his usual band of cut-throats aboard the HEDDY, cheated a bit and powered up to Bob Spriggs' JONATHAN SWIFT, bombarded them with water balloons then took off like a flash. They retired from the race early but not so the rest. The wind by this time had picked up nicely, some boats even flying spinnakers. The "R" boats finished their usual one-two with Hugo Carver and John Knight (flying in through out the day, vital racing information) finishing third. Russ and Shirley Dennis finished a very respectable fourth with the rest of us trailing in around 4:00. Raft-up that evening in the Harbor Island Basin was a great success with no less than eight boats rafting-up to the most obliging HEDDY. Television coverage of the event by the two local networks was complimentary, if brief. Incidentally, winds the days before and after each race were in the 15 knot region and would have provided for an excellent race. The winds in San Diego are favorable for our boats but simply unpredictable.

Christmas Parade of Lights

As expected, the Ancient Mariner's Sailing Society put together a dazzling contribution to the now famous San Diego Christmas Parade of Lights. Thanks to Craig and Vicki Johnsen, who generously offered the services of their TALOFA, our entry, and the hard work of Bob and Darlene Spriggs, Al Hislop, Ed Lewis, Doug Smith and Russ and Shirley Dennis, the Society won 1st Place Sail. Trophies included the Shelter Island Association Perpetual Trophy (to be kept at the Red Sails Restaurant) a very nice Barometer courtesy of Kettenburg Marine, 4 dock lines courtesy of Absun Co., dinner for two at R. E. Lee Restaurant and dinner for two at the Kona Kai Club. Our thanks to all who participated and especially to the sponsors for making the outing a memorable one for the Society.

Mission Bay-Coronado Race

We must describe this one as a bit of a fiasco. The race was called for January 25th, and as some of you may remember it was socked in with fog the entire time. Two die-hards made it up to Mission Bay - Bill Clark with SALUD and Bob and Sauni Driscoll in their SEA WITCH. Needless to say both boats had their hands full just finding their way back to San Diego Harbor.

General Meeting - January

An election was called for at the November meeting. The following is a brief summary of the results:

- ~~Doug Smith - reaffirmed as President (Commodore)~~
- ~~Bill Clark - reaffirmed as Vice-President (Vice Commodore)~~
- Priscilla Geraghty - reaffirmed as Secretary
- Kerry Geraghty - confirmed as Treasurer

Activities Committee

- Bob Driscoll - confirmed as Chairman, with Committee members:
- Bill Clark
- Al Hislop
- Basel Lustig
- Kerry Geraghty

Membership Committee

- Pete Petersen - confirmed as Chairman, with Committee members:
- Bill Clark
- Shirley Dennis

Annual Regatta Committee

- Bob Spriggs - confirmed as Chairman, with Committee members:
- Doug Smith
- Russ Dennis
- Kerry Geraghty

The Board of Directors will consist of the present and past Society Commodores, the Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and the Chairman of the Club Committees.

It was decided:

- \* January 1st is to be the beginning of our fiscal year
- \* New officers will be elected October; duties transferred in January
- \* By-Laws will be hammered out by the Board of Directors
- \* Meeting date for the Society to be the last Thursday of each month
- \* New member applicants will be reviewed by the Membership Committee, and if recommended, their application will be voted upon by the Board of Directors
- \* Initiation includes Burgee and Membership Card
- \* Burgee should be flown for all Society events

An exceptionally beautiful Burgee was presented by Bill Clark for approval by the Society, illustrated on the Newsletter heading. It was overwhelmingly accepted by the members. It was decided that each member should choose the size of the Burgee flown on their boat but most members opted for the conventional 18"X24" size. It has been arranged with Sinnhoffer Sail Makers to produce the Burgee for our members at a cost of \$10 per Burgee. All those interested in flying our Society's colors please contact one of the Board Members. Bugees ordered individually will cost \$20 if not ordered through the Society.

Our Race Calendar was passed out at the last meeting. May 3rd has been selected as the day for the Ancient Mariner's Sailing Society-San Diego Bay Race, open to all members and qualified boats from foreign ports. A Progress Report of the event will be presented at each meeting by Bob Spriggs, Chairman of the Annual Regatta Committee for review. Further, the Activities Committee has called for a cruise, for all those

interested, on the first weekend of every month. Course to be announced on the day of the race. Bob Driscoll, Chairman of the Activities Committee, has drawn up a number of courses for the San Diego Area, a copy of which will be sent to all members. The Committee will call the race for the day taking into account the conditions of the time, hopefully arranging to finish all the boats at a respectful time, e. g. , before nightfall. In addition, our Annual Half-Pint-'0'-Rum Race is scheduled for the first Saturday in December; The Society's entrant in the Christmas Parade of Lights, and our members participation in the Schooner Association's Ancient Mariner's Race in the first week of August. We hope to have a cruise to Cataline Island beforehand, night moored in the Bay, race to Long Beach the Saturday preceeding the main event. Participate in the Long Beach Regatta and have a race back to San Diego the day following. A Calendar of Events is available from the Secretary.

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

Pat and Van Hope, building a Garden design in Port Townsend, Wash.  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fossum aboard REVELLE.

### IMPORTANT

General Meeting the 27th of February, at 7:30 p. m. ; to be held at the South Western Yacht Club. Besides the business we have planned two events, a lecture on Boat Refinishing by the world reknowned experts Pat and Van Hope, then, Byron Chamberlain from the Schooner Association of America will discuss the formation of their organization.

### ALSO

As of March 1st, the initiation fee to join the Society will be \$25.00. All those who sent in their applications without the original \$5.00 initiation fee must pay by the 1st of March. Please contact the Secretary, Priscilla Geraghty, 2608 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego 92106, if in doubt or pay any one of the Board of Directors.