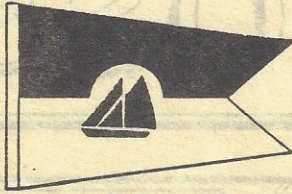


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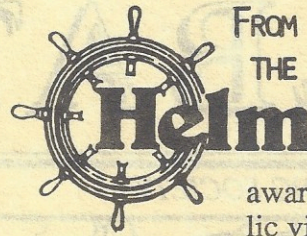
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**1988 Calendar of Events**

√ General Meeting .....	Jan 7
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√ Commodore's Cup Race .....	Feb 27
√ Dinghy Massacre .....	Feb 28
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General Meeting .....	Oct 6
Oceanside Harbor Days .....	Oct
Ascot Display .....	Oct
General Meeting (nominatons) .....	Nov 3
Swap Meet .....	Nov
Annual Meeting (election results) .....	Dec 1
Half Pint o' Rum Race .....	Dec



FROM  
THE  
**Helm**

The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society is often viewed as a semi-secret group of sailors occasionally found racing on the bay and who later meet to award themselves trophies. Our public visibility is limited to viewing the

YesterYear Regatta from Harbor Island. This seems to be a rather selfish posture when our vessels are so beautiful and historically significant.

A recent National Registry publication stated that historically significant vessels have been deemed worthy of recognition and restoration funds, similar to historical buildings and places. Our yachts are among our most beloved possessions, but they are also a small part of the public trust as significant national maritime treasures.

The CCYC Boat Exhibition will enable the interested public to enjoy our graceful vessels in a very personal way. In addition, the exhibition will provide us the opportunity to donate to a worthwhile charity. I am very proud of our club's generous response in displaying so many fine yachts at CCYC.

At the very least this event has inspired more maintenance in our fleet than in recent memory. *No-Ka-Oi*, *Sally*, *Sea Brig*, and *Maid of Kent* were all in the yard during Presidents weekend. There was also several times as many man hours being expended on members' vessels at the docks. If you can't attend the exhibition by boat, come down by car and enjoy a great day at Coronado Cays Yacht Club.

— Jerry Newton, Commodore

**March General Meeting**

AMSS member John Frost will show his slides shot on site during the building of the schooner, *Californian*. John was one of the few local carpenters hired to help build *Californian*. at Spanish Landing in 1983. These slides combine John's usual expert photographic abilities with an unusual an interesting subject. Join us for this fascinating program.

**March Special Meeting**

A special meeting for flag members will be held before the March 3rd general meeting at 7pm sharp for the purpose of voting on the proposed by-laws amendments. Each flag member who intends to vote must be current on his or her 1988 membership dues. To facilitate things, Diana Watson will accept dues before 7pm and will distribute membership cards to paid flag members. Don't miss this important meeting.

# Welcome Aboard

## Perspective Members

Bruce Jones  
P.O. Box 880653  
San Diego, CA 619-578-6550  
Sponsors: Doug Graves & Chris Donnelly

Bruce owns *Heritagea*, a 35ft. Atkins schooner designed in 1927 and built in 1974 in Long Beach.

Alan Brown & Christine Fox  
2050 Pacific Beach Drive #205  
San Diego, CA 92109 619-273-5740  
Sponsors: Chris & Susan Donnelly

Alan & Christine own *Kara*, a 20ft. Itchen Ferry Cutter designed by Dalhmer in 1860 and built in 1979 in Gloucester.

Jim Sutter  
1243 Carmel Cape  
San Diego, CA 92130 619-755-4974  
Sponsors: Chris & Susan Donnelly

Jim owns *Ranger*, a 22ft. Mystic sloop he built in the early 50's.

Ted & Kathie Pike  
4666 Utah Street  
San Diego, CA 92116 619-563-1382  
Sponsors: Rusty White & Chris Donnelly

Ted & Kathie own *Brisa*, a 29ft. mahogany-planked marconi sloop dedigned by Al Mason in 1950. She was built in 1955.

Dick & Martha Keegan  
3828-20 Caminito Litoral  
San Diego, CA 92107 619-224-1433  
Sponsors: Chris & Susan Donnelly

Dick & Martha own *Sumatra*, a 40ft. Abeking & Rasmussen Concordia yawl built in 1960 in Germany.

## Help Wanted

Race Committee chairperson to be responsible for all race preparation, except handicapping. This will include race packets, course selection, arranging for committee boats, and the setting of marks. Your Board needs immediate help with this vital function.

## PORT SIDE by Rod Latimer

**Artificial Winds**— The Navy has announced plans to station as many as forty of its new very large hovercraft on the beach at Camp Pendleton. Known as Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCAC's), they will be operating in increasing numbers off the coast. The craft are eighty seven feet long and can travel at sustained speeds of over forty knots. The cushion fans expel winds exceeding 200 knots. The wind and spray from these monsters can hazard a sailing vessel at a range exceeding half a mile.

**Dinghy Nappers**— In the past couple of months there has been several cases where inflatables have been stolen from vessels in the Shelter Island docks. One case involved wet-suited snorklers cruising between and under the docks with bolt cutters at the ready (seen but not caught). The Harbor Police suggest all dinks be stowed on deck and locked. Anybody seeing a familiar dink with unfamiliar faces aboard should casually mention same to the Harbor-master's office.

**No Sound**— The Mission Bay radio beacon, located on the end of the north jetty, is inoperative. Construction progress on a new tower was destroyed by our last storm and there is no indication of when work will begin again. In the meantime, a green bell buoy with a flashing light has been anchored approximately two hundred yards off the north jetty.

## For Sale

*Salud* - Clark 31 yawl built in 1967 by Clark Custom Boats in San Diego. She is a modified Herreshoff design and winner of the H-28 regatta this year. Call Kevin Thompson at 619-942-3408.

*Maid of Kent* - 30' schooner; Little Maid of Kent design by Atkin; built in 1962 by Willard Marine of Costa Mesa; excellent condition. Call Jerry Newton at 619-436-0589.

## Committee Chairmen

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	Al Hislop	565-9214
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## AMSS Classic Boat Exhibition & Commodore's Ball

Our membership is showing more interest than could have been imagined for our March 5th boat show. We now have twenty three boats committed, a fine showing by any standard for a club our size. Coronado Cays Yacht Club has arranged for shanty singers to be present during the show. At the top of the dock we will have a mini photo exhibition by San Diego Log photographer, Bob Covarrubias. After the show these photos will become a permanent part of our historical record. Our historian, Gabrielle, will also have our club photo albums on display. We need a volunteer to spell Gabrielle in the AMSS booth during the day so she can get down on the docks to enjoy the boats.

We will have outstanding judges on hand to decide the recipient of the concours trophies. Raymond Wallace and Capt. Carl Boman will be judging our vessels during the afternoon. Ray Wallace is a professional artist and a long time judge for the Newport Beach Wooden Boat Show. Capt. Boman is an AMSS honorary member and skipper of the *Star or India* for the San Diego Maritime Museum. Capt. Boman will also enter our event with his beautiful forty-foot sloop, *Lydia*. Trophies for the concours will be presented at the Commodore's Ball the same evening at CCYC.

The boat exhibition will be from 11am to 5pm at Coronado Cays Yacht Club located at 507 Grand Caribe Causeway, Coronado. The Commodore's Ball will follow at 7pm with entertainment provided by C.F. Koehler and his band.

The following AMSS member vessels will be on display:

*Dauntless* - 61ft. Alden schooner  
*Scottish Fantasy II* - 59ft. Alden yawl  
*Andale* - 46ft. Cal 32 sloop  
*Pacifica* - 49ft. S&S yawl; 1963 SORC winner  
*Maid of Kent* - 30ft. William Atkin schooner  
*Salud* - 31ft. modified Herreshoff yawl  
*Precious* - 18ft. Sam Rabl cutter  
*Revelle* - 31ft. Angleman ketch  
*Sea Brig* - Herreshoff 28 ketch  
*Sea Witch* - 36ft. Angleman ketch  
*Queequeg* - 21ft. Bolger catboat  
*Scrimshaw* - 40ft. cat schooner  
*Kauwee* - 32ft. Dunnigan ketch  
*Hestviken* - 36ft. Angleman ketch  
*Strokes* - 17ft. Whitehall sloop  
*G.G. Gander* - 18ft. Lyle Hess cutter  
*Fair Dinkum* - 18ft. Sam Rabl sloop  
*Sally* - 59ft. Starling Burgess 10 meter sloop  
*Comer* - 38ft. William Atkin ketch  
*No-Ka-Oi* - 28ft. Matt Walsh sloop  
*Sceptre* - 38ft. six metre sloop  
*Zita* - 38ft. six metre sloop  
*Lydia* - 40ft. sloop

## Coronado Cays In Depth

For those deepdrafters heading to Coronado Cays for the Invitational Regatta and Commodore's Ball on March 5th and 6th, the following route will insure you won't need to be a quick study in the art of kedging.

**Simple Directions**— Passing under the Coronado Bridge, keep a sharp eye for #28 (red) along the southern edge of the shipping channel. Leaving it to starboard, make a course of 168 degrees magnetic directly to the Coronado Cays Channel entrance. Great care should be taken to insure you do not drift eastward of 117 08W. From that line to the windward (western) shore of the Silver Strand, the waters are safe.

Approaching Coronado Cays, you will see bright red and green day marks clearly marking the channel. Stay in the center of the extended channel by lining up on the red (right) daymarks. If you find yourself to the left of the channel, tack immediately toward Crown Cove (west). There is no margin for error on the east side of the channel. Twenty feet east of the channel there is barely enough water to float an inflatable sans engine.

The channel doglegs to the left at the rock wall, passes a channel running off to the west, then opens to the right into the harbor. Directly in the center you will see the fuel docks. The Coronado Cays Yacht Club lies about 200 yards down the channel to the right of the fuel docks. There is sufficient water to clear all obstructions in mid-channel (10-12 feet minimum low water).

**Tides and Currents**— You will have an incoming tide throughout the morning hours. High tide (+5.0) will occur at 0953. Allow another half hour for the bay delay, making high tide at the Cays around 1030 local time. There are no negative low tides during this period.

Remember that Ancient Mariners radio net will be on Channel 68. Coronado Cays Yacht Club can be reached on Channel 16.

### America's Schooner Cup

This year's America's Schooner Cup, open to all classes of schooner, will be held on March 26-27. There are 13 entrants so far. In addition to the local boats, there is one from Seattle, two from San Francisco, and several from the Balboa and Newport Beach area. The first day will begin with challenger fleet racing. On Sunday there will be face-offs between class winners as well as a match race with the overall winner against the heralded John Alden schooner, *Dauntless*. Proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Let's get as many AMSS boats as we can out on Sunday to support Paul Plotts and *Dauntless*! Also, any volunteers for press boat duty should call Joe Ditler at 435-2079. He is publicity chairman for the event.