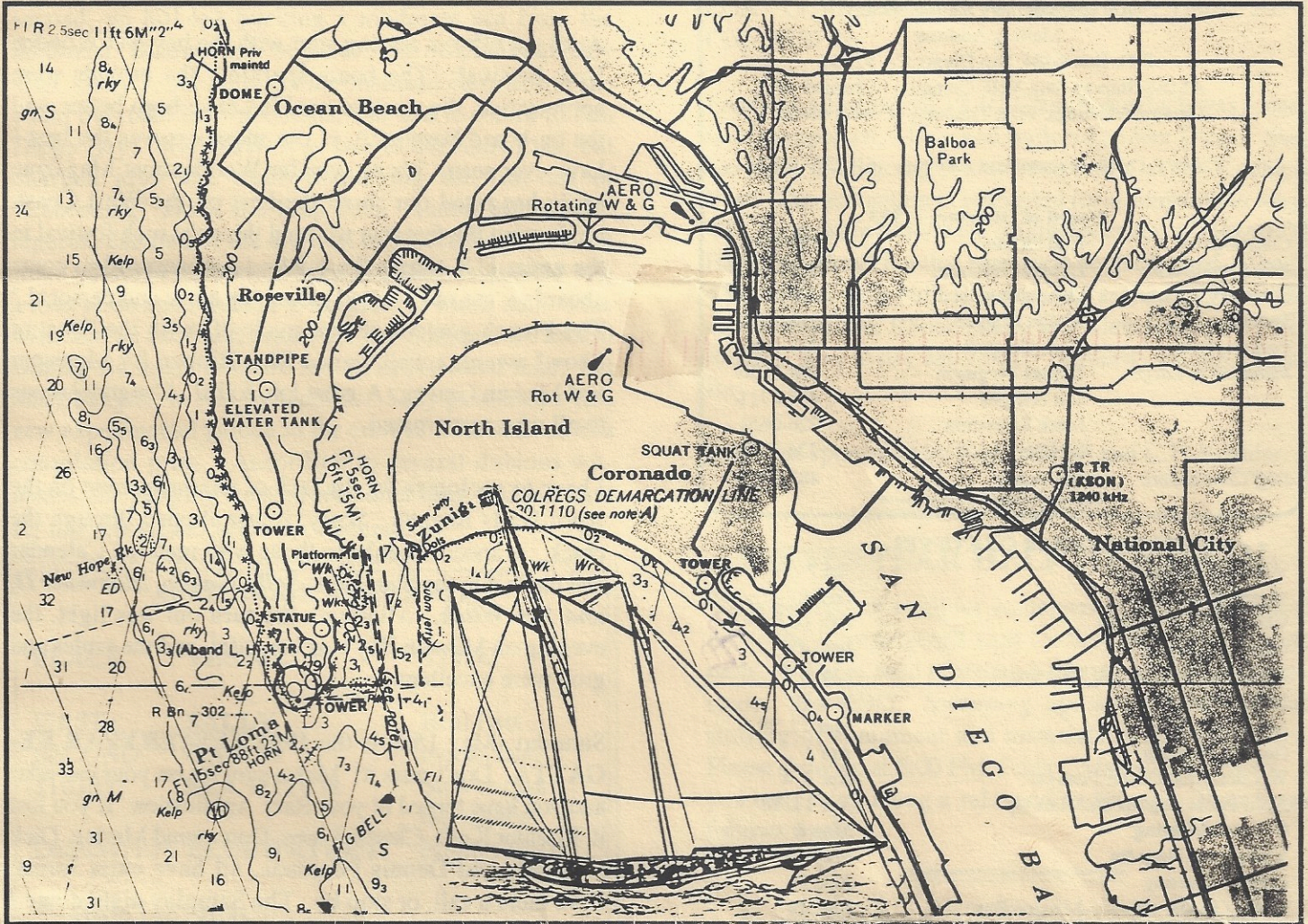


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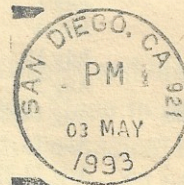
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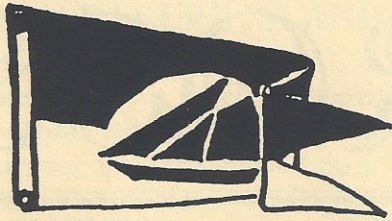
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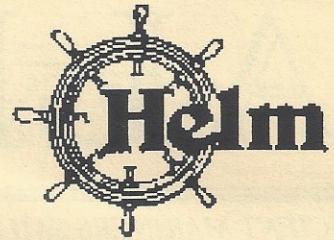
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1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

√General Meeting	Jan 7
√General Meeting	Feb 4
√Jack and Jill Regatta	Feb 14
General Meeting	Mar 4
Commodores Cup and Raft-up	Mar 6, 7
Billy Bone's Race	Mar 20
Schooner Cup	Mar 27, 28
General Meeting	Apr 1
Wooden Boat Center Festival	Apr 3, 4
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 17, 18
General Meeting	May 6
Yesteryear Regatta	May 15
General Meeting	June 3
Roller Coaster Cruise - Mission Bay	June 19
PCC Championship	June 26
General Meeting	July 1
Freedom Cup	July 4
Commodore's Ball	July 17
General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 5
Escort the Star of India (Finest City Week)	Aug 14, 22
Small Boat Messabout	Aug 14, 15
Gorilla Rock Cruise - Los Coronados	Aug 21, 22
General Meeting	Sept 2
Labor Day Cruise	Sept 4
Petticoat Race	Sept 18
Iron Man Race	Sept 19
SWYC Ensenada Race	Oct 1, 2, 3
W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)	Oct 3, 4
General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 7
Boat Show - CCYC	Oct 16
Homeward Bound Race	Oct 17
General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 4
Swap Meet - Sun Harbor	Nov 20
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 2
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 4
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec 31

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April got off to a roaring start with the best-yet Wooden Boat Festival. The boats sparkled, the crowds were appreciative, the weather couldn't have been better, and the on-board hospitality of our members was the best I have ever seen. It's no wonder Woodenboat Magazine again has rated our show the best on the West Coast, reinforcing the fact that we hold the only such festival in the entire U.S. where the public is encouraged to come aboard to see our painted ladies "up close and personal." The French golette, *Elan*, made off with the "Best of Show" award, a well earned Blue Ribbon for Monsieur and Madam Graves. A great job, folks! Congratulations to all who participated.

I have to apologize for the lack of announcement on the April Fools Regatta. Sorry, it just slipped through the crack. A special thanks to those who read the Calendar and made it to the Start Line; *Sally, Gamin, Bluewater II, and Sea Witch*. Although the turn out was light, the evening on Mission Bay was beautiful, and the vittles and grog were excellent.

Saturday, May 15th, is the **1993 YESTERYEAR REGATTA**. Don't miss it! Make sure it's on your calendar and you have turned in your Race Application. If you lost it, Koehler Kraft, Classic Lines, Downwind Marine, Dick Winchip, and Dennis Ferguson, all have extra forms. Give them a call, or stop by. The Saturday night dinner/party and awards bash, is going to be a more traditional, informal, burgers, dogs, and beer, affair, so bring the entire crew and guests.

Rod Latimer, Commodore

MAY MEETING
Thursday, May 6th at 7:30 PM
at the
Southwestern Yacht Club,
2702, Qualtrough Street



We haven't got a clue as to the program as yet. Maybe someone will volunteer. Oh yeah, sure. . .

APRIL FOOLS PROVES SHORT ON BOATS, LONG ON FUN

Vessels off the start of the April Fools Regatta made excellent time to Buoy 3 off Point Loma, following in *Sally's* wake. *Gamin* was gamely charging after the leader until past the mark, then began to loose ground on the second, up hill leg bucking a moderate sea from the northwest. *Bluewater II* began to close on *Gamin* quickly after Buoy 3, but blew out her mainsail clew before she could overtake her opponents, and had to return to San Diego Bay. *Sea Witch* was late to the Start Line, but charged after the fleet, displaying the fine art of "Cabeening" along the kelp beds. Later, her skipper reported that he felt she did well in the cruising class, but when informed there was no cruising class, responded with a loud noise and returned to his glass of warm milk. Fine wine and an excellent dinner for the Commodore aboard *Gamin* did much to move her up in corrected time, but *Sally* hung on to win by seconds. *Sally* presented a fine new experimental garden to the crew of *Bluewater II* as a consolation prize. According to several dubious witnesses, the partying went on well after taps, which is hard for this reporter to believe, of course.

APRIL FOOL'S REGATTA

PLACE	VESSEL	TIME
FIRST	SALLY	Real Fast.
SECOND	GAMIN	Not as fast.
THIRD	SEA WITCH	Slower than the others.
DNF(MTE)*	BLUEWATER II	Equip.Failure

* - Made The Effort

PHOTO COMPETITION

A picture of a thing of beauty is a joy forever! So let us start sharing the good photos we have and will take with others in AMSS. After such labor and investment in our Classic Craft we often forget to take pictures of ours and others achievements. So whether it is an action (underway) photo or one at the dock we all delight in seeing the AMSS "members" (our classic yachts) as they move through time. Photo opportunities occur every time we are near or on board so load your camera and become photo sensitive. A picture evaluation will occur at the October Boat Show with prizes to be awarded at the evening festivities. Oh yes, save your negatives - reprint requests are the highest form of flattery.

Edward Barr

MEMBERSHIP PETITION

Yacht: *Loafer*

Owners: Ron and Lynn Render

Construction: North white cedar on oak, carvel planked
Builder: Herreshoff, Bristol, R.I., 1920

Designer: Nat Herreshoff, 1914

LOA: 15' 10", LWL: 12' 6", Beam: 5' 8", Draft: 2' 6",
Disp: 1450 lbs

Loafer is a Herreshoff 12 1/2 Class boat which was found in Mattapoisett, Mass. and trailered to San Diego. She has been undergoing a total restoration at the Koehler Yard. The restoration is scheduled for completion in May '93. These little boats were originally called a "Buzzard's Bay Boy's Boat" but that name was soon dropped. About 450 of them were built in wood, and around 275 are still active, mostly in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The Renders plan to day sail *Loafer* primarily on San Diego Bay.

Loafer is sponsored by Rod Latimer and C.F. Koehler.

YESTERYEAR HELP NEEDED!

We're putting out a call for volunteers to help clean up and set up the Koehler Kraft yard for the Yesteryear Regatta party. We're in need of strong backs to help set up tables, chairs, and BBQ. Sweeping up, watering down, and stowing of equipment and materials is also on the list. Please show up at 5:00 PM, Friday, May 4, at Koehlers. If you can, bring along a rake and/or broom. Beer break follows work!

Sally takes 2nd in Enchilada Derby

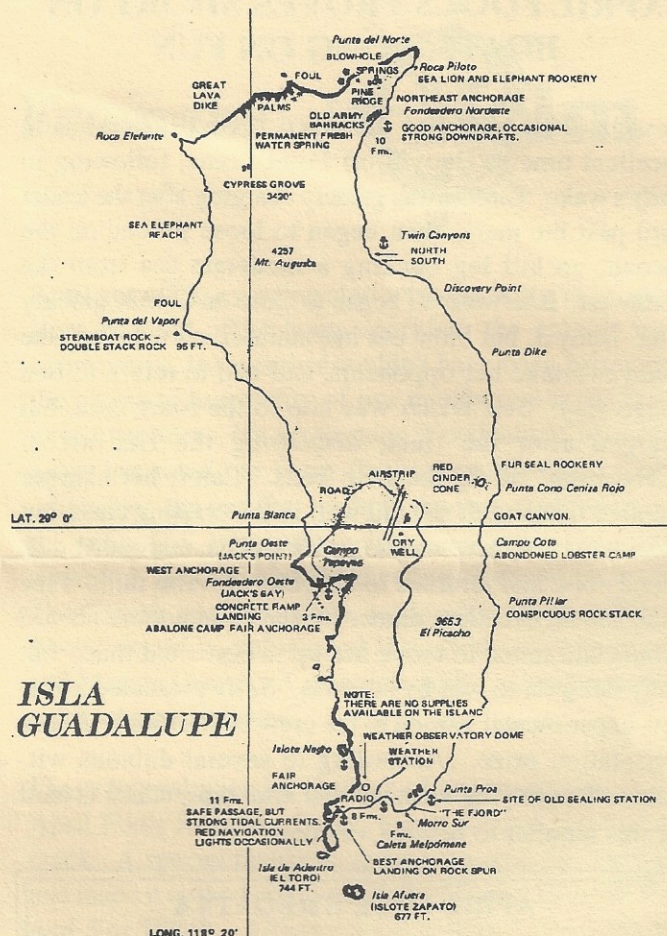
C.F. Koehler and his hard working crew managed to take 2nd Place in this years Newport to Ensenada Race in the Ancient Mariner class, beating all but the America's Cup 12 Metre *Intrepid*. It seems that the Race Committee saw that *Intrepid* was cold-molded wood, so they assumed it was an Ancient Mariner class vessel! Sorry guys, not all vessels constructed of tough fibrous cellulose and lignin substances qualify to be Ancient Mariners! The entire race was to windward, with steady south-westerlies throughout the day and night, dying just after dawn on Saturday. *Sally* reached the Finish Line just after 10 AM after a spinnaker run of about 10 minutes. Congratulations *Sally*!

GUADALUPE ISLAND

In case you are apt to try it, the chart at the right is not for navigation purposes. However we thought you might like to have a few lines about the leeward mark of the 1993 Guadalupe Race. Isla Guadalupe is at Latitude 29° 10' North and Longitude 118° 17' West. It is 144 miles WSW off Punta Baja, the nearest point on the mainland. It is about 222 miles southwest of San Diego.

A little history, the island was sighted in 1602 on Sebastian Vizcaino's second voyage of discovery to California. His vessels the *San Diego*, *Santo Tomas* and *Tres Reyes* had become separated in a storm. The *Santo Tomas* was blown offshore about 40 leagues and sighted a large island. However the boat was leaking dangerously at the time and they returned to Cedros Island without exploring the island. The captain of the *Santo Tomas* decided that he had seen the Isla de los Parajos (Island of Birds, an early name of Guadalupe Island) that had been mentioned in the logs of some of the Manila Galleons crossing from the Phillipines in the later half of the 16th Century. The first documented sighting by the galleons was in 1565. The island first appeared on maritime charts after a visit to the West Coast of America in 1837 by French Admiral Dupetit-Thouars in the frigate *La Venus*.

The island is about 20 miles long and a maximum width of 6 miles. The southern half of the island is dotted with many volcanic mounds and cinder cones. Scientists think the island's center cone may be only dormant and not extinct. Actually the island represents the top one third of a great volcanic mountain that rises some 12,000ft from the ocean floor. Many of the canyons at the island's edge are festooned with caves and some rocks lie close off the coast.



However there are few known dangers beyond about 1/4 mile. For those who are going so fast that they can stop for a few days, take plenty of rode. The fifty fathom curve is never much more than 1/2 mile offshore and in some places closer in. The race instructions will require all vessels to leave Isla Afuera at the south end to port, to ensure everyone clears the rocks with a margin of safety. Because of the unusual climate created by the land mass the higher parts of the island are usually enveloped in clouds and getting a visual fix may be difficult.

Permission to land on the island must be obtained from the Commandant of the Navy base and clearance to the island beforehand obtained from any official port of entry in Mexico.

SALE LOFT

Windship, a Modified H-28 auxillary ketch built in the Far East Yards in 1964. Excellent condition. Many upgrades and recent work. Full complement of sails and equipment. Ready to cruise. If interested, call Dick Winchip at (619) 298-1732.

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