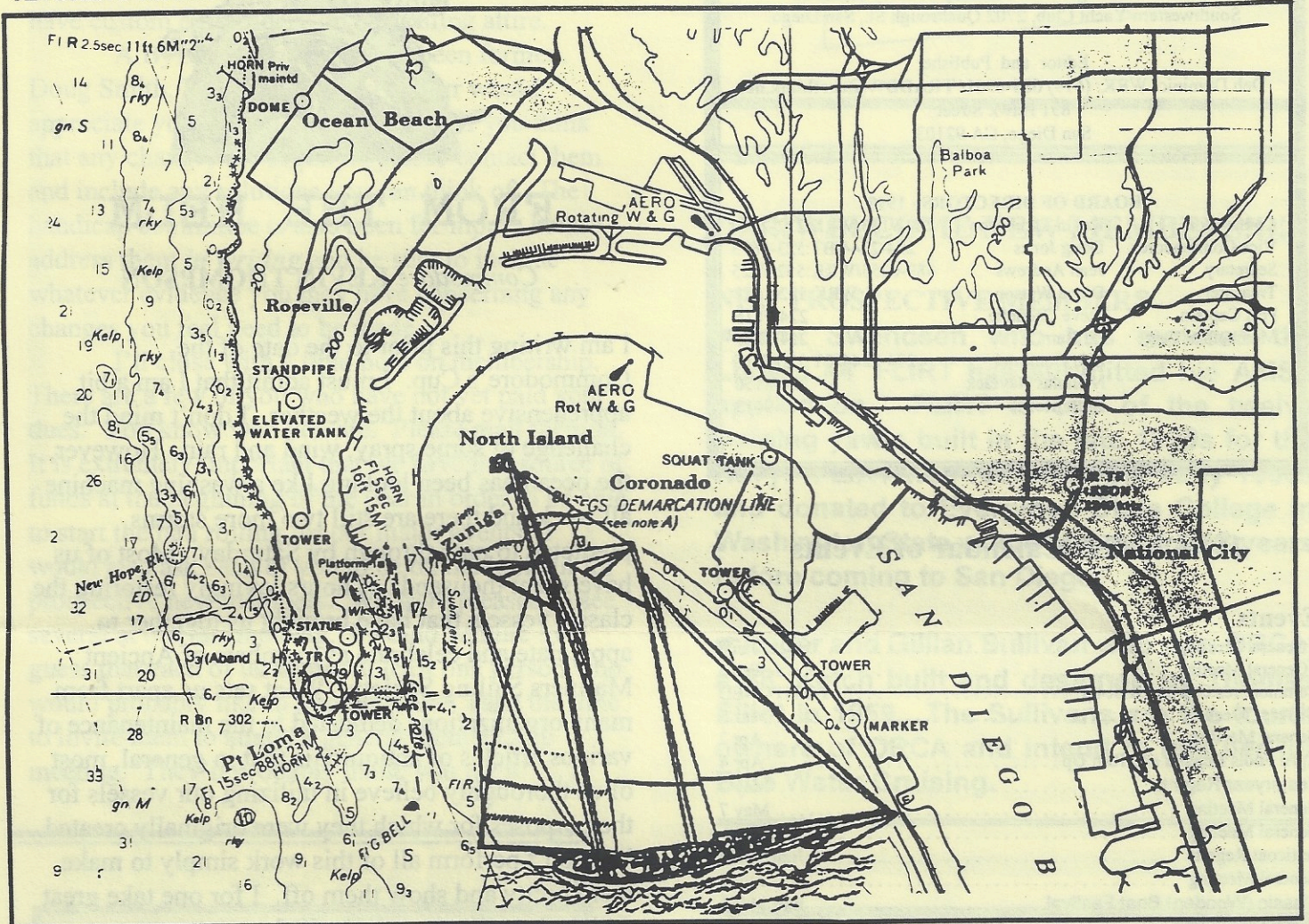


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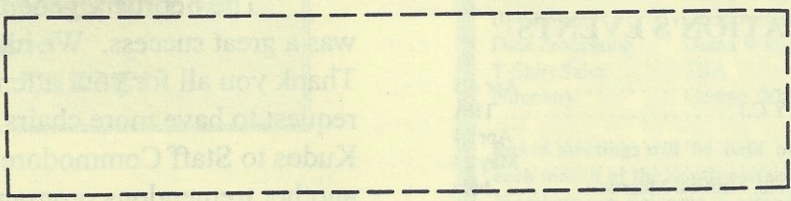
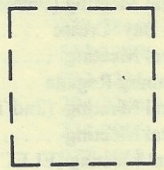
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FROM THE HELM

Commodore KEVIN THOMPSON

I am writing this prior to the date of the Commodore's Cup. I must admit that I am a bit apprehensive about the weather. I don't mind the challenge of some spray, wind and rain. However, the ocean has been looking like a washing machine all week and there are still two more storms predicted to pass through by Saturday. Most of us have spent thousands of hours lovingly restoring the classic vessels that have brought us together to appreciate and celebrate as members of Ancient Mariners Sailing Society. What sets us apart from many organizations dedicated to the maintenance of various articles of antiquity is that in general, most of us thoroughly believe in utilizing our vessels for the purposes for which they were originally created. We don't perform all of this work simply to make them pretty and show them off. I for one take great delight in sailing a vessel which possesses characteristics which simply do not exist in today's craft. Alas, there are limitations. I prefer to think of our craft as graceful old ladies. There is no reason to subject them to unnecessary risk. We will have to wait and see what mother nature brings this weekend.

The February general membership meeting was a great success. We had an excellent turnout. Thank you all for your attendance. I'm going to request to have more chairs set out next month. Kudos to Staff Commodore Jim Sutter for lining up another tremendous program. Fritz Richardson from Pacific Offshore Rigging gave an informative and engaging presentation on types, applications, surveying and maintenance of wire rigging and its

1998 AMSS Calendar of Events

Events

√General Meeting	Jan 8
√General Meeting	Feb 5
Commodores Cup and Raft-up	POSTPONED
General Meeting	Mar 5
General Meeting	Apr 2
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 4
Yesteryear Regatta	May 2
General Meeting	May 7
General Meeting	June 4
Petticoat Regatta	June 13/14
General Meeting	July 2
Classic (Wooden) Boat Festival	July 11/12
Commodore's Ball	July 11???
General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 6
South Bay Cruise	TBA
General Meeting	Sept 3
Kettenburg Regatta	Sept. 19
General Meeting (2nd Thurs) NOMINATIONS	Oct 8
General Meeting	Nov 5
General Meeting (ELECTIONS)	Dec 3
Half Pint of Rum Race	Dec 5
New Years' Eve Raft Up - La Playa	Dec 31

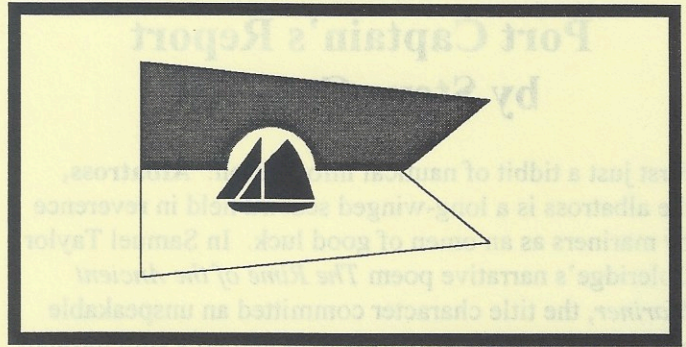
OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS

Kona Kai's American Schooner Cup	Apr 4/5
ONE MORE TIME REGATTA (W.H.Y.C.)	TBA
Newport - Ensenada Race	Apr 24
Master Mariner's Race	May 23
Heritage Regatta (Balboa YC/Newport Hb. Nautical Museum)	June
McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)	Aug 8
Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)	Aug 21-23
Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race	Aug
W.H.Y.C. vs AMSS	Sept 26-27 (?)
S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race	Oct 2

associated hardware. From the amount of time that we held Fritz over answering questions, I would say that most of us found the evening to be very interesting and quite valuable. Thanks also to Ron Render for identifying a high quality and very economical source for those of us who would like to have custom embroidery on our sailing attire.

A ByLaws committee has been formed. Doug Smith, Doug Jones and Ed Barr would appreciate your questions and input. If you think that any changes are required, please contact them and include any solutions you can think of. The handicap committee is also open for input. Please address them *in writing* and be sure to include whatever evidence you may have concerning any changes you feel need to be made.

I'll close with a final note on membership. There are a few of you who have not yet paid your dues. You know who you are. Please mail them in. It is extremely important that we have this source of funds at the beginning of the year in order to be able to start the ball rolling for our major events. I would also ask each of you to be on the lookout for prospective new members. We were pleased to see several at our last meeting. I would venture to guess that each of us knows at least one person who would probably like to join our club. Take the time to invite them to attend a general membership meeting. They'll probably thank you for it!



!!!!!!WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!!!

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

☛ **Jack Swendsen who has restored the Luders 44' FLIRT has submitted his AMSS application. FLIRT is one of the twelve training yawls built in the late 1930s for the Navy. FLIRT was retired in the early 1960s and donated to Evergreen State College in Washington State where she sat for 18 years before coming to San Diego.**

☛ **Roger and Gillian Sullivan who own ORCA, a 38' Ketch built and designed by Thomas Elliot in 1959. The Sullivans are the fourth owners of ORCA and intend to use her for Blue Water Cruising.**

NEXT MEETING

MARCH 5, 1998

7:30 P.M.

Southwestern Yacht Club

PAUL CUSTER will present a caulking demonstration and also discuss certain woods for boat building.

SEE YOU THERE!

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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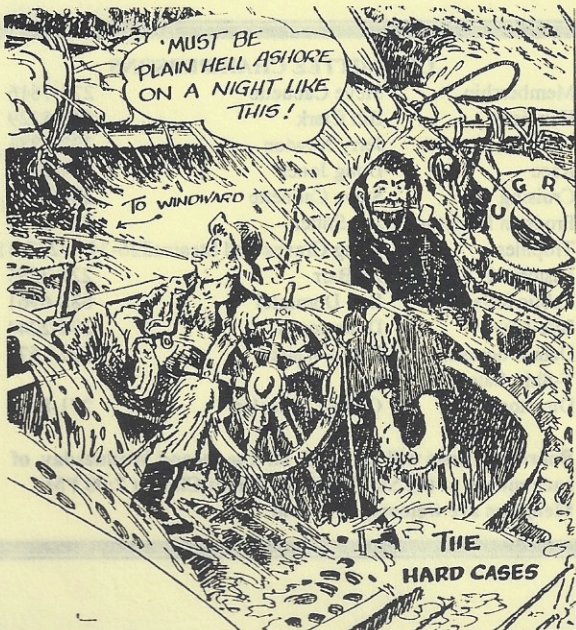
Board meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 7:00 PM. Members are welcome to attend.

Port Captain's Report by Steve Caouette

First just a tidbit of nautical information: **Albatross**, the albatross is a long-winged seabird held in reverence by mariners as an omen of good luck. In Samuel Taylor Coleridge's narrative poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, the title character committed an unspeakable act by killing an albatross that had guided a ship through treacherous fog and floating ice. When all manner of misfortune descended upon the vessel, the desperate crew draped the dead albatross around the Ancient Mariners' neck as a sign that he alone, bore the burden of guilt for its death. Eventually, after many hardships and much suffering, the penitent Ancient Mariner was forgiven and died, "a sadder and wiser man." In colloquial English, therefore, anything that is cumbersome, causes deep concern, or makes difficult the accomplishment of a goal, is said to "hang around one's neck like an albatross."

On another note . . ., we all need to be security conscious. There are things that we can do to deter thefts. Some marinas are now having meetings with liveboards to address safety, security, and maintenance of the docks and boats. Neighborhood watch means awareness of what is going on around your marina.

As we all know, severe winter storms are approaching. Protect your boats, check your lines for chafing, your bilge pumps, and your alarms. **It pays to be a conscientious boater.**



ByLaws Committee - 1998

The ByLaws Committee, consisting of Doug Jones, Edward Barr, and Doug Smith, is off and running in 1998. From member views expressed, AMSS is in great need of clearer and less complicated ByLaws. Doug Smith has kindly offered his office for a series of monthly committee meetings, starting in February. Those who have ByLaw concerns, please put in writing your views, including your solution, and mail to:

1110 Scott St. San Diego, CA 92106

or

E-Mail to DKSMARINS@aol.com

We wish to cover as many concerns as time will permit. Historian, Ed Barr, has already prepared a sizable outline from member conversations held in 1997. This should be a challenging and rewarding project.

In advance, we thank you for your goodwill and positive input.

FROM THE PAST February 1975 AMSS Newsletter

Our (AMSS's) first sailing event was a race to the North Coronado Island and back, held on the November 10, 1974. 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.

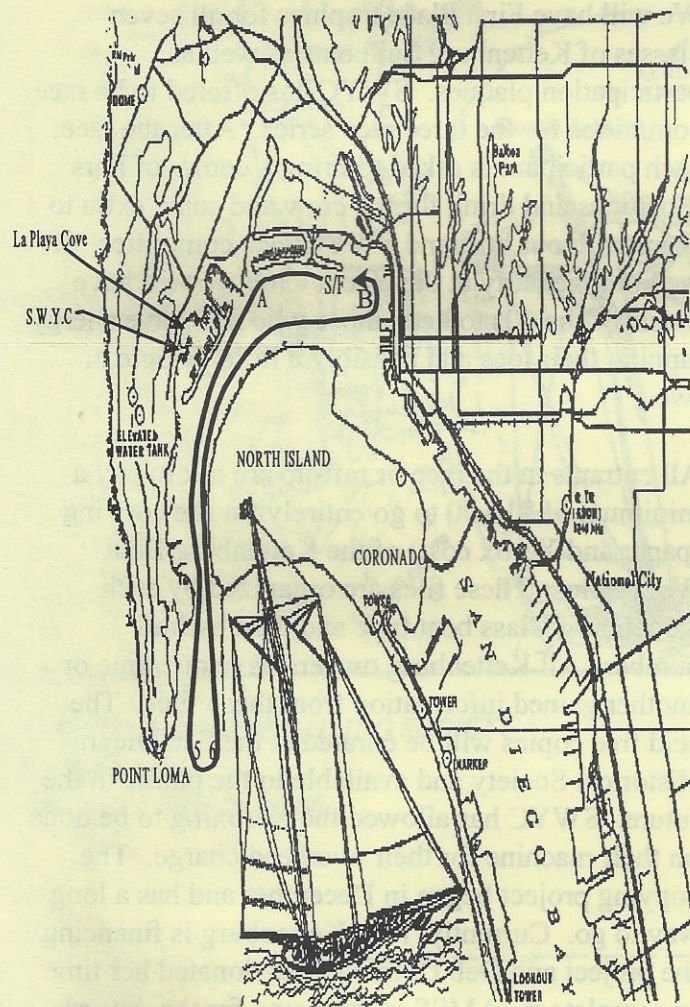
Presented by Edward Barr, Historian

YESTERYEAR REGATTA

MAY 2, 1998

This Regatta is open to all sailing boats of ancient vintage and/or classic design. Classic power boats are invited to participate as committee/support boats. No yacht club affiliation or previous racing rating is required to enter! The Ancient Mariner Sailing Society was founded in 1974 to promote the enjoyment of classic boats. AMSS continues to prosper in the same tradition in 1998 thru the volunteer efforts of its members. The regatta will have up to 70 entrants competing in 8 classes. This is the **24th annual regatta**, so **PLEASE JOIN US** for a fun day of classic racing on San Diego bay!

The *Skippers (and mates) Meeting* will be at **09:00, Saturday May 2 at Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702** Qualtroough Street. Race information packets will be distributed at this time. A no-host breakfast is available thru the SWYC prior to the Skippers meeting.



Starts will be staggered based on the handicaps issued at the Skippers meeting. The first boats will start at 11:45 and all racing shall be completed by 18:00.

Course Descriptions

The starting line is in San Diego Harbor at the east end of Harbor Island. The first leg is to windward, rounding an inflatable orange pyramid to Port set at the west end of Harbor Island (see "A"). Then generally a reach out the harbor entrance to round channel markers 5 then 6 to Port. A close haul back into the harbor, then a run down the main channel to an inflatable pyramid set off the Star of India (see "B"). The race finishes with a short close hauled leg back to the finish line. The overall course length is approximately 12 nautical miles. A course of approximately half this length will be set for the small open boats.

At the completion of the race, all boats are invited to raft-up in La Playa Basin. Permits have been applied for and SWYC has agreed to allow shore boats (dinghies only please) to tie up at the guest docks during the Dinner and Awards activities.

After the race you are invited to attend the post race party with raffles, music, and dancing at Southwestern Yacht Club. A barbeque hamburger or chicken dinner plate will be

available for a affordable price.. The **Awards Ceremony will begin at 19:00**, followed by light-hearted music, warm conversation and cool beverages. The revelry is encouraged to continue out on the raft-up after the evening at the club. Remember: the finest race tactics are always best strategized after the anchors have set!

More information may be obtained from
Doug Jones 294-2244

1998 SAN DIEGO'S CLASSIC BOAT FESTIVAL

SAN DIEGO-Marina Kona Kai proudly presents the eighth annual CLASSIC BOAT FESTIVAL (formerly the Wooden Boat Festival) sponsored by the Ancient Mariner's Sailing Society (AMSS). Wooden boat lovers will enjoy the wide variety of antique, vintage, steam powered, work boats, and classic sail/motor yachts at the CLASSIC BOAT FESTIVAL from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Sat. July 11 and 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Sun. July 12 at the Marina Kona Kai on Shelter Island. The Festival will benefit AMSS future endeavors.

More than 50 boats will be displayed in and out of the water, possibly including the 1928 French schooner ELAN, the 1938 Alden designed sloop FREEDOM, and the 1947 Sparkman & Stephens Yawl PACIFICA, and small boats TOKO, DINGUS, and PRECIOUS. San Diego Maritime Museum may bring BUTCHER BOY and will have an exhibition booth. Fine examples of Classic Work Boats, Steam Powered Vessels, Classic motor Yachts will also be featured. The Festival is a celebration of wood, classic boat design, and gives the public the opportunity to see wooden boats, classic designs, and related activities up close. There will be old boats and newly built vessels from vintage designs. Nautical exhibitions and vendors will have booths displaying their goods on the shore.

The ticket prices will be as follows: Adults - \$5.00, Seniors 55/older - \$3.00, Children 12/under - \$3.00, and Children 4/under FREE. For more information call Doug Smith (619.222.2560) or Jim Keitges (619.224.9959), Festival Co-Chairs or Marina Kona Kai, Jim Nicoletti (619.224.7547).

On Saturday night, July 11, 1998 the Ancient Mariner's Ball and Classic Boat Festival Awards Dinner will be held at the Kona Kai. Richard Wagner, Founder of the Wooden Boat Center in Seattle will be our guest speaker. Music and dancing will follow the dinner, presentation, and speaker. Commodore Kevin Thompson (619.222.9123) will have more information shortly about the meal, time, ticket prices, and reservations.

KETTENBURG REGATTA And RAFT UP SEPTEMBER 19, 1998

Let's go back in time and have a day of racing Kettenburg Sailboats, raft up in La Playa Cove, and then dinghy ashore for a Fall Party either on the beach in La Playa or at SWYC. **Final arrangements have not been made.** We may have the opportunity of a beach front yard to have a after race awards party on La Playa Cove or have the yard and deck of SWYC. The San Diego Maritime Museum has also offered the STAR OF INDIA's deck for a post-regatta awards ceremony.

We will have First Place trophies for all seven classes of Kettenburg Sailboats as well as participation plaques. SWYC has offered to be race committee for the three race series. After the race, each participant is asked to bring a cooler of hors d'oeuvres and drink for the crew and some extra to share with our host and SWYC race committee. If we hold the party at the Yacht Club we will have music of the 60s to keep those who still have energy tapping their toes and possibly a little boogie or two.

All entrants in the race or raft-up are ask to pay a minimum of \$10.00 to go entirely for the copying (paper and Xerox cost) of the Kettenburg Boat Works files. These files are organized by each Kettenburg Class boat type and then by hull number. All Kettenburg owners have one time or another gained information from these files. The acid free copies will be curated at the San Diego Historical Society and available to the public in the future. SWYC has allowed the Xeroxing to be done on their machine for their overhead charge. The copying project began in December and has a long way to go. Currently, Paul Kettenburg is financing the project and Deb Dominici has donated her time to complete it. AMSS is springing for the Awards and Music for the Sept. 19th event hoping that EVERYONE who has a Kettenburg Boat comes, if not to race, to raft up and celebrate the Kettenburg Tradition.

For information call Deb Dominici 294-2244.

