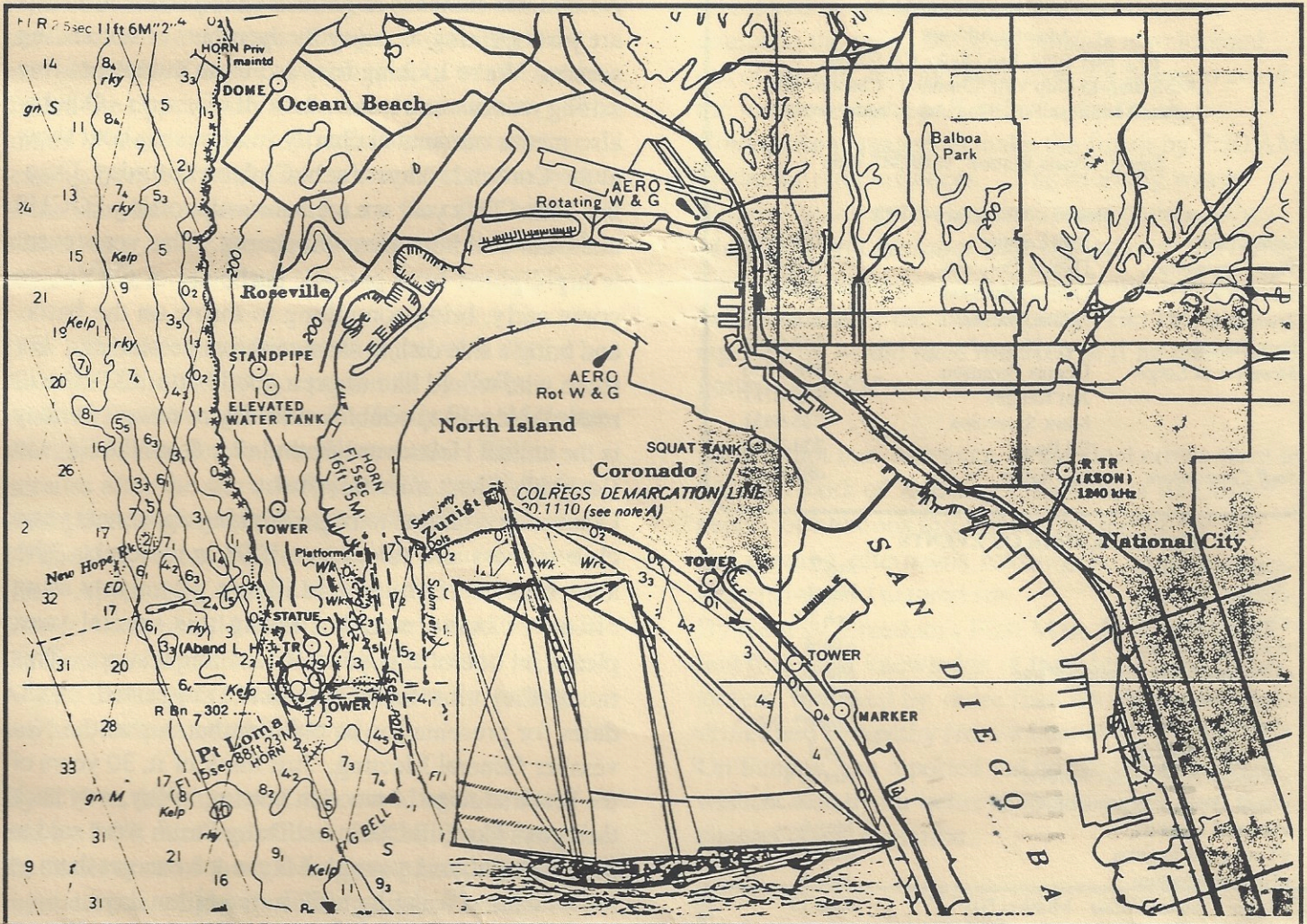


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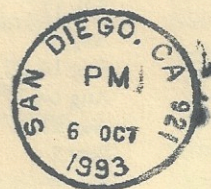
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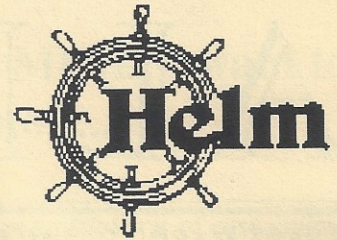
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1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

√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
√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

From the



As summer comes to its official end, Ancient Mariners are just begining to enjoy the best part of our sailing season. We're looking forward to an autumn of fine sailing weather and a calendar full of events. October also means our annual charity fund raising boat show at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club on Saturday, October 16th. This year we are again supporting FOCUS and their Childrens Hospital charity. This years event is highlighted by a potluck barbeque at CCYC, so come early, bring something to throw on the barbe, and bring a side dish to share with your clubmates. For those who would like to get a good berth, CCYC will make the docks available on Friday evening. Sunday is the annual Homeward Bound race from the Cays to Bouy 17. Don't miss this event.

October is also time to begin thinking about next years club officers and directors. 1993 is the club's 30th anniversary. If you would like to participate as an officer or board member during this special year, please let one of this year's board know soon. This month they must make up a list of suggested candidates for presentation to the membership at the November General Meeting. Just think of it, 30 years of the best traditions of wooden boating. Why, way back then guys like Bill Clark and Doug Smith were said to have been almost young! Maybe we can get them to tell us what it was like back in the olden days.

Rod Latimer

 **October's Event:**

**1993 Victoria BC and
 Port Townsend
 Wooden Boat Show
 slides presented by
 Jerry Newton**

SAN DIEGO TO ENSENADA, a great one night stand. . .

This years Southwestern Yacht Club Ensenada Race was a combination of periods of great excitement and equal periods of boredom, heat and cold, exhilaration and pain. Getting to the start line even proved to be a challenge. Despite a pressing business schedule, Krista Champion simply would not be denied the opportunity to do a real ocean race. She joined *Freedom* and crew in full business attire, leaping from a friend's fast power boat mid way out to the start line. *Comanche*, on the other hand, elected to wait for their tardy crewman, and was six minutes late to the start.

The 150 boat event started out right, with the Ancient Mariners, well represented by *Sally*, *Andale*, *Freedom*, *Comanche*, *Molly Sue*, *Malabar Star*, and *Pilot*, leading the fleet south. Within minutes after the start, *Sally*, *Andale*, and *Freedom* were pounding away with spinnakers flying in 10-12 knots of breeze, followed by the rest of the fleet. Apparently, the race committee felt the older, slower, boats should have a chance to see the rest of the fleet passing them. But this was not to be, as AMSS continued to lead the fleet into the setting sun and darkness that followed.

By 3:30 in the afternoon, the wind began to drop, and by 5:00, a race that had promised to be one of the faster ones of the last few years lived up to its reputation as a light air drifting dual. Throughout the evening boats zigzagged back and forth searching for elusive breezes on the near-oil smooth waters. A full moon overhead kept everyone in good spirits as they searched out each little ripple of air sliding by.

By 2:30 AM, the building sea mist had turned into pea soup wave hugging fog, with visibilities down to under 500 feet in many places as the great fleet drifted southward toward waiting icy Margarita's. Meanwhile, the AMSS fleet had scattered over the entire course looking for the best breezes. Some went "inside" and carefully picked their way along the shortest, but more nerve shattering, coastal route. Others worked their way out to deeper waters in hopes of picking up longer lasting breezes. Both techniques seemed to yield the same

results this year. Out in front was *Sally*, followed by *Freedom* a few miles astern. *Andale* cut the corner and made up a lot of time on the shorter inside route. *Sally* reached the fog shrouded finish line about 4:00 AM. Shortly thereafter came *Freedom*, albeit under power, to register a DNF. The lack of speed and further hours on the course with an injured First Mate overcame their desire to complete the race. By 5:30, *Andale* also loomed out of the fog, having taken over six hours to cover the last three and a half miles to the finish. *Comanche* managed to make the finish by 7:30 AM in similar circumstances. The morning winds failed to make a showing, so it was midday when *Molly Sue* and *Malabar Star* drifted over the finish line. *Pilot* managed to make the finish line about three hours after the awards party. Her skipper reported he would have motored in if he could have gotten his @\$* engine started.

All was not lost, however, as the fleet crews went to the hard work of draining Ensenada of its entire supply of libations throughout the rest of the day and evening, alternately toasting the winners and losers in good natured fun.

By the way, *Freedom*'s First Mate got some excellent first hand knowledge of the Mexican medical system, followed by more than her share of free drinks and sympathy from a host of well wishers. On Sunday, she reported the drinks from the well wishers was by far better than any pain killers the doctors could prescribe.

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

PETTICOAT REGATTA 1993

Four boats came out for a fun day of sailing and some good competition. All four boats started well and sailed a course from 17 out to 7, back to 21, returning to 17 for the finish. Sally, with Tracy at the helm, pulled ahead early and stayed there, even daring to duel with a car carrier coming out of the bay to maintain her position. Freedom and Comanche stayed together most of the way around the course enjoying the close competition. Unfortunately a short distance from the finish, as both boats approached it on different tacks, Comanche broke the shackle on her jib halyard. She finished bravely as the jib slid down the stay. Hullabaloo II, sailed single-handedly by Lindy, came in not very far behind the bigger boats putting her in a close fourth position. A big thanks to Geoff Clough and Tavana for being our start boat and joining us for a pleasant raft-up.

INQUIRING MINDS want to know...

What is the longest tow in history of one sailboat towing another? We think Molly Sue skippered by Ron Bodeen may be ready for the Guinness Book of Records for towing Freedom with a leaking engine cooling jacket from outside Ensenada to the Customs dock in San Diego.

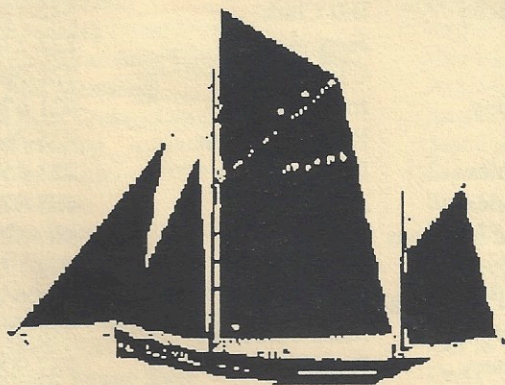
Thanks Ron and Molly!!!

Will "soon to be Chef" Szczecina make it back in time for next years Ensenada Race? He missed this one since he was on his way to Portland to start a year of Cordon Bleu training. Good luck and see you next year Mark!!!

PETTICOAT REGATTA RESULTS				
<i>Boat</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Elapsed Time</i>	<i>Hand-cap</i>	<i>Corrected Time</i>
	DISTANCE:	8.15nm		
1 Sally	Tracy Koehler	1:31:47	80	1:31:47
2 Freedom	Diana Watson	1:45:39	155	1:35:28
3 Comanche	Deb Dominici	1:45:48	120	1:40:22
4 Hullabaloo II	Lindy Rae	2:10:23	276	1:43:46

IRON MAN 1993

*Solo mariners brave and bold
Are in this club, a thing of old.*



OCTOBER FEST??

Let's make the CCYC Boat show a memorable one. Bring your favorite German Beer, sausage and salad, and if you have it, some polka music.