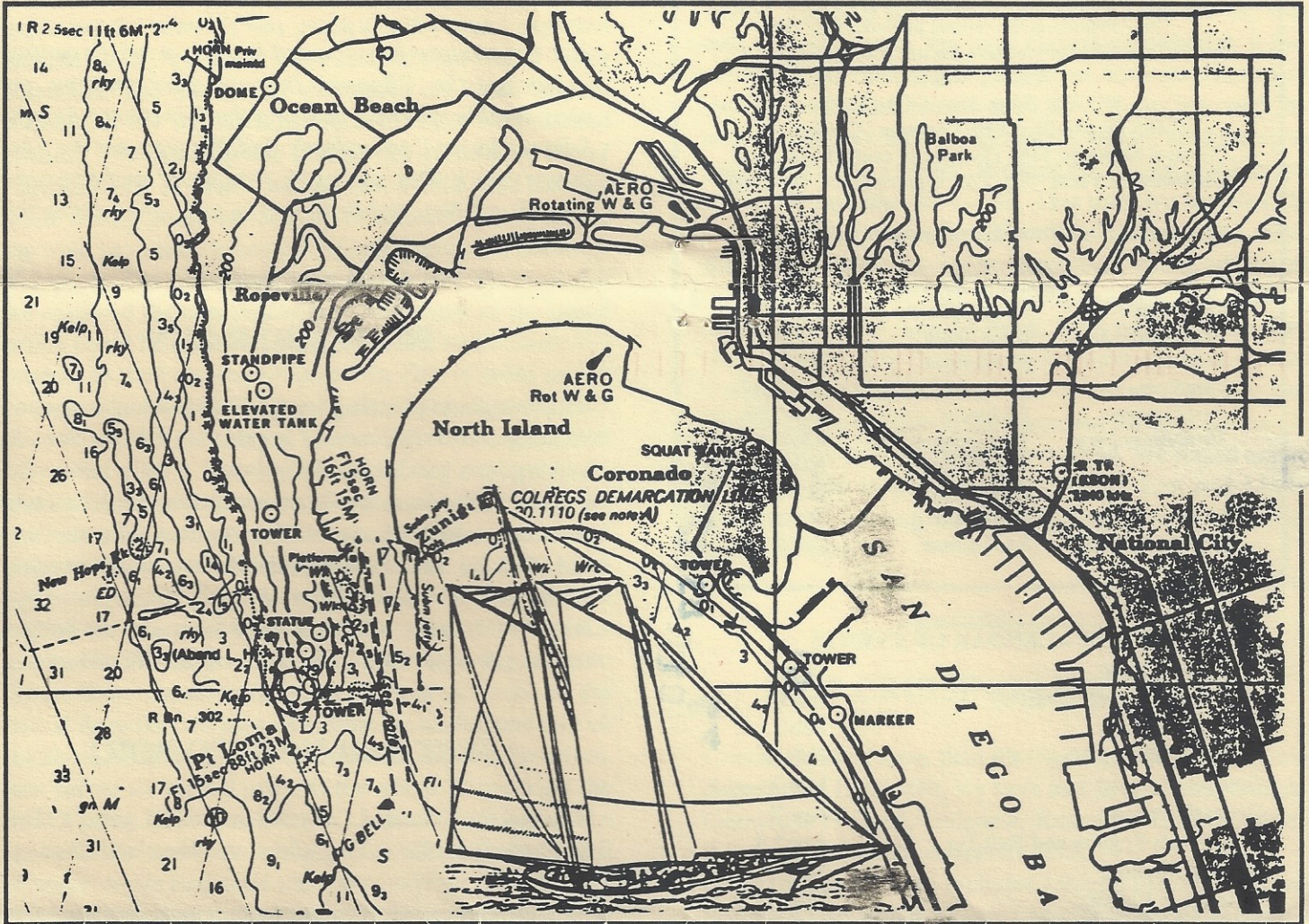


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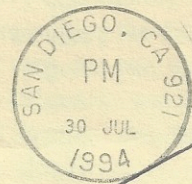


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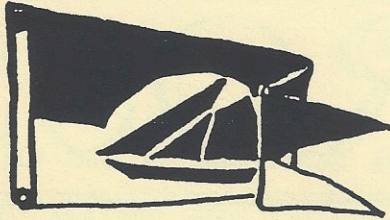
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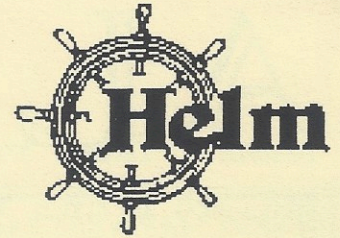
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1994 AMSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting	Jan 6
Commodores Cup & raft up	Jan 15
General Meeting	Feb 3
Jack and Jill Regatta	Feb 12
General Meeting	Mar 3
General Meeting	Apr 7
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 2,3
General Meeting	May 5
Yesteryear Regatta	May 14
General Meeting	June 2
PCC Championship/Kettenburg Regatta	June 25
General Meeting	July 7
Commodore's Ball	July 16
General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 4
Giant Small Boat Messabout '94	Aug 10 - 14
Gorilla Rock Cruise - Los Coronados	Aug 6 - 7
General Meeting	Sept 1
Labor Day Cruise	Sept 3-5
Petticoat Race	Sept 17
Iron Man Race	Sept 18
General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 13
Boat Show - CCYC	Oct 15
Homeward Bound Race	Oct 16
General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 3
Thanksgiving/Catalina Cruise	Nov 24 -27
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 1
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 3
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec 31

From the



The commodore has decided to take a brief vacation exploring the Channel Islands after putting out considerable effort oorganizing the Kettenburg Regatta followed by the Commodore's Ball. We were not there but rumor has it that the party was great and the band exceptional. Note that there will be no board meeting this month.

Ed

SEPTEMBER FUN

It's time to start planning for the Petticoat and Ironman in September. Doug Jones is organizing the races and is looking for a good turnout this year.

Colleen Miller from the Women's Sailing Association has several members who would love to crew. Her number is 425-0202. So lack of crew for the Petticoat is not an excuse this year!

Any AMSS ladies who would like to crew in the petticoat should call either Deb Dominici or Diana Watson.

JUST SAILED INTO PORT

It's a girl for Mike and Cara O'Brien - Erin Aubry O'Brien was born June 5th - Congratulations Mom and Dad!

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Membership	Kevin Thompson	223-9123
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	Allen Niebrugge	
Swap Meets	Bob Hendrickson and	486-4186
	Allen Niebrugge-	

Board meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 7:00 PM. however, there is no board meeting in August.

CRUISING THE SEA OF CORTEZ

Rod and I were lucky enough to get a week off from work last month to escape to Baja where we joined the *Molly Sue* in La Paz to cruise north. *Molly Sue* is a veritable Cadillac. She is roomy and comfortable and Ron and Molly Bodeen are exceptionally accommodating hosts. We spent the first day in La Paz becoming accustomed to the heat and exploring the town. It was much smaller than I expected and the life style seemed more relaxed than that of TJ or Ensenada. The second day we headed out, threading our way out of the bay through the narrow but well marked channel. The first stop was Partido Bay at the north end of Espiritu Santo Is. While we had found little wind that day while sailing north, as soon as we entered this anchorage the wind proceeded to howl. Rod and I jumped in the dingy to explore. The snorkeling proved poor with the wind, but we explored the companion bay on the east of the island which could be reached by dinghy over a small shoal. We returned to the boat and prepared the first of what was to become our ritual evening margarita. We had purchased a dozen limes before leaving La Paz. After tasting our first Margarita after a fine day of sailing and exploring, we realized that these limes were a commodity that we had severely underestimated. This was our first night out and although Ron and Molly slept well, we naturally slept lightly especially since the wind managed to stay brisk all night long. I learned about Ron, "the gadget man" and his gadgets. He has two depth alarms and as we swung nearer to the shallow, one alarm drove us all from our beds. By the end of the week, we learned to trust the anchor and rely on the alarms. The next day we headed for Isla San Francisco. Just before we turned towards the island, Ron caught the first of many Dorado on the trip. At the island, we found a beautiful sheltered cove and good anchorage in about 13 ft of water. Again Rod and I took off to explore. Since the day had been long, we cut short the snorkelling and walked over the island. The local industry was a 20 by 50 foot salt bed and we took a sample for *Molly Sue's* bilges. On the east side of the island the crabs on the rocks were so numerous they looked like the rock surface until they moved. We returned to our usual "rationed" limes, barbecued Dorado, and since this was July 4th, set off a few flares. The next day we headed for the mainland at San Evaristo. We had heard there was a store and that we might find limes. On arriving at the cove, Rod and Ron set the anchor securely

OTHER 1994 EVENTS

Pacific Corinthian Classic (PCYC, Oxnard)	Aug 06
Ancient Mariners Regatta, Long Beach (WHYC)	Aug 28
Newport Woodenboat Festival	Sep 10 - 11
Newport to Dana Point Race (WHYC)	Oct 1
Dana Cup - WHYC versus AMSS (WHYC)	Oct 2
Little Ensenada Race (SWYC)	Oct 7,8,9
Swap Meet - Sun Harbor Marina	Nov ?

and we took off to explore. Here we found the best snorkeling of the trip. Every place we looked was teeming with fish. We decided to stay an extra day and the next morning we went to find the store. Guess what - no limes! Later while snorkeling we discovered the local jelly fish. They sting like mad and rapidly raise blisters, but fortunately it goes away in a couple of hours. They look like small bubbles on the water but for their size pack quite a wallop. The next stop was Agua Verde. Here the bay was well picked over by the local fisherman although it had obviously provided a great source of scallops, clams and oysters at one time. However on leaving this bay early the next morning we hit a big group of Dorado, hooking up to four in just a few minutes. We kept the biggest and lost one and threw the other two back. This time we had Dorado (and Dorado Roes) for breakfast. Our last stop was Loreto. Rather than going into Puerto Escondido, which while well protected is also very hot, we opted to anchor just south of the Loreto Inn at Napolo Rock. This proved to be very comfortable and in the morning we motored up to Loreto and anchored off the north end of town. This was our chance to sort out our flight home and for Ron and Molly to resupply with some fresh fruit and veg. We stayed ashore the last night at the Loreto Inn while Ron and Molly anchored off, leaving that morning to head back to La Paz, or somewhere....

Diana

THE CRUISING LIFE FOR US

Cruising is even more than it's cracked up to be. Since our departure in December, we have met people from Canada, Germany, Holland, Bulgaria, Rumania, Estonia, South America, etc. and of course Mexico.

Our experiences have included Dorado off the hook and into the frying pan, watching a Marlin dance away leaving us with an empty reel, spending half a day finding a watch battery and making dozens of new friends in the process, somersaulting the dingy in the surf and paddling back to the boat with one oar, communicating with friends and family via HAM radio and not caring about Clinton's problems nor the Olympic skaters nor O.J. Simpson! We do however miss all our friends at the club.

The old adage is true: "Do it! Don't wait until you are ready." We have found that as we do it, we learn to do it. So, to our friends in Ancient Mariners who are still just talking about it, *Molly Sue* says "Do it now, you can always go back and go to work."

So, hasta la vista and viva Mexico!

Ron and Molly Bodeen
Molly Sue
(Somewhere in Baja)

BURGEE BLESSING

*In as much as these torn burgees have flown over noble vessels,
representing the finest era of boat craftsmanship, and a bye-gone
time of traditional elegance;*

*And in as much as these burgees were raised over vessels by men
and women who have dedicated themselves to preserving and
restoring these fine and graceful classic yachts;*

*These burgees have earned the honor of a respectful and
propitious burial in fire.*

*May their fine ash enrich the ground where great and soaring
trees might rise;*

*And may such a tree someday become a towering mast and fly
the burgee of the Ancient Mariners.*

Long Live Ancient Mariners!

August Meeting:

Thursday 4th

at or before 7:00pm

on the Shelter Island beach in

front of Humphrey's

The annual AMSS picnic. Bring a dish to share, something to drink, firewood if you have it, and your old, tattered burgees for the traditional burgee competition and ritual burgee burning. The club will provide the barbecue and hamburgers and a new burgee to the competition winner.

No board meeting in August!!

ANCIENT MARINER'S REGATTA

Some of our members remember the Schooner Race in Long Beach that just a few years ago was a very regular event attended by many Ancient Mariners. This year Eleanor has agreed to organize it again. This race in Long Beach Harbor, starting in front of the Queen Mary, provides an interesting course around the oil islands and can provide some good wind. This year it is called the Ancient Mariner's Regatta, and as before, there will be several classes, not just Schooners. Contact WHYC Commodore Jim Squires (714)965-4028 for details.

GORILLA ROCK CRUISE PLANS

The cruising fleet will meet off Ballast Point at 1300 on **Saturday, Aug 6**, bound for So. Coronado Is. Once there, we will have a pot luck dinner party aboard Adelphi. The fleet will get underway for San Diego on Sunday around 1100. **Please join us.** Bring a main dish for yourselves and a side dish to share and your own beverage. **Come join in the party!**