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## Half-Pint Race Results

### MEETINGS

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2009 Half-Pint Raft Up (L-R: *Sally*, *Pacifica*, *Flirt*, *Sabrina*, *Circe*, *NoKaOi*)  
photo courtesy Renee Ragland

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A very fine fleet of twenty three boats sailed a breezy Half-Pint-o'-Rum Race on 5 December. This was a comparatively fast race producing some very close results in the leading boats in each of three classes. In Class A, Dennison Weaver's Alden sloop *Rubiyat* took first honors, followed by *Chimaera* and *Sabrina*. So, Dennison garnered the original plaque on the new *Mitena* Perpetual Trophy, which will be displayed in the permanent Ancient Mariners exhibit at the Maritime Museum (aboard *Berkeley*). In Class B, the venerable *Flirt* owned by Jack Swendsen was 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by *Altair* and then *Benchmark*. In the Sailing Class, Jack Sutphen's Wylie *Menace* placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, flanked fore and aft by the Luder 16s *Windley* (1<sup>st</sup> - Brad Smith) and *Zephyr* (3<sup>rd</sup> - Janet Callow). Awards were presented to these winners at the December Annual Meeting and Commodore's Ball...cont'd, pg.5

## A New Decade, and a Message from the Commodore

Dear Members,

As the successful 2009 sailing season for the AMSS has concluded and the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank Staff Commodore Marcia Hilmen for taking the helm for the past year, I would also like to thank the board of directors for their gallant efforts keeping everything running smoothly throughout the year and I would also like to wish all our members new and old a very happy New Year and we promise to deliver another great season of racing, cruising, and social fun events for our up coming calendar,

As the new year comes upon us we all hope to steer our way through economic uncertainty and take the time to renew our resolutions, break out the varnish brushes and start afresh with our new 2010 special programs, updated website, and calendar of events, to help you keep informed up to the minute. We hope to see you all in attendance at our monthly meetings and of course out on the water,

Happy New Year 2010,

Johnny Smullen AMSS Commodore.

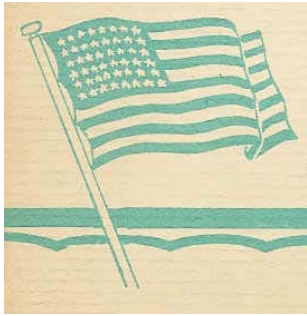
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Compass and log and a pot full of grog. -  
Old Saying

## January Flag Boat – *Old Glory*



**Old Glory** honors the American Flag which stands for peace, honor, truth, justice and freedom. **Old Glory** is a Calkins 50 designed by W. H. (Skip) Calkins and built in 1968 by Tokyo Marine in Yokohama, Japan. It is 50 feet LOA with LWL of 43 feet and a beam of 11 feet 11 inches. It has a draft of 6 feet 6 inches and a displacement of 42,000 pounds. The hull is triple planked 3/8" mahogany with a total thickness of



*Old Glory, Sailing the 2009 Half-Pint Race*

1 1/8 inches. With two layers at 45 degrees from the keelson the final exterior planking runs fore and aft with V grooved seams. The boat features plenty of varnish and a fair amount of teak. It seems to sail best and fastest in stiff winds. In 2008 **Old Glory** was judged Best Maintained Classic Yacht and Best Maintained Yacht Overall during opening day festivities at SDYC. In 2009 it again was judged Best Maintained Classic Yacht at SDYC. Also in 2008 and 2009 **Old Glory** was voted the People's Choice Award at the 18th and 19th annual Wooden Boat Festivals held at the Koehler Kraft Boat Yard. **Old Glory** is owned by Dan and Janice McKinnon, long time residents of San Diego. The McKinnon's primarily use **Old Glory** for cruising but have enjoyed participating in racing especially the Ancient Mariners Half-Pint-o'-Rum race. Dan is the former owner of country radio KSON AM-FM and most recently completed 16 years as CEO and President of North American Airlines based at JFK Airport in New York. Dan grew up sailing and racing at Mission Bay Yacht Club and San Diego Yacht Club.



## ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY

**\*\* Special Program Announcement\*\***

### **The Galway Hooker, *Cruinniú na mBád*" (Gathering of the Boats)**

Thursday, 7 January, San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM

Commodore Johnny Smullen will present his program at the January General Meeting, on Thursday, 7 January. He has kindly forwarded the following summary: "The Galway Hooker for the past 160 odd years since the great Irish famine of 1845-47 and just a few years before the 100 Guinea Cup race around the Isle of Wight, once numbered over 100 boats. While I was away from San Diego on my sabbatical with the Volvo Ocean Race this past year, we had the opportunity to keep a weather eye out for old classic sailing boats around the world. While I did come across a few fairly dilapidated wooden craft around the planet, it wasn't until we arrived in Galway, Ireland and my home country where we were really treated to not only view these magnificent work boats but we were actually invited to take the helm for their annual regatta which fell around the same time as we were running our Galway stopover for the Volvo Ocean Race.



There are four types of *Galway Hookers* from the west of Ireland where even today the most spoken language is Gaelic, hence the Gaelic names as follows describing the classes, "Gleoitog", "Púcán", "Leathbhád" (half boat, 26-32feet) and "Bád Mór" (big boat, 35-44feet). In the time before trains and cars, transportation was a much more difficult affair. The quickest route for news, goods, or people was often by water. Hence, Galway, like any port town, drew its wealth from the sea; both from fishing and from the extensive trade it carried on with France, Spain, and the West Indies.

The story of Galway and the sea is one that goes back farther than the written word. Nevertheless, it can easily be said that one of the greatest actors to take the stage, in this maritime adventure, was the Galway Hooker. In its time, the Hooker was like no other craft, and its clever design was fitted purposely for the subtleties of Galway's waters. Literally thousands of lives were tied to these great ships in life and in death, and as such, there could scarcely be a more powerful emblem of this little village by the sea."

Please join us for an evening of nautical stories from the Gaelic west coast of Ireland on Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at San Diego Yacht Club. Or, come earlier for dinner or drinks. Bring your friends and family; all guests are welcome.



## Half-Pint Race, cont'd

This year's Race Committee consisted of Greg Stewart, Leslie Jenness and Renee Ragland. They were able to take some very nice photographs on the competition, start, finish and raft up afterwards in La Playa. This year, the Race Committee noticed something new among the crews - there were several young people aboard many of the yachts who were sent ashore to represent their crews for the start and finish. So, there was an impromptu substitution of water in lieu of rum from the keg at the appropriate times on the beach. Greg, in fact, claims the theme of this year's race might be "Passing the Torch," since the young ones were filling in for the geezers. Jon Schmid sailed aboard **Sabrina**, and his son Calvin did the hard work. John Arnold's **No Ka Oi** sent one to shore on a surfboard. Dan McKinnon (**Old Glory**) also had a kid do the swimming. And, everyone was very happy to see Doug Holthaus et.al. on **Celeste**, as he has been beating back a serious illness now for some time. It was a great day for all participants, and set the mood for the awards party to follow within a few days. Please see the complete Race Results on pg. 6...

## Annual (December) Meeting, Awards Ceremony and Commodore's Ball

Continuing in our new tradition of a festive holiday season Annual Meeting every December, the Ancient Mariners gathered at the San Diego Yacht Club on Friday, 11 December for dinner, drinks and dessert. The new 2010 Board and Officers Election Results were announced (see the revised Masthead on page 2). Bayshots provided a large screen display of photographs taken during our racing events of the preceding year ([www.bayshots.com](http://www.bayshots.com)). The Awards Ceremony was entertaining, to say the least, combining all of the perpetual trophies and "take-home" trophies for the series of seven 20 Guinea Cup Races sailed in 2009, and, of course, the 2009 Half-Pint-o'-



Rum Race. Dennison Weaver, **Rubiyat's** skipper, is shown here with the new **Mitena** Perpetual Trophy. And, 2010 Commodore Johnny Smullen is pictured with his wife Theresa, and Race Chairman Doug Jones nearby. Many thanks and congratulations were conveyed to all those Ancient Mariners who did so much to support the races and activities we enjoy all through the year. The 2010 Racing and Events schedules are forthcoming, with some exciting things planned for the New Year. Photos here are courtesy of Greg Stewart.



# 2009 Half-Pint-o'-Rum Race Results

## 2009 Half Pint Race Results - Traditional Start & Finish Classes

Handicap Distance  
Scratch Rating  
Start Time

7.8 nm  
63  
12:47:00

Race Chairman - Greg Stewart  
Race Committee - Greg Stewart, Leslie Jenness, Renee Ragland

### Class A

Class	Yacht	Type	Sail Number	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Penalty	Corrected Time	PL
B	Rubiyat	Alden		145	82	14:06:10	1:19:10	0:10:40	0:00:00	1:08:30	1
A	Chimarea	S&S		83	20	13:58:28	1:11:28	0:02:36	0:00:00	1:08:52	2
A	Sabrina	Caukins 50		92	29	13:59:13	1:12:13	0:03:46	0:00:30	1:08:57	3
A	Brushfire	S&S	7469	63	0	13:56:47	1:09:47	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:09:47	4
A	Circe	S&S	376	90	27	14:01:04	1:14:04	0:03:31	0:00:00	1:10:33	5
A	Pacific	S&S	30	112	49	14:05:40	1:18:40	0:06:22	0:00:00	1:12:18	6
A	Sally	10 meter	7512	72	9	14:02:00	1:15:00	0:01:10	0:00:00	1:13:50	7

### Class B

Class	Yacht	Type	Sail Number	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Penalty	Corrected Time	PL
B	Flirt	Navy44		155	92	14:07:30	1:20:30	0:11:58	0:00:00	1:08:32	1
B	Allair	IOD	37	175	112	14:11:35	1:24:35	0:14:34	0:00:00	1:10:01	2
B	Benchmark	30 SQR		189	126	14:16:40	1:29:40	0:16:23	0:00:00	1:13:17	3
B	Old Glory	Caukins 50		210	147	14:20:47	1:33:47	0:19:07	0:00:00	1:14:40	4
B	Freedom	Alden		195	132	14:19:10	1:32:10	0:17:10	0:00:00	1:15:00	5
B	No Ka Oi	Sloop	CS1	170	107	14:20:46	1:33:46	0:13:55	0:00:00	1:19:51	6

## 2009 Half Pint Race Results - Alternate Start & Finish Class

Handicap Distance  
Scratch Rating  
Start Time

7.8 nm  
150  
12:42:00

### Sailing Class

Class	Yacht	Type	Sail Number	Rating	Handicap	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allowance	Penalty	Corrected Time	PL
Sailing	Windley	L-16	0	290	140	14:14:00	1:32:00	0:18:12	0:00:00	1:13:48	1
Sailing	Menace	PC	62	150	0	13:59:29	1:17:29	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:17:29	2
Sailing	Zephyr	L-16	191	290	140	14:18:00	1:36:00	0:18:12	0:00:00	1:17:48	3
Sailing	Onion Truck	PC	21	150	0	14:00:00	1:18:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:18:00	4
Sailing	Maiga B	PC	78	150	0	14:01:00	1:19:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:19:00	5
Sailing	La Caucrachia	PC	14	150	0	14:02:30	1:20:30	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:20:30	6
Sailing	Route 66	PC	66	150	0	14:05:06	1:23:06	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:23:06	7
Sailing	Celeste	PC	40	150	0	14:05:36	1:23:36	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:23:36	8
Sailing	Yankee	PC	72	150	0	14:14:00	1:32:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	1:32:00	9
Sailing	Holly	PC	46	150	0	14:46:00	2:04:00	0:00:00	0:10:00	2:14:00	10

## Fossum's *Revelee* - Memorial Sail 9 January

Larry Fossum was one of three original founding members of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society. He remained an active member until his death last year at age 89. His boat, *Revelee*, is a "Sea Spirit" gaff ketch designed by Angleman, and built here by Fossum between 1967-1970. The boat has now survived its builder, and Larry's wife Le, who passed away in 2004. The Ancient Mariners have organized a *Revelee* Memorial Sail On Saturday, 9 January, with the assistance of *Revelee's* steward, Alan Feber.



*Revelee Coasting in Local Waters*

*Revelee* will get underway from Harbor Island West, where it was one of the first boats to call that marina home. There are a few spots open for *Revelee* crew that day; please contact AMSS Board Member Brad Smith. The ashes of Larry and Le will be scattered at sea during the Memorial Sail. Ancient Mariner vessels are welcome and encouraged to join the sail.

Sailing instructions for boats that will join in the sail on 9 December specify getting underway before noon, headed for a 1:00 PM rendezvous beyond Point Loma, near Buoy #3. Alan advises that *Revelee* is currently for sale, only to a buyer who would undertake to keep good care of the vessel. The asking price is \$12,000, or best offer. Alan has also forwarded a few his remembrances of Fossum's work and play aboard *Revelee*:

"Larry had spent almost all of his life around boats, and lived aboard a double-ender in Glorietta Bay after WWII, and possibly before. During that time, his brother owned Kelpie, which had been dismantled on her way up from the canal (he later traded her for a sound smaller boat). He worked at Wilmington Boat Works prior to a stint in the Army that took him to the Philippines and Japan.

The boat was built in the backyard of his home in Rolando over a period of about 4 years. He was working at Rohr, and took the night shift so that he'd have days for the boat. He never spoke of having assistance with the construction, but often mentioned that Le would read him novels while he worked, especially when he was working in his shop over the winter. He had planned to fasten her with iron, but before he had too many ribs made up he had second thoughts and traded it all in for bronze. Larry made the patterns and molds for most of the fittings as well.

The boat was transported to the Kettenburg yard before Christmas of '69, just as Larry was turning 50. He had made arrangements to get a crane when it was between jobs, and it was a large one as it had to go over the house, which is uphill and set back from the street. The news media covered it at the time. The final bits were done in the yard while it was closed for the holidays, and she probably hit the water in the first few days of 1970."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7 Gen. Mtg.	8	9 Memo-rial Sail
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21BOD Mtg.	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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Doug Holthaus' *Celeste* rounds the mark during the Half-Pint, Buoy to port, another boat starboard

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