

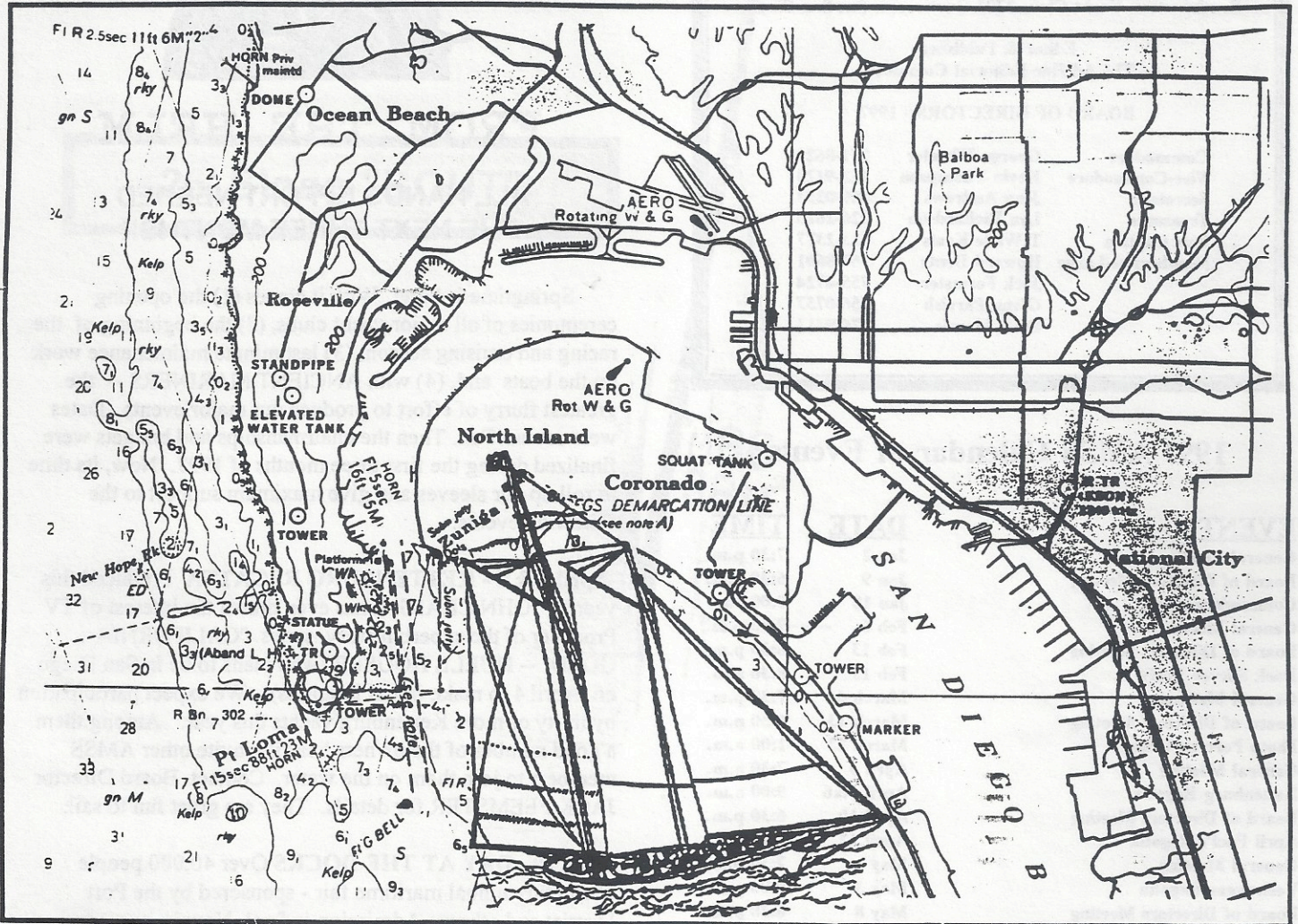
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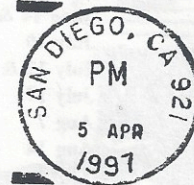
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## FROM THE HELM

### ALL HANDS EFFORT NEEDED THE NEXT THREE MONTHS!!

Springtime is here! With it comes (1) the opening ceremonies of all major yacht clubs, (2) the beginning of the racing and cruising season, (3) last minute maintenance work on the boats and, (4) with ANCIENT MARINERS -- the greatest flurry of effort to produce our major events. Dates were set last Fall. Then the chairmanships and budgets were finalized during the first three months of 1997. Now, its time to roll up our sleeves and give maximum support to the following events:

**April 5 & 6 - KETTENBURG REGATTA** Produced this year by JOHN CRAIG, it has even drawn the interest of TV Producer of the superb history series "CALIFORNIA GOLD" -- HUELL HOUSER (who plans to be in San Diego on April 4 to make initial inquiries). We expect participation by thirty or more Kettenburg yachts this year. Among them, a good number of the owners heartily invite other AMSS members to join them on the water. Contact Board Director - JACK FEEMSTER for details. They are great fun to sail.

**April 20 - DAY AT THE DOCKS** Over 40,000 people attend this annual maritime fair - sponsored by the Port District and others. Admission is free! Now in its seventh year, it provides marine attractions for the whole family - with an emphasis on fishing. For AMSS, it offers a tremendous opportunity to (1) raise funds by selling merchandise, (2) advertise our upcoming main events and (3) recruit new members. Our enterprising Port Captain - WALLE KRALS has ordered merchandise and applied for space to operate an AMSS Information Booth and dock space to display a few of our yachts. Contact WALLE if you can help man the booth, bring a yacht for display or assist with the decoration and logistics. Proceeds from booth sales will help pay the up-front costs of the Yesteryear Regatta.

**May 3 - YESTERYEAR REGATTA** Now in its 23rd year, this is the Society's major racing event of the year. We are most fortunate that Staff Commodore (1993) ROD LATIMER and DIANA WATSON as co- chairs. They advise that the twelve-mile race on the Bay is open to all boats of Ancient Vintage or Classic Design, that the dinner, raffle and awards ceremony will take place at Southwestern Yacht Club and that

## 1997 AMSS Calendar of Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
General Meeting	Jan 2	7:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	Jan 9	6:30 p.m.
Commodore's Cup	Jan 18	9:00 a.m.
General Meeting	Feb 6	7:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	Feb 13	6:30 p.m.
Dock Survey Party	Feb 15	8:30 a.m.
General Meeting	March 6	7:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	March 13	6:30 p.m.
Photo Portrait Cruise	March 22	1:00 a.m.
General Meeting	April 3	7:30 a.m.
Kettenburg Regatta	April 5&6	9:00 a.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	April 10	6:30 p.m.
April Fool's Regatta	April 12	Noon
General Meeting	May 1	7:30 p.m.
Yesteryear Regatta	May 3	9:00 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	May 8	6:30 p.m.
Luders Invitational Race	May 10 & 11	8:30 p.m.
General Meeting	June 5	7:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	June 12	6:30 p.m.
Fleet Cruise to Mariners Basin	June 14 & 15	8:30 a.m.
General Meeting	July 10	7:30 p.m.
Wooden Boat Festival	July 12 & 13	9:00 a.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	July 17	6:30 p.m.
Summer Picnic(Gen'l Meeting)	Aug 7	6:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	Aug 14	6:30 p.m.
South Bay Cruise	TBA	TBA
General Meeting	Sept 4	7:30 p.m.
Petticoat Race	Sept 6	TBA
Board of Directors Meeting	Sept 11	6:30 p.m.
Dana Cup & Cruise	Sept 24-29	TBA
Little Ensenada (AMSS Class)	Oct 3 & 4	Noon
General Meeting (Nominations)	Oct 9	7:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	Oct 16	6:30 p.m.
General Meeting	Nov 6	7:30 p.m.
Commodore's Ball	Nov 15	6:00 p.m.
General Meeting (Election)	Dec 3	7:30 p.m.
Half Pint Rum Race	Dec 6	9:00 a.m.
Board of Directors (Turnover) Meeting.	Dec 11	6:30 p.m.
New Year's Raft Up	Dec 31	4:00 p.m.

over fifty classic yachts are expected to participate. Let's give every possible support to ROD and DIANA. In addition to the sailing, you can help ashore. Please register your boat, buy "T" shirts and invite friends who are not AMSS members to come join us.

**June 6-16 - AMSS BOATYARD HAUL-OUT** Port Captain WALLE KRALS is working on the final details of this new "pilot" project. Shortly, he will announce openings for a haul-out at Driscoll's West (the Kettenburg yard) at reduced rates. Tentatively, eight to ten yachts will be permitted to participate and the offer is open only to AMSS members. It should be economical, enjoyable, and informative. If successful, we may offer a second opportunity this Fall.

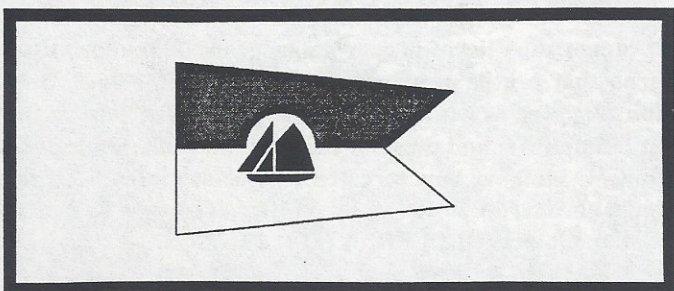
### **July 12-13 WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL**

Due to the remarkable success last year, Festival Chairman - Jr. Commodore - GREGG POTTER indicates that KONA KAI is doubling the publicity effort, adding an additional floating dock to accommodate more yachts and space allotted for vendors and displays. Additionally, a series of audience events is being added - including a "yacht & whimsical photo concession," model boat kits for kids, a "mystery fishing" booth, boatwright and rigging demonstrations and more AMSS merchandise and goodies. Call GREGG and offer you help with the decorations and running the activities. Last year, the festival generated over \$3,000 profit. With your increased help, we can double that.

Ongoing **WOODEN BOAT DATABASE** Chairman of the AMSS Wooden Boat Inventory database - BILL BUELL, has developed a completely new database. It is very powerful and can produce an incredible variety of information on wooden yachts - not only in AMSS but others as well on the West Coast. It may even go on the internet. You can help by (1) making sure you provide BILL with a current information form on your yacht, (2) update any pertinent new information as it occurs, (3) scan various yachting materials you come across and report any appropriate "wooden boat" information to BILL.

Added to all this, are some **CRUISING** plans being considered and expansion of the society into the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. The prospects are encouraging that we may evolve into the best traditional yacht network anywhere - or, at least on the West Coast. Not bad for nonprofit organization -- and all this in addition to maintaining and sailing classic wooden yachts. Hmmm! It must have an outstanding body of enthusiastic and resourceful members!

GPW



## **K-38 "TATALINA" GOES FOR \$11.00 AT AUCTION**

Everyone likes a bargain, but buying a classic Kettenburg yacht for \$11.00 is a bit much! Yet that is what happened last month at the L.A. Sheriff's Impound Dock at Marina Del Rey. Since this is getting to be an increasing occurrence these days with wooden boats that are in poor condition, the story is worth reporting.

Last Summer, JACK DENTZ and GEORGE WHEELER drove up to Marina Del Rey to inspect K-38 - Hull No. #17 (ex TATALINA). The Sheriff's Department had set a minimum bid of \$4,000.00 on her but no one seemed interested. JACK and GEORGE suggested that a much lower bid was required if even serious buyers were to respond since major work was needed if it was to be saved. The Deputy on duty, indicated they would think about it. They did state that they were tired of having to rescue it from indigent owners. She was stripped but reportedly the last owner was nearby and was believed to have a lot of her gear. There was some dry-rot but the hull still has fairly good form. She didn't seem to be beyond repair.

Good AMSS friend in San Pedro - JOHN FREE, who owns PEGGY SLATER'S famous K-38 "VALENTINE", Hull No. 22, called a little over a week ago and reported the sale of \$11.00 to Commodore WHEELER. The minimum bid was \$1.00. TATALINA'S new owner is PATRICK GUZMAN. He was quoted as saying - "By the grace of God, we ended up with her and now we're going to fix her up" He also explained that he and a friend planned on putting the 44-year old lady in dry dock as soon as possible for long overdue repairs.

TATALINA was launched by and for famous yachtsman - J. HARVEY CHAMBERS at the Kettenburg Boat Works in San Diego on August 9, 1952. JACK himself owned her over twenty years ago. Those who remember her glorious early days were saddened to hear of her troubles. Still, they're glad she's still afloat and wish PATRICK all possible success. We look forward to the prospect of her re-launching and will cheer when another fine classic yacht from the elements and human neglect.

## **1997 AMSS MERCHANDISE IS NOW AVAILABLE !**

Port Captain - WALLE KRALS has in hand the first shipment of AMSS gear for 1997. It can be purchased at our meetings. It includes a fine wind-breaker for the YESTERYEAR REGATTA (\$20) and a stylish "T" shirt (\$10) for the WOODEN BOAT SHOW.

# BONITA

Dear Deb,

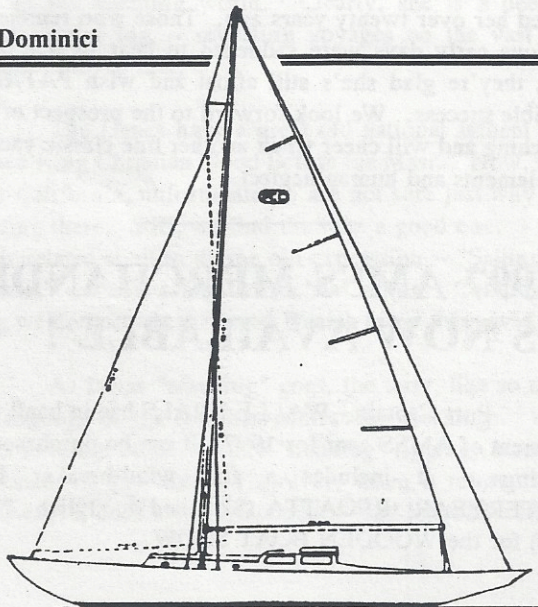
I'm glad you're enjoying your PCC. I enjoyed mine so much I wrote a book about it. When I found BONITA in San Diego, she was the only PCC with a wheel. It seems the owner took "sisters" out for rides, and it gave them some better sitting room. Anyhow, as I bought it for myself, for my 50th Birthday Present to myself, it allowed me to handle it better - and for longer periods of time.

I raced her almost every weekend for 20 years except when I took her on longer races, which were many. I hope you enjoy COMANCHE as much.

GOLDIE

In June of 1994, after sending out the letters announcing the Kettenburg Regatta held in combination with the PCC Nationals (3rd year) in San Diego, I received a package from Goldie Joseph. Goldie and her PCC BONITA set the Ancient Mariner record for the Newport to Ensenada Race in 1982 and 1983 (21:20:10) and was only broken two years ago in 1995 by SALLY. The note above accompanied Goldie's PCC Cookbook which were both included in the package she sent me. I cherish the note and cookbook today. Goldie Joseph passed away a year ago on the Friday, April 26th, the start of one of the slowest Ensenada Races in history. BONITA is no longer, a segment of her bow and her hardware now sit at Minney's Chandlery in Newport. BONITA's spar stands in front of West Marine in Newport. I had tried to find BONITA a home after Goldie's death but the perspective new owner was turned away by Goldie's grandson. At that time, I learn that someone in Dana Point adopted her. I never received another phone call from the family although Jim Keitges told me Richard Chamberlain mentioned that BONITA needed a new owner several months ago. In retrospect I guess I could have done more by calling the family again. However, what is done is done. I thought the note was appropriate to honor both BONITA and Goldie Joseph's memory.

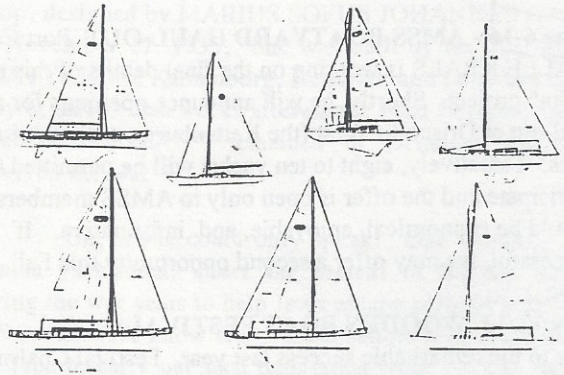
Deb Dominici



ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY

is proud to announce the

## 1997 KETTENBURG REGATTA



All KETTENBURG Yacht owners, collectors, historians, former employees, admirers and sailors are cordially invited to attend this glorious regatta. Please register, obtain your race packet and other details by contacting the following fleet captain for your appropriate category of Kettenburg boat.

PC's	Jack Sulphren	(619) 222-2814	K 40's	Jack Fremster	(619) 755-4724
K 41's	Paul Whitehead	(619) 224-6414	PC C's	Deb Dominici	(619) 688-6961
K 38's	George Wheeler	(619) 271-8629	K 50's	Gary Petty	(619) 465-2011
K 43's	Donna Davidson	(619) 224-6032	CHAIR	John Craig	(619) 226-6437

★ RACES ★ TROPHIES ★ RECEPTION ★ PLAQUES ★  
San Diego, CA - Saturday, April 5 (Noon)-Sunday, April 6 (10:00)

PC PCC K-38 K-40 K-41 K-43 K-50

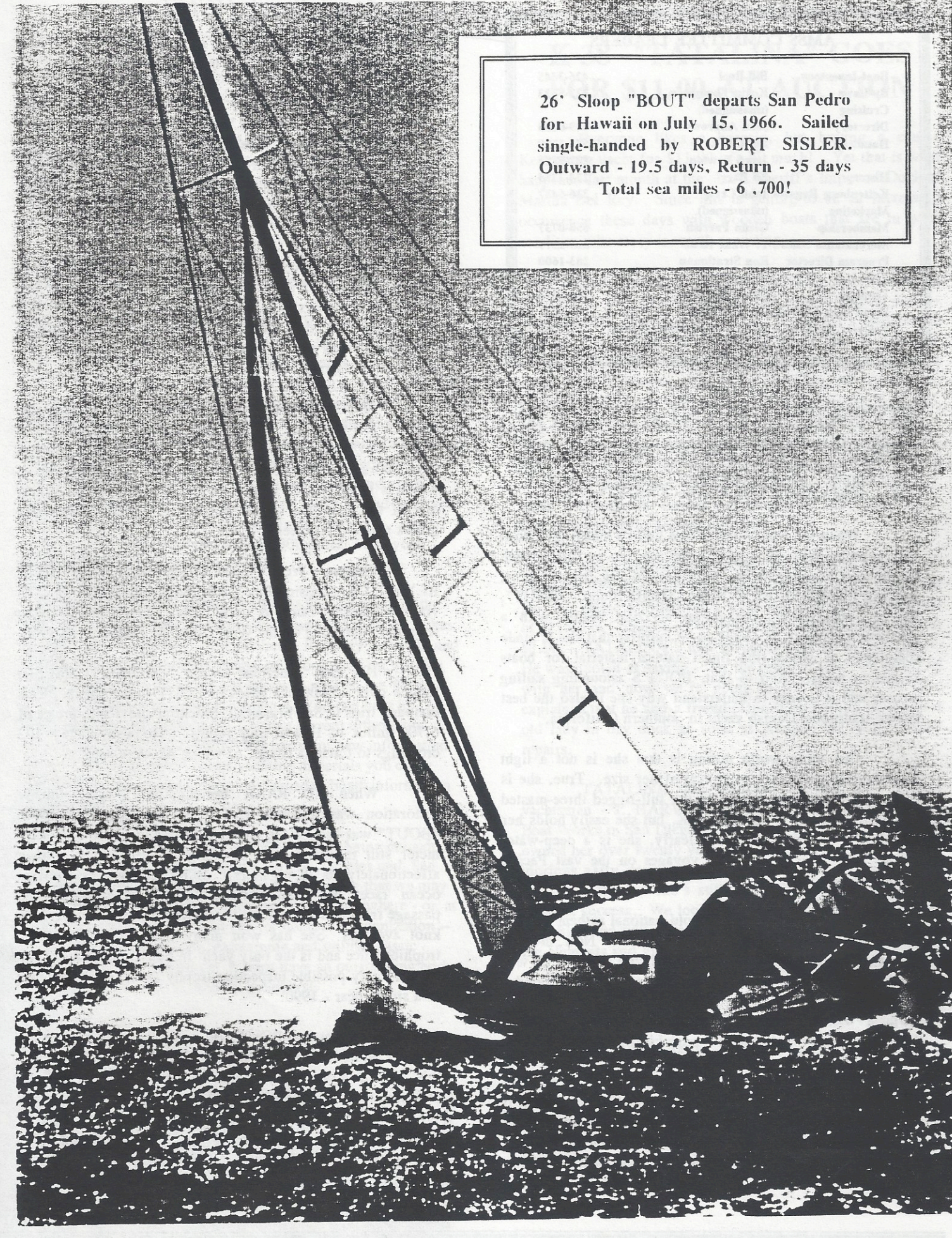
## OLD SEA COOKS WANTED!

Break out the cooking gear! Light off the galley range! The Ancient Mariners are planning to demonstrate the fine art of cooking at sea! Word has it that the most famous sea cook of all time - SIR CHARLES NOBLE, ESQ. may join us.

"Wait just a minute!" -- says the TV-indoctrinated gourmet, - "How can you sailors cook anything at sea worth eating?-- it's impossible without a large freezer, market-fresh produce, refrigeration and a proper kitchen with lots of appliances!" No, it's not and we're going to prove it with some lip-smacking samples shortly.

However, first we need to hear from the cooks in our fleet! All Ancient Mariner cooks are heartily invited to submit favorite recipes, galley secrets or participate in this jolly cook-off. Who knows, some members may even wish them printed in THE ALBATROSS.

Categories include the following: (1) a recommended list of proper galley gear, (2) another list of grub that can be prepared ashore and then stored at sea for long periods without refrigeration. (3) delicious recipes of main dishes and desserts that can be easily made at sea and (4) hints on how to catch and cook seafood. If you have an interest in this tasty project, feel free to contact Commodore WHEELER at (619) 271-8629.



26' Sloop "BOUT" departs San Pedro  
for Hawaii on July 15, 1966. Sailed  
single-handed by ROBERT SISLER.  
Outward - 19.5 days, Return - 35 days  
Total sea miles - 6,700!

"Albatross" - April, 1997

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Yestyear Regatta	Rod Latimer/Diana Watson	287-9066

applies to "BOUT" and when she is under a full press of sail, "standing" out to sea, the sight is magnificent!

As to her history -- "BOUT" is a 38 square meter sloop, designed by MARIUS SOFUS JOHANNES HANSEN on November 17, 1935. She was built by the THOMASEN BOATYARD in Kalundborg, Denmark and launched there on May 6, 1940. Just weeks after ~~the war~~, Nazi Germany captured Denmark. "BOUT" remained in Denmark and luckily survived the war.

Oh, if she could only speak! One wonders if wily Danish yachtsmen, under the pretext of fishing, used her during the war years to help Jews escape across the North Sea to Sweden. We know that Danish sailors used small boats of her type to carry out such dangerous work -- right under the noses of the German authorities.

### ED BARR'S DANISH SLOOP "BOUT" KNOWN AS BEST 38 SQ. METER AFLOAT!

When the Danes design and build a yacht, they do it with exacting skill. For proof, one need go no further than the Ancient Mariner Fleet - right here in San Diego. In it, you will find ED BARR'S 26-foot Danish Sloop - "BOUT". By any comparison, she is an amazing beauty with a fascinating history. It comes as no surprise that she is made completely of wood (the finest natural material for boats known to man). Add to that, BOUT'S astounding sailing record, and it is easy to understand why she is also the best known traditional Danish yacht in Southern California.

"BOUT'S" construction is impressive. Although only 26 feet in length, she has the scantlings of a 50' ocean yacht. She is also distinctive with her 45' mast. She carries over 600 square feet of sail and displaced 12,000 pounds -- which is 1,000 pounds more than that of a K-38. She is also one of the very few vessels planked in Larch, which only grows above 5,000 feet.

One thing worth noting is that she is not a light displacement sailboat -- so typical of her size. True, she is not as big or as magnificent as the full-rigged three-masted Danish training ship - DANMARK, but she easily holds her own in the yachting world. Clearly, she is a deep-water cruiser. Her log -- revealing voyages on the vast Pacific Ocean -- proves that.

~~Ed~~ West Coast yachtsman - MILTON REYNOLDS (Mission Bay Yacht Sales) imported "BOUT" via the Panama Canal as deck cargo aboard an American freighter -- arriving on the West Coast on December 1960.

Her first American owner - ROBERT SISLER, logged over 15,000 sea miles in BOUT in ten years. This included trips to San Francisco, Stockton and a solo cruise of 6,700 miles to Hawaii and return. He also made 102 crossings to Catalina Island, of which 62 were solo.

The Danes have a great old national anthem entitled "When King Christian Stood Before the Mast." Now, most of us in California, unfortunately, are not sure just why he was standing there. Still, we find the tune a good one. I wonder if it is related at all to do the old expression -- "Sailing before the mast" -- which refers to "foc'sle" sailors. Could be. One thing we do know is that most Danish kings were avid sailors.

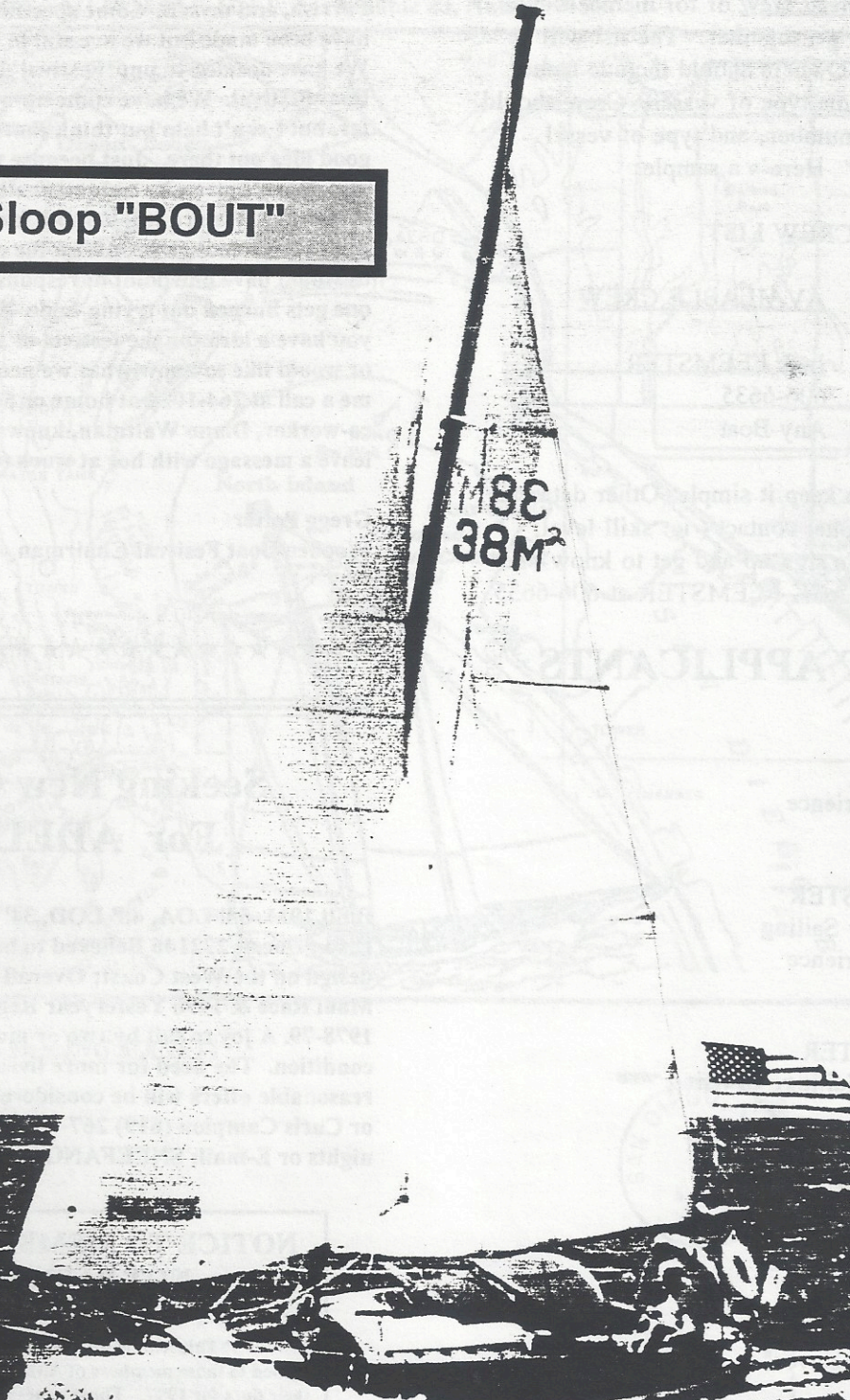
When ED BARR became her owner, intense restoration was undertaken. After completion in 1990, "BOUT" was judged the world's best-conditioned 38-square meter still in existence. In Europe, this class is known affectionately as "Spidgatters." BOUT'S speed as a pocket ocean racer was demonstrated during her single-handed passage from San Pedro to Hilo, Hawaii in 19 days (over a 5-knot average) She has won many racing and boat show trophies since and is the only yacht in San Diego Yacht Club <sup>history</sup> to win every possible inspection trophy (four) for excellence in a single year - 1990.

As far as "standing" goes, the term, like so many in the language of the sea, has contrasting meanings. When it refers to things on deck (like "standing" rigging), it means no movement of any kind. However, when it refers to ships underway, it does mean movement -- and lots of it. The latter

Ed states that BOUT will again be on display at the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society's 1997 Wooden Boat Show this July at Kona Kai Marina. Those attending will be welcome to go aboard and again enjoy this wooden classic. We know what they'll say -- that "not many are made as beautiful as she is any more" -- and <sup>None like her</sup> ~~may~~ never come this way again."

Source: ED BARR  
Historian-Archivist  
AMSS

**26' Sloop "BOUT"**



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## CREW LIST FORMED!!

At a recent meeting, the Board of Directors decided that a CREW LIST be maintained in the ALBATROSS. This will provide an avenue for members who either need crew or for members who would like to crew to get together. The list will be updated periodically. Owners should include name, phone number and name/type of vessel. Crew should include name, phone number, and type of vessel desired, or "any boat" Here's a sample:

### CREW LIST

<u>NEEDS CREW</u>	<u>AVAILABLE CREW</u>
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Jack FEEMSTER 606-6635 MALOBI/K-40	Jack FEEMSTER 606-6635 Any Boat
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The attempt will be to keep it simple. Other data can be exchanged by personal contact (ie: skill level, experience, etc.) Let's sign up and get to know one another better! Call JACK FEEMSTER at 606-6635.

## CREW LIST APPLICANTS

1. ED BARR  
Racing  
30 years experience  
224-7255
2. JACK FEEMSTER  
Racing & Day Sailing  
25 years experience  
606-6635
3. GREGG POTTER  
Racing, Day Sailing, Cruising  
264-1024
4. RON STRATHMAN  
Racine  
25 Years experience  
283-1600
5. T. WALLE KRALS  
Racing or "Whatever"  
523-2377
6. WANDA FAUST  
Racing or "Whatever"  
523-2377

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## WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

The 1997 Wooden boat festival is only 5 months away and we have a lot to do. To date the committee consist of Bill and Colleen Buel, Jack Femester, Jack Dentz, Glen Parrish, and myself. Some specific area of responsibility have been made but we are still in the up front idea stages. We have decided to put 'Festival' back in the Wooden Boat Festival. We have come up with some good ideas so far, but I can't help but think that there are a lot more good idea out there. Just because you come up with an idea doesn't mean we automatically draft you into the committee. We are still looking for volunteers. I would like to have enough people on the committee that each of us would have one point of responsibility. That way no one gets burned out trying to do 4956 things at once. If you have a idea for the festival or would like to volunteer, or would like to know what we need volunteers to do, give me a call at 264-1024 at home or 545-4918 at work. My co-worker, Diane Waltman, knows what's going on so leave a message with her at work (we share a phone).

Gregg Potter  
Wooden Boat Festival Chairman

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