

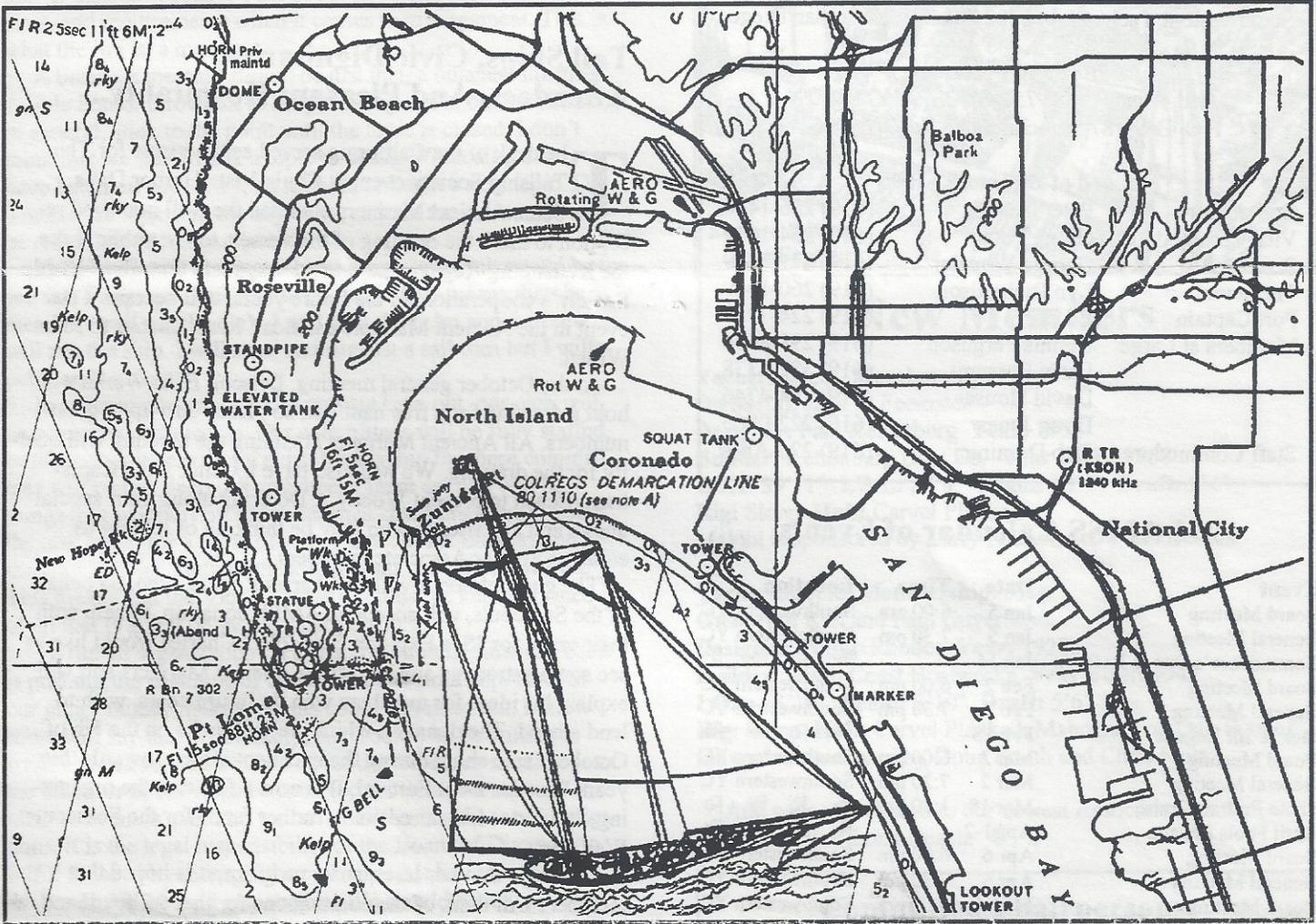
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## 1995 AMSS Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Board Meeting	Jan 5	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jan 5	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Commodore's Cup & Raft-Up	Jan 14		R R R R
Board Meeting	Feb 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Feb 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Jack & Jill Regatta	Feb 18		R R R R
Board Meeting	Mar 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Mar 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Photo Portrait Cruise	Mar 18	1:00 pm	R R R R
April Fools Regatta	Apr 1-2		R R R R
Board Meeting	Apr 6	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Apr 6	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Board Meeting	May 4	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	May 4	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Wooden Boat Festival	May 6-7	9:30 am	R R R R
Yesteryear Regatta	May 27	11:00 am	R R R R
Board Meeting	Jun 1	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jun 1	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Kettenburg Regatta	Jun 24	1:00 pm	R R R R
Board Meeting	Jul 6	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jul 6	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Commodore's Ball	Aug 3	6:00 pm	R R R R
General Mtg. & Picnic	Aug 3	6:00 pm	R R R R
Gorilla Rock Cruise	Aug 5-6	12:00 pm	R R R R
Labor Day Cruise	Sep 2-3	11:00 pm	R R R R
Board Meeting	Sep 7	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Sep 7	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Board Meeting	Oct 4	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Oct 5	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Petticoat Race	Oct 21	1:00 pm	Buoy #17
Ironman Race	Oct 22	1:00 pm	Buoy #3 and #4
Board Meeting	Nov 1	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting (nominations)	Nov 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 2	11:30 am	By Fiddlers Cove
General Meeting (elections)	Dec 7	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
New Year's Raft-up	Dec 31	4:00 pm	La Playa Cove

# From the Helm

## Tall Ships, Civic Dignitaries, Attendees, And Pleasant Hospitality...

The deck of the California served as the venue for The Tallship Society event at Chula Vista Harbor Days. Some Ancient Mariners attended the well managed reception to mark the opening of the vessels to the public. Like the Kettenburg Regatta and revival it appears that The Tallship Society's cooperation, in the future years, will become a star event in the Ancient Mariners calendar. Many thanks to John Willett.

At the October general meeting, Driscoll Boat Works will hold a drawing for a free haul out, so please turn up in great numbers. All Ancient Mariners attending the meeting will qualify for the drawing. We will also have a visitor from Capistrano Beach to present Woody's. Do bring along your special guests and any friends who may be thinking of joining us either as Flag or Associate members.

The guest of honor will be Charles Rogers, who, on behalf of the Seascouts, will accept an AMSS donation, to help with their cause for "Sea Explorer Ship 294." Charles would like to see some patronage and help from Ancient Mariners and will explain his ideas for members who, in future years, wish to lend a hand. The donation which we will make on the 5th of October came about during the excellent efforts towards this years Wooden Boat Festival. It is now a fact that the organizing committee has raised some further funds for the Seascouts. Well done.

As we go into our last quarter program, it is hoped that members will think of the nominations for the '96 board and remember that these will be announced at the November 2nd meeting for a subsequent secret ballot before the elections on Dec, 7th. Good luck to all who will be in the policy making group and good sailing and a great Rum Race on December 2nd. Anchors a weigh.

*Regards to you all,  
Peter J. Benton,  
Commodore '95*

 **October Meeting**  
Thursday the 5th at 7:30 pm.

**Presentation and Drawing  
For FREE Haul Out  
At Driscoll Boat Works West**

## From the Vice Commodore

This year has certainly gone by fast. Here we are, looking at yet another election in the near future. As you all know, I am relatively new to the club. I come with some management skills that I've picked up and I come with some personal likes and dislikes. What I'm lacking is "corporate memory," that's where the board of directors comes in.

I will accept the nomination for Commodore if offered. I say "if offered" because I am about to outline my beliefs, desires, and requirements when it comes to management. That is what the job is, a manager.

A business meeting should be just that, a business meeting. A little humor thrown in to keep it going is Ok, but we should, in general, stick to the point until the topic is closed. I don't think that we should talk a topic to death. When all parties have had their say, call for a motion, or begin a new topic. Determine the topic and the objective, stay on the point and don't be redundant redundant (sic.).

I believe that as Commodore (manager), my job would be to see that things get done, not to do them. That means that the members will run the club. I will man the helm and the crew will run the ship. I will steer and suggest a sail trim but I will not man the sheets.

In order to prevent or try to prevent burn out, our club will be organized for success. Our committees will be fully staffed, or that committee will not exist. Leadership for these committees will be two deep. As volunteers, there are and will be things that will prevent the committee chairperson from doing the task either for a short period of time, or for the duration of the appointment. Both of these situations should be covered. This means that the Vice Chairperson must be kept informed of all that is going on by the Chairperson.

To run an organization on a "hand to mouth" financial basis, is pushing the envelope of conscientious leadership. Both of our major money making events could be rained out. I know some will say that is not likely, but would you be willing to write a check for \$5000.00 to cover our expenses should one or the other, or both events be canceled for whatever reason? If, after an event is over and we have outstanding financial obligations, it is the legal responsibility of the Board of Directors to fulfill those obligations. If the club does not have the money, the board will be held responsible. We should have two years operating capital in the bank before we make a sizable donation to anyone. I think a sizable donation is more than \$100.00

The club roster will be published by the end of February. This means that dues will have to be paid by sometime in the middle of February. I would like to see a temporary Membership/Roster Committee formed specifically for this task. I also have some ideas about events and other fun things too.

I realize, of course, that the board of directors has the final decision as to the course of the club. If the general membership disagrees with anything that I have said in this writing, then I should not be nominated for Commodore.

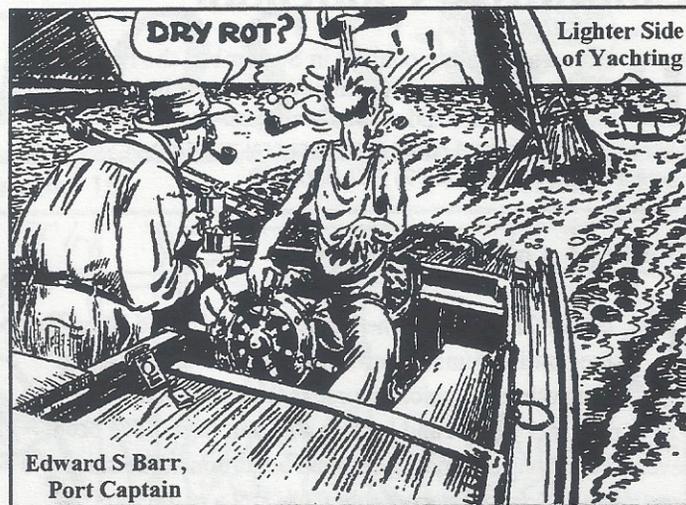
I want you all to think and talk about what I have said and what you think I should of said. I will consider any and all ideas and suggestions. This is your club and you should take the election of your leaders seriously.

If I am not nominated for the position, I will certainly still be active in the club, I just won't be under as much stress.

At Your Service,  
Gregg Potter  
Vice Commodore '95



## PORT SIDE



Edward S Barr,  
Port Captain

## New Members

**Yacht:** Malobi **Membership:** Flag

**Owner(s):** Jack L. Feemster

**Designer:** Paul Kettenburg **Year:** 1958

**Builder:** Kettenburg Boat Co. **Year Built:** 1960

**LOA:** 39'11" **LWL:** 27'4" **Beam:** 10'4" **Draft:** 5'4"

**Rig:** Sloop **Hull:** Carvel Planked

Malobi is sponsored by Larry Fossum and Peter Benton.

**Yacht:** Intrepid **Membership:** Flag

**Owner(s):** Ken and Pam Guyer

**Designer:** Phillip Rhodes **Year:** 1920s

**Builder:** South Coast Boatworks **Year Built:** 1947

**LOA:** 33'10" **Beam:** 6'10" **Draft:** 5'6"

**Rig:** Sloop **Hull:** Carvel Planked, Mahogany on Oak Frames

Intrepid is sponsored by Doug Smith and Chris Frost.

And welcome aboard to our newest Associate Member,  
John Hussey of Long Beach. ❁

## Committee Chairpersons

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Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 6:00 pm., just prior to the general meeting.

## Note From The Race Committee Chairman

Due to a scheduling conflict in September, the Petticoat Regatta and Ironman Race have been rescheduled to October 21st and 22nd respectively (see details below). There will be a signup sheet at the general meeting or you can contact Doug Jones at (619) 222-0865. ❁

## Petticoat Regatta

October 21, 1995 — The Petticoat is a short (6-8nm) Bay race pitting female crews with wooden boats against each other. A typical course is to start at buoy #17, take #15 to port, #21 to port and back to #17, but there have been several variations depending on wind conditions. The skipper's meeting is at Southwestern Yacht Club at 9 a.m. on race day. After the race there is a raft-up at La Playa Cove.

The whole point of the Petticoat Regatta is to develop the sailing confidence of our female members in an environment free from male interference. Men are allowed aboard provided they stay below, do not speak, and cook, clean, and produce stiff drinks on demand. For more information contact: Doug Jones, Race Committee Chairman, (619) 222-0865. ❁

## Ironman Race

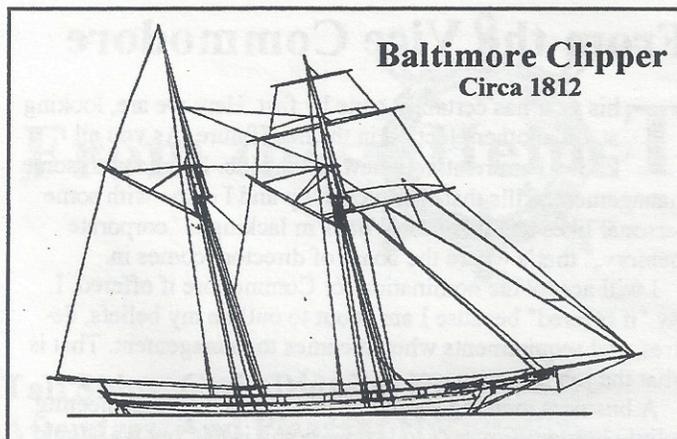
October 22, 1995 — This race challenges your solo sailing skills. While the race rules call for each skipper to also be his/her own crew, it is recommended that an observer be aboard to spot traffic, open beverage containers, prepare meals, and provide that all important helping hand if things begin to go awry. The skippers meeting is held the same place and time as the Petticoat Regatta's (Saturday 0900 at SWYC).

The race is generally a 6-7 mile course starting between buoys #3 and #4, rounding the entry buoy #1 to port and returning to 3/4. For more information contact: Doug Jones, Race Committee Chairman, (619) 222-0865. ❁

## Lucky Ancient Mariner To Win Free Haul Out At Thursday's General Meeting

Mike Benedict from Driscoll Boat Works will discuss the current status of their Driscoll West facility (formerly Kettenburg). He'll also discuss how Driscoll is able to accommodate wood boat do-it-yourself owners and "fix-it" projects.

Driscoll Boat Works is providing a free haul out, when part of a regular bottom paint package, as a door prize for the October 5th meeting. ❁



## AMSS CLASSIFIEDS

### — FREE Classified Ads —

Classified ads are FREE to all AMSS Members. Contact David Nelson by the 20th at 756-6673 with your ad copy to get your classified ad in the next issue. It's that easy!

### — 10' LOA Dingy For Sale —

Fiberglass 10 foot LOA dingy for sale. Good condition. Includes oars. \$300 - Call Dave at (619) 756-6673.

### — Folk Boat For Sale —

25' LOA, 7' Beam, Sloop *Yadin* built in Sweden in 1961, Mahogany lapstrake on Oak Frames. Six Sails, two anchors etc. Looks Good! Attracts attention on the Bay. Must see. Asking \$4,000. Call David at (619) 574-1040.

### — Wanted, Small Outboard Motor —

Looking for small "long-shaft" (20 inch or greater) outboard motor. Prefer 10 hp. or greater but will consider smaller. Call Dave at (619) 756-6673.

### — Famous Race Winner For Sale —

12' LOA Gaff Sloop, *Dingus*. Great condition, complete with galvanized trailer. \$2,500 - Call Chris (619) 224-2733.

### — Spacious Gracious Lady For Sale —

Classic 1959 Angleman Gaff Ketch, "Sea Witch," many time winner of the Yesteryear Regatta. 35 LOD, 48' overall, 13' beam, built in L.A. Refurbished in 1986 with NEW Masts, Sails, Yanmar 44 hp. engine, and large stainless fuel and water tanks. Hull refastened in 1994. Many innovative features including new light and airy interior design, storage galore, and larger forward stateroom.

All cruising electronics, Autohelm below-deck autopilot, Furuno digital radar, GPS, speedlog, impulse depth sounder, VHF and generator. Modern galley includes microwave, refrigerator, 4 burner stove, oven and broiler. Hot and cold pressurized water. Other modern amenities include a 13" 12 volt TV and VCR. She is built for cruising, comfort, safety and convenience and makes a great live-aboard. *Sea Witch* also has a newly rebuilt 9' fiberglass sailing dingy on davits called *The Sandwich*. Asking \$72,500. Call Jack at 543-0442.

### — Classic Lines Has Moved —

Classic Lines, Wooden Boat Chandler and Services, has moved from Koehler Boatyard to: 1227 Scott Street, San Diego. Come by and enjoy browsing through traditional books and merchandise. Let us quote your next boat project. Call us at (619) 226-1484