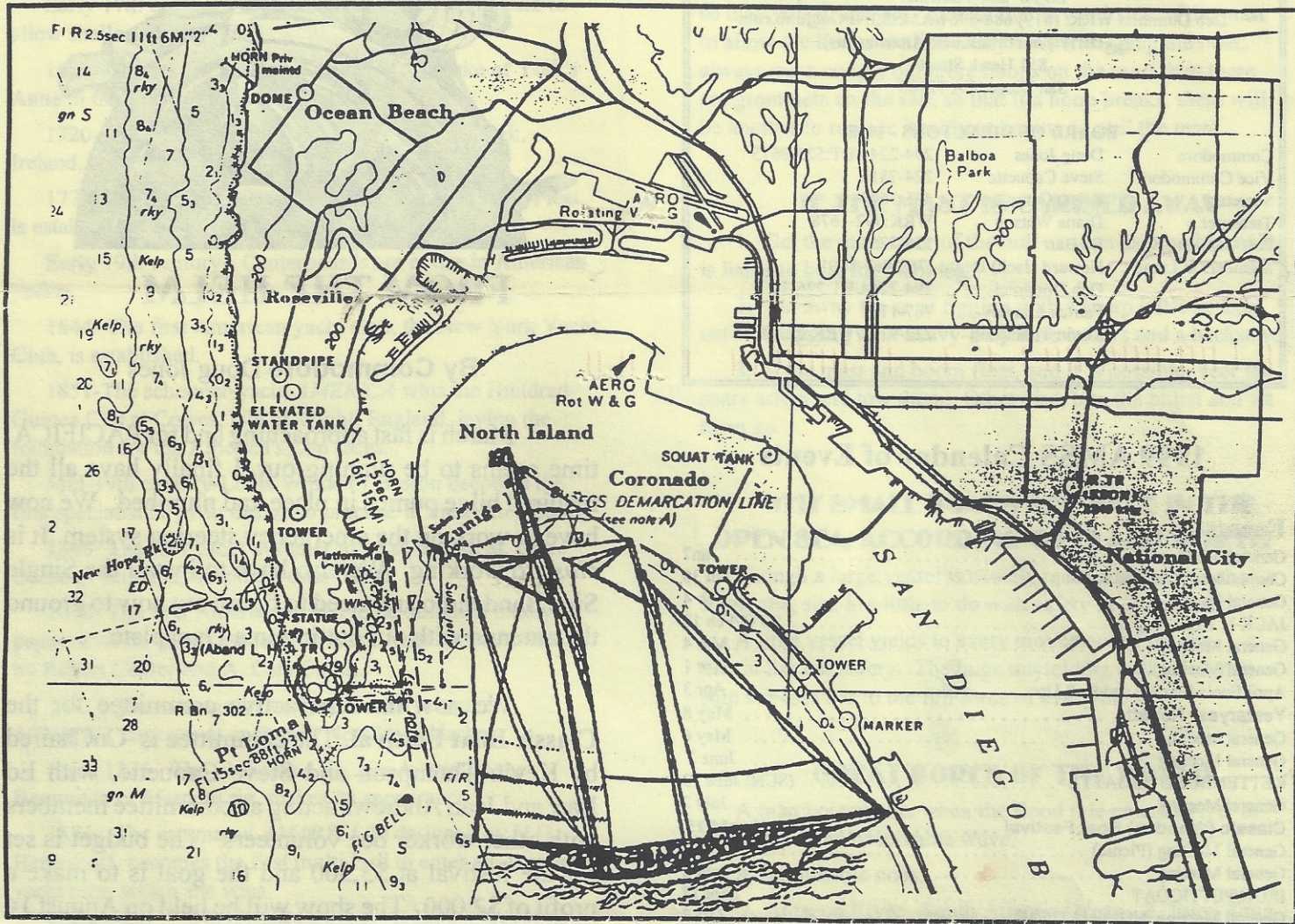


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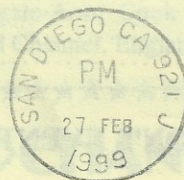
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**FROM THE HELM**

By Commodore Doug Jones

**1999 AMSS Calendar of Events**

**Events**

General Meeting	Jan 7
Commodores Cup and Raft-up	Jan 30
General Meeting	Feb 4
JACK N JILL	♥♥♥♥Feb 13
General Meeting	Mar 4
General Meeting	Apr 1
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 3
<b>Yesteryear Regatta</b>	<b>May 8</b>
General Meeting	May 6
General Meeting	June 3
KETTENBURG REGATTA	(SUN) June 13
General Meeting	July 2
<b>Classic (Wooden) Boat Festival</b>	<b>Aug 14/15</b>
General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 5
General Meeting	Sept 2
IRON/PETTICOAT	Sept 18
General Meeting NOMINATIONS	Oct 7
General Meeting	Nov 4
Commodore's Ball	Nov 13
General Meeting (ELECTIONS)	Dec 2
Half Pint of Rum Race	Dec 4
New Years' Eve Raft Up - La Playa	Dec 31

**OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS**

American Schooner Cup	March 20/21
Wild Goose Chase, San Pedro to Newport (W.H.Y.C.)	TBA
Heritage Regatta- Show (Newport Hb. Nautical Museum)	Apr 18
Newport - Ensenada Race	Apr 23
LUDEBS INTERNATIONALS	May 15
Master Mariner's Race	May 22
Eric Erickson Oil Island Race, Long Beach (W.H.Y.C.)	May 29
McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)	Aug 7
Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)	Aug 20-22
Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race	TBA
W.H.Y.C. vs AMSS	TBA
S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race	Oct 1

March is fast approaching and for PACIFICA, time seems to be running out. I finally have all the required bilge pumps in place and plumbed. We now have to work on the emergency steering system. It is *close* to working. We also have to install the Single Side Band radio and need to figure out how to ground the antenna with out putting in a Dynaplate.

We now have an active committee for the **Classic Boat Festival**. The committee is CoChaired by Kevin Thompson and Steve Caouette, with Ed Barr and Jean Andrews acting as committee members with other worker bee volunteers. The budget is set for the festival at \$3,500 and the goal is to make a profit of \$2,000. The show will be held on August 14 and 15. The show will be basically the same as last year with more emphasis on promotion and advertising. The committee is off to a late start but hopefully it will be a good show.

As of February 4, 1999, the AMSS By-Laws have been amended. We established a quorum, 21 flag members present with 20 required, the vote was 19 to 2 in favor, a two-thirds vote was required (14). I was truly amazed that there was no discussion, everyone just voted. The amended By-Laws will be printed out in the next Club Roster. There will be copies available at the next general meeting for those who want updated version.

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## HISTORY'S CORNER PART II:

BY Edward S. Barr

### MILESTONES OF YACHTING

Early 17th century- The Dutch adopt *jaghts* for pleasure sailing.

Early 17th century- Leeboards are in use in Holland to allow shallow-draft *jaghts*.

1661- Charles II's Catherine engages the Duke of York's Anne in the first recorded yacht race.

1720-The first yacht club, the Water Club of Cork, Ireland, is established.

1775-The first English yacht club, the Cumberland Fleet, is established.

Early 19th century- Centerboards are in use in American yachts.

1844- The first American yacht club, the New York Yacht Club, is established.

1851-The schooner-yacht *AMERICA* wins the Hundred-Guinea Cup at Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, laying the foundation for the America's Cup races.

Mid-19th century-Louis Winde of Boston becomes the first specialist in yacht design to practice in the United States.

1868- The first yacht designer to be so called, St. Clare Byrne of England, becomes established.

1870- The first American yacht to be designed totally on paper, with no use of models, is the 63-foot cutter *VINDEX*, by Robert Center and A. Cary Smith.

1873- The extreme-beam centerboard schooner *MOHAWK* capsizes at anchor in New York Harbor.

Circa 1875- The jib-headed rig, also known as the Bermudan or Marconi rig, makes its appearance.

1876- The catamaran *AMARYLLIS*, designed by N.G. Herreshoff, becomes the first multi-hull to enter an American yacht race, which she wins.

Circa 1880- External ballast begins to gain acceptance.

1891- Nathanael Herreshoff designs and builds the cutter *GLORIANA*, the revolutionary prototype of the modern yacht.

1925- The first Fastnet Race, from the Isle Of Wight, England, to Fastnet Rock off Ireland, and back, gets underway.

1927- The extra-large foresail is first seen at an international racing regatta in Genoa, Italy, hence the name "genoa" for a head sail.

1983- Australia II of the Royal Perth Yacht Club wins the America's Cup, thus breaking the longest winning streak in sports history.

### THE THREE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF PHYSICAL INJURY ON DECK ON A SAILBOAT

- 1) A jibing main boom, 2) A mainsheet underfoot, and 3) A block on the clue of the jib.

### THE ELEMENTS OF MAST HOOPS

Make them of large diameter in comparison to the mast so they will fit loosely. Grease the forward side of the mast to allow the hoops to slide easily. When rigging the boat, always put a couple out more hoops on the mast than there are grommets on the sail, so that if a hoop breaks, there will be another to replace it without having to pull the mast.

### IF THE MAST IS CARRIED AWAY

1. Get the mast clear of the hull as soon as possible, as it is liable to hole the planking.
2. Cut away the rope rigging with a sharp knife or axe; cut wire rigging with heavy-duty wire cutters and a hacksaw.
3. If the mast and boom float, and it is possible, veer the spars astern and tow them. Otherwise, bite the bullet and let them go.

### WHY SMALL BOATS ARE SAFE IN THE OPEN SEA, ACCORDING TO CLAUD WORTH

Though a large vessel is usually more comfortable than a small one, size has little to do with safety in open water.

A little vessel yields to every movement of the sea- herein lies her safety. The huge unyielding bulk of a great ship exposes her to the full force of every blow.

### GREAT BORES OF THE WORLD

A tidal bore results when the flood tide enters a river or waterway as an observable wave.

A few notable ones:

1. Amazon River, South Atlantic Ocean, 2. Tsien Tang River, China Sea, 3. Petticodiac River, Bay of Fundy, 4. Turnagain Arm, Cook Inlet, Alaska, 5. Severn River, Bristol Channel, England.

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⇨ **CHANGE OF DATE** ⇨

**FOR TWO EVENTS!**

**Yesteryear Regatta - May 8<sup>TH</sup>, SWYC**  
**Classic Boat Festival - August 14/15, 1999**  
**At Shelter Pointe Marina**  
**(Formerly the Kona Kai)**

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The Board of Directors have set the budget for the year and we now have Chairs for all the events. Things are starting to happen. We are still looking for someone to do trophies for the small races, I am doing trophies for the Yesteryear Regatta, so anyone interested, please call me.

As a final note, the Jack and Jill race was canceled because no one showed up. If there is any interest in this race being rescheduled, please let me know and we will reschedule some time in the summer. The low participation (4 to 6 boats) in club sailing events tells me that the Board needs to rethink what the focus of our sailing events is. What will bring more boats out onto the water to sail? If you have any ideas please bring them up at the next meeting.

See you in March.

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**NEXT MEETING**  
March 4, 1999  
SWYC AT 7:30 P.M.  
**ENTERTAINMENT**

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## AMSS IS ON THE WEB

[www.sdsailing.com/amss.htm](http://www.sdsailing.com/amss.htm)

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## HISTORY'S CORNER:

BY Edward S. Barr

### It happened in March-

**March 5<sup>TH</sup> 1872,** - The Clipper Ship *GREAT REPUBLIC* sank this day in an Atlantic storm. She was the longest wooden ship ever built in America.

**March 12, 1887,** - The Great Ocean Race between the yachts *CORONET* and *DAUNTLESS* got underway from New York to Queenstown, Ireland.

**March 16, 1957,** - A reproduction of the Mayflower's shallop was launched in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

**March 23, 1860,** - The clipper ship *ANDREW JACKSON* arrived in San Francisco, California, after a record passage for commercial sailing vessels of 89 days, 4 hours, from New York. ( The *FLYING CLOUD* also claimed this record, at 89 days, 8 hours, in 1854. )

**March 25, 1978,** - In the annual intercollegiate rowing race on the River Thames between Oxford and Cambridge, the Cambridge boat sank.

**March 31, 1909,** - The keel of the White Star Liner RMS *TITANIC* was laid in Belfast, Ireland

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## MARITIME MUSEUM'S EVENTS

**MORE INFORMATION at (619) 234-9153**

HM Bark *ENDEAVOUR* (Replica of Captain Cook's Ship) is looking for crew members between the Caribbean and West Coast

Ports of Call

[www.greenwichuk.com/endeavour](http://www.greenwichuk.com/endeavour)

"Two Years Before the Mast" Theater

Opens February 26-28, 1999

\$20/\$14 for MM Members

**TREASURE ISLAND**

March 19-20, 6PM

Shown on the *STAR OF INDIA*

\$10 for adults and \$8 for kids, MM members, & Seniors



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# PORT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

## *A Few Points From the Port Captain Ed Barr.*

### THESE THINGS ARE BAD LUCK AT SEA

- \* Intentionally causing harm to an albatross, or a spider, or a gull
- \* Dreaming of a ghost ship, or ghost of any kind
- \* Accidentally overturning a filled bucket
- \* Leaving a bucket overturned (any good luck in it will flow out)
- \* Losing a bucket or a knife overboard
- \* Turning a loaf of bread, or a hatch cover, or a barrel, or a pair of shoes, upside down and leaving it that way.
- \* Passing the ship's colors (flag) between the rungs of a ladder
- \* Invoking the name of the Devil, or of Davy Jones
- \* Turning a vessel counterclockwise, or " against the sun "
- \* Getting underway on a Friday (getting underway on Good Friday can be downright disastrous )
- \* Signing aboard a ship on which a sailor recently died
- \* Sighting a derelict ship or floating wreck
- \* Saying the word "egg" (a good-luck alternative is to say "hen-fruit" or "cackleberry" )
- \* Saying the word "pig" or "rabbit" (a goodluck alternative is to say "queer critter" for pig and " ground pheasant" for rabbit)
- \* Getting underway with a priest, or a pig, or a rabbit on board.
- \* Painting a hatch cover blue

### AND THESE BRING GOOD LUCK AT SEA

- \* Baking bread on Good Friday
- \* Throwing bread overboard during a storm ( it will calm the sea)
- \* Carrying a broom on board that had been used in a church
- \* Having a child on board
- \* Getting underway on Sunday
- \* Dolphins or porpoises following a vessel, especially if playing in the bow wave
- \* Throwing back the first-caught fish
- \* Stepping on board with the right foot first
- \* The sight of a mermaid
- \* The sight of a bare-breasted woman just before boarding a ship.

**SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

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