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SAN DIEGO BAY CALIFORNIA

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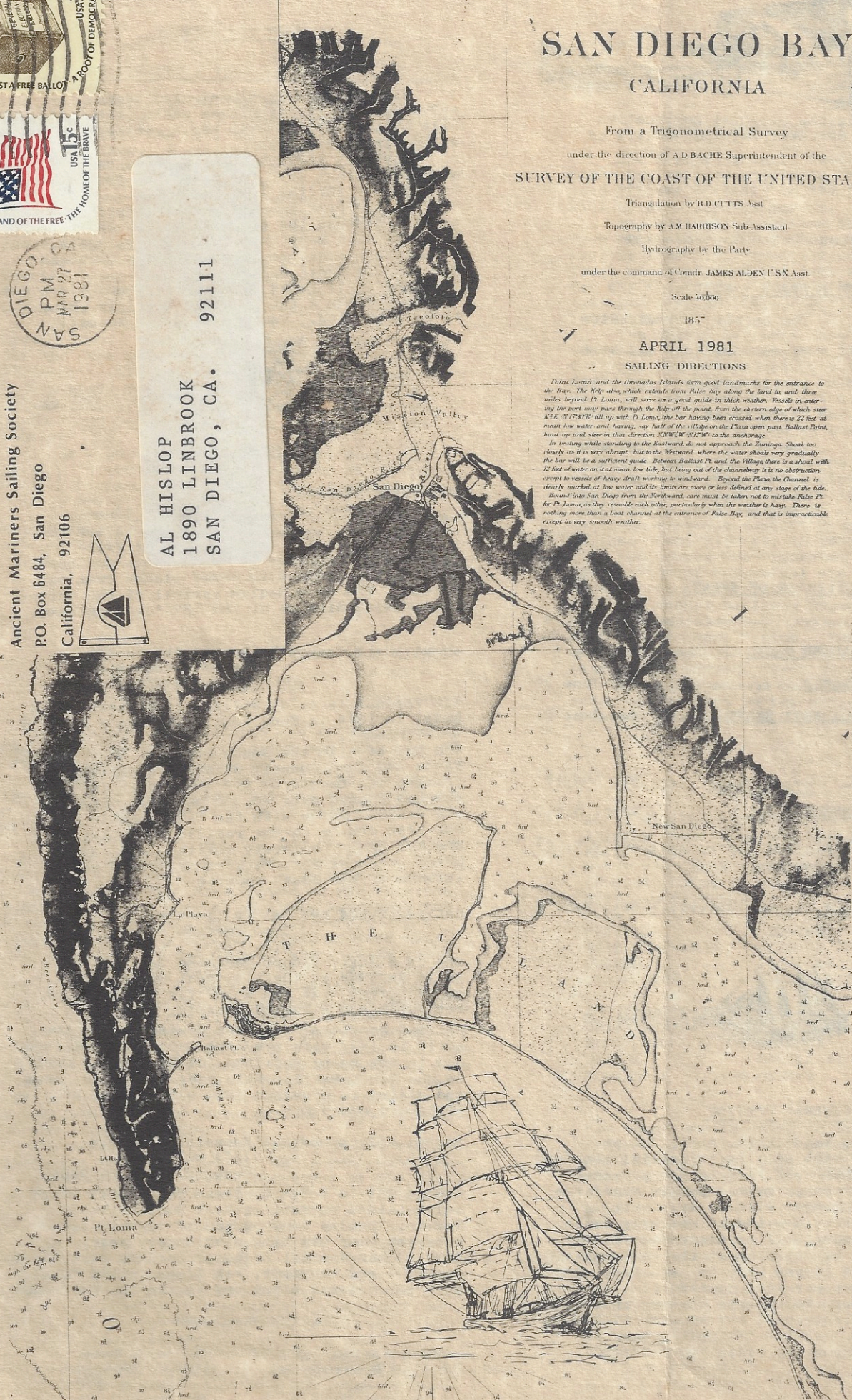
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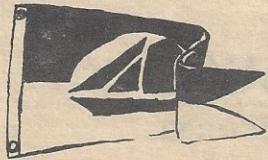
These Lomas and the Coronado Islands form good landmarks for the entrance to the Bay. The Help along which extends from Pilot Bay along the land to and three miles beyond Pt. Loma, will serve as a good guide in thick weather. Heads on entering the port may pass through the Help off the point, from the eastern edge of which steer RISE NUTTER, till up with Pt. Loma; the bar having been crossed when there is 22 feet at mean low water and having, say half of the ridge on the Pass open past Ballast Point, haul up and steer in that direction 230° or 220° to the anchorage.

In heaving to, standing to the Eastward, do not approach the Barings Shoal too closely as it is very abrupt, but to the Westward where the water shoals very gradually the bar will be a sufficient guide. Between Ballast Pt. and the Willys there is a shoal with 12 feet of water on at mean low tide, but being out of the shoalway it is no obstruction except to vessels of heavy draft, working to windward. Toward the Pass the Channel is clearly marked at low water and its limits are more or less defined at any stage of the tide.

Bound into San Diego from the Northward, care must be taken not to mistake Pt. Loma for Pt. Loma, as they resemble each other, particularly when the weather is hazy. There is nothing more than a loose channel at the entrance of False Bay, and that is impracticable except in very smooth weather.



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1981 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FOOLS' REGATTA Sat Apr. 4
- IRON MAN SINGLE-HANDED RACE..... Sat May 9
- YESTERYEAR BAY REGATTA.....Sat June 20
- AMSS SAN DIEGO-MAUI RACE START..... Sun June 21
- JULY OPEN
- PETTYCOAT REGATTA Sat Aug 15
- 3rd ANNUAL AMSS ENSENADA RACE..... Sept. 5,6,7
- GLORIETTA BAY RAFT-UP..... Sat Oct. 17
- NOVEMBER OPEN
- HALF PINT-O-RUM RACE..... Sat. Dec. 5



APRIL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting held Thurs. April 2nd at Silvergate Yacht Club will be a "Special Meeting" being devoted almost entirely to the proposed By-Law changes drawn up by the By-Law Committee. Copies of those changes will be available in advance at Sail Services and at Westerly Sails. The proposed changes will be discussed in full so that they can be voted on at the next meeting. Be sure to attend if you want to have a say in the direction that our Society takes.

There are sure to be some changes that will be viewed as controversial and we wish to have everyone's input. PLEASE ATTEND! Otherwise you won't have anyone to blame but yourself!

FROM THE HELM

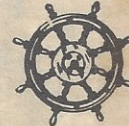
Ahhh, Spring

With visions of bikini-clad ladies, and dreams of taller mizzen masts, the stalwart sailors of the AMSS begin another season of boating activities.

Daylight savings time is soon, and the Wednesday-night beer can races. (a good time to practice for the iron man race).

At the next general meeting, April 2nd, we will discuss the proposed by-law changes, which contain many important issues. Again, I encourage everyone to voice their opinions and express their views.

The April Fools Race, April 4 and 5 (now that's a group I fit right in with) is going to be great fun. See you at Billy Bones!



Tom Belair

NEW MEMBERS

DIFFERENT STROKES

owned and built by: Dell Cover
4902 Gaylord Dr.
SD, CA. 92117

She is a 17' Charles Lawton/Gardner designed gaff rigged sloop with cedar planks over oak frames. She is a design typical of the White-hall rowing dingies of the 1880's, lapstrake.

NIGHTINGALE owned by: David Abrahamsen
6684 Coldgate Ave.
L.A. Ca 90048

NIGHTINGALE is a 34' Wells, all 1" teak ketch built in 1964 in Hong Kong. She has a Perkins 4-107 diesel.

She has been to the South Pacific, Tahiti, Fiji, Samoa, and John Guswell of Pacific Delivery brought her back from New Zealand in 1969. She has logged over 40,000 nautical miles, and she cruised along with the U.S.S. Eagle on her last cruise to the Pacific Northwest. She has been completely refitted and is now being prepared for yet another cruise to the islands of the South Pacific.

CALYPSO owned by: Deidre Lindsey
3040 Emerson St.
S.D. CA.

She is a Harry Pidgen designed 34' yawl built in 1948 at the L.A. Boat Works. She has a spruce mast and a 1 1/2" fir planking, an aft cabin and a center cockpit.

CALYPSO completed a 4 year cruise around the world in 1973 with previous owner Jim Hollywood and is now being refitted for her second cruise to the South Pacific this year. She has raced and placed in previous AMSS events when Mr. Hollywood owned her.

MAKANI KAI owned by: Kenneth K. Inouye
1473 Valota Rd.
Redwood City, CA 94061

MAKANI KAI is a 34' Angelman Sea Spirit ketch built in 1970 by Pacific East Boat Works in Taiwan. She is constructed of carvel planked mahogany over oak ribs with spruce spars. Some of her special features include mast hoops, deadeyes and lanyards, rat lines, solid teak interior and all block and tackle running rigging.

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IT'S APRIL FOOLS TIME AGAIN!

This year will be the best yet! Don't miss the fun April 4 & 5 when we race to Mission Bay and back. The Sat. race starts at 11, off Shelter Island. A skipper's meeting will be held Fri. night, April 3, from 6-8 at Westerly Sails. Refreshments will be served. At the meeting, race packets with numbers and instructions for Classic Racing and Classic Cruising Yachts will cost a \$10 entry fee which will also cover trophies.

If you can't make it to the skipper's meeting, race packets will be at Westerly from 8-5 on April 1-3. Every boat MUST have a race packet for identification by the race committee.

The 1st race ends Sat. afternoon off Mission Bay. Then we will go to Mariner's Cove for the raft up. Paul Plotts of Billy Bones Restaurant will provide a bus for us to all go to his place for no-host food and drink. If anyone wishes to join us for dinner there only, or for just one day of racing... the more the merrier!

The race back to Pt. Loma will begin at 11 Sun. Trophies will be presented at the May General Meeting. Be sure to report anything foolish going on to Sandra.

Questions, suggestions and help are welcome! Hope to see everyone out there for a great weekend and lots of fun.

FROSTBITE REGATTA

All you AMSS members with one iota of common sense, I'm here to tell you about what the rest of us did a couple of weekends back.

Remember when it rained and hailed the whole rainy season in two days? That was the first weekend I wasn't scheduled to work in weeks, and all that rain?... drizzle.

So a fleet of 7 set off for the far reaches of the known Bay, hidden behind a curtain of hailstones in a race aptly named...Frostbite Regatta.

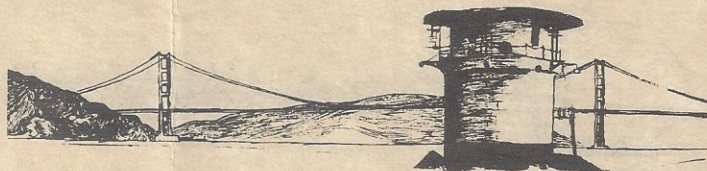
Most of our Maui crew showed up for this one, I don't know if to show us of their endurance to bad weather or to find out if they were going to be shipping out on a leaker. Trudy was the only smart one, staying home because she already found all the leaks in the last Maui Race. Bill Clark borrowed SALUDE and ended up near-drowning behind his own dog-house ports. Gene Truax, off skiing, couldn't help but grin... justice at last!

PACIFICA and MONIDAH stayed glued together through most of the race, and a good thing too! We forgot the beer! They used a beer hand-off to come around and pass us on the windward side. It was worth it... The six of us devoured the contents of the can, and were hot after MONIDAH feigning attack with the spinnaker pole.

The whole race was conducted with few mishaps despite the torrents, and all had a good time ... that is except for the poor bartender at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club, who was planning on a little shut-eye. Later, we tried the old college phone-booth routine in PACIFICA having 14 down below for dinner.

The storm lasted throughout the next day with wind from the south blasting us home in record time... Except for Tom Clemmons on VIKING who was tuning up for the Fools Regatta, running aground while straying just outside the Coronado Cays channel to be stranded alone with two beautiful women until the next high tide...shame!

The boats that raced: CYNTHIA, SALUDE, STORM-FUGLEN, WHISPER, MONIDAH, VIKING and PACIFICA How'd they finish?... I forget.



ANNUAL MARITIME DAY SET

The Master Mariners Regatta, a San Francisco Bay sailing spectacle that pegs its 120 year history directly to the great age of sail, will be held Sunday, May 24.

In addition to setting the date for this free public maritime pageant, incoming Master Mariner Benevolent Association Commodore Bob Cleek has announced the race will terminate, for the first time in its history, with a post-race party at Encinal Yacht Club on the Oakland Estuary.

The Master Mariners Race Committee is now accepting applications from interested skippers. Criteria for participation are that the well-designed, constructed and maintained classic sailing craft must be built or designed prior to the beginning of World War II--or of such design and construction as was practised before that time.

Final regatta selections will be made on an invitational basis. Closing date for applications and acceptance is April 30, 1981.

Owners and skippers of classic yachts interested should contact Robert Cleek, 19 Bolinas Road, Fairfax, CA 94930. (415)454-9040.

Applicants are requested to include a short description of the vessel and a self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

The Master Mariners Regatta commemorates National Maritime Week and pays tribute to the American Merchant Marine. The event re-enacts Bay races begun in the 1860's between crews and skippers of working cargo ships.

It is the second oldest continuous maritime competition in the U.S., led only by the prestigious America's Cup Race on the East Coast.

MAUI UPDATE

As of now there are ten boats that are officially entered in the AMSS San Diego-Maui Race, while we are awaiting applications and entry fees from numerous others that are definitely going.

OFFICIAL ENTRIES:

JADA	STEP CHILDE
PACIFICA	HELAINÉ
ROSE OF SHARON	WIZZARD OF BRISTOL
CYBELE	TAMALMAR
VIA MARIAH	SAGITTARIUS

ANTICIPATED ENTRIES:

SPIKE AFRICA	OLD GLORY
DAUNTLESS	REVENGE
DIANNE	MALOLELEI
SCRIMSHAW	and others

For those needing Airline tickets to Hawaii contact Bill Clark for group fares around \$310 round trip. Call right away! 297-2795 Also, Bill is putting together a group rate at the Pioneer Hotel for around \$30 a day double! You can't beat these prices but you must plan way ahead.

Maui Race T-shirts are in abundant supply in every size and in living color. If you can't make it to Maui this time around, you can still take part by wearing it on your back! Shirts are or will be available at:
SAIL SERVICES
WESTERLY SAILS
PACIFIC MARINE SUPPLY
CLARK CUSTOM BOATS
MARINE WHAREHOUSE

"ON THE RUM" WITH ROBERT AND RENEÉ part 3

There are 110,000 people in La Paz. That's a lot of people! We really like La Paz. Reneé got really excited about the designer clothes, the Limoges china and all the other necessities of life. Robert was happy to see Don Jose Abaroa's for all the replacement parts we needed.

The channel into La Paz is well buoyed and we feel you'd have to work at it to go aground. Just remember to stay close to the shoreline, especially near Punta Prieta. The depths run between 15-20 feet.

We prefer to anchor in front of the navy base. It is a lot quieter there and fewer boats. Anchoring in front of town is fun if you want to socialize or listen to the millions of cars roar up and down the Malecon at night.

Reneé had some real problem with the "touristas" at first. We didn't know whether it was the food, water or what. Maybe all those chilis. Lomotil, the common medicine for such problems is available over the counter in Mexico. We found it and other medicines to be about half as expensive as in the U.S. You can save yourself a lot of money by buying your anti-biotics and such in Mexico when you get there. Everything we found was made in the U.S. and clearly labeled.

La Paz is the place where the men are separated from the boys during the "La Paz Waltz". This refers to anchor drills- something you will be doing a lot of if you anchor with a single Danforth in La Paz. We want to say right now that we own 4 Danforths- it just so happens that our two bow anchors are plows and here is why; The prevailing wind direction is a light north-westerly. There is a strong current running at all times. The boat lays to the current at up to 10 knots of wind. Therefore the boat is constantly swinging 180 degrees. This will cause all that chain to do funny things to your Danforth (like trip it). The boats laying on string do a dance that is real exciting, and before you know it, your boat is on its merry way. We just pulled a 41 foot Islander off the beach on one of the year's highest tides after he had safely ridden out a week of strong blows in La Paz. When the wind died, he hung to the current and tripped, a most astounded man. You can use a Danforth- but set a second one out 180 degrees apart and bring a second rode up to the bow chain. Shackle it on and let out about 15 more feet to sink the other rode. This keeps you swinging to the wind but protects you from the current or sudden southerly that has been lurking in La Paz all winter. Or, forget all of the above and get the biggest plow that you can safely handle.

La Paz is really out of the way if you are planning on doing the mainland but the cruising grounds around La Paz should not be missed. The Sea of Cortez offers the privacy, clear warm water and sea life that so many of us are out there doing it all for. Go out of your way to La Paz. The officials are very friendly, the anchorages empty and the islands deserted.
P.S. Rum was 75 pesos a liter, Tequila-61 pesos a liter.

NAUTICAL BOOKS AND MAGAZINES
OUT OF PRINT

In his wide travels, John Frost has come across Marsha Smith's Mariner's Unlimited 1522 W. Washington Blvd. Marina Del Rey (213)392-5705. She has a complete selection of Yachting Magazine dating back to 1900 ALL FOR SALE!

John found issues with pictures of PACIFICA as well as articles announcing her launching. Undoubtedly there are numerous articles and pictures of other AMSS members hidden away there.