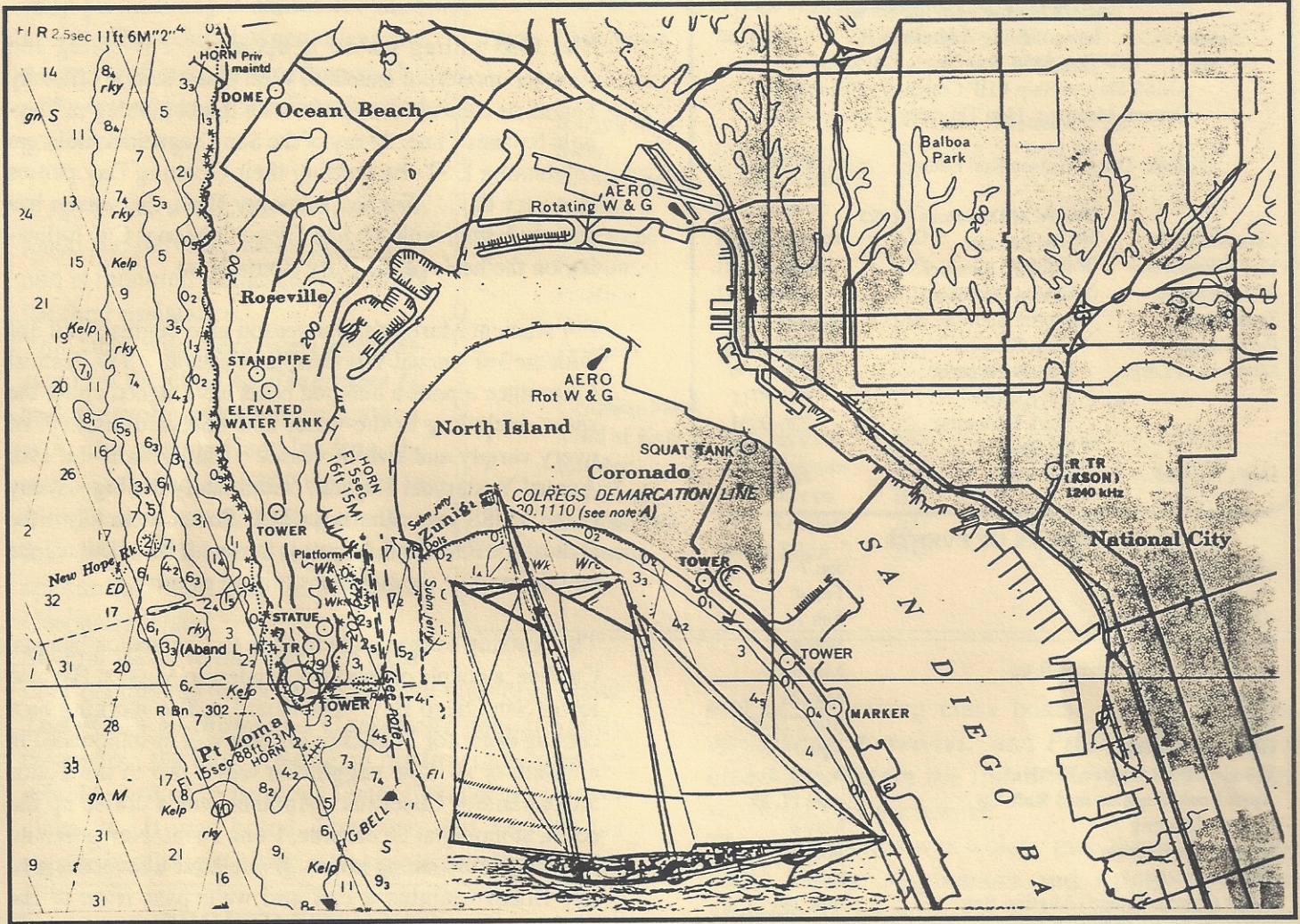


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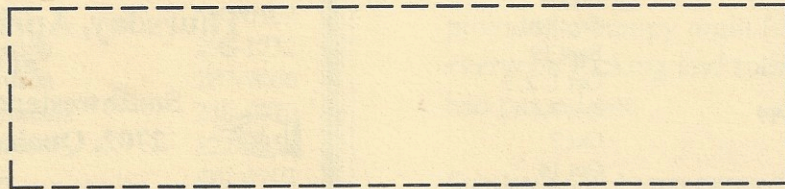
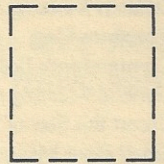
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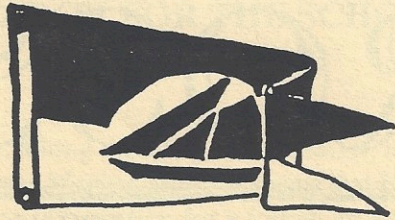
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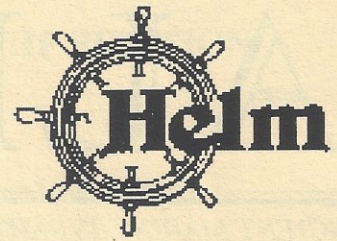
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1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✓General Meeting	Jan 7
✓General Meeting	Feb 4
✓Jack and Jill Regatta	Feb 14
General Meeting	Mar 4
Commodores Cup and Raft-up	Mar 6, 7
Billy Bone's Race	Mar 20
Schooner Cup	Mar 27, 28
General Meeting	Apr 1
Wooden Boat Center Festival	Apr 3, 4
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 17, 18
General Meeting	May 6
Yesteryear Regatta	May 15
General Meeting	June 3
Roller Coaster Cruise - Mission Bay	June 19
PCC Championship	June 26
General Meeting	July 1
Freedom Cup	July 4
Commodore's Ball	July 17
General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 5
Escort the Star of India (Finest City Week)	Aug 14, 22
Small Boat Messabout	Aug 14, 15
Gorilla Rock Cruise - Los Coronados	Aug 21, 22
General Meeting	Sept 2
Labor Day Cruise	Sept 4
Petticoat Race	Sept 18
Iron Man Race	Sept 19
SWYC Ensenada Race	Oct 1, 2, 3
W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)	Oct 3, 4
General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 7
Boat Show - CCYC	Oct 16
Homeward Bound Race	Oct 17
General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 4
Swap Meet - Sun Harbor	Nov 20
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 2
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 4
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec 31

From the



The 1993 sailing season is upon us. The spring and summer months of excellent West Coast sailing officially begins on Sunday, April 4th, with the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Many of the San Diego area clubs are celebrating DST by holding their Opening Day parties that very day. For the schooner fleet, the season has already begun, with the San Diego Schooner Cup following on the heels of the Billy Bones Race.


For Ancient Mariner's, our season also begins April 3rd with the 3rd Annual Wooden Boat Festival. The Festival Committee reports a hundred boats have signed up for the show, including in-the-water and boatyard displays of every variety and size of vessel. May 15th is the 19th Annual Yesteryear Regatta, traditionally the biggest day of the AMSS year. June is the PCC fleet regatta, July is the Guadalupe Race, and August is the small boat fleet regatta and the start of the summer cruising events.

The cruising events include trips to Coronados Islands, Catalina, a couple of short weekenders to Mission Bay and lower San Diego Bay. The Board is also working on a cruising event for Thanksgiving that will be announced in a month or so. One suggestion was a trip to the Todos Santos and/or Ensenada. Another was a cruise up the coast, stopping at Oceanside, Dana Point, Newport, and Avalon, before racing home. If you have a favorite, give any Board Member a call and we'll pass it on to the cruising committee.

Mark your calendar for these events and we'll see you there.

Rod Latimer, Commodore

APRIL MEETING
Thursday, April 1st AT 7:30 PM
 at the
Southwestern Yacht Club,
2702, Qualtrough Street



Rusty White will talk about the recent trip by the Californian to Guadalupe Island and other trips of interest

COMMODORES CUP -- BEAUTIFUL WEATHER FOR A CLASSIC SAILING WEEKEND.

So much for those who started that nasty rumor that the Commodore only picks lousy weather for club events. Race day dawned clear and warm, with a light Northwesterly, and a course ideal for spinnakers and golliwobblers.

True to his word, the Commodore made the start line, albeit under tow, and is indebted to the crew of *Sally* for their assistance.

The start was very well orchestrated by the crew of *Bluewater II*, and everyone got away unscathed, with the racing fleet leading the way. *Sally* and *Cloud 9* were out in front from the start, leading the fleet to a lift off Pt. Loma and a perfect spinnaker run to the North Coronado Island.

Several races within the race naturally occurred as the boats picked out their opponents. The PCC's *Kiahala* and *Comanche* dualed tightly throughout the day. *Andale*, in her first race since her rebuild, proved to be much faster than her sly skipper claimed. It was noted, however, that he took his master boatwright along, who complained bitterly

of the skippers demands for warrantee work. *Pacifica* can attest to *Andale's* new speeds. Contrary to the normal light winds in the lee of the islands, the wind actually increased, causing oversail problems for sev-

COMMODORE'S CUP 93

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Handicap	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
Racing Fleet				Distance = 32	
1	Sally	C.F. Koehler	80	3:22:00	3:22:00
2	Cloud Nine	Yannis Venieris	88	3:27:23	3:23:07
3	Andale	Doug Smith	126	3:54:00	3:29:28
4	Comanche	Deb Dominici	120	4:24:12	4:02:52
5	Kiahala	Jim Keitges	120	4:36:40	4:15:20
6	Pacifica	Jack Frost	118	4:46:00	4:25:44
-	Pilot	Tom Ormsby	190	DNF	DNF
-	Freedom	Rod Latimer	160	DNF	DNF
Cruising Fleet				Distance = 18	
1	Maid of Kent	Jerry Newton	425	2:45:30	1:38:00
2	Revelee	Larry Fossum	520	3:22:00	1:46:00
3	Sea Witch	Jack Cabeen	360	2:57:00	2:09:00
4	Malabar Star	Vern Koepsel	200	2:37:58	2:37:58
5	Patronilla	David Silva	200	DNF	DNF

eral of the racing class boats. Later, the non-spinnakered *Freedom*, and *Pilot*, both ran out of breeze just before the finish line, and drifted backwards into the anchorage.

The cruising class was a close race throughout, especially for the Angleman's and Atkins schooners. *Malabar Star* was nearly overtaken by *Maid of Kent* charging under double spinnaker, before she hurriedly got her own balloon up. Despite a late start, *Revelee* managed to overtake the crafty *Sea Witch*, walking away with honors again.

For those who didn't stay at the anchorage, they missed a very interesting evenings serenade by the crew of a Pemex tug moored nearby. A persistant Northeasterly provided a bumpy night for all. The wind chop kept everyone rocking and rolling long after the tug crew had passed out.

Sunday's sail home proved to be as pleasant as Saturday, again in light winds, sunny weather, and smooth seas. Everyone reported that, all in all, they had an excellent weekend sail.

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THE SEARCH FOR THE SCHOONER MARIE CELINE

Bill McClive, a long time West Coast sailor, is searching for the schooner *Marie Celine*. It seems that Bill is trying to gather some information for a follow up article on the construction and history of this fine vessel. Bill's uncle was the building supervisor at Fellows & Stewart during her building and is the source of some of the information.

Marie Celine was the subject of an excellent lead article in the National Geographic in April, 1962, for a South Pacific cruise she made in 1960. If anyone out there has any information on her whereabouts, please give Bill a call at (714) 585-0340.

BILLY BONES SCHOONER RACE

On Sunday March 21st, I experience one of those firsts in life. Since 1987 I have been on the start boat (rolling, rolling) for the Billy Bones Schooner Race sponsored by Paul Plotts. This year I am racing for the first time. It is also the first schooner race for the 1928 French Schooner *Elan* that I am crewing on. Most of the crew on *Elan*, including her owners Mary Anne and Doug Graves, were past regulars on the start boat too. This year we are racing. Winds lighten from 9 knots to 5 knots by noon as *Elan* practices the start with Crazy Lady conversations echoing on the VHF. The 12:30 start has *Dauntless* and *Aster* leeward to us, freight-training for the start boat *Plover* with Sherri and Brian Farmer and Peggy Plotts aboard. We come up a bit but make the line seconds after the start. I catch a glimpse of *Kelpie* ahead. The B class boats are over the line headed for San Diego Channel buoy #5 whereas the fast guys have a windward mark, set about 250° from the start. *Scrimshaw*, *Puff*, *Therapy* and *Beyond*, all in our class, had favored the pin side and are already heading south. We catch up to them and pass everyone but *Therapy*. We lay a little high of the rhumb line getting in front of *Therapy* at times but having them pull ahead of us everytime the wind lightens.

Kelpie high, then *Dauntless* followed by *Aster* low, pass us before we are abeam Point Loma. There is no way we can run so we continue high and *Therapy* left us. We harden up around #5 with *Mischief* not far behind. Hurricane Gulch helps us out and Mary Anne at the helm takes advantage of every lift. We see *Scrimshaw* round #5 about 6 minutes after us. *Mischief* tries to come above us but finally settles on passing us below. A small victory! Another victory, we pass *Therapy*! In order to take #17 to starboard we have to

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MEMBERSHIP PETITION

Yacht: *Wren*

Owners: Douglas Jones

Construction: Mahogany on Oak, Carvel

Builder: South Coast Shipyard

Designer: Philip Rhodes

LOA: 23', LWL: 18', Beam: 6', Draft: 4', Disp: 1800 lbs

Wren is an Albatross class sloop, designed and built to race in Newport Beach harbor. She is hull #29, the last one built. She was built in 1939, but because of World War II, she was turned upside down without her keel until 1946, when she was launched. The Albatross class was a very active class in Newport Beach after WWII. She was sailed and owned all her life by Bud Smith in Newport Beach Harbor, until she came to San Diego in late 1992. She is currently in Koehler's Yard undergoing some reconstruction and the addition of a new keel

Wren is sponsored by Rod Latimer and Bill Clark.

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tack and some lifts help us. Yeah! but wait.... 100 feet to go and the skipper thinks we might not make it. But yes, we have 25 tons of momentum and yes, we are past it but we are going backwards to the finish line. And who are those schooner fans sitting in the dingy, taking our picture (how embarrassing), and tooting their horn? We tack again and oh no, here comes *Therapy*! We finish at 15:51 nose to nose with *Therapy* and we get to do this again next weekend in the American Schooner Cup!

Deb Dominici

Billy Bones Schooner Race Results

PLACE	VESSEL	CORRECTED TIME
A CLASS:		
1.	Kelpie	14:56:35
2.	Dauntless	15:10:46
3.	Astor	15:16:03
4.	Mischief	15:37:11
	Volunteer	DNF
B CLASS:		
1.	Therapy	15:45:24
2.	Elan	15:47:29
3.	Geraldine	16:04:47
4.	Beyond	16:05:53
5.	Scrimshaw	16:13:58
6.	Puff	16:40:11