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1991 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| General Meeting | —Apr 4 |
| So. Cal. WoodBoat Festival | —Apr 6,7 |
| General Meeting | May 2 |
| Yesteryear Regatta | May 4 |
| Swap Meet | *Extinguisher recharge: \$6 May 18* |
| 3-day Gunkholing race/cruise | May 30-June 2** |
| General Meeting | June 6 |
| Maui Race | June 9 |
| Awards Dinner Lahaina YC | July 1 |
| General Meeting | July 11 |
| Cruise to Coronado | July 13,14 |
| General Meeting (picnic) | Aug 1 |
| General Meeting | Sept 5 |
| Petticoat & Iron Man Races | Sept 14,15 |
| General Meeting | Oct 3 |
| Boat Show & Commodore's Ball CCYC | Sept 28 |
| Homeward Bound Race | Sept 29 |
| W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup) | Oct. 6** |
| General Meeting (Nominations) | Nov 7 |
| Swap Meet | Nov 9 |
| General Meeting (Elections) | Dec 5 |
| Half Pint O'Rum Race | Dec 7 |
| Raftup("Salude" to the new year) | Dec 31 |

* new date

** new event


From the Helm

Wasn't the WoodenBoat Festival fantastic? That was a bonafide "happening"! The public loved it, and the exhibitors did, too. For a first effort (or any effort) it was wonderful. The festival committee members, CF Koehler, Kimberly Hemphill, Rod Latimer, Dick Winchip, Jim Sutter, and Bill Clark (all Ancient Mariners), did a knockout job.

If you were there you noticed that AMSS has been challenged by W.H.O.A. to a very important race in Oct. at Dana Point - for the new "Dana Cup", a rather gorgeous silver trophy which would look just peachy on our trophy shelf...WHOA has printed t-shirts for sale for this event, some with thier burgee on the pocket, and some with our burgee on the pocket, and all with the Dana Cup on the back. This new challenge race will be an annual event. We must take up the gauntlet!

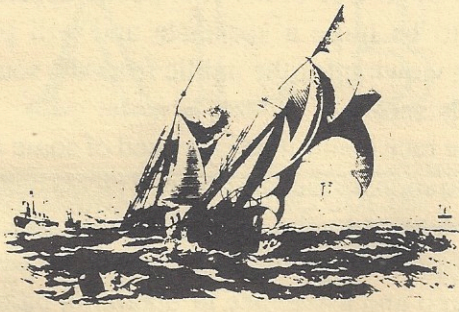
YESTERYEAR IS HERE! Please take note that the Skippers Meeting/Breakfast will not be held at Southwestern Yacht Club!!! It will be held at 0800, Koehler Kraft yard on Shelter Island Dr. - same as last year! Continental breakfast will be compliments of Ancient Mariners. Bring your crew, and buy 'em a race shirt!

See you at Thursday's meeting.

Annie Kolls, Commodore 

MEETING PLACE IS
SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB.
STARTS AT 7:30 PM SHARP

Regatta Shirts and Maui Shirts
will be on sale. Get 'em while
your size and style are still
available. They make great
gifts for friends and crew, too.



NEW MEMBERS

Gil Niday

932 Sandcastle Dr. Cardiff, CA 92007

Sponsored by Rod Latimer and Ann Kolls,

Gil re-enters Ancient Mariners with *Squall*, a 46'6" Ketterburg, designed and built in 1946.

Gil and Nancy are interested in racing.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Tom Ormsby

P.O. Box 90073 San Diego, CA 92109 (619) 226-4877

Sponsored by Jim Sutter and Peter and Leslie Benton, Tom and his partner **Gaspar Galindo**, own *Pilot*, a 33' Sparkman Stephens sloop designed in '46 and built in '51. They are interested in racing, crewing, and cruising in Mexico.

Rob and Lorraine Coleman

P.O. Box 60133, San Diego, CA 92166 (619) 546-1934

Sponsored by Dick Winchip and Gabrielle Martin-Neff, Robery and Lorraine own *Southern Cross*, an Angleman 36, and plan to cruise to the South Pacific and beyond.

Edward and Patricia Knight

P.O. Box 6577, San Diego, CA 92166 (619) 296-2064

Sponsored by Kevin Thompson and Ron Bodeen, Ed and Patty own *Rascal*, a '62 K-50. They are interested in racing.

Geoff and Carol Clough

5719 Yearling Ct. Bonita, CA 91902 (619) 479-4054

Sponsored by Ron Bodeen and Ann Kolls, Geoff and Carol own *Tavana*, a Lapworth 53 built in '62. They would like to cruise someday.

Ren Oden (Associate Member)

3347 31st St. #C San Diego, CA 92104 (619) 285-1204

Sponsored by Rod Latimer and CF Koehler, Ren is a project analyst, is interested in crewing, and has already served with distinction at a booth during the WoodBoat Festival..

Lauren Smith Copus (Associate Member)

444 E. 4th Ave. #1001 (619)

Sponsored by Rod Latimer and CF Koehler, Lauren is interested in racing, crewing, committees, and graphic design.

PORTSIDE by Dick Winchip

Some of the things that are happening on San Diego Bay starting this coming month will affect all of us. The 1991 World Championship of the International America's Cup Class Boats (IOCC) runs May 4th thru 11th. The U.S. Coast Guard will announce by a Broadcast Notice to Mariners Special Local Regulations concerning traffic control, a designated race participants channel, speed limits, sailing restrictions, anchoring restrictions and One-Way Plan to be on the water during this time, listen up for these notices.

The U.S. Coast Guard has published that they will also be watching out for other violations such as Boating while intoxicated, Rules of the Road infractions, garbage and plastics inspections, etc. In other words have a good time but be extra careful about the operation of your vessel and the conduct of your passengers. You ultimately are the one responsible.

We can expect this event to serve as a shake-down for all of the enforcement agencies to test different ideas and restrictions to prepare themselves for next year's America's Cup. They expect to have some kinks in the operation that will have to be smoothed out, but they are going to treat this event very seriously and will expect all spectator vessels to comply with the regulations.

**Board meetings : Tuesday
following the General Meeting
(7:30 at Southwestern YC) (all are welcome)**

Committee Chairmen

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| Membership | Ron Bodeen | 223-8599 |
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR....

April 1, 1991

Aloha, Editor/Commodore Ann,

Greetings from San Pedro, and the Wooden Hull Owners Assn. I just received your newsletter today and think it is a breath of fresh air, or as good as "a book, inherited from an uncle from the past."

A very nice piece of work, and VERY informative.

I would like to offer a contribution for your next issue, if I may be so bold.

When I decided that a Masters License issued by the USCG was mandatory for me, all persons tested were required to pass an exam entitled "Local Knowledge". This was an exercise in the use of the reference volume known as the "US Coast Pilot No. 7". Familiar to most mariners, the "Pilot" details local areas, ie: shorelines, hazards, weather etc. that one might encounter traveling along the coast of California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii. The cover page of the Albatross reminded me of this. Can you guess one of the questions on this test?:-

What and where is the "Zuniga Jetty"?

I am sure all of YOU know, but visiting yachtsmen and sailors should be warned of this treacherous set of "underwater fangs", ESPECIALLY at night...

We both have read somewhere, "The price of safety is eternal vigilance", and this hazard has brought on more than it's share of horror stories, near misses and disasters. Page 119 in my old Pilot (June 1980 16th edition), describes this menace and I am sure that ALL who visit your fair city will be in your debt if you could share some ink and mention it in the Albatross.

Once again I commend you on a fine newsletter. I know how much work is involved, and thank you for the issue sent to me.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Gregory Alexander, Capt.
WOODEN HULL OWNERS ASSN.
Sr. Staff Commodore
c/o Schooner MANUIWA
213.8332861

Dear Capt. Alexander,

Thanks for your kind letter. I hope all mariners coming to San Diego will remember to stay inside or close to the channel markers coming into San Diego Bay at night, because on their starboard side, running south from Zuniga Point on North Island, parallel to Point Loma (and barely submerged a few inches for it's length of about 1/2 mile), are those "underwater fangs" you reminded us of. It looks like you could just sail right through the thing, but not a chance, even on a surfboard. ED

1991 MAUI RACE UPDATE

This year's S.D. to Maui race start will, for the first time, feature the San Diego Maritime Museum's steam yacht Medea as committee boat. Capt. Kenneth Franke recently reported that the boiler repairs on Medea have been completed (along with recent hull renovation) and she will again be seen on the waters of

San Diego Bay. One of her first public appearances promises to be quite a spectacle and will provide interesting viewing for the public from the south end of shelter Island.

The race committee is in need of some AMSS members to sponsor the out-of-town racers during the week or so prior to the race. We have six yachts coming down the coast that will need a warm welcome to San Diego and assistance in obtaining parts, supplies and provisions. Max and Sheri Beere will sponsor one racer, Annie Kolls another, so we need four other members who will be able to help as needed (you will need a car) in the first week of June. If you are interested call Jerry Newton at 222-1281. The May general meeting will be the first chance you will have to purchase the extremely rare Maui-Race T-shirt. The shirts will also be on sale at Koehlers and Downwind Marine in May. *Jerry Newton*

The following was written on the back of the membership application submitted by Lauren Copus:

"Although I presently am an active "plastic boat" racer through WYRF and CRA, my true loves are still the wooden boats. I had the wonderful experience of cruising for two years in the Caribbean with my family on Finisterre (Carlton Mitchell's Sparkman & Stevens-designed 38' yawl). We enjoyed both cruising and racing. - after of course several months (years?) spent restoring her. Recently Finisterre was sold to a new owner and is being restored once again. I know she will evoke the same sense of love and devotion from her new owners as she did from me and my family. She will always have a special place in our memories and I think she may have changed our lives forever. What more could you ask of a boat?"

Other Major Events Of Interest for 1991

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| April 13 | San Pedro-Newport* |
| May 18 | Long Beach/Seal Beach Regatta* |
| June 8 | Eric Erickson Oil Island Race* |
| May 25 | Master Mariners Regatta, S.F. |
| June 1, 2 | Newport Wooden Boat Show |
| June 15 | Nautical Museum Race* |
| July 13 | Newport West Cup* |
| Aug 25 | Ancient Mariners Race (Schoon.Assn.) |
| Sept 21 | Hurricane Gulch Regatta* |
| Oct 5 | Newport/Dana Pt. Anniv.Race* |
| Oct 6 | WHOA vs.AMSS "Dana Cup" |

*Wooden Hull Owners Association event