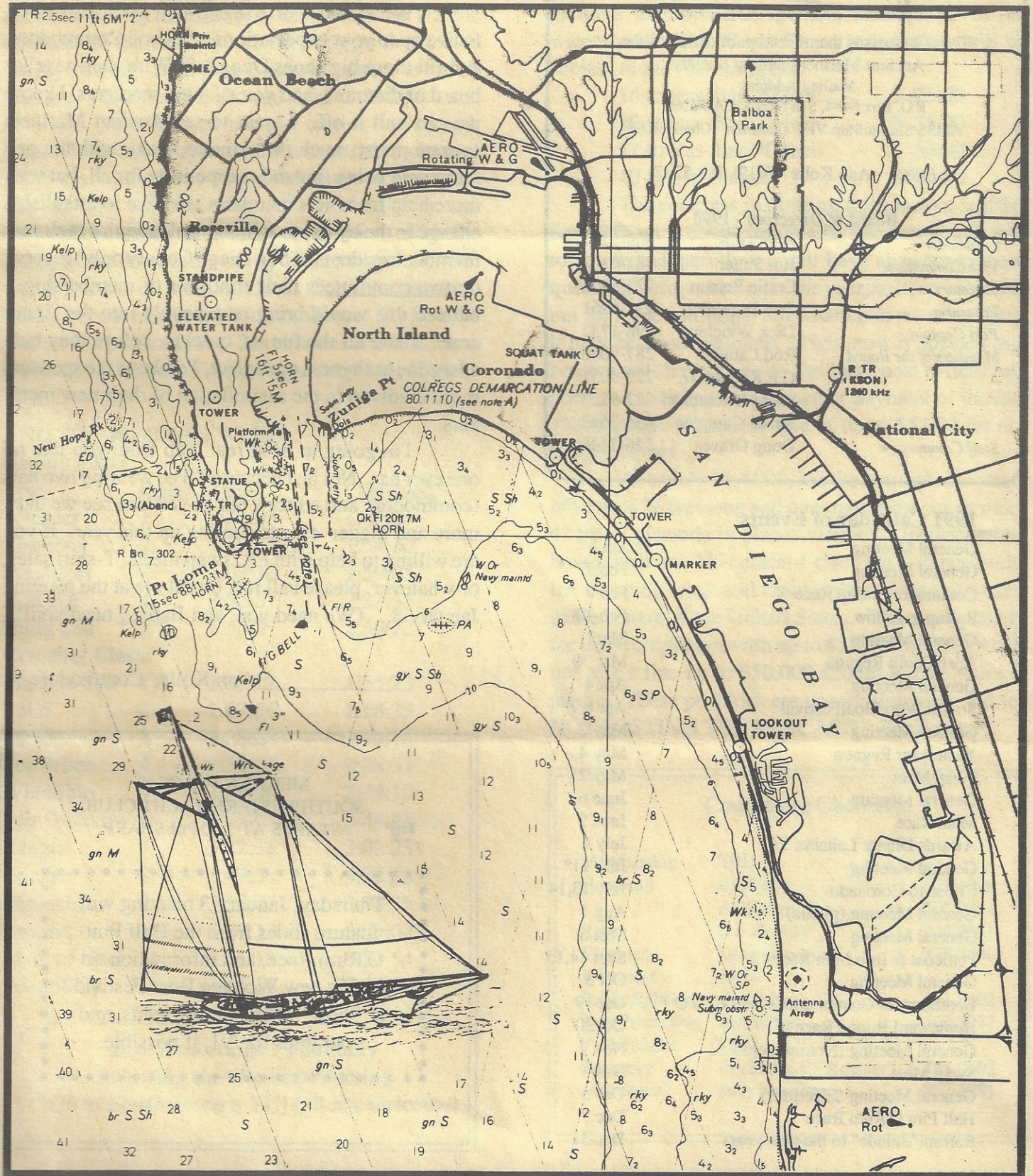
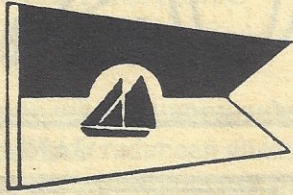


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1991 Calendar of Events

General Meeting	Jan 3
General Meeting	Feb 7
Commodore's Cup Race	Feb 9
Raftup to follow	Feb 10
General Meeting	Mar 7
April Fool's Regatta	Mar 30
General Meeting	Apr 4
So.Cal. WoodBoatFestival	Apr 6,7
General Meeting	May 2
Yesteryear Regatta	May 4
Swap Meet	May 25
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
BoatShow & Commodore's Ball CCYC	Oct 19
Homeward Bound Race	Oct 20
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

From the Helm

Wow! We're off to a big year. I will do my best to live up to your expectations of a good Commodore, and fill those big shoes Doug left. With such a stellar board of directors, and you talented members, I know we can pull it off. I want to see Ancient Mariners operate pretty much the same as usual, with the primary goal being fun and competition for all, but with more help from new members. I'd like to establish a change in the by-laws, which would require each new member (residents of San Diego County only) to serve on two committees their first year of membership. I believe this would bring new people into the "inner core" where all the fun is, quickly, before they fade away due to shyness or neglect. I'd like to see sponsors more involved in the assimilation of their new members.

I'm going to need real help from you like no one ever has. Not just because I'll be wearing two hats (commodore and editor), but as you can see we have more and bigger events coming up this year. If you are willing to help with PR, swap meets, T-shirt sales, or whatever, please call me, or tell me at the meeting January 3. (We need you, and Baby, I need you!)

_____ Ann Kolls, Commodore

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

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Thursday, January 3 meeting will feature slides from the Half Pint O'Rum Race, and information on the big new Wooden Boat Festival & Show! Bring your friends, and your dues for '91, if possible.

HALF PINT O'RUM RACE RECAP

The Annual Rum Race starts as a footrace down a beach, and ends as a footrace up another beach. The skipper must start the race, which means quaffing a modicum of rum, dashing to his dinghy, rowing madly to his awaiting boat and crew, and hefting himself aboard and away as fast as possible. The finish was the opposite of the start, but some skippers designated dinghy-rowing, fleet-footed rum-chuggers to finish the race. Finishers were towed toward the beach and set loose. This year, all but two entries had enough oars. All but one entry remembered to bring their mug. After the required two fingers of rum was down, the elapsed time was recorded. (The rum's quality was checked constantly by the race committee.) After the last time was recorded, a raftup under a huge full moon was the order of the day. Hors d'oeuvres and rum drinks were available to all in attendance. My favorite was the hot buttered rum. Sea chanties and Christmas carols could be heard in La Playa basin long into the night...

AND THE WINNERS WERE...

Racing Class:

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
Whisper	1	1:37:03	1:42:03
Roweena	2	1:58:35	1:54:30
Dauntless	3	2:03:10	1:59:05
NoKaOi	4	2:32:57	2:27:55
Night Star	5	2:55:37	2:50:22

Cruising Class:

Malabar Star	1	2:09:23	1:55:23
Toko	2	2:07:56	1:58:35
Salude	3	2:28:28	2:19:15
Sea Witch	4	2:58:01	2:28:51
WindShip	5	2:54:00	2:34:10
Fair Dinkum	6	3:23:08	2:44:48
Ranger	7	3:22:13	3:02:23
Revilee	8	3:47:58	3:02:28
Scrimshaw	9	3:30:07	3:03:37
Beyond	10	3:47:12	3:09:02
Maid of Kent	11	3:55:19	3:20:54
FriendShip	12	3:44:16	3:36:00

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

PORTSIDE by Dick Winchip

THE COST OF BOATING IS GOING UP

Starting January 1, 1991, a new regulation goes into effect under the name of a "user" fee. All recreational watercraft more than 16 feet in length, regardless of propulsion method, that operate in the waters under U.S. Coast Guard jurisdiction, will be subject to the following tax:

16 to less than 20 feet:	\$ 25.00
20 to less than 27 feet:	\$ 35.00
27 to less than 40 feet:	\$ 50.00
40 feet or longer:	\$100.00

The congress in drafting this piece of legislation, left out a couple of details, like how to pay and to whom. Hopefully we will have answers to these questions before the first of the year, so keep your eyes out for some additional information in the news when it may become available. Right now it appears that boaters will have to go to the local post offices and purchase a sticker as evidence of payment of the fee. There is also a possible fine of up to \$5,000 for not paying the tax.

As of July 31, 1990, it is the law that all owners of vessels 26 feet long and over must post one or more 4" by 9" placards in places visible to all persons on board the boat. This placard gives the distance limits for dumping trash and other debris within the navigable waters of the United States. There is a penalty for non-compliance with up to \$25,000 in civil penalties and a fine up to \$50,000 and up to five years in prison. These penalties are not for dumping, but for NOT POSTING THE PLACARD! What next?

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NEW MEMBERS

CONFUSING APPROACHES

by Rod Latimer

Anyone who has approached San Diego harbor at night without radar can attest to how difficult it is to avoid the growing kelp beds off the South end of Point Loma. It does not make it any easier when it is so difficult to find and identify the local aids to navigation. When approaching from the West or Northwest in good visibility, the lighted buoys blend into the bright back lighting from the city lights.

It is very common to be unable to identify Engrance Buoy Number 3 at a range of more than half a mile on a clear night because of the background lights. Since the southern edge of the kelp beds reach to within a quarter mile of this marker, its identification is usually desirable.

Buoys 5 and 6 are seldom identifiable when approaching from the West or Southwest until within less than half a mile. The good news is that when you are that close, you are already clear of the kelp's Eastern edge.

Once in the channel, the bright green lights of the channel daymarks at the South end of Shelter Island are found buried in the blurry background of the Loma Portal shore lights. These flashing green beacons often become identifiable after a minute or so of frantic searching, and once found, easily guide you up the channel into a safe haven.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Associate Member

Woodson K. Woods
P.O. Box 7963
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Many of you know Woody. He and his wife Maggie have been members of Ancient Mariners before, when they owned one of the most beautiful yachts ever to grace this organization, *Scottish Fantasy II*.

Woody is interested in racing and cruising.

Associate Member: Bill Henderson of San Diego, a sailmaker with Hood Sails.

HARD FACT:

YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR

The hard fact is this: Albatross will no longer be a freebie for those who choose not to renew their membership each year. Zapped, right off the list! Don't let this happen to you! Dis-membered? Think of the embarrassment! Arghhhh! All back dues are due and payable on January 1, 1991, and must be remitted to AMSS by February 1, 1991. We will reinstate your Albatross subscription for '91 if you pay up by April.

(Those of you who joined in late 1990 are given 1991 status.)

Membership in Ancient Mariners is such a deal...where else could you get the comradery, the fellowship...the funny races...the incredible slide shows...the great raffle prizes...the sensational raftups...for a measly 25 bucks...huh?

GET READY, GET SET, SHOW!!

Get that varnish out. The AMSS-sponsored Southern California Wood Boat Show & Festival at Koehler's April 6 & 7 will be THE one to be in!

Other Major Events Of Interest for 1991

March 2	One More Time Regatta (WHOA*)
March 16,17	Billy Bones Schooner Regatta
March 23,24	American Schooner Cup
April	Newport Nautical Museum Race (WHOA)
May 18	San Pedro Race (WHOA)
Sept.21,22	Newport Wooden Boat Show

* Wooden Hull Owners Ass'n.