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AMERICA'S SCHOONER CUP



AMERICA

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The 33rd **AMERICA'S SCHOONER CUP**, again hosted by Silver Gate Yacht Club, was held March 27, 2021 as a benefit to the Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society. From its inception as a match race between *Dauntless* (Paul Plotts) and *Bagheera*, this regatta soon evolved into the well-attended **AMERICA'S SCHOONER CUP** event we look forward to every year. This year drew a fine turnout of vessels of historic design in a variety of classes to compete on a perfect blue-sky day with high breezes suited to these vessels. The traditional course ran from a start close to Silver Gate out of the harbor to outside buoys before returning up the channel to finish. Next Level Sailing Troy Sears' stunning **AMERICA** took top honors!



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SKOOKUM III, PEGASUS, LIVELY

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PEGASUS

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One of the most stately, large-scale schooners sailing our waters today, **Bill of Rights** celebrates her 50th year in 2021. Designed by McCurdy & Rhodes, who modeled her after the traditional schooners of the 19th Century, she was built by Harvey Gamage in 1971. In 1988 she came west to join the LAMI sail-training vessels. With her, South Bayfront Sailing Association provides learning and character-building through their sailing programs.



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LIVELY

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Lively hails from Newport Beach. Her design and build were by Mr. Hale Field and Lyle Hess; she was built in 1976 at Willard Marine in Costa Mesa. She was sailed for many years by the Field family, before being passed along and cared for by several Newport Harbor Yacht Club members. In 2011 she was donated to the Newport Sea Base where she was featured in their family sailing program on "Schooner Sundays". Andrew Mayhugh purchased **Lively** in 2016- and then won the **America's Schooner Cup** in his first year of ownership. **Lively** is available for special occasion charters as well as sailing lessons.

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AMERICA & LIVELY

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LIVELY, AMERICA

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WITCHCRAFT, LIVELY

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WITCHCRAFT

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A frequent winner in **America's Schooner Cup** races, with a race history that includes many Regattas such as SF Master Mariner's, McNish Classic, Yesteryear, One More Time and Half Pint o' Rum, **Witchcraft** is a looked-for favorite. Planking is 1" Honduras Mahogany over ash frames; traditionally carvel planked and edge glued with resorcinol. A scaled down-down version of the William Roue designed **Bluenose**, she was built by Carl and Brian Eichenlaub. Her LOA is 42', LOD 37', LWL 27.5".

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PEGASUS, WITCHCRAFT

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Pegasus owes her classic design to Henry Morschaldt, and she was built in 1978 by Down East Yachts in Santa Ana. Her LOA is 52', LOD 45', LWL 35' 8" with a displacement of 39000 lbs. After she was sailed extensively across the Pacific, Indian Ocean and the Atlantic, John Fay and his two sons acquired her and made Pt.Loma her home.



PEGASUS, SKOOKUM III

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SHINE ON

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SHINE ON, BILL OF RIGHTS

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*This World Cruiser 44, designed by Bud Taplin and built over a Bill Lapworth designed Islander 44 hull, was built in 1979. **Shine On** and her sister **Gitana** were semi-custom yachts built to the owner's requirements,*



*and they are said to be Lapworth's two favorite ocean-sailing staysail schooners. **Shine On** is laid out for deep-water cruising for a crew of two, and the interior was finished with exotic hardwood . Her foremast is relatively tall, allowing for larger genoas and spinnakers for light air performance; she has a cut-away forefoot keel and skeg attached rudder, giving her a lower wetted area than traditional schooners.*

SHINE ON

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AGE OF GRACE, MAID OF KENT *Janie Allan*



AGE OF GRACE

Dale Frost

Owner Eric Gonnason solo sailed **Age of Grace**, his 1971 Alfred E. Luders designed Cheoy Lee Clipper staysail schooner, during this regatta. She is a full keel, proven ocean-going vessel, having completed a "South Seas circumnavigation" under her previous owner. With an LOA at 48', LOD of 42', LWL of 30', she displaces at 23,500 lbs. Eric brought her to San Diego in 2019, sailing non-stop from Oakland.

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SKOOKUM III

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Skookum III, skippered by her owner Perc Jones now for over 25 years, is a Sam Crocker design built by Britt Brothers in Lynn, Mass. In 1935. **Skookum**, her original name, is a Northwest American Indian word meaning “perfect” or “just right”. She is mahogany planked over double sawn oak frames, has a lead keel and hollow Sitka Spruce spars. LOA 72’, LOD 64.2’. LWL 46’ and a 66,000 lb. displacement. In 2014 **Skookum III** won the America’s Schooner Cup.

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SKOOKUM III

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PEGASUS, SKOOKUM III

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MAID OF KENT

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Maid of Kent was built to the "Little Maid of Kent" design by William Atkin, published in 1930, and the plans are still available today from the family Atkin & Co. A 30' Marconi schooner, she was built by Willard Marine of Costa Mesa in 1962 and came to San Diego Bay in 1966. **Maid of Kent** was a founding member of **Ancient Mariners Sailing Society** in 1975 and is the only founding flag member still actively sailing with AMSS. Jerry Newton and Marcia Hilmen acquired her in 1981, and they have cruised her from Manzanillo, Mexico to the Channel Islands, and regularly participate in other classic races in Southern California.

MAID OF KENT

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Maid of Kent was completely rebuilt in 2017 by master shipwright Frank Townsend at **Koehler Kraft** boatyard in San Diego. She was replanked with sapele, edge glued over the original apitong frames, and relaunched in time to place 2nd in Class at the 2017 **America's Schooner Cup**. She is regularly featured at the **San Diego Wooden Boat Festival at Koehler Kraft**.



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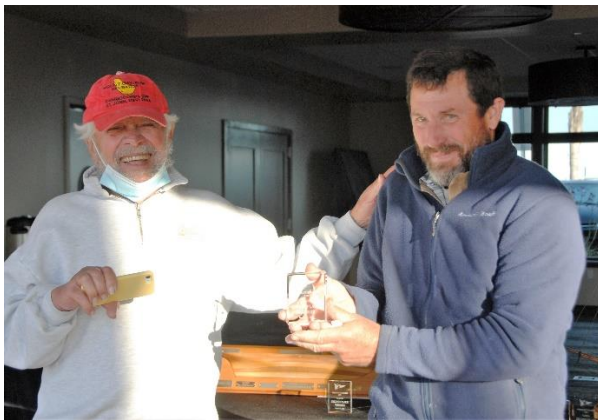
SKOOKUM III

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Paul Mitchell & Perc Jones

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Paul Mitchell & CF Koehler



WITCHCRAFT

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First to Swamp Award!

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Paul Mitchell & Marcia Hilmen

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The most famous trophy in sailing, **The America's Cup**, owes its origins to the original schooner **America**. On June 30, 1844, industrialist John Cox Stevens and seven friends formed a club in the saloon of Steven's schooner Gimrack; by 1850, the New York Yacht Club was firmly established, with Stevens as Commodore, and a small syndicate commissioned a new yacht. The design was by George Steers, then in his early 30's, whose father had learned his trade at Royal Naval Dockyard at Devonport before immigrating. Built by William H. Brown at his leading New York shipyard (end of 12th Street at the East River), she lay in frame by early spring. Her overall length was 101 ft. 9 in., her waterline 90 ft 3 in, and her broadest beam of 22 ft was well aft. The black-hulled, gaff-rigged **America**, with her sharp bow, V-bottom, two tall swept-back masts and rails closer to the water had a sleek appearance and was recognizably different than other yachts of the day. Launched in May of 1851, she set sail in June across the Atlantic, manned by Captain William H. Brown and a crew of 12, to Europe – with Stevens having received an invitation from Thomas Grosvenor Edgerton, Earl of Wilton and Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, to attend England's vaunted Exhibition of 1951. While this was not a direct challenge to race, Stevens went with that intention.



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After being outfitted and repainted in France, **America** sailed for Cowes – where she elicited a tremendous amount of interest, her sleek appearance resembling nothing in English waters. There, Stevens issued a wager of 10,000, guineas, a staggering amount, to any yacht of any size that would race him. He found no takers. The reaction of the British Press was scathing. The **Times of London** wrote: “Most of us have seen the agitation which the appearance of a sparrow hawk in the horizon creates among a flock of wood pigeons ...”. The Earl of Wilton opened the competition for the upcoming race to non-British vessels, and Stevens entered **America** – the only foreign yacht to enter. On August 22, she joined 14 of Britain’s finest vessels in the annual 53-mile race around the Isle of Wight. Starting late, after her anchor fouled as the starting gun fired, she gained on the fleet and bested them all, crossing the finish line at 8:37 p.m., over 20 minutes before the next boat and almost an hour before the third boat. **America** returned home with an ornate silver trophy, the Royal Yacht Squadrons’ coveted Hundred Guinea Cup – given to the winner of that time-honored regatta. From then forward the trophy has borne the name of the winner, **America**.



LIVELY, AMERICA

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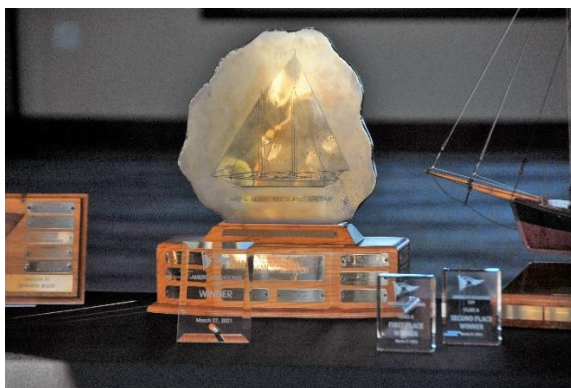
After languishing, and tarnishing, for several years, the trophy was handed over to the New York Yacht Club where, after escaping several inelegant proposals, it was canonized into a perpetual trophy. In 1857, the Yacht Club penned the 250-word "Deed of Gift", inviting all foreign recognized Yacht clubs to compete for the Cup. The Deed was subsequently modified to prescribe the rules for future challenges.



AMERICA

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*CONGRATULATIONS TO TROY SEARS, NEXT LEVEL SAILING, FOR HIS WIN IN
THE 2021 AMERICA'S SCHOONER CUP!*

FIRST OVERALL ON CORRECTED TIME FIRST IN CLASS BEST BRISTOL BOAT

Next Level Sailing's **AMERICA**, designed by John Scarano and built by Scarano Boat Building, Albany, New York in 1995, is a near-perfect replica of the foremost historical racing yacht ever to sail. **AMERICA** has been in great demand ever since. In 2007, the America's Cup Management paid a significant fee for her to be brought to Spain, where the race was being held that year. In 2013, she was invited to San Francisco to represent the history of this great race for Oracle Team USA's defense of the 34th America's Cup. **AMERICA** was also selected as the ambassador for the America's Cup Tour, visiting sites and yacht clubs on the West Coast during July and August of 2015, followed by sites and yacht clubs in Mexico, the U.S. Gulf Coast, the East Coast and the Caribbean in 2016. **AMERICA** currently runs whale-watching, private charter and special events from Shelter Island, San Diego.

LOA 139' LOD 105' LWL 94' DISPLACEMENT 113 tons SAIL AREA 6,000 sq. ft.



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IN MEMORIAM

Richard Grey, a long-term member and supporter of Ancient Mariner Sailing Society, passed away February 23, 2021. Fair winds and following seas, Richard. Our condolences to his wife, Cynthia Haes.



Richard Grey sailing in the 2019 America's Schooner Cup photos Cynthia Sinclair

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Richard Grey and Cynthia Haes spent over 20 years restoring the beautiful LADY ADA, a 1903 centerboard schooner of ~75' LOD, in Riverside, California.



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LADY ADA *Richard Grey and Cynthia Haes.*

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