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1980 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 28th & 29th Yesteryear Regatta (San Diego Bay) Contact Tom Belair 453-6566

San Clemente Race Contact Steve Flanagan

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August 3rd

Postponed

Long Beach AMSS Race

August 30th, Sept. 1st, 2nd Second Annual AMSS San Diego to Ensenada Race

October

Open - Any suggestions?

November

Open - Any more suggestions?

December 6th

Annual Half Pint O' Rum Race (San Diego)

IRON MAN RACE RESULTS

Long Course

Short Course

Best Elapsed Time - NIRVANA 1:32:03

Best Elapsed Time -SEA CLOUD 1:22:42

Corrected Times -

Corrected Times - (corrected to long course)

1. FRANCESCA 1:06:53

2. WHITE CLOUD 1:09:02
3. WHISPER 1:13:57
4. SUNDANCE 1:18:16
5. CYNTHIA 1:19:44
6. NIRVANA 1:20:18
7. TOMAHAWK 1:20:39
8. MONIDAH 1:20:51

1. SEA WITCH 1:05:33 2. DINGUS 1:08:02 3. VINGILOT 1:15:26 4. SEA CLOUD 1:36:37

First Split Rig - WHITE CLOUD

9. MANUKAI

10. VIKING

First Split Rig -SEA CLOUD

Largest Boat - NIRVANA
Smallest Boat - DINGUS
Snail Award - VIKING
Largest Boat with
No Observer - WHISPER

1:22:53

1:23:40





FROM THE HELM

I'm excited! I don't know about you, but I'm excited! Next week is our Yesteryear Regatta and I'm excited about getting together 70 or 80 of the finest yachts sailing on this coast today and sailing with them! As the entries come in, my imagination goes wild! Big ones, little ones, fast, slow, new and old. We are all gathering here in San Diego Bay for our own private "OP SAIL 80". Our parade of fine yessels will not be out-done by anyone!

There is only one thing wrong. Here we have a potentially great spectator involvement that will not happen to the extent it should. It is not because of a lack of effort on our part or a lack of acknowledgement by the boating publications. We have had excellent coverage by the marine press. It is just that the non-boating public that might be interested has not been informed.

This is because yachting has lost its appeal to the general public. Just look around at the boats you see sailing around today. Strange little things that lack all resemblance of character. We were able to drum up some enthusiasm when the 12's sailed, when Cabrillo landed and when we lit ourselves up at Christmas time. Folks came from all over just to watch.

Well, here we have the best afloat and some people will gather on the beaches just to watch us. I know we will be beautiful and we will stir the dreams of the ones that are there.

That is our gift to San Diego, and I hope that those that are there will enjoy it enough to let their friends know. Every year the spectators will increase in number until we draw a crowd like some of the other events. People that won't glance twice at the 30' modern sloop will be put into another world by the gaff-rigged schooner or the sleek low marconi ketch or the meter boats. I hope they will enjoy it, I know I will.

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Bob Covarrubias

I've seen (and have been on) committee boats, and I've seen some odd ones, but to see the little 12-foot gaff-sloop Dingus and it's lonely occupant, Al Hislop, at the finish line of the first annual Mission Bay to Shelter Island Schooner Race was something else!

I was on board Ken Grimes' 44-foot schooner REVENGE at the finish of the first event in San Diego put on by the Schooner Association of America, and I couldn't believe my eyes! The finish line was east of buoy #14 and almost right in the middle of the entrance channel of the bay!!

Lord knows how many boats passed close-by for fun, creating gigantic wakes that sent skipper and boat rocking, and soaking all Al's gear. (He said he saved his camera this time by zipping it up in his foul-weather jacket). They tell me that Hugo Carver guided his 64-foot cutter Nirvana to within 3 feet of Dingus while trying to hand Al a beer... at 10 knots plus!

While waiting for the first of the schooners to cross the finish line Al was approached by a curious Coast Guard Patrol boat. He told them he was simply taking a survey of the old schooners sailing by his position. They left him alone but his troubles were still not over. Dingus' jib halyard was hopelessly fouled, and while he couldn't lower the sail, it seems that the VW flywheel he was using as an anchor just wasn't holding, and once he and Dingus drifted west past the buoy and almost ran aground. It took him 20 minutes to fight his was back to Dingus' station.

Webb Chiles, the sailor from San Diego, who is currently circumnavigating solo in an 18 foot open-boat has currently logged 6,000 miles. I doubt he has experienced anything as hair-raising as sitting in that little 12-foot sloop for almost 5 hours in such a heavy-trafficked area as the main-channel of the "yachting capitol of the west coast":

At the June 5th meeting of the AMSS, Commodore Paul Mitchell presented Dingus' skipper Al Hislop with a well-deserved award on behalf of the Schooner Association of America a HAND GRENADE""

Sails mysteriously grew and winds were stronger than normal during this year's Iron Man's Race.

A Ben-Gay concessionaire would have been successful in the raft-up in Glorietta Bay where there was alot of discussion about "smaller jennies next time."

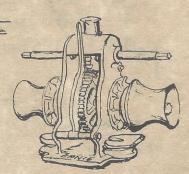
During the race there were a few minor problems. What may have looked like heaving-to at the start line was actually going aground for Nirvana and Cynthia. One skipper was heard mumbling (observers heard a lot of mumbling) that he wasn't sure the mark "north of the Hotel del Coronado" was in the ocean or the bay. Some observers refused to talk, bale or deliver beer. Although Sea Cloud missed the mark and had to tack to make it she roared to the finish line --- first to finish etc. (4 brass plagues in all). Sea Witch's strategy of running Cynthia aground at the start, taking the short course, and praying that Tommy Flanagan would not participate and take first worked and Jack Cabeen has hidden the perpetual spyglass and might give up home and family before giving up his prize.

The handicap committee is to be commended. After one minor adjustment (before the adjustment Dingus' total elapsed time was 15 minutes and with that handicap could have defended the America's Cup) the boats all finished with corrected times within a 15 minute period. Speaking of handicaps, the cookie eating contest at the raft-up was very poorly organized and after Al ate a 2 lb. chocolate chip cookie (his handicap for having eaten 150 ginger snaps in the April Fool's raft-up) there was no telling who won. Among the other raft-up mysteries were, the thumping in the night against White Cloud's hull, what teak deck Burgie would choose this time and how well would I hook hold 8 boats (there was a lot of "swinging" in Glorietta Bay that night).

Thanks again to Tom Belair, the crew of Irena and all who participated. It was great fun and very educational.

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Leslie Cabeen



EL'TIM

David A Fish and Danai Lamb owners Elfin is a 19 foot 10 inch marconi sloop designed by Atkins and built in 1948 in San Pedro. She is Carvel planked fir over oak and sports a solid sitka-spruce mast.

World War II interupted ELFIN's construction in San Pedro. Her keel was laid in 1939, but the two brothers building her couldn't finish her until after the war. Afull-bodied, heavy displacement minicruiser was the result. (Her heavy timbers account for her2 ton displacement) She is a very capable Pocket yacht that once even had a tiny inboard, and was rumored to have once gone to Hawaii. Recently she has been extensively cruised throughout the channel islands. ELFIN has been in the last 4 Bay Regattas under the mame INCENTIVE

CORMFUGLEN

Joseph and Margaret Almony (Joe and Margi) STORMFUGLEN is a marconi cutter, 32 feet d signed by Melchiorsen in 1929, and built Aarbus Yachtcraft in Copenhagen in 1930.

FORMFURLEN was built for Jorgen Jacobsen and Co. originally and then purchased by Cecil Smith in 1957 and shipped to L.A. by freighter. It has been cruised locally and in Mexico. The Almonys bought it in 1973 and have kent it in San Diego since.



YESTERYEAR REGATTA

The 1980 Yesteryear Regatta promises to be a great success as usual, drawing boats from up and down the coast, including even Ensenada. Each year we seem to attract more and more out-of-town and non-member boats and give them a taste of Ancient Mariners' hospitality.

Last year we attracted a slew of eight meters that seemed to be everywhere at once! They're sure to be back this year after all the gold they took home last year. Also this year promises to be a year of schooners, with many from this area and from up north stating their intention to participate. They've been practicing hard this spring with such races as the first annual Mission Bay to Shelter Island Regatta, and the more recent Schooner Week at Ventura. In both races our own members did well, and used the oppertunity to tune up for our own regatta. WHITE CLOUDmanaged to take a first and third ,and even though PACIFICA couldn't participate she sent her schooner-rigged dingy "PACIFIER" who fought off the big boats with great success.

Yes there's a lot of Ancient Mariners been tuning up for June 28, iron men and women alike!

Things start happening Friday afternoon with old classics gathering in La Playa Cove for a pre-race boast-bull-and wager session. Breakfast Saturday morn will be at Southwestern Yacht Club. The buffet will begin around 8-ish. At 9 there will be a skippers meeting, and will be the last oppertunity to outfit your crew for the race in matching Yesteryear Regatta T-shirts!

The racing will all startnear Reubens restaurant where H.M.S. DOLPHINWill be the comittee boat. There will be seven classes:

Gaff-rigged sloops and cutters
Gaff-rigged ketches and yawls
Classic racing designs

Marconi-rigged sloops and cutters
Marconi-rigged ketches and yawls
Short course classics

Schooners

Each class wil have five trophies AND before the awards presentation at Southwestern there will be a big raffle with many expensive prises from local boat stores. A special buffet dinner will be served 7:30 or 8:00 and afterwards it's time to hop into one of the two shore boats and party the night away at the raft up.