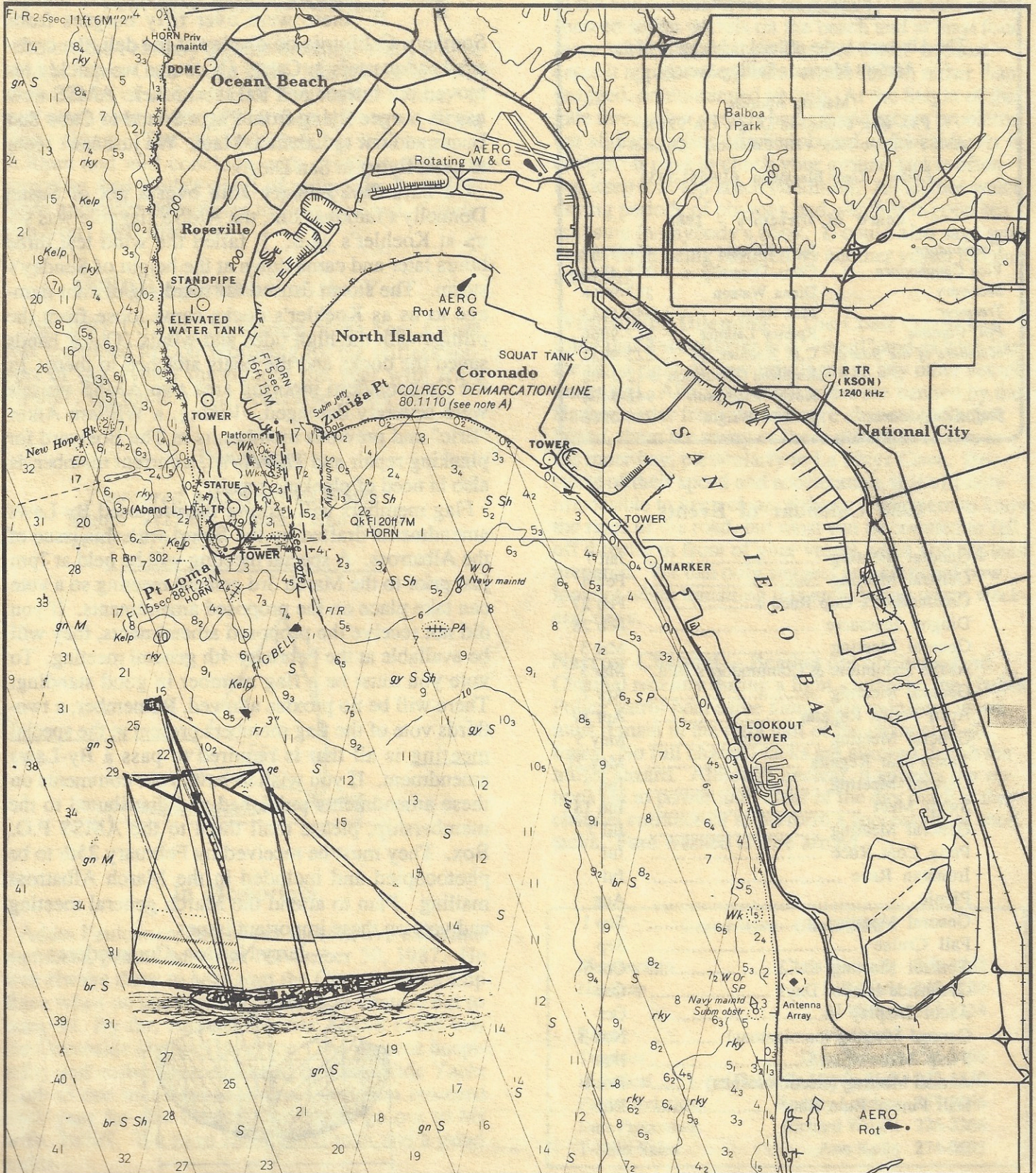
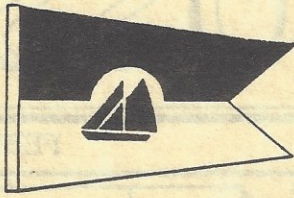


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1988 Calendar of Events

✓ General Meeting	Jan 7
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Commodore's Cup Race	Feb 27
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Ironman Race	Jul
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General Meeting	Sep 1
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General Meeting	Oct 6
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Ascot Display	Oct
General Meeting (nominatons)	Nov 3
Swap Meet	Nov
Annual Meeting (election results)	Dec 1
Half Pint o' Rum Race	Dec



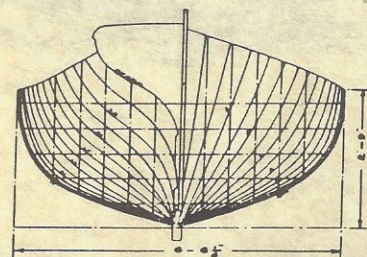
Last year in Cabo San Lucas we were asked whose burgee was flying from the starboard spreader of *Maid of Kent*. Karen of Papi's Deli in Cabo had never seen it before even though there were over fifty burgees from

Southern California on display at the deli, the cruiser's headquarters in Cabo. Of course we quickly removed our burgee and left it with her. AMSS now has its burgee flying from Puget Sound to Cabo San Lucas and out to Lahaina, Maui. We just can't seem to get it flying in San Diego.

On Saturday, January 16th over a pot of Susan Donnelly's famous chili, the AMSS flagpole was set up at Koehler's yard. It failed the wind test three hours later and came down at the height of Sunday's storm. The storm caused far more significant damage to us as Koehler's docks came loose from the pilings with the high tides and winds. Quick hands saved the docks and the boats attached to them. In the Embarcadero mooring area two AMSS vessels were severely damaged. *Viking*, a William Atkin "Eric" and previous member, is in The Boatyard for planking repair and *Thorobred*, a current member, is also in need of planking repair.

Flag members will receive the proposed By-Laws amendments drafted by the Board with this issue of the Albatross. A special meeting will be held at 7pm just prior to the March 3rd general meeting so a vote can take place on the proposed amendments. If you did not receive the proposed amendments, they will be available at the February 4th general meeting. To vote you must be a flag member in good standing. There will be no proxies allowed. Remember, a two-thirds vote of the flag members present at the special meeting is all that is required to pass a By-Laws amendment. If you wish to have your comments on these amendments published and distributed to the membership, please mail them to the AMSS P.O. Box. They must be received by February 25th to be photocopied and included in the March Albatross mailing. Plan to attend the March general meeting and vote on these important issues.

— Jerry Newton, Commodore



Welcome Aboard

(There are no new members this month)

February General Meeting

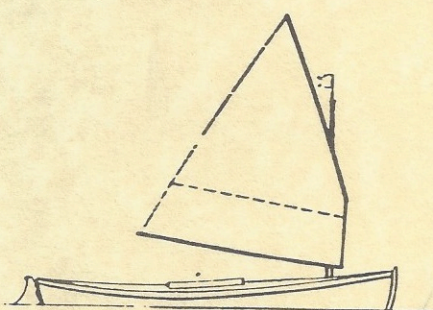
Before the February general meeting, which will be held at Silver Gate Yacht Club, Marcia Hilmen will show slides of our last Half Pint 'o Rum Race. If you want your slides of that race shown too, bring them along. The general meeting will begin at 7:30pm and will conclude with evening's featured program: Ann Kolls's slides of sailing the Bay of Islands and other adventures in New Zealand. Surely, you won't miss that!

USYRU Sportsman of the Year

The 1987 USYRU Sportsman of the Year Award was presented to Lou Wolfgang for his selfless support of our events throughout the year with *Rum Runner*, his ancient and venerable motor yacht.

For Sale

Thorobred, a 45 foot Mat Walsh sloop. \$12,000. Contact Ken Secor at 619-479-2102.



In Memorium

Adam Faulconer, one of our most active associate members, passed away on November 30, 1987. He was always there to help start the Commodore's Cup Race when no one else was willing to venture out to buoy #1. By far, Adam's favorite AMSS event was the Oceanside Harbor Days race. The genuine hospitality and enthusiasm extended by Oceanside Yacht Club to our members is the reason Adam returned each year for this event. Our hearts go out to his wife, Isabel. We have lost a good man and a good sailor.

PORT SIDE

by Rod Latimer

Blasted Anchorage— The gale that blew in on January 17th was the worst in recent years. Winds in the bay reached speeds of 50 knots, causing havoc in the Shelter Island free anchorage. The last count showed seven vessels on the beach and at least four more broken up on the rocks and sunk. In most cases it appears the ground tackle failed, rather than dragged, on unmanned vessels. At the height of the gale three other vessels had ground tackle problems, but all had anchor watches aboard and were never in danger. It pays to check your ground tackle often and keep it in top notch condition. An anchor watch during periods of obvious bad weather is good seamanship in anybody's book. It could also save your vessel from being battered by another vessel left unattended.

Windsurfer Dilemma— The Coast Guard has ruled that a windsurfer is a "vessel" and as such has the same right-of-way privileges as any other vessel under sail. Although windsurfers are banned by the Harbormaster from the entrance channel to Shelter Island, there are many of these ultralight sailors in the inner bay, particularly in La Playa Cove. Because of their speed and acceleration, it is virtually impossible to keep clear of them. Few seem to know the rules of the road, but most can be counted to fall off directly in front of your vessel when you are least prepared. We can only suggest an additional bow lookout when transiting this area during warm weekend days.

Narrow Channel— Beating out Shelter Island Channel recently during a light southerly, the Harbor Police patrol boat came along side to inform us we must remain in the right half of the channel at all times. No full channel tacks are allowed due to the traffic hazard. Although unclear, it appears our options are to power until clear of the day mark at the channel entrance or to perform a succession of short tacks. Fore warned is fore armed.

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Commodore's Cup

The Commodore's Cup Race will be run February 27th from buoy #1. The racing class (handicap under 200) will start at 12 noon, will round North Coronado Island in either direction, and will return to buoy #1 with times taken by each skipper.

The cruising class will start at 12:30pm at buoy #1 and race to the islands to a finish between the middle grounds rocks and North Coronado Island.

A short course race will be run in the bay. Contact Gary Blackman for details.

For complete details, all participants must pick up a race packet at Koehler's yard between 8:30 and 9am the morning of the race. Trophies will be awarded at the Commodore's Ball.

AMSS Classic Boat Exhibition & Commodore's Ball

On Saturday, March 5th, the Coronado Cays Yacht Club will host the AMSS for its first in-the-water boat exhibition. This will take place from 11am to 5pm. All participating boats must be at the Cays by 10am so we can set up for the show. All proceeds will go to the Children's Home Society of California and the Friends of the Children's Home Society (FO-

CUS). There is dock room for eight boats in slips and another four boats med-moored to the ends of the slip fingers. All additional flag vessels can be accommodated by rafting off the docks from two points or anchoring in the turning basin.

CCYC is very enthusiastic about having the Ancient Mariners down for the event and it looks like a perfect way to showcase our members' vessels. Trophies for the show will be awarded at the Commodore's Ball later that evening.

Our Commodore's Ball will also be held at CCYC at 7pm. After the exhibition, we can get cleaned up at CCYC and enjoy dinner and dancing without having to drive home!

Sunday, March 6th, an optional South Bay race will be held for us by the CCYC if there is enough interest. The basin has been sounded at zero tide and there is eleven to twelve feet of water throughout. Our port captain, Rod Latimer, will advise us of the best route to the Cays at the March general meeting. If you wish to attend the boat exhibition, contact Jerry Newton at 436-0589 so we can plan accordingly. Each boat must provide CCYC with a short history so the boats can be announced properly. In addition, you must provide a sign to inform the public if your boat cannot be boarded during the exhibition. All flag vessels are heartily encouraged to share their beauty inside and out with the public. See you there!

