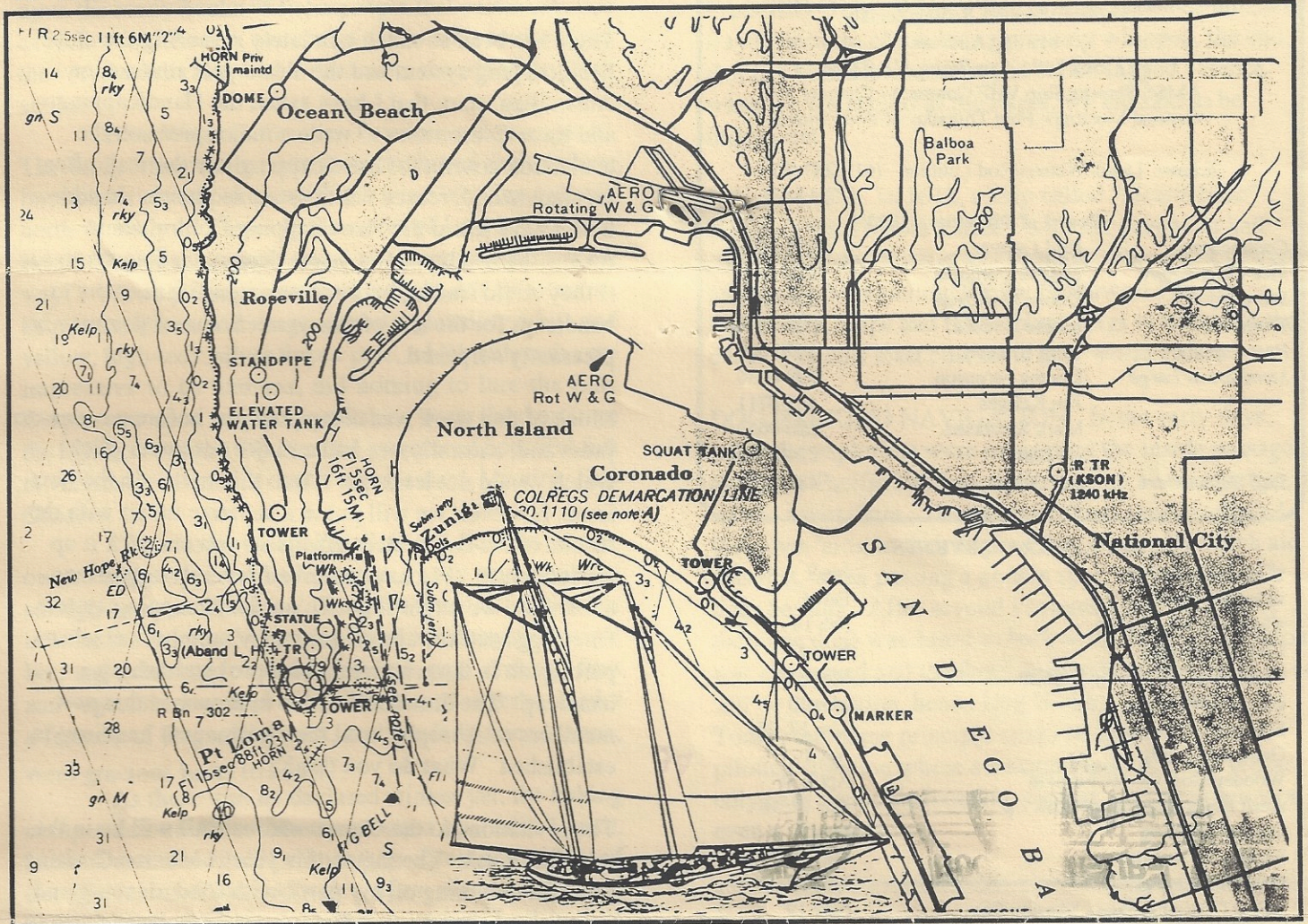


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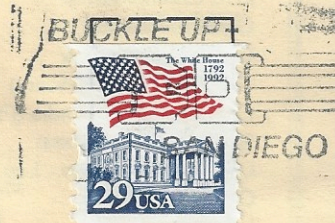
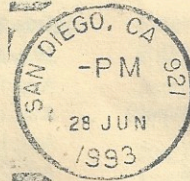
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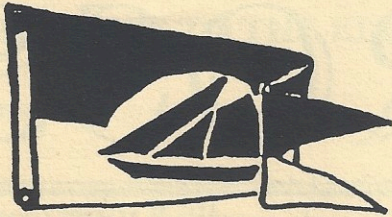
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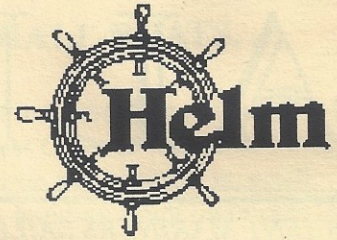
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1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

√General Meeting	Jan 7
√General Meeting	Feb 4
√Jack and Jill Regatta	Feb 14
General Meeting	Mar 4
Commodores Cup and Raft-up	Mar 6, 7
Billy Bone's Race	Mar 20
Schooner Cup	Mar 27, 28
General Meeting	Apr 1
Wooden Boat Center Festival	Apr 3, 4
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	Apr 17, 18
General Meeting	May 6
Yesteryear Regatta	May 15
General Meeting	June 3
Roller Coaster Cruise - Mission Bay	June 19
PCC Championship	June 26
General Meeting	July 1
Commodore's Ball	July 17
General Meeting (Picnic)	Aug 5
Escort the Star of India (Finest City Week)	Aug 14, 22
Small Boat Messabout	Aug 14, 15
Gorilla Rock Cruise - Los Coronados	Aug 21, 22
General Meeting	Sept 2
Labor Day Cruise	Sept 4
Petticoat Race	Sept 18
Iron Man Race	Sept 19
SWYC Ensenada Race	Oct 1, 2, 3
W.H.O.A. vs AMSS (Dana Cup)	Oct 3, 4
General Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Oct 7
Boat Show - CCYC	Oct 16
Homeward Bound Race	Oct 17
General Meeting (Nominations)	Nov 4
Swap Meet - Sun Harbor	Nov 20
General Meeting (Elections)	Dec 2
Half Pint O'Rum Race	Dec 4
New Years' Eve Raftup - La Playa	Dec 31

From the



There has been so much talk lately regarding the clubs handicapping system and the Yesteryear reverse, or Australian, start, that I have asked the Handicapping and Race Committees to write a major piece on the evaluation criteria for handicapping and the real, often misunderstood, reason for the start sequence. In addition, I have asked the Handicapping Committee to review the results of this years Yesteryear Regatta to see if they could find and correct any significant errors in handicaps for the rest of this year. Some of you may be pleasantly surprised.

Much of that work was completed just before we went to press and, naturally, we had a major computer glitch which would not let us get it into this issue. In the next issue, however, we will put in a separate insert with the results of the committees efforts so you can tack it up for reference. We have received several suggestions about how we might improve our handicapping system. One suggested the club require new member vessels to participate in three club races before establishing a handicap. The drawback to this approach is that new members can't trophy until their permanent handicap is established. What do you think?

The invitations to the **Commodores Ball** will be in the mail this week. The theme this year is Mexico Cruising (wishful dreaming on my part), with food, dancing and fiesta. Dress is informal Baja, so come to Southwestern Y.C. **Saturday, July 17**, and have a great time.

Rod Latimer, Commodore

JULY MEETING

Thursday, July 1st at 7:30 PM



at the
**Southwestern Yacht Club,
2702, Qualtrough Street**

**Video's and slides of Guadalupe Is. and
the Yesteryear Regatta gathered
from the club members**

SCHOOL OF FISH OUTSMARTS ANCIENT MARINERS

(That's news???)

Rumour was rife, and the air was heavy with anticipation, the morning of the "Roller Coaster/Fish-Thru-The-Kelp" cruise, Saturday, June 19th: hundreds of yellowtail and albacore had been sacrificing themselves upon the ready hooks of fisherpeople that past week, and as luck would have it, our cruise would set a course along the very La Jolla Kelpbeds which were the site of the "hot" action.

Blue Water II, Comber, Freedom and guest yacht, The Lady Marguerite, cast their dock and their fishing lines under cloudy skies, with the wind blowing a steady north-westerly 15 knots. In the words of Lonnie Lynch "it would have made a great sail if you were going the other way!". As we progressed around buoy #3 and up along the kelp beds, Diana Watson produced a gleaming white and yellow, high-tech, silver tipped pole, which although very impressive to us humans, did nothing to lure the fish. Despite row upon row of sport fishing boats lined up from the lighthouse to the OB Pier, the promise of bountiful fish never materialized — until we reached Mission Bay Channel...

"The Lady Marguerite", a 60' Samson ketch, owned and skippered by Warwick Pacey was generous enough to enter Mariners' Cove first, and act as anchor boat for the Ancient Mariners. Once rafted together, wine, beer and a delectable spread of cheese, pate, crab dip, fruit and vegetables was laid out and devoured eagerly. Under a festoon of flags, Warwick, and his lady friend Anna, were gracious hosts to us all.

As there was no declared winner yet, the fishing competition continued, hotly pursued by Justin Lynch, Leslie Benton and Jeff Latimer (yes, direct descendant of our illustrious Commodore). After several bites and catches of throw-back bass and mackerel, Leslie's rod captured a prize 4lb halibut. A few moments later, Jeff reeled in a very worthy opponent, a feisty striped bass weighing in at about the same. What a dilemma! The Trophy Holder versus the Commodore's Son... And so, in the interests of good sportsmanship, Jeff's Striped Bass and Leslie's Halibut are hereby declared Tied First Place Winners. (However, as Jeff used Leslie's bait and didn't eat his catch, Leslie retains the title for a second year!)

The evening's festivities were rounded off by Lonnie Lynch on harmonica, and his guitar-picking friend, Tom, closing down the anchorage at 11:15 with a rousing (?) version of Woolly Bully. You had to be there Maybe next year you will?

Leslie Benton

PORT SIDE

by Vern Koepsel

As there does not seem to be anything unusual in Aids to Navigation or other items of interest to sailors, it's time again for our Sailors Trivia.

FAGGED OUT: When a line or rope becomes unlaid or frayed because of not being properly whipped, the end that has been allowed to fray is called fagged. Hence, when we are ragged at the edges, we are said to be fagged out.

HALF MAST: In 1612, a ship called "Hearts Ease" sailed up the Thames Estuary with her Ensign at half mast due to the death of her Captain, who was killed by natives while searching for the Northwest Passage. Before this, ships had flown black flags in tribute to the dead. The half mast custom is now worldwide.

DOG BARKING NAVIGATION: In the early days, when the explorers were navigating the inside passages along the Pacific Northwest, there were no navigation aids to assist them. The pilots of these ships compiled their own 'aids' in their logs as they went. One such aid was that, when passing a certain spot, they would hear dogs barking. After several voyages by a spot where the same dogs was heard to bark at the ship, the location was confirmed and the dog's unique bark was listed as an 'aid' to navigation, hence Dog Barking Navigation. Today, this same principle could be applied to any piloting situation where a unique sound is heard repeatedly near a specific location, such as a whistler buoy or even a fog horn.

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Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 7:00 PM.
Members are welcome to attend.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPEAKING OF SMALL BOATS...

Dear Editor(s)

First, I want to congratulate Deb Dominici for the wonderful Yesteryear Regatta trophies. Great job! A request: Can the Race Committee do something for next year to ensure there is; (a) a fleet for the short course, or (b) a new class for small boats in the long course, or (c) adding the small boats to an existing class if there are fewer than five boats for another class.

Also, I suggest more pageantry in the Regatta, maybe even a raftup once again with catered food and live music. It might attract a few more entries, and would be a lot of fun.

Annie Kolls

Dear Ancient Mariner's

Late on April Fool's Eve, I phoned Winston Williams in Massachusetts to tell him the 45 ft. gaff schooner *Marie Celine* had just been found. He was elated.

Win, as they call him, is a past owner of the beloved *Marie*- and a well known free-lance writer. He has written many sea articles including some about the *Marie*- in *Cruising World*, *Sail*, and *National Geographic*. I have been gathering information for Win on the *Marie*- for a series of new articles and a possible novel. My uncle, William S. Wood built her in 1947, and I worked summers as a kid for him, so I have some history and photos.

The Ancient Mariner's Sailing Society came to my aid during this research and published our plea for help in their paper, *The Albatross*. A hearty THANK YOU for Win and I to the following:

Rod Latimer	Commodore
Diana Watson	Albatross Editor
Paul Plotts	Member & Skipper of Dauntless
Lonnie Lynch	Member & Yacht Broker
Neil Welsh	Member, who is moored near our boat & my 1st contact.
Tom Jackson	Member & who 1st informed me of her location.
Richard Spindler	Publisher, Latitude 38, who phoned from Sausalito to tell of her location.

She is now moored in Santa Cruz harbor. It is a good feeling to know that fellow mariners are so helpful.

Bill McClive
Big Bear City, CA.

There will be a small boat messabout on August 11 - 15 at the Navy Y.C. at Fiddlers Cove on Coronado's Silver Strand for those with, or who have interest in, small boats, sailing small boats, building small traditional boats, or picnics, or parties, or just messing about. AMSS and the So. Cal. Small Boat Messabout Society, invite you to "mess about" with them at anytime during this five-day event. Fiddlers Cove, about 2 miles south of Glorietta Bay, is the spot. The cost to attend the Messabout is \$5 per day per person, with or without a boat. This is to cover the cost of picnic food and supplies. Bring your friends and kids, etc., but, sorry, no dogs because of the resident ducks.

There is a single launch ramp available, places to anchor or tie your little bosts overnight, and all of South Bay for sensational small boat sailing. If you are a kayak or canoe person, there will be excursions for paddle craft, guided by Sam Radding.

Besides the in-the-water boatng, plans include hikes along the bay and ocean, a pancake breakfast, chile pig-out, pot luck barbeque, etc.

If you are interested in building a small boat, or just playing around in them, this is the event for you. Talk with the experts and see how they have done it, then take a sail with them and see how it works. For more information, call Ann Kolls at (619) 569-5277.

PCC Regatta

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Time	Elapsed Times
Race 1 start: 12:00:00				
1	Robin	Craig	13:46:22	1:46:22
2	Kachina	Thorpe	13:55:35	1:55:35
3	Selene	Koehler	13:56:03	1:56:03
4	Comanche	Dominici	13:56:55	1:56:55
5	Kiahala	Keitges	DNF	2:00:00
Race 2 start: 1315 Fleet DNS				
Race 3 start: 14:30:00				
1	Robin	Craig	16:03:22	1:33:22
2	Selene	Koehler	16:04:57	1:34:57
3	Comanche	Dominici	16:12:29	1:42:29
4	Kachina	Thorp	16:12:44	1:42:44
5	Kiahala	Keitges	16:16:33	1:46:33
Aggregate Finish Order				
1	Robin	Craig		3:19:44
2	Selene	Koehler		3:31:00
3	Kachina	Thorp		3:38:19
4	Comanche	Dominici		3:39:245
5	Kiahala	Keitges		3:46:33