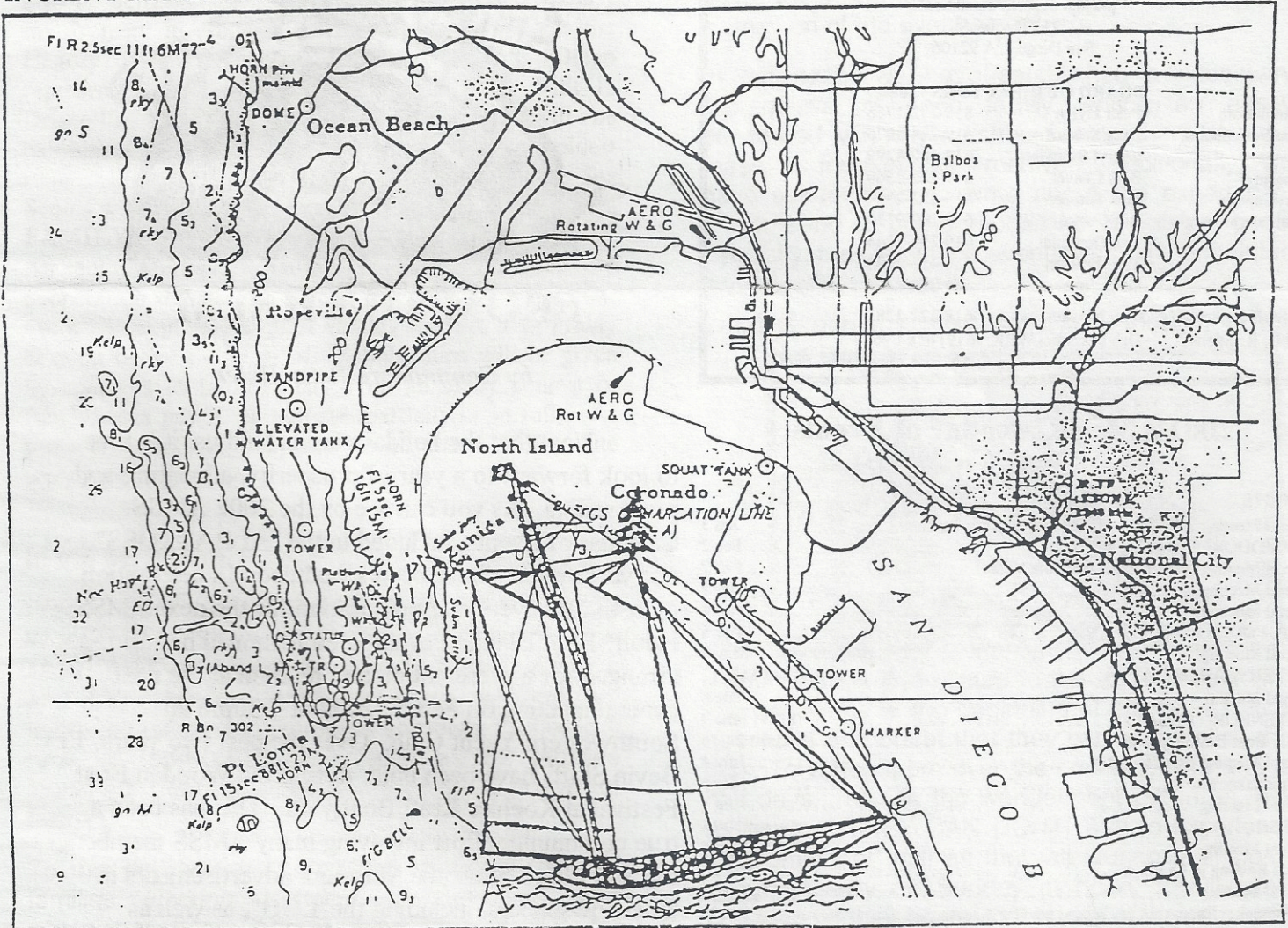


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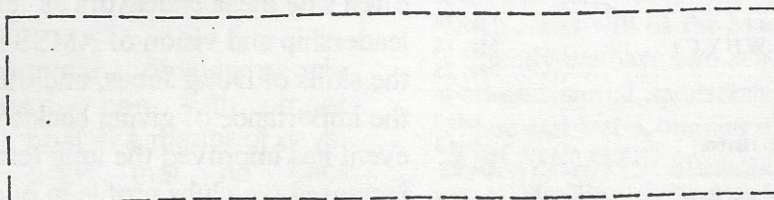
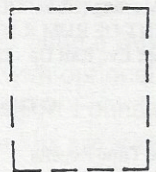
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## FROM THE HELM

*by Commodore Peter Hylan*

## 2002 AMSS Calendar of Events

### Events

General Meeting	Jan 3
COMMODORES CUP	Feb 2
General Meeting (Family Boat Building Video)	Feb 7
General Meeting	Mar 7
General Meeting	Apr 4
APRIL FOOLS REGATTA AND RAFT UP	Apr 6
General Meeting	May 2
YESTERYEAR REGATTA	May 11
General Meeting	June 6
KETTENBURG REGATTA	(SUN) June 9
Family Boat Building Event	June 14-16
General Meeting (RAFT -UP?)	July 4
No Spinnaker Race	July 6
General Meeting	Aug 1
CRUISE	August 10/11
General Meeting	Sept 5
Bevins Rowing in La Playa	Sept 21
General Meeting	Oct 10 (NOT Oct 7)
No Spinnaker Race	Oct 26
General Meeting	Nov 7
General Meeting (ELECTIONS)	Dec 5
HALF PINT OF RUM RACE	RAFT -UP Dec 7
New Years' Eve Raft Up - La Playa	Dec 31

### OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS

One More Time Regatta	March 2
American Schooner Cup	April 7/8
Wild Goose Chase, San Pedro to Newport (W.H.Y.C.)	TBA
Heritage Regatta- Show (Newport Hb. Nautical Museum)	Apr ?
Newport - Ensenada Race	Apr 26
LUDERS INVITATIONAL	May 18
Eric Erickson Oil Island Race, Long Beach (W.H.Y.C.)	May 18
Master Mariner's Race	May 25
Koehler's Wooden Boat Festival	June 15-16
Howland's Landing WHYC Catalina Cruise	July ?
McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)	Aug 3
Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)	Aug 23
Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race	Aug
WHYC Dana Cup	Sept ?
S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race	Oct 5
Termite Triangle Race	Nov 5

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to look forward to a year of prosperity, adventure and great sailing. As you can see by the 2002 AMSS Calendar of Events, included in the "ALBATROSS", our year's events have been scheduled. In celebration of last year's event and preparation for the next AMSS Family Boat Building event, Deb Dominici has arranged for a presentation and reunion at the next general meeting on Feb. 7, 2002 at 7:30pm at Southwestern Yacht Club. Over the past two years, 13 Bevin Skiffs have been built, during the Wooden Boat Festival at Koehler Kraft Boat yard. This has been a true community effort involving many AMSS members, the San Diego Maritime Museum, advertisements in local newspapers, including the "LOG", as well as television news coverage. C. F. Koehler has provided the venue for the event and this has allowed for hundreds of Boat Festival attendees to enjoy the AMSS/San Diego Maritime Museum Family Boat Building event. Historically, many sailing clubs, yacht clubs, and nautical associations have operated, for the most part, out of the public eye. As a result, the public often saw these endeavors as "elite". However, the leadership and vision of AMSS members with the and the skills of Doug Jones, and others, have recognized the importance of giving back to the community. This event has improved the long term viability and increased the clubs profile in our community. Providing the educational opportunities for the families, while causing them to work together, leads to positive results for the family. This also sparks an interest in



# WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL PROGRAM

The **Wooden Boat Festival** (June 15 and 16) this year will focus on the building, restoring, and maintenance of a Wooden Boat. Mechanical and Rigging skills will also be demonstrated. A **BIG FOCUS** will be family involvement in Ancient Mariner Boats as well as the History of Woodenboat Building in San Diego represented by Kettenburg Boats and those built in Driscoll's Yard. The Maritime Museum will be exhibiting BUTCHER BOY, San Diego's oldest remaining coastal fishing boat in existence. The Sea Scouts will be doing the food and a **BIG Event** will be a **FAMILY BOAT BUILDING EVENT**, organized by Ancient Mariners Sailing Society (AMSS) in cooperation with the San Diego Maritime Museum. The event has been held at prior venues and will start Friday at noon before the Festival. Scholarships will be given by sponsors to families based on an essay contest or families can pay to participate (partially or in full). As the WoodenBoat explains on the WEB Site [www.woodenboat.com](http://www.woodenboat.com),

## In the beginning...

WoodenBoat began Family Boatbuilding at the WoodenBoat Show in St. Michaels, Maryland in 1998. That year, we hosted 60 families building -- and taking home -- their own boats. In 1999, we tightened up the requirements somewhat, offered a new kit, and watched in awe as 52 families launched their own boats after 2-1/2 days of building!

To this day, we are committed to the concept of families working together in harmony (and occasional stress). And what a truly fantastic event is Family Boatbuilding!

The premise is simple: Offer families kit boats to build, shower them with instruction (much of it hands-on)... and they emerge a stronger unit, with their own boats! The only "contest" here is to complete the task.

## You Can Do It!

The theme behind the event is that ordinary people -- in our case, families -- can, with proper instruction, build their own boat in a matter of days. Our experience has been that no prior woodworking or boatbuilding expertise is required.

The greatest single ingredient needed for this event is that families be dedicated to completing the task.

We have been so fortunate that our 112 families have been so committed to the event. They help other families when one invariably falls behind; they share tools and interpretation; and they follow the instruction of the event organizers.

In our case, we have established a necessary prerequisite of each family writing an essay concerned with why we should select them from the mass of inquiries we received. Additionally, we have asked them to write about the experience, and to send us photographs of their finished boats (typically, they leave the event with boats unpainted and, mostly, unprimed).

What is perhaps most satisfying, though, is the



transformation that occurs to the 220+ people who (mostly) arrive at the beginning of the event, full of questions and doubt that they can accomplish this task. To watch them over the course of two and a-half days... to see the wonderment set in as they realize that **THEY CAN DO IT!** And to experience the communal thrill as they all launch their boats simultaneously on Sunday at noon, row around, and then tie their boats to the tops of their cars and drive home! "They did it!"

The AMSS/Maritime Museum event will build a Bevin's Skiff, Designed by Joe Youcha, 12'6", with optional sail rig, 100 pounds from the Alexandria Seaport Foundation [www.capaccess.org/asf](http://www.capaccess.org/asf). For this event kits are \$900.00 which includes everything except your personal tools. The preliminary work will be done prior to the event so at Noon on Friday each family will begin building. Doug Jones will be the Master Shipwright for the event. Currently we have two scholarships and hope for more! Full and partial sponsorships are requested and given. Please call Deb Dominici during the evenings for details (619) 294-2244 or [amss.info@juno.com](mailto:amss.info@juno.com) or on the WEB [www.sdsailing.com/amss.htm](http://www.sdsailing.com/amss.htm) or send inquires to: Ancient Mariners/Maritime Museum Education Fund, P.O. Box 86234, San Diego, CA 92138-6234



## Commodore's Cup

February 2, 2002

**Entries:** The 2002 Commodore's Cup will offer an around North Coronado Island long course Class and an around Coronado Roads short course Class as described below. This race open to all Ancient Mariners Sailing Society members and accepted guests.

**Classes:** Long Course: Handicap range unlimited  
Short Course: Handicap range unlimited

**Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the 2001-2004 International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR) including the prescriptions of US SAILING. **EXCEPT:** For the Long Course, boats that start early will be penalized **5.0 minutes plus the amount of time they are over early**. A penalty turn will be a 720° turn (Defined as a tack, jibe, tack, and jibe). Any boat that hits a mark will be required to do a 360° turn, any boat that misses a mark is required to re-round that mark to finish the course or will be disqualified. If you retire from race please call Greg Stewart @723-3078 and leave message.

**Starting Line:** Both classes will start between SD Buoy #5 (Starboard end) and SD Buoy #6 (Port end). The S/Y *Sally* will run the starting sequence.

**Finish Line:** Both Classes will finish between SD Buoy #5 (Port end) and SD Buoy #6 (Starboard end). **Take your own finish time corrected to Pacific Bell time & call in to 723-3078 or radio in ch 69 to Sally.**

**Start time & Signals:** The starting sequence for both classes will be as follows:

<u>Sequence</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>
Warning	1050	Long Blast
Predatory	1055	Long Blast
Start	1100	Long Blast

**Courses:** **Long Course** (Handicap Distance 27nm)  
Start as noted above  
North Coronado Island (to Port)  
Finish as noted above

**Short Course** (Handicap Distance 10.5nm)  
Start as noted above  
SD Buoy #1 (to Port)  
Navy Mooring Buoy (to Port)  
SD Buoy #1 (to Starboard)  
Finish as noted above

**Changes in Sailing Instructions:** Changes in these instructions, if any, will be broadcast from the S/Y *Sally* on channel 69 (or 71 as alternative) before the scheduled start time and on the hour for each hour of the race.

**Protests:** All protests to be lodged in writing aboard *Sally* one (1) hour after the last boat finishes.

**Social:** A raft up in La Playa cove is scheduled to immediately follow racing.

**Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded at the March General Meeting at SWYC.



classic and vintage design vessels, which enhances our mission. The next Family boat Building Event is scheduled for Fathers Day Weekend, June 15-17, 2002, a perfect time to share this family event. Deb will be providing all the specifics in order to encourage application for scholarships and to encourage tax-deductible donations. Please help spread the good word. I am hopeful that most of our Bevin Skiff families will attend the Feb. 7th "Reunion" meetings.

## NEW EDITOR FOR THE ALBATROSS

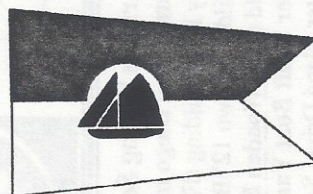
By Deb Dominici, Retiring Editor

I want to thank Pat Johnson for volunteering to take over the editing and production of the Ancient Mariners Newsletter, the ALBATROSS. Last night we spent two hours going through the procedures of getting the ALBATROSS out and .htm files sent to our WEB MASTER, Carl Hancock every month. I feel the Newsletter is in competent hands and Pat is certainly one of those new members who continually volunteers and helps make AMSS a better organization.

I do request that if anyone sees a mistake in the ALBATROSS, that you contact Pat about it but remember please, be kind and gentle. [Thanks DEB - Ed] The editing, production and mailing of the newsletter to 100 individuals (members and publications), takes a fair amount of time and this time is volunteered time! I will continue to help Pat when he needs it. I am also sure that Rod and Diana Latimer will lend a hand if needed (as they have done for me in the past). Craig Mueller has also volunteered to send in an article once in a while. Everyone is encouraged to contribute!

[This seems a good place to encourage our members to send articles for inclusion in the ALBATROSS. Don't forget some pictures too. After all, reading about wooden boats is almost as much fun as sailing in one. Articles are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> to insure time for production. - Ed]

I would also like to use this opportunity to ask all members to come to the February meeting. It is important for the AMSS Board to know that the members support the Family Boat Building (FBB) Event. The February meeting also presents an opportunity for members to get to know the past participants and encourage interested families who may participate at the next event. Plus, I promise an entertaining Power Point Presentation (with music) and raffle that you need not buy a ticket for!



### NEXT MEETING

**Family Boat Building Video**

**Family Updates**

*Please come and support this event!*

**FEBRUARY 7, 2002**

**THURSDAY**

**7:30 PM at SWYC**



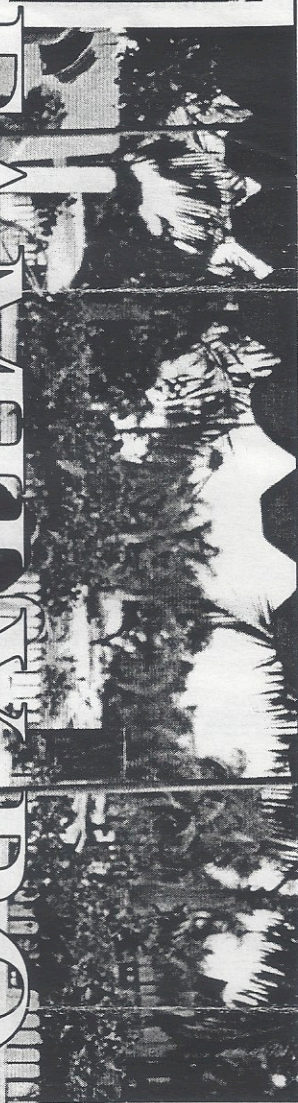
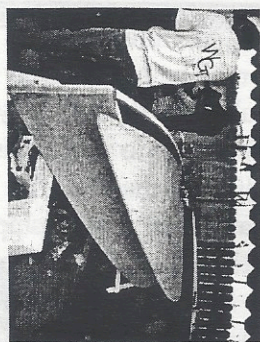
**Board Meeting Fourth Wednesday of the Month  
at 7PM SWYC**

## WELCOME TO AMSS

**PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS:** Maiga Berzins and Rick Keach who recently bought PC #78 originally named *BLUE CHIP 2* and is now called *MAIGA B*. Maiga and Rick are not new to AMSS because they have been sailing on *COMANCHE* and *PACIFICA* for a number of years.

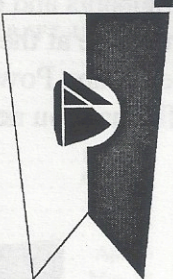
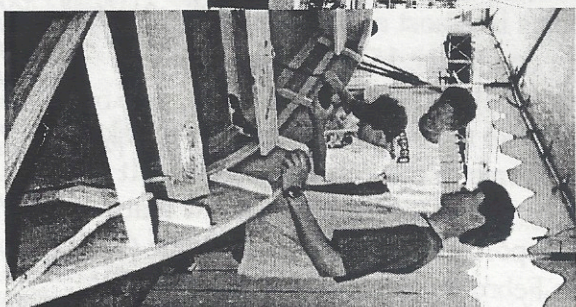
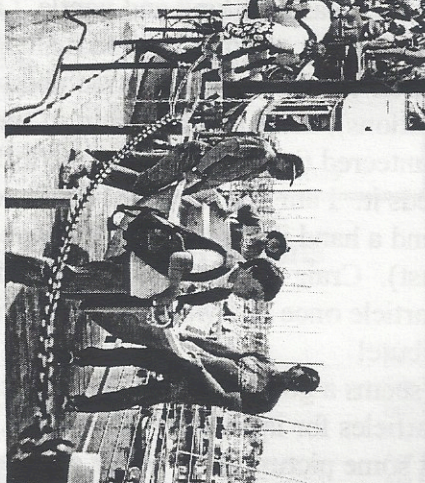
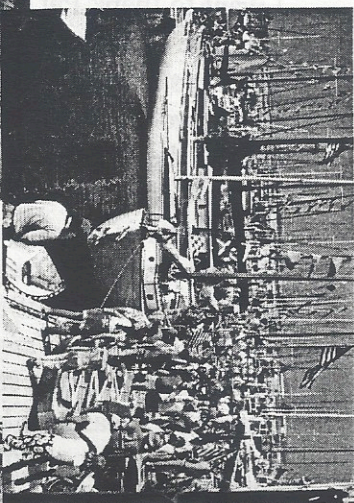
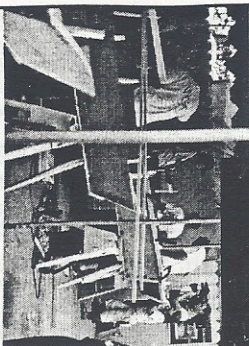
**NEW MEMBER:** Jacques "Lamont" Schroeder who owns *CHICO*. *CHICO* is a Japanese-built Tahiti Ketch, built in 1952 and 35 ft length overall. She was formally known as Nathaniel Bowditch, but her original name was *CHICO*. Reportedly she has circumnavigated the globe twice.





# FAMILY BOAT BUILDING EVENT

June 14-16, 2002



The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society and the Maritime Museum of San Diego invite the public to participate in a Family Boat Building (FBB) event at which each family will build their own 12' Bevins Skiff. The FBB event will be held at the Wooden Boat Festival at the Koehler Kraft Boat Yard at 2302 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego June 14-16, 2002.

Applications are available on [www.sdsailing.com](http://www.sdsailing.com)

Ancient Mariners/Maritime Museum

Education Fund, P.O. Box 86234,

San Diego, CA 92138-6234

The Board of Directors of the Ancient Mariners/Maritime Museum Education Fund, will choose the families who will receive full and partial scholarships to participate in building their own skiff based on a 500-word essay contest (for minors), or the families may pay to participate. For more info call: (619) 294-2244.

