

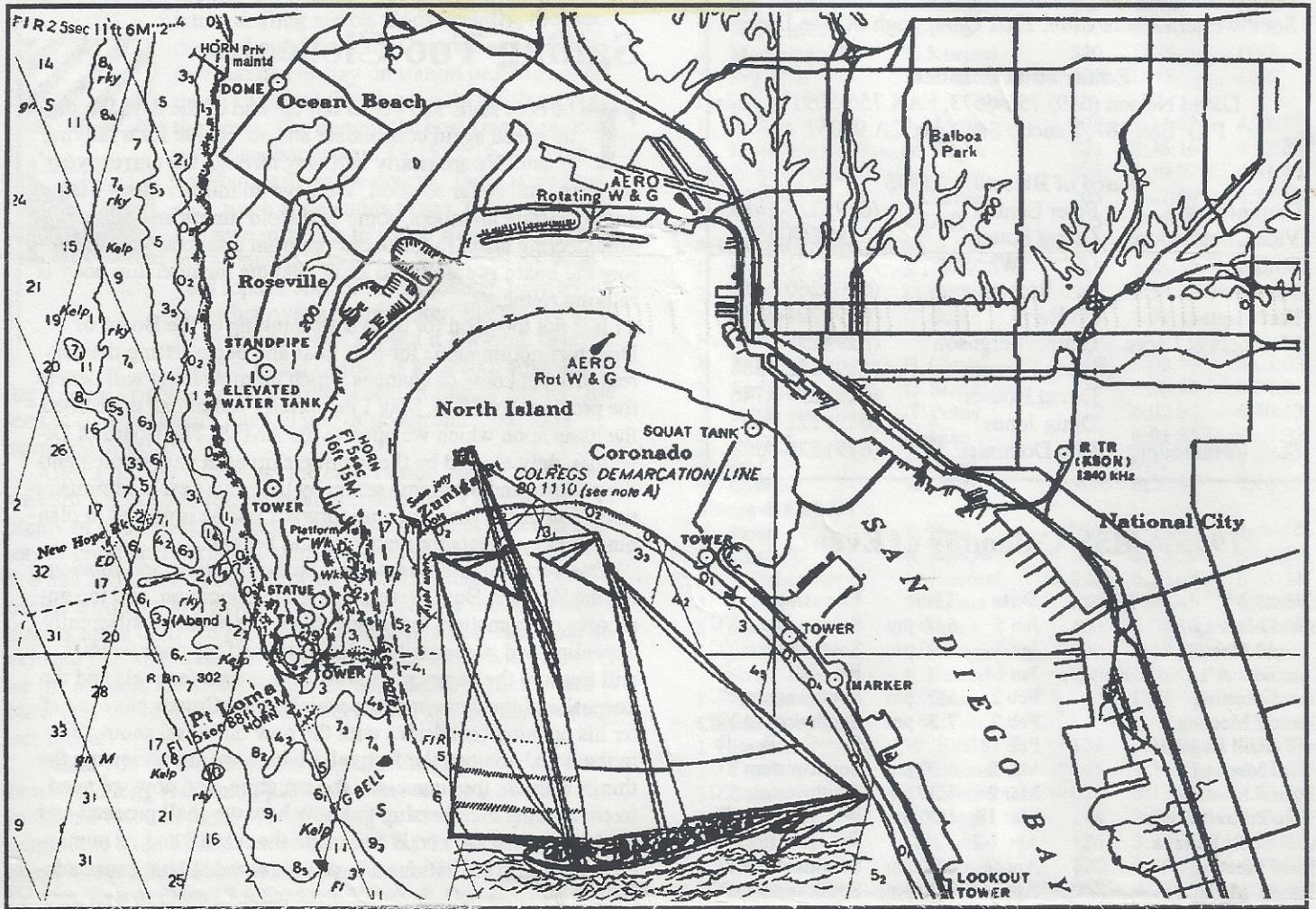
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1995 AMSS Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Board Meeting	Jan 5	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jan 5	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Commodore's Cup & Raft-Up	Jan 14		☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
Board Meeting	Feb 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Feb 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Jack & Jill Regatta	Feb 18		☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
Board Meeting	Mar 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Mar 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Photo Portrait Cruise	Mar 18	1:00 pm	☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
April Fools Regatta	Apr 1-2		☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
Board Meeting	Apr 6	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Apr 6	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Board Meeting	May 4	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	May 4	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Wooden Boat Festival	May 6-7	9:30 am	☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
Yesteryear Regatta	May 27	11:00 am	☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
Board Meeting	Jun 1	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jun 1	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Kettenburg Regatta	Jun 24	1:00 pm	Star of India
Board Meeting	Jul 6	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Jul 6	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Commodore's Ball	Jul 15	8:00 pm	Shelter Is. Beach
General Mtg. & Picnic	Aug 3	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Gorilla Rock Cruise	Aug 5	12:00 pm	Ballast Point
Labor Day Cruise	Sep 2-3	12:00 pm	To Be Announced
Board Meeting	Sep 7	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Sep 7	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Petticoat Race	Sep 16	1:00 pm	To Be Announced
Ironman Race	Sep 17	1:00 pm	To Be Announced
Board Meeting	Oct 4	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Oct 4	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Board Meeting	Nov 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting (nominations)	Nov 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Half Pint O' Rum Race	Dec 2	11:30 am	By Fiddlers Cove
General Meeting (elections)	Dec 7	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
New Year's Raft-up	Dec 31	4:00 pm	La Playa Cove

From the Helm

Sailing Too Close....

The boat stalls and yet its not the end of the day. We pick up speed again consolidate and set course for a rallying finish. We are nearly half way through the current year's program, and so far so good. We have an influx of new Flag and Associate members, some of the old timers are out there volunteering again to make our program a success and therefore the board is grateful to know that the membership body is rallying round.

It is not too soon for us to start thinking of the Board of Directors nominations for next year and begin letting the current officers know of changes which members feel will benefit the program for 1996. May I just briefly remind all concerned, the basis upon which we operate the AMSS. The Board of Directors, duly elected by the membership each year implements the policies and programs set up by the prior year's administration. Now is the time to come forward and be involved in planning the key events for next year and beyond.

One very important issue will be the planning and financing for the Wooden Boat Festival, its timing, location, and the numerous other matters that made this years event so differently appealing and successful as related to the four prior years. I still treasure the happy memories of previous festivals and the keepsake of the cannon shells which Doug Craves gave me after his opening broadsides with the now universal shout, "fire in the hole," to open the festival. So here we are reviewing the things learned, the financials, the structure, and now we need to address the membership to know how we shall proceed and thus strengthen the bonds and make the AMSS and its numerous yacht club affiliations a haven for wooden boat camaraderie and experience!

Mainly, all of this can best be achieved by bringing friends to meetings and standing up and addressing the important issues with board members and in the general meetings. Shall we hold the next Maui race? should more of our sailing events be open to affiliates like the "Wooden Hull YC," or wooden boats generally? How can we best swell our numbers and still be different to yacht club organizations and carry our own mystique and prestige in the sailing environment in California.

Let us now seek answers. Write to the Albatross Editor, David Nelson, air your views on the different issues, nominate and volunteer, bring out and make public those matters which either as a new member or old, motivate you.

Enjoy your sailing.

*Regards to you all,
Peter J. Benton
Commodore '95.*

P.S. The Membership is encouraged to take advantage of the classified advertising section in the back of the Albatross. Classifieds are FREE so contact the Editor with your ad.

1995 Yesteryear Regatta

The 21st annual Yesteryear Regatta came off with a few minor hitches, but over all was a great success. We had 52 sign ups and 47 starters (1 hope to see more schoolers next year). There were some old greats like *Baruna*, a 72-foot Sparkman & Stevens ocean racing yawl built in 1938. There were also some new greats like "Bloodhound," built in 1993 to the lines of William Fife drawn in the late 1800s.

Sad to say we did not have much wind and at times it turned into a drifling match. Consequently, the race dragged out. The Race Committee on *Pacifica* decided to stay on station past the cut off time (18:00) so that they could finish most of the boats. The committee boat finally pulled up the anchor around 19:15 (7:15 pm) with six boats still on the course. There were however some great sights to see. It was beautiful and awe inspiring to watch *Bloodhound* ghosting around the course with all sails set, jack yard topsail and all. Or, watching *Sally* trying to fly her oversize spinnaker, she looked a little pregnant when she got it drawing. (Maybe another rating change is in order). And watching *Andale* skidding around North Island sailing by the lee, she looked like she would have to jibe or go aground, but she squeezed through.

After a full day of racing, the crews came ashore to Southwestern Yacht Club for the awards ceremony. There was plenty of good food and grog, great live music to dance to and lots of great raffle prizes to win. Everyone had a good time. We had about 160 sailors show up to party (double the expected amount). We gave out the awards to our usual seven classes and a bottle of rum for first place in a new class that developed late, the Luders 16s. (Hope we get them next year). After the awards, the crews wandered back down to their boats. Next year we hope to get boats more wind and get the results out sooner.

Thank you to Woodenboat Magazine for the generous donation of the long red racing pennants everyone got. Thank you to Chris Frost and family for allowing us to use *Pacifica* for the committee boat. Thank you to the crew on the committee and chase boats: Linda Hovland, Trudy Woods, Jack Frost, Eileen Greene, Lyn & Darrel Richardson, Randy & Caroline Williamson, and Dave & Jenny Nelson.

My thanks to the organizing committee: Deb Dominici, Tom Jackson and Linda Hovland. Without them we would not have had a good race. Thank you for your time and hard work.

This year we had lots of boats, I hope to have them back for next year's regatta.

Doug Jones
Race Chairperson



OK, so your check's in the mail

But if you forgot, please mail your dues to our treasurer, Lyn Richardson, so that we may fund our major projects. Thank you.

Send your payment to:
AMSS, P.O. Box 6484, San Diego, CA 92166

Yesteryear Regatta Race Results

				Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
Gaffers					
1	Emily L	F. Newell	520	6:52:29	6:48:24
2	Revelee	L. Fossum	520	7:10:02	7:05:57
3	Wood Rose	D. Houser	480	7:09:46	7:13:51
4	Sea Witch	J. Cabeen	360	DNF	DNF
5	Misty Isles	R. Pike	300	DNF	DNF
6	Macushlah II	E. Koepsel	520	DNS	DNS
7	Sea Waif	H. Thomas	400	DNS	DNS
Luders 16					
1	Feather	J. Morris	205	3:34:52	4:21:37
2	Hullabaloo	M. Butler	205	3:35:16	4:22:01
3	El Aire Brisa*	J. Callow	205	3:39:27	4:31:12
4	Zephyr	J. Callow	205	3:47:50	4:34:35
5	The HEAT	J. Duff	205	DNF	DNF
Schooners					
1	Maid Of Kent	J. Newton	425	6:06:12	6:21:30
2	Elan	D. Graves	340	5:58:35	6:31:15
3	Albatross	G. South	215	5:51:10	6:49:22
Ketches & Yawls					
1	Toko	B. Clark	240	5:09:58	6:03:03
2	Jin Lung	D. Siembiopa	335	5:50:18	6:24:00
3	North Star	G. Potter	310	6:02:04	6:40:52
4	Aegean	Reagan	270	6:01:35	6:48:32
5	At Ease	J. Haupt	450	6:55:01	7:05:14
6	Cynthia	W. Buel	300	6:30:03	7:10:53
Sloops & Cutters					
1	Bout	E. Barr	280	4:00:15	4:45:10
2	Chalupa	B. Barlow	300	5:30:20	6:11:10
3	Malabar Star	V. Koepsel	220	5:26:04	6:23:14
4	Fantasy	Sommers	240	5:47:46	6:40:51
5	Ranger	J. Sutter	400	6:22:10	6:42:35
6	Molly Sue**	R. Bodeen	200	5:48:17	6:51:32
7	Santa Teresa	P. Benton	500	DNF	DNF
8	Aumoana	R. Haas	240	DNF	DNF
Classic Racing A					
1	Bagatelle***	W. Ettel	135	3:18:05	4:37:37
2	Freedom	R. Latimer	145	3:30:45	4:43:13
3	Sally	C. Koehler	078	3:17:16	4:43:26
4	Intrepid	K. Guyer	144	3:38:39	4:51:20
5	Andale	D. Smith	126	3:38:26	4:54:48
6	Comanche	D. Dominici	120	3:40:26	4:58:01
7	Baruna	G. Cherniack	069	4:28:08	5:56:08
8	Sabrina	D. Evans	140	4:57:36	6:11:06
Classic Racing B					
1	Sundance	K. Thompson	175	3:47:51	4:54:12
2	Scotch Mist	K. Hall	190	3:57:37	5:00:54
3	Bloodhound	B. Gilbert	170	4:18:34	5:25:57
4	Valentine	D. Davidson	150	4:27:47	5:39:14
5	Skylark	J. Thomas	180	4:49:06	5:54:26
6	Saga	B. Hendrichsin	170	5:00:25	6:07:48
7	Reward	G. Wheeler	165	5:05:59	6:14:23
8	Linda Marie	D. Long	197	5:34:34	6:36:25
9	Tiburon	P. Langley	160	DNF	DNF
10	Coquette	J. Holz	160	DNS	DNS
11	Dyad II	S Taylor	165	DNS	DNS
Short Course					
1	Precious	A. Kolls	520	3:00:06	3:09:34
2	Dingus	C. Frost	660	3:22:01	3:14:55
3	Loafer	R. Render	440	3:00:07	3:19:03
4	Fair Dinkum	K. Korporal	520	DNS	DNS

* 5 minute penalty

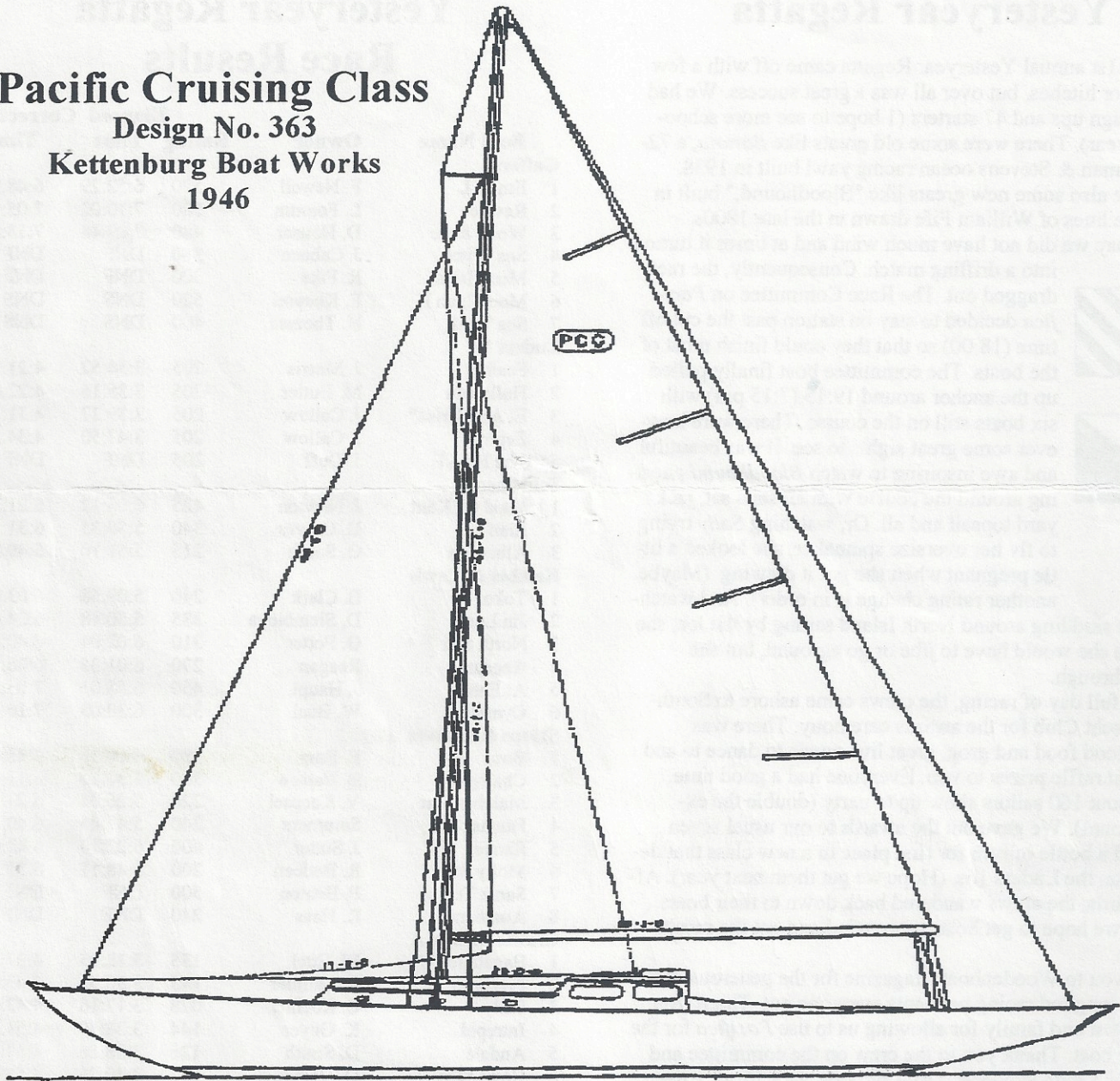
** 2 minute penalty for hitting start buoy.

*** 5 minute penalty for missing mark.

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Kettenburg Boat Works
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Second Annual Kettenburg Regatta
Saturday June 24, 1995 — San Diego Bay

Kettenburg Regatta

The Kettenburg Regatta, June 24, 1995 — The Second Annual Kettenburg Regatta held in San Diego Bay, is hosted by the Maritime Museum, Paul Kettenburg, and the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society (AMSS). This event is open to all PCs, K38s, PCCs, K40s, K41s, K43s, and K50s. The event originated as the PCC National Championships three years ago and expanded to all Kettenburg designed sailboats last year.

Three years ago, the PCCs had two class races and an awards ceremony with wine and cheese on the *Berkeley*. We all had a great time! Two years ago we had our awards ceremony and informal celebration at Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC). Last year, the Maritime Museum offered the *Star of India* for our pot luck awards celebration. It was a great awards

ceremony with Kettenburg memorabilia displayed in the Captain's quarters. Award ceremonies will be held at the *Star of India* again this year and AMSS members are welcome to attend.

Each class of Kettenburg boat has their own start, with the highest handicapped boats starting at noon, with at least two short triangular races in San Diego Bay, with the schooner *Dauntless* in 1992 and the schooner *Elan* in 1993 and 1994 as our start boats.

We will try to have three races this year (wind permitting), a start boat, and a chase boat. All Kettenburg boats will use the same start boat and marks. Perpetual trophies will be awarded to each class winner and be shown on display aboard the *Berkeley*.

For more information contact: AMSS, P.O. Box 6484, San Diego, CA 92166, Attention: John Holz, George Wheeler, or Deb Dominici, Regatta Co-Chairpeople, 619-222-6616.

More Yesteryear Trophy Winners

Dingus Trophy

Feather

Best Corrected Time – Long Course

Precious

Best Corrected Time – Short Course

Reliance Trophy

Sally

Best Elapsed Time – Long Course

Precious

Best Elapsed Time – Short Course

Turtle Trophy

Wood Rose

Longest Elapsed Time – Long Course

Dingus

Longest Elapsed Time – Short Course

Herreshoff Trophy

Bagatelle

First Herreshoff To Finish

Oldest Boat Trophy

Misty Isles – 1915

Farthest Port Trophy

Aegean – Seattle

Newport Harbor Bay Race

The Fifth Annual Newport Harbor Nautical Museum Heritage Regatta bay race, Co-sponsored by Wooden Hull Yacht Club will be held June 9th and 10th at Newport Beach Harbor. The entry fee is \$20.00.

Contact the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum at (714) 673-3377 or Doug Jones at (619) 222-0865.

New Member

Welcome aboard to our newest Associate member, Paula O'Bryant. Paula has crewed and participated in numerous AMSS events in the past. She was sponsored by Gregg Potter and Peter Benton.

Gorilla Rock... Here We Go Again.

The first Gorilla Rock Cruise was when the anchorage in the middle of the South Coronado Island Group was so aptly named by the cruise champion who convinced all of us during the pot-luck event that he could see the face of a gorilla peering out at us in the rock formation.

Needless to say, some in the "morning after" could discern not one, but perhaps two faces in the rock. Anyone present will confirm the weekend was a great cruising event. Start about noon Saturday at Ballast Point, cruise or race with friends, directly to the South Island. Drop the hook in 40 feet and dinghy over to your friend's boat for pot-luck, or go from boat to boat.

Early bed, then hopefully a beautiful morning coffee, last minute visits with friends, then set sail via the North Island for a great reach open of Point Loma and home.

Sign up for this year's weekend cruise on August the 5th or contact Cruising Chairpersons, Randy and Carolyn Williamson. Their pager no. is 1 (800) 715-0762.



June Meeting

Thursday the 1st at 7:30 pm.

— Video Highlights of Saturday's —
Yesteryear Regatta

Watch the unedited version of the 1995 Yesteryear Regatta – bloopers and all. See your boat crossing the finish line. Did you see *Bloodhound*? Wow, Like Totally Awesome!



PORT SIDE

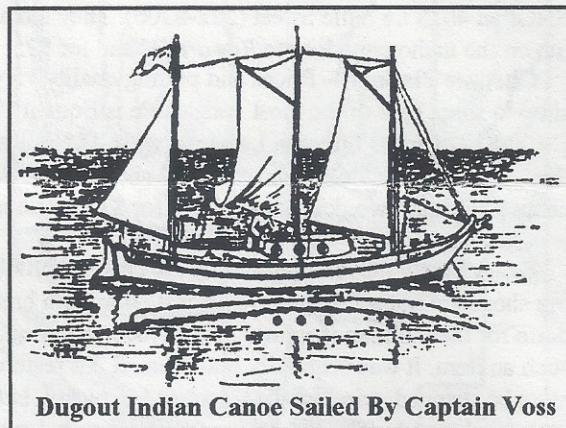
Continuing the words of sea-going wisdom from Captain John Claus Voss in his book, *The Venturesome Voyages of Captain Voss*..

How to secure the rudder when hove to under sea anchor and riding sail:

"When a small vessel is hove to under sea anchor and riding sail she will have stern way, and the swinging about of the stern as caused by breaking seas at times will be hard on the rudder. Through neglecting precautions, I have on two different occasions lost the rudder post while hove to in the above way.

To avoid breaking the rudder post, fasten two heel ropes to the upper back of the rudder blade,

one to each side, and haul them up over the quarter: then place the rudder at midships, haul the heel ropes tight and fasten on deck. The tiller, on the other hand, should remain entirely unleashed."



Dugout Indian Canoe Sailed By Captain Voss

The J.C. Voss book, *The Venturesome Voyages of Captain Voss* is available from F.E. Grubb, Librarian, Maritime Museum of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C., for \$11.00 US, payable to the museum.

Edward S. Barr
Port Captain

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Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Southwestern Yacht Club at 6:00 pm, just prior to the general meeting.

Wood Boat Maintenance & Restoration

George Wheeler reports that he has found some excellent repair sources for wooden boat maintenance and restoration which are listed below:

Boatwrights — Shane Ferguson (224-7544) is a master and can restore or rebuild almost anything on a wood boat. On *Reward* (K-38 #34), he completely rebuilt the oak ribs, floor timbers and butt blocks from frame 7 to 19 with great skill and care. Shane has a shop at 2330 Shelter Island Drive. He also builds great half-hull models.

Wood Stripping — items like painted wood doors that should be varnished is done quite reasonably at The STRIP SHOP at 4015 La Salle Street (222-8206). They did a very nice job on the mahogany door to *Reward's* head for \$35.

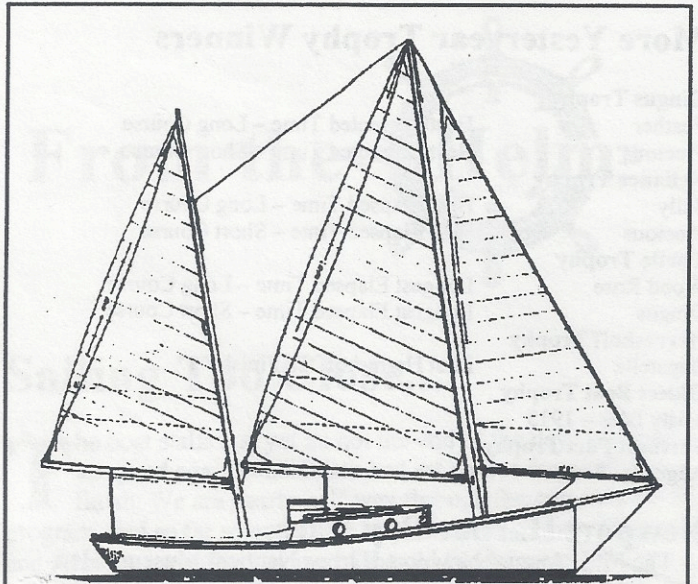
Chrome Plating — Prices and plating quality vary from shop to shop. One of the most reasonable is Equality Plating Co. at 8172 Center Street in La Mesa. (464-1515). Recently they did a beautiful job rechroming all six of *Reward's* Perko cabin lights and two door knob plates for \$70. Time in shop was four days.

Brass Plating Over Aluminum — This is a problem plating shops are not set up for it. The cast aluminum bracket and drain for the pullman (folding) sink in the head of a K-38, is such an item. It was originally brass plated. To restore it, it must be stripped, wire brushed, replated in nickel, buffed, plated in brass, buffed and sprayed with lacquer. Lemon Grove Plating at 1400 Cleveland in National City (474-4424) is the only shop I know that can do this work. They're expensive (\$110. for the two pieces) but they do excellent work.

Traditional Non-skid — In the 1940s and 50s, yachtsmen got sand for deck non-skid by simply going over to Ocean or Pacific Beach with a screen frame and sifting out what they needed. I suppose one can still do it or perhaps even snitch some out of the children's sand box. However, an easy, low-cost alternative is available at Home Depot. Just pick up a sack of 30-grit white silicone sand for a few dollars, make a giant salt shaker out of a coffee can and you're in business.

Varnishing Kettenburg Hull Interiors — The original finish on the inside wood of most Kettenburg hulls was not varnish but a mixture of linseed oil, turpentine and varnish. It provided a pleasing semi-gloss appearance with fine wood penetration and preservation. Over the years, however, it takes on a dirty and checkered appearance. A tip from Chuck Driscoll helped me when he explained that it must be removed by hand scraping with very sharp scrapers. Liquid strippers are a disaster and can ruin caulking and seam compound work and a heat gun simply creates an amber jello that gums up the scraper. It is tedious work in cramped areas but not bad if taken in small doses. Take a 2' by 3' section for a few hours, arm yourself with your favorite scrapers and a file, to keep them razor sharp, turn on some sea music and go at it — always pulling gently with the grain. Take care to clean out the edges. After you have a large section done, use power finishing sanders with 120-grit and 220-grit paper to prep the surface, clean, tack and varnish on six coats

Note: Members are encouraged to submit information on restoration tips, repair sources and leads on hard-to-find equipment & materials.



Gorrilla Rock Cruise

Overnight Cruise and Boat Party

August 5 and 6, 1995

Ballast Point to the Coronado Islands

For more info, contact Randy or Carolyn Williamson. Pager No. 1 (800) 715-0762

AMSS CLASSIFIEDS

— FREE Classified Ads —

Classified ads are FREE to all AMSS Members. Contact David Nelson by the 20th at 756-6673 with your ad copy to get your classified ad in the next issue. It's that easy!

— 54' LOA Alden Cutter —

Alden Jib Headed Cutter, 54' LOA, Bluewater II for sale by owners. Cabrillo Yacht Sales, (619) 523-1745, has the central agency listing for this fine, classic 1930s vessel.

— Looking For A Good Home —

Santa Teresa of Avila, designed by Walter Rayner, Naval Architects, Poole England. Builders, Frederick Mitchell in Poole. Dorset 1964. Trophy winner in 1989 Yesteryear Regatta. She was shipped to San Diego in 1988 as deck cargo. She has been sailed in Brittany, the Channel Isles (UK), and Spain.

Carvel planked hull: Honduran Mahogany on Oak frames, copper fastened. Albin inboard engine, closed off head, two births, galley. Aft lazette, ample space in a 22' LOA boat with doghouse, 4.5 tons, fin keel. Tan bark sails: 1 mainsail, 2 jibs, 2 genoas, 1 spinnaker.

Owners have enjoyed this boat since 1981. She needs a good home. A shippy looking ship. Asking \$8500. For further information call Peter at (619) 226-1484.

— Classic Lines Has Moved —

Classic Lines, Wooden Boat Chandler and Services, has moved from Koehler Boatyard to: 1227 Scott Street, San Diego, CA 92106. Come on by and enjoy browsing through traditional books and merchandise. Let us quote your next project on your boat. Call us at (619) 226-1484