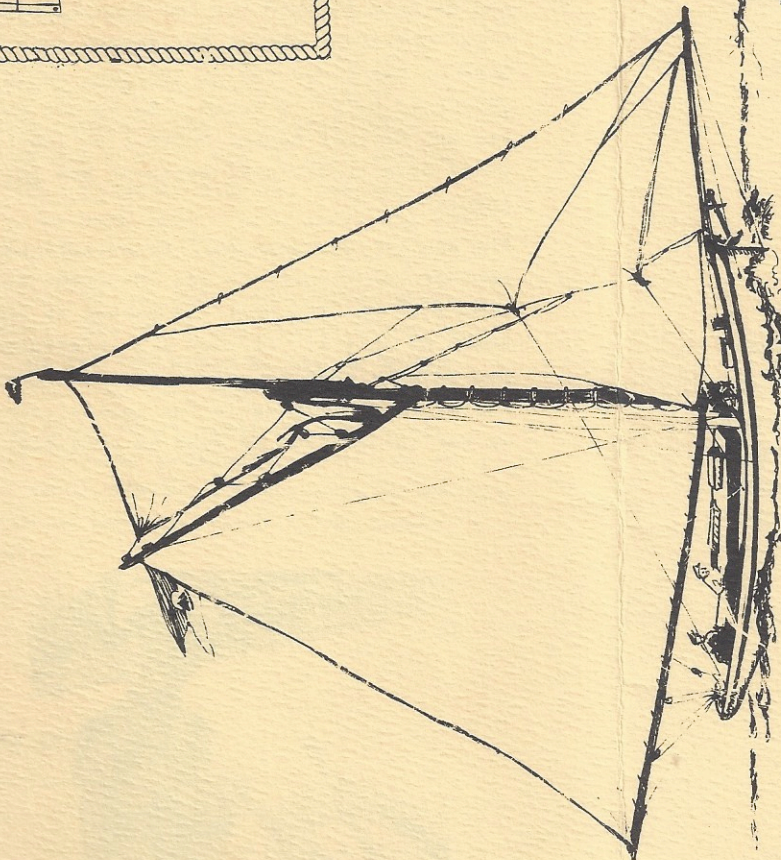


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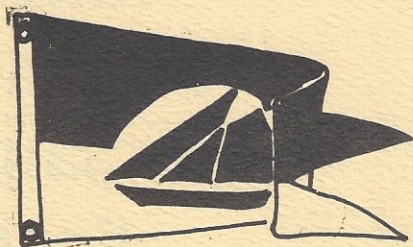


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### 1984 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yesteryear Regatta .....	June 16
Pettycoat Regatta .....	July 21
Ironman Race .....	July 22
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Oceanside Harbor Days .....	October 13-14
Film Festival .....	November 17
Half Pint O' Rum Race .....	December 1

### JUNE MEETING

Melburn Smith, the designer-builder of the Californian, will present a slide show and talk at our June meeting on the 7th. We will meet at Silvergate Yacht Club, 7:30 p.m. Join us for an excellent program on the Californian.

### FROM THE HELM

Exciting and memorable times are at hand for Ancient Mariners! The Californian will have been launched by the time you read this. She will be moored in the channel off Spanish Landing Beach for the entire month of June. I would like to see AMSS boats escort the Californian on her first sail, the date of which has yet to be determined.

The Wooden Hull Owners Assn. will be holding their L.A. to San Diego Race on June 9-10. The finish line will be off bouy #9 in San Diego Bay between 0900 and 1500 hours on Sunday, June 10. Ancient Mariners who want to get an edge on the competition for the Yesteryear Regatta can race in the Ancient Mariners class of the Charity Cup Regatta on June 9, raft up in La Playa Cove overnight, then sail out to greet the WHOA members as they finish their race off bouy #9 on June 10. Some WHOA boats will be staying over for the Yesteryear Regatta so you can check out the competition!

Our own Yesteryear Regatta will take place on June 16. When you consider that it's out 10th Anniversary, San Diego Yatch Club is our host, and we have planned for our best trophies ever, this Yesteryear can be the finest regatta ever held on San Diego Bay if everyone makes the effort to help! I would like to see every Ancient Mariner member contact at least one owner of a traditional sailboat and get them involved!

The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society has yet another opportunity to get involved--this time with the Top Sail '84 parade in Long Beach on July 4. If your are interested in providing a boat to escort the Californian and/or participating in the parade, contact me for information as soon as possible.

Rusty





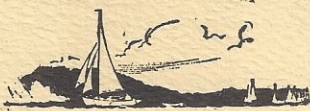
#### NEW MEMBERS

Gabrielle Martin-Neff  
P.O. Box 6638  
San Diego, CA 92106

Gabrielle owns a Star class racing sloop. Aldeberan is hull #1487 and was built in 1936 by Parkman Yachts, Inc., in Brooklyn, NY. Aldeberan is carvel planked of Pt. Orford Cedar.

Sherry and Norman Anton  
611 Beyer Way, #403  
San Diego, CA 92154

Sherry and Norm own the ketch Ebb Tide which was designed in 1954 by W. H. Dole and built in 1956 by John Amundson. Ebb Tide is carvel planked with clear Yellow Cedar over Oak frames and sports her own custom bronze hardware.



#### YESTERYEAR REGATTA

By now you should have received your race application for the Yesteryear Regatta. If you haven't, contact Chris Goddard (619) 566-2025 or see him at the general meeting on June 7th. Remember your application must be in by June 11th. Race entry fee for AMSS members is \$15.00, for non-members \$25.00.

The race will be run June 16th, first start around noon. The start and finish lines this year will be off the Ruben E. Lee on Harbor Island. After the race boats are encouraged to raft up in La Playa basin off San Diego Yacht Club. Trophy presentation will be at San Diego Yacht Club at 6 p.m. Saturday evening or whenever we have the results (whichever comes last).

Be sure to join us for one of the best AMSS events of the year.

#### YESTERYEAR TEE SHIRTS

The Yesteryear Regatta Tee Shirts are ready and will be available at the June meeting. This year you will have a choice of Red or Navy, short and long sleeve. For the best selection get there early as supplies are limited!

#### WOOD HULL OWNERS ASSN. L.A. TO SAN DIEGO RACE

So far Dautless, Paul Plotes Alden schooner and Scottish Fantasy, an Alden ketch are planning to enter this race. WHOA has been a strong ally of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, so let's show our support by participating in this fine event.

#### CRUISE FOR CUERVO GOLD

AMSS member Ed Lush and the crew of Golden Rule were able to decipher all clues and finally uncover the cache of Cuervo Gold Tequila which was buried on the La Playa Cove Beach. Their search took them to the beach south of the Shelter Island launch ramp, Kettenburg dinghy dock, the Spanish Landing Beach where the Californian is under construction, the Harbor Police boat impound area by the USCG air station, and finally back to La Playa Cove. The decanter of tequila was dug up amidst a puzzled crowd of beach goers who were wondering what was going on! Congratulations to Ed and the crew of Golden Rule.

#### RESTORATION OF THE CHARLES LA DOW

The restoration of the Charles La Dow has been completed by the Regional Occupational Programs class of Laguna Beach High School, under the supervision of instructor Rick Miles. This is the first AMSS sponsored boat restoration and we hope to have the Charles La Dow on display at the San Diego Yacht Club during the Yesteryear Regatta.





HEADIN' SOUTH WITH WHITE CLOUD

Here's to sharing some of the letter I just received from our forever-friends, Paul & Susan Mitchell and the greatest cruising, partying, racing schooner ever to come through San Diego!

Trudy Wood  
May 22, 1984

Susan writes:

"After 4 weeks of Acapulco we were really ready to go to sea! I bought out all 3 supermarkets because reports were there would not be much in Costa Rica. Paul putzed around on White Cloud whenever he got a chance to make her sea ready-er. Approximately 20-25 other cruisers' yachts in the harbor doin' the same thing. One by one or 2's and 3's they'd take off. We left in about the middle of the pack but unlike almost everyone else we did not hug the beach. We went due south offshore to go outside of Tehuantepec and then come in almost due east of Golfito which is the southernmost port in the country. So we bypassed all the hazards of the inshore route and found nothing at all bad out there in the big blue ocean. Just a lot of light air.

Took us 21 days, an average of 60 miles a day and that's not the White Cloud you know. We did no motoring except when we had to charge batteries and then the last day so we'd get in before dark. Average wind was 4 to 6 knots and there was a fair amount of no wind. A few squalls out in the middle and again the night before we got here with one full on lightning show so we'd have a thrill. Generally an easy restful and pleasant - if slow trip. We would have gotten to Hawaii in less time and we covered half the distance. But that's how we are cruisin'!

We're gonna love Golfito. Sorry no pictures but there's no tourists here so no postcards! We'll try to take some and send north to pass around. This place is special. First off it's an almost landlocked bay, 4 mi. X ½ mi., 15 miles within another bay 30 miles deep. On 3 sides hills come straight down to the water - very lush. Water is absolutely flat. Winds are gentle breezes up to maybe 5 knots, which is good because the boat wants to lay with the tide.

There's some houses - a pier where the banana boats occasionally come in to load up and a village about 4 blocks X 2 blocks long. Across from the pier is a beach with an old grey wooden type power boat run up on it with a roof built out from it - belongs to a guy who pulled in here 30 years ago, said "This is paradise" that's it and stayed. He now has a wife and kids and runs a bar/yachtie hangout. Has a stream to wash clothes and bodies in back in the jungle. You think you're in the Garden of Eden - I'm not kidding. He'll get you ice and let you use his P.O. Box.

His yacht book of '83-'84 had all kinds of news and friends in it like Juhani, Jerry Taylor, even Michael Eyton-Lloyd! and many others we'd met in Mexico we wondered what had happened to. Also very helpful with advice to Paul on things in Costa Rica and what's available where.

So this is "home" for the next 6 months anyway, probably more. We'll cruise around up to Puntarenas and some of the pretty places in the northern end of Costa Rica but none of it is more than 175 miles or so from here. We have some work to do on White Cloud. Paul wants to replace bulwarks and caprail but we will spend quite a while scoping things out before we start. Besides it's rainy season and time to mellow out for a while.

Sundowner time and I've got writer's cramp. White Cloud's alive and well and very happy tho'sometimes homesick."

Paul and Susan

Paul & Susan Mitchell  
Yate White Cloud  
c/o Captain Tom's  
Apartado 86  
Golfito, Costa Rica

