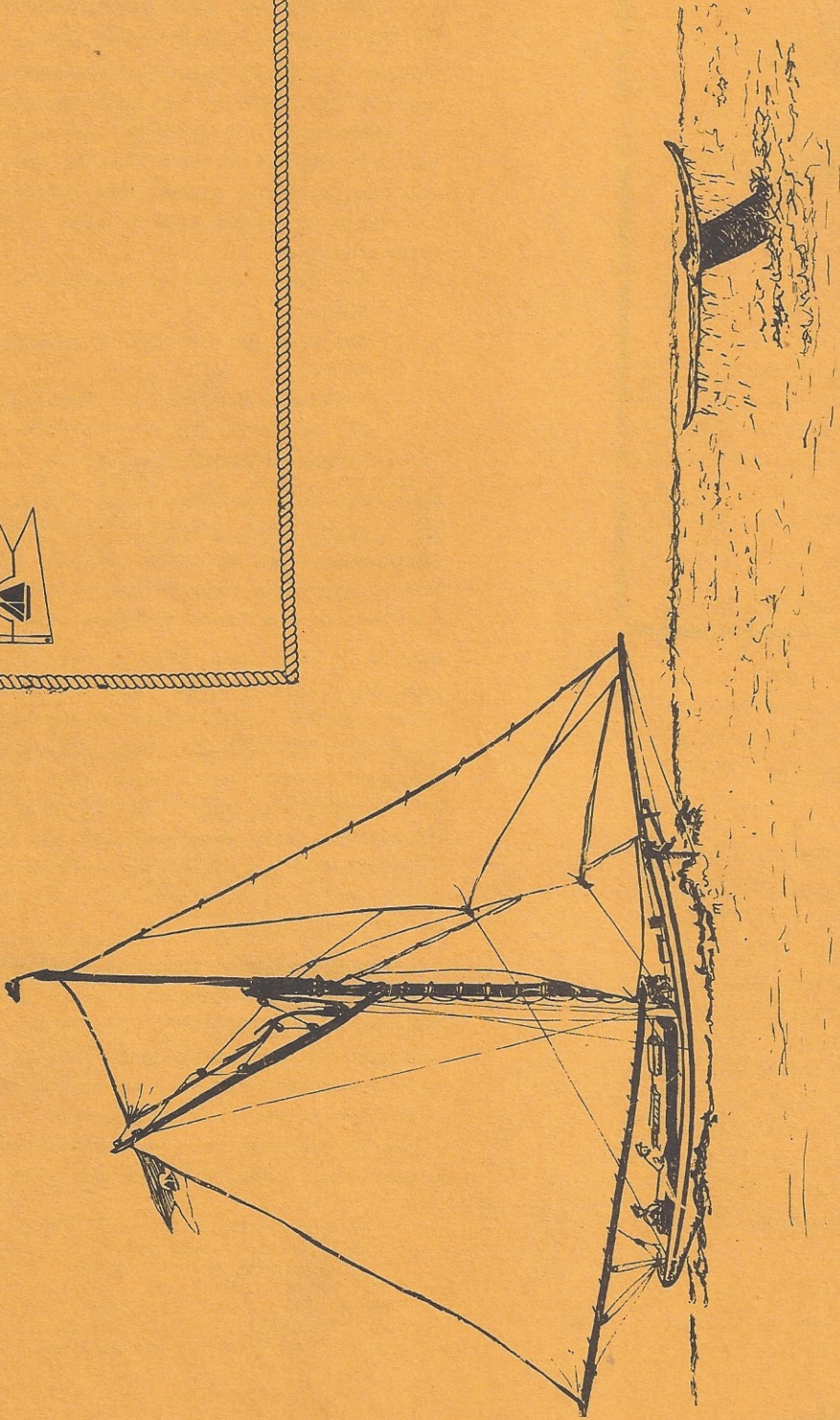


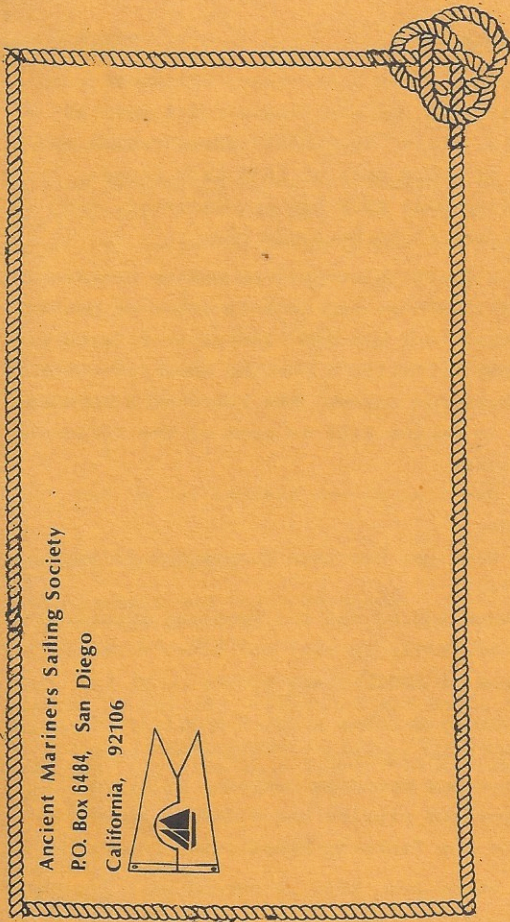
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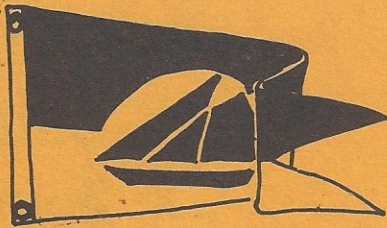
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### 1984 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Commodore's Cup Race .....          | February 11   |
| St. Valentines Day Dinghy Massacre. | February 12   |
| Commodore's Brawl .....             | February 18   |
| April Fools Regatta .....           | April 8       |
| Mother's Day Cruise .....           | May 6         |
| Yesteryear Regatta .....            | June 9        |
| Pettycoat Regatta .....             | July 21       |
| Ironman Race .....                  | July 22       |
| Ensenada Race .....                 | September 1-3 |
| Oceanside Harbor Days .....         | October 13-14 |
| Film Festival .....                 | November 17   |
| Half Pint O' Rum Race .....         | December 1    |



### FROM THE HELM

1984 marks the Tenth Anniversary of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society. As I recollect the many people, boats, meetings, races, cruises, and plain old hard work of this past decade, it is amazing what AMSS has accomplished, and how much there is to be proud of!

Through the years there have been many organizations that have helped AMSS in times of need. To demonstrate our appreciation of this support, and our responsibility to do the same for other maritime heritage causes, the board of directors has voted to donate \$100 to each of the following organizations:

- 1) The Maritime Museum Association of San Diego.
- 2) The Nautical Heritage Museum's Californian Project
- 3) Restoration of the Sea Explorer Scouts Cutter, built in 1907 and often a participant in AMSS racing events.

Many members have asked about the origin of the Society, who founded it, and why? Doug Smith one of our founding members, will set pen to paper and provide the answers, hopefully in time for the February Albatross.

What's in store for '84? It should be a "special" year for us all. Aside from our regular twelve event schedule, the Revenue Cutter Californian will be launched in mid May. How AMSS will be involved has yet to be defined. The Port of Long Beach is sponsoring TOPSAIL '84, the Olympic Tallship Parade of Sail on July 4th. We will definitely want to participate in this event, which will be similar to OP SAIL '76 in New York City.

Our monthly meeting programs are important to the membership because they educate and entertain. Your help is needed to line up these programs and make the necessary contacts. Boat building, maintenance and cruising topics, particularly with 35mm slides are all welcome. If you have ideas let us hear from you. 1984 should be a good year. Here's hoping you will get involved!

Rusty

#### NEW MEMBERS

William Bramhall  
c/o The Inn, P.O. Box 869  
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

William owns Circe which was designed by Sparkman and Stephens. She was built in 1950 by Neglinge Varvet of Stockholm, Sweden under the personal supervision of Rod Stephens. Built of Honduras mahogany over sawn oak frames. She is 56 feet overall with a 12 foot beam and 8 foot 3 inch draft. Her distinguishing characteristics are extremely sea kindly and fast.

#### PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Lani Chambers and Shane Ferguson  
3025 Newell, Apt. #6  
San Diego, CA 92106

Lani and Shane own NO-KA-OI which is a Matt Walsh Common Sense 28. Designed and built for Matt's daughter in 1933, she is hull #1 of 7. Hull # 3 of this class competed in the 1935 Trans-Pac race and was the smallest yacht ever to complete the race. NO-KA-OI is carvel planked Mahogany on Oak.

Patty Roberts and Al Hislop  
1890 Linbrook Dr.  
San Diego, Ca 92111

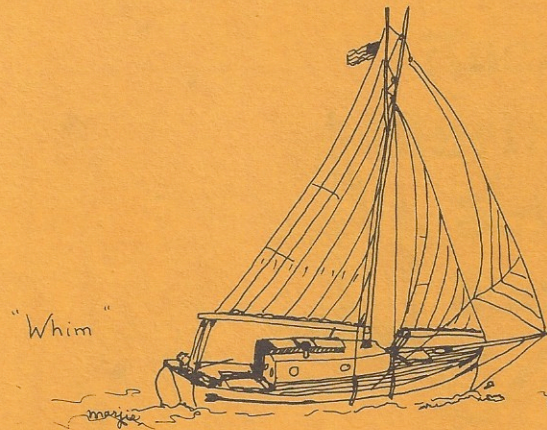
Patty and Al have decided that they need a larger yacht than Dingus for (bay) cruising and so they have bought Strokes, a 17' gaffer based on an old 1887 Whitehull design. Built at the Cover Shipyards in Clairemont in 1981, Strokes immediately distinguished herself by taking a 1st overall in the 1981 Ancient Mariners Race in Long Beach. Structurally, Strokes is a typical Del Cover work of art. Her copper riveted lapstrake hull is made of Port-Orford cedar on Oak frames.

Laurie and Richard Miles  
22062 Via Santiago  
Mission Viejo, CA 92619

Laurie and Rich are applying for associate membership. Rich is one of the many talented shipwrights working hard on the Californian over on Spanish Landing.

Robin and Rick Reynolds  
2733 Shelter Island Dr. #353  
San Diego, Ca 92106

Rick and Robin are associate members applying for flag status with their new ketch UNICORN. UNICORN was designed in 1975 by Bruce King and built at Driscoll's in 1978. She is 41' LOD, 46' overall, with a 12'9" beam and draws 6'6". Construction is double-planked edge glued mahogany that has been coated with West System Epoxy.



#### ATTENTION NAUTICAL SHUTTERBUGS

All members are encouraged to take 35mm slides of our racing and cruising events. At each of our monthly meetings, you can show the best slides you have taken (up to 10) between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.. The best of these slides (as judged by the Board of Directors) will be shown at our annual Nautical Film Festival.

#### COMMODORE'S CUP RACE

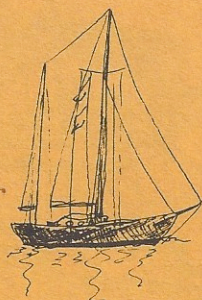
The Commodore's Cup Race has been moved from January 14th to February 11th. It will be followed by a raft-up that evening and the St. Valentine's Day Dinghy Massacre on Sunday February 12th.

#### NAUTICAL NOMENCLATURE

Our most ancient and wise mariner, Gaffley Getrot, is a founding member of the Society and sage of nautical nomenclature. A recorded interview aboard his gaff cutter Derelict has produced priceless (cheap) information that will be printed monthly in the Albatross for the membership.

She sails with a bone in her teeth. The bone is a white feather of water under the bow of a ship when she is underway. A ship moving fast through the water and throwing up an appreciable feather is said to "have a bone in her teeth."

If you have any salty terms whose origins and meaning you would like to know, please submit them and we'll ask Gaffley.



THE CHARLES LA DOW

The lapstrake skiff donated by former San Diego Yatch Club commodore Charles La Dow to the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society has just begun a new phase of restoration. The boat was recently trailered to Laguna Beach where it will become the focal point for a Regional Occupational Program in small boat building sponsored by the State of California and the Nautical Heritage Museum. Students enrolled in this program are under the guidance of Richard Miles, Director of Historic Watercraft for the Nautical Heritage Museum.

Many hours of time and energy were spent by AMSS members to partially disassemble the boat, remove deteriorating wood and paint and stabilize the hull with a supporting framework. These members will christen the Charles La Dow and take a maiden voyage, during the Yesteryear Regatta!

HALF PINT OF RUM RACE

The Half Pint of Rum Race, this year known as "survive the savage sea," was held in wet, windy and cold weather, which produced a challenging sail for all concerned. Race results were as follows:

**1983 HALF PINT OF RUM RACE RESULTS**

**RACING CLASS**

| Yatch            | Elapsed Time | Corrected Time |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Robin         | 13:51:29     | 1:31:09        |
| 2. Pacificia     | 13:56:14     | 1:36:34        |
| 3. Squal         | 14:02:20     | 1:42:00        |
| 4. Searcher      | 14:13:27     | 1:43:54        |
| 5. Nirvana       | 14:02:20     | 1:55:44        |
| 6. Southern Star | 14:27:53     | 1:56:36        |
| 7. Thourobred    | 14:25:14     | 2:00:51        |

**CRUISING CLASS**

|                  |          |         |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| 1. Soarse        | 14:18:37 | 1:32:47 |
| 2. Nymph         | 14:16:46 | 1:34:29 |
| 3. Scrimshaw     | 14:48:52 | 1:35:19 |
| 4. Storm Fluglen | 15:01:35 | 1:45:27 |
| 5. Artimus       | 15:00:57 | 1:47:24 |
| 6. Sea Brig      | 14:45:32 | 1:50:32 |
| 7. Clone         | 14:15:59 | 1:54:59 |
| 8. Maid of Kent  | 15:26:42 | 2:00:00 |
| 9. Salud         | 14:37:28 | 2:00:21 |
| 10. No Kaoi      | 14:41:02 | 2:11:02 |
| 11. Sea Sharp    | 14:58:48 | 2:15:52 |
| 12. Stryke       | DNF      |         |
| 13. Sea Witch    | DNF      |         |
| 14. Strokes      | DNF      |         |

