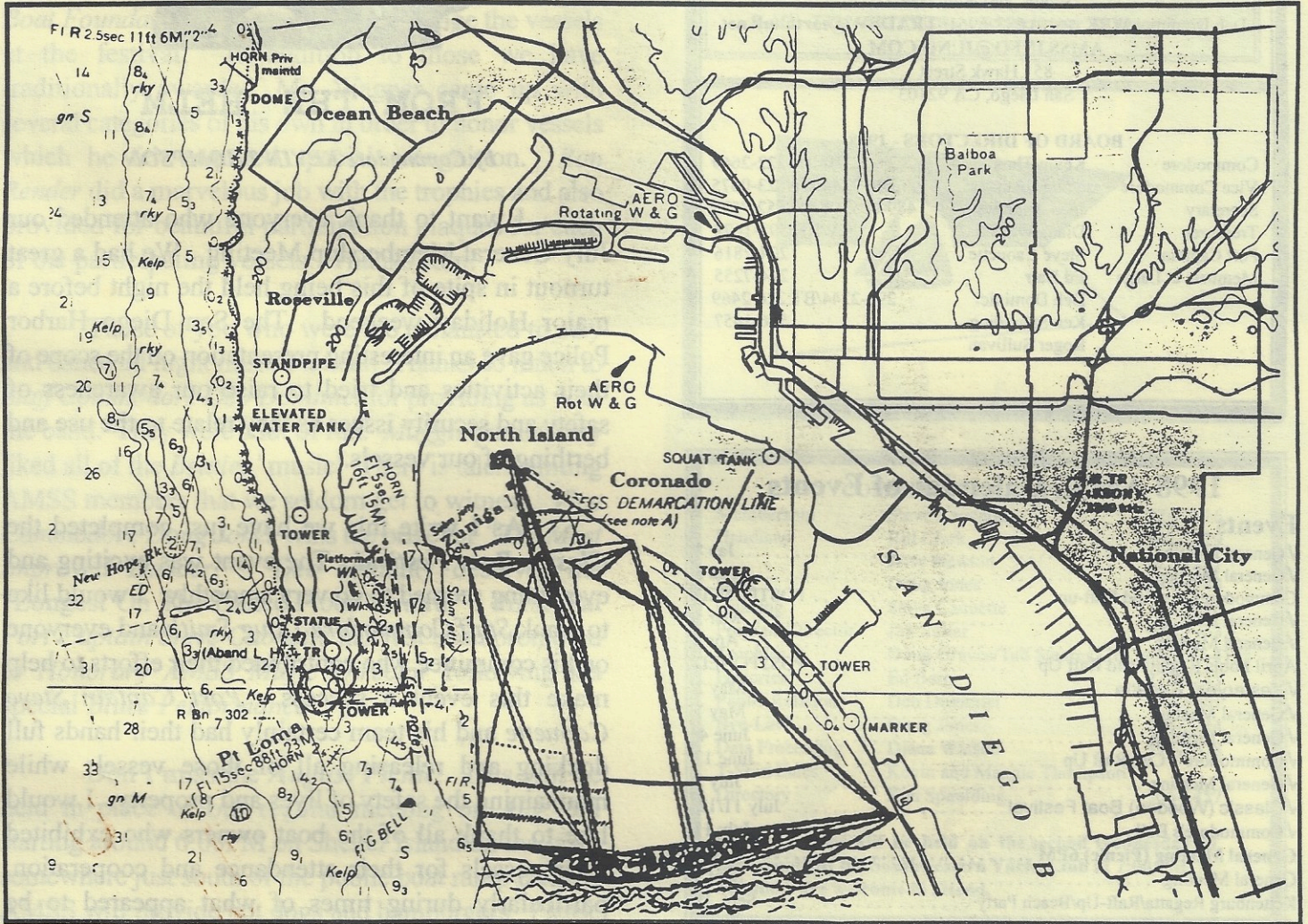


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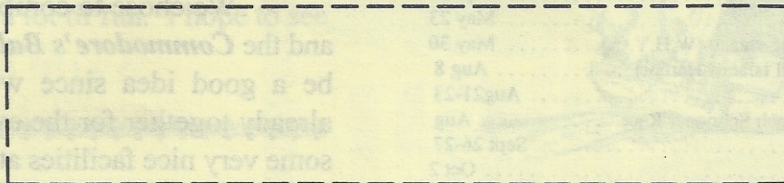
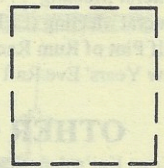
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FROM THE HELM

by Commodore KEVIN THOMPSON

I want to thank everyone who attended our July General Membership Meeting. We had a great turnout in spite of this being held the night before a major Holiday weekend. The San Diego Harbor Police gave an interesting presentation on the scope of their activities and tried to raise our awareness of safety and security issues as they relate to the use and berthing of our vessels.

As I write this we have just completed the *Classic Boat Festival*. The event was exciting and everything seemed to go very smoothly. I would like to thank *Staff Commodore Doug Smith* and everyone on his committee who contributed their efforts to help make this event a success. *Port Captain Steve Caouette* and his team certainly had their hands full docking and releasing all of those vessels while maintaining the safety of lives and property. I would like to thank all of the boat owners who exhibited their vessels for their attendance and cooperation, particularly during times of what appeared to be highly organized chaos! I was pleased to see a number of new vessels attend the event. By the end of the weekend several of their owners had decided to join AMSS! Special thanks go out to all of the local businesses who chose to either attend or help sponsor the event.

We chose to combine the *Awards Ceremony* and the *Commodore's Ball* this year. This seemed to be a good idea since we had so many members already together for the event and also had access to some very nice facilities at the *Kona Kai Resort*. The event was very well attended and the meal was

1998 AMSS Calendar of Events

Events

√General Meeting	Jan 8
√General Meeting	Feb 5
Commodores Cup and Raft-up	POSTPONED
√General Meeting	Mar 5
√General Meeting	Apr 2
April Fools Regatta and Raft Up	POSTPONED
√Yesteryear Regatta	May 2
√General Meeting	May 7
√General Meeting	June 4
√Commodore's Cup/Raft Up	June 13
√General Meeting	July 2
√Classic (Wooden) Boat Festival	July 11/12
√Commodore's Ball	July 11
General Meeting (Picnic) 6PM	Aug 6
General Meeting	Sept 3
Kettenburg Regatta/Raft-Up/Beach Party	Sept. 19
General Meeting (2nd Thurs) NOMINATIONS	Oct 8
General Meeting	Nov 5
General Meeting (ELECTIONS)	Dec 3
Half Pint of Rum Race	Dec 5
New Years' Eve Raft Up - La Playa	Dec 31

OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS

√Kona Kai's American Schooner Cup	Apr 4/5
√Wild Goose Chase, San Pedro to Newport (W.H.Y.C.)	Apr 11
√Heritage Regatta- Show (Newport Hb. Nautical Museum)	Apr 19
√Newport - Ensenada Race	Apr 24
√Master Mariner's Race	May 23
√Eric Erickson Oil Island Race, Long Beach (W.H.Y.C.)	May 30
McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)	Aug 8
Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)	Aug 21-23
Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race	Aug
W.H.Y.C. vs AMSS	Sept 26-27
S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race	Oct 2

excellent. We really appreciated having so many people participate. Thank you all for coming! I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my new bride *Maggie* and all those who helped her in organizing the Ball. This evening would not have been possible without their hard work and diligence. Special thanks also go out to our speaker for the evening *Mr. Richard Wagner* from Seattle's *Wooden Boat Foundation* who also served to judge the vessels at the festival. In addition to those we have traditionally awarded, Mr. Wagner came up with several categories of his own in order to honor vessels which he felt required special recognition. *Ron Render* did a marvelous job with the trophies and also provided for beautiful participation plaques for each of the participating vessels. Thanks Ron!

Those of you who were too exhausted to stay and dance all night missed a treat! Thanks so much to *Staff Commodore Deb Dominici* for providing us with the band. They were a lot of fun. *Maggie* particularly liked all of the *Beatles'* music! There is talent among AMSS members that we seldom get to witness. *Vice Commodore Doug Jones* wins the prize for "*The Most Improved Dancer!*" *Deb* certainly deserves the "Longest On The Dance Floor" award. I think that *Port Captain Steve Caouette* has just been promoted to *Honorary AMSS Music Director* following his special *Blues Performance!*

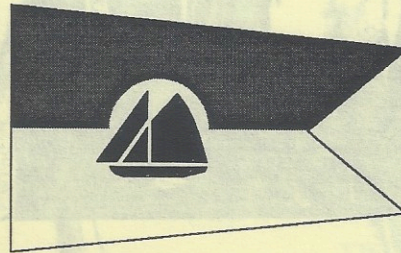
Don't miss the *August Picnic*. This will be held in place of our regular meeting on *Aug. 6th* starting around 6:00PM on Shelter Island on the lawn somewhere just south of the public boat ramp facility. AMSS will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish to share and whatever you want to drink. A bonfire will follow along with what has become the traditional cremation of the most pathetic, used, abused and/or beat up burgee presented that evening. (Frankly, it is beyond me how some of us allow our burgees get into this condition, let alone award the practice by presenting its owner with a new one!) Anyway, it's always a lot of fun. I hope to see you all there!

**NEXT MEETING
PICNIC ON THE BEACH**

August 6, 1998

6:00 P.M.

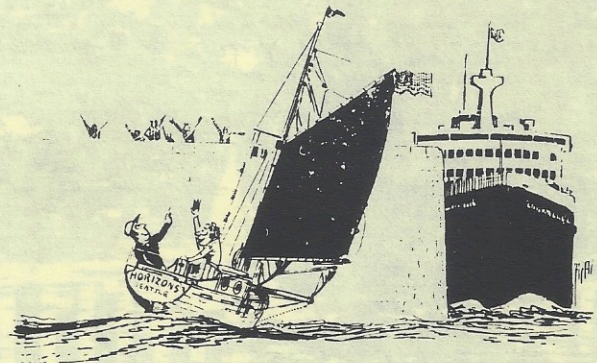
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SOUTH OF BOAT LAUNCH RAMP
BURGEE CEREMONY
S/C JIM SUTTER, Program Director**



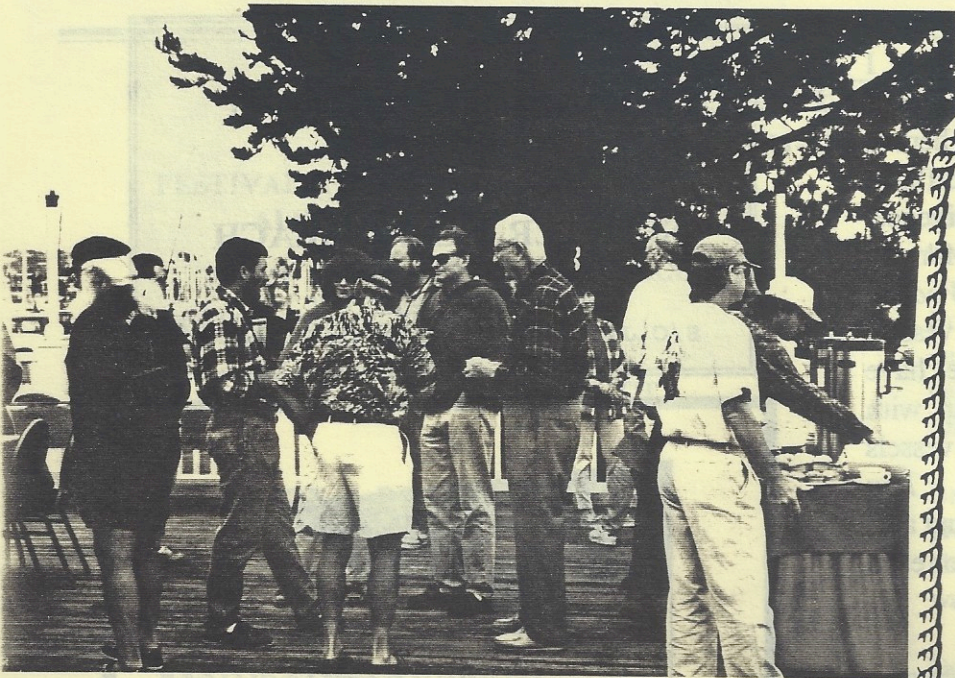
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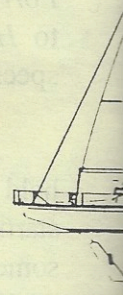
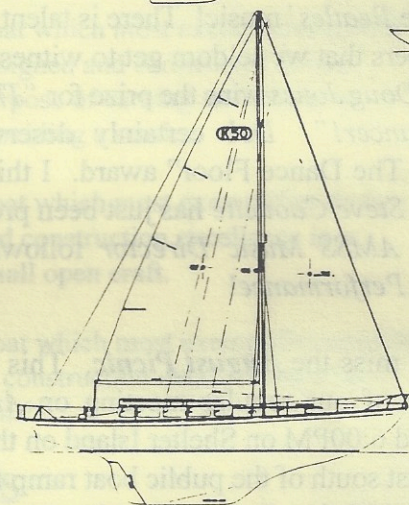
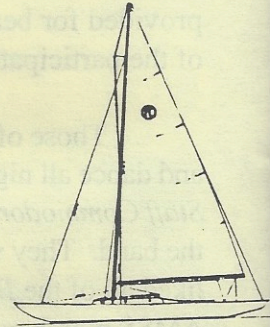
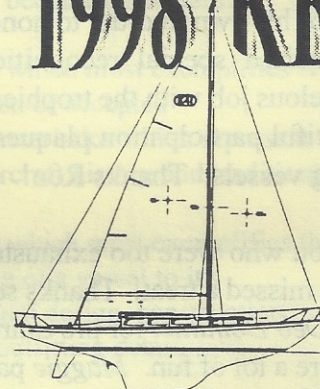


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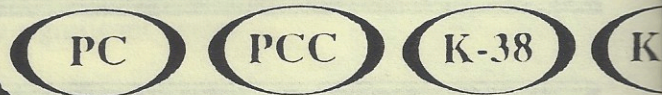
1998 KETTENBURG



All KETTENBURG Yacht owners, collectors, historian attend!! We will have fleet races, regatta courses with questions (# of correct answers and finish times will determine age and youngest average crew age, and raft-up and band for the party. For those who do not want to race, bring a cooler of hors d'oeuvres and drink for the crew committee. All one brings will need to leave with you! Wyatt, we will have use of the beach front yard on La Playa \$10.00

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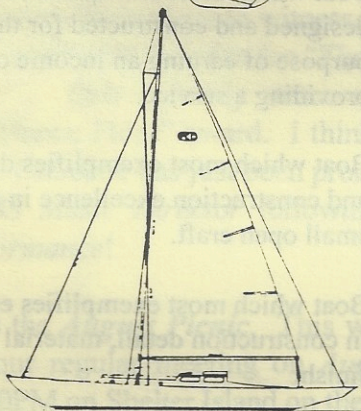
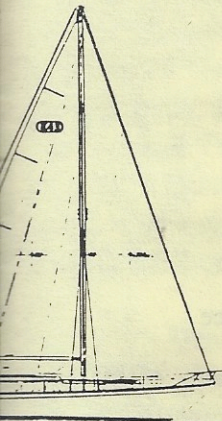
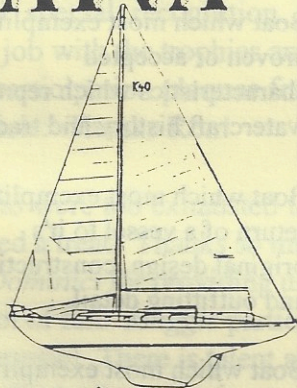
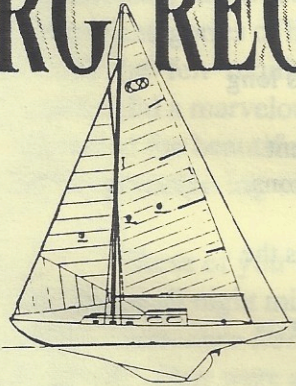
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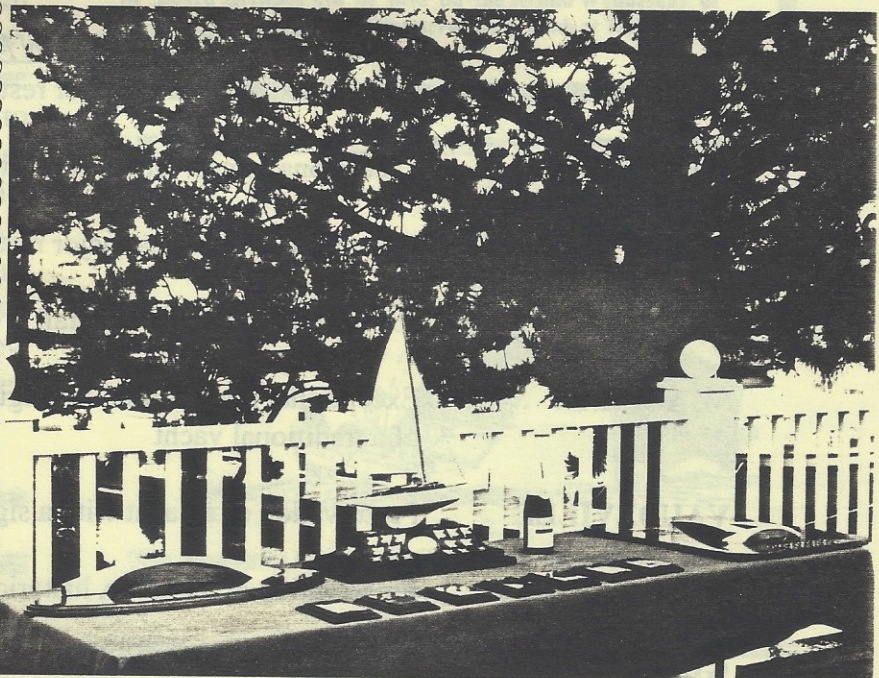
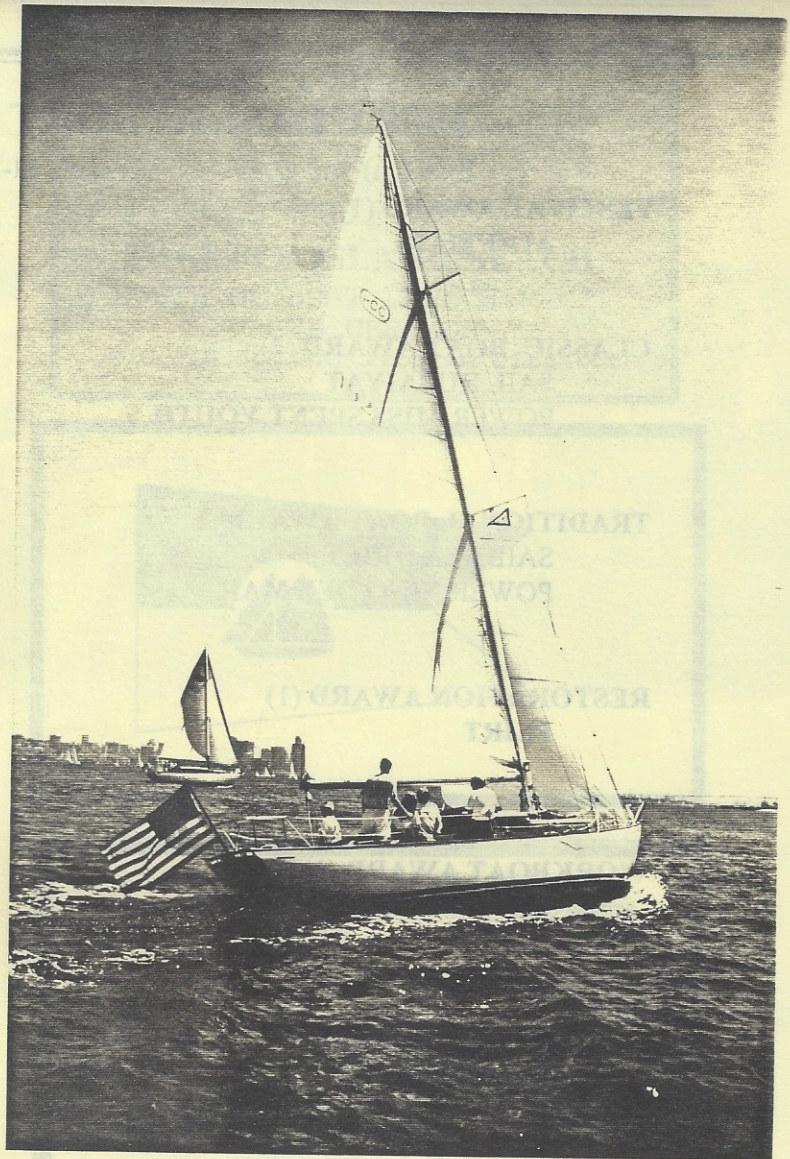
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1998 CLASSIC BOAT FESTIVAL AWARDS

July 11-12, 1998

FESTIVAL AWARD (1)
ALSUMAR

Boat which most exemplifies the precepts of classic and traditional boat preservation.

CLASSIC BOAT AWARD (2)
SAIL RUBAIYAT
POWER MISS SPENT YOUTH

Boat which most exemplifies a design or evolutionary type that has time proven attributes which have become a standard.

TRADITIONAL BOAT AWARD (2)
SAIL SEA DRIFT
POWER NINO DEL MAR

Boat which most exemplifies long proven or accepted characteristics which represent watercraft history and traditions.

RESTORATION AWARD (1)
FLIRT

Boat which most exemplifies the return of a vessel to it's original design, construction and outfitting detail.

WORKBOAT AWARD (1)
CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT

Boat which most exemplifies a vessel designed and constructed for the purpose of earning an income or providing a service.

OPEN BOAT AWARD (1)
LEAST TERN

Boat which most exemplifies design and construction excellence in a small open craft.

WORKMANSHIP AWARD (1)
BOUT

Boat which most exemplifies excellence in construction detail, material and finish.

JUDGE'S AWARDS

FREEDOM	Exceptional effort in a major restoration
YANKEE	Exceptional preservation of original design/condition of a classic yacht
DAUNTLESS	Exceptional effort in a major restoration
ELAN	Exceptional attention to detail
SHALIMAR	Exceptional preservation of original design/condition of a traditional yacht
VADEVILLE	Preservation of a yacht with a significant California History
OSLO	Preservation of a unique, historically significant vessel
GINGERSNAP	Exceptional attention to detail



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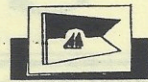
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1998 PARTICIPANTS

CLASSIC BOAT FESTIVAL "98"



Boat	Length	Type	Owner
Abigail	24'	Launch	Fred Delaney
Alsumar	70'	Yawl	Ted Davis
American Ann	18' 2"	Cat Boat	Jim Watts
Andale	46'	Sloop	Douglas Smith
Banshee	44' 3"	Sloop	Watson Lunt
Bout	26' 4"	slo4v;	Ed Barr
Cape Disappointment	35'5"	Fisherman	Lee Chang
Coquette	38'	Sloop	Nick Nayfack
Dauntless	61'	Schooner	Paul Plotts
Dumpling	40'	Power Cruiser	Charles Seitz
Easterly	38'	Downeast Power	Jack Sutphen
Elan	55'	Schooner	Doug Graves
Flirt	44'	Yawl	Jack Swendsen
Freedom	48'	Cutter	Latimer & Watson
Gatito	12'	Gaff Sloop	Randy Ames
Gingersnap	26'	Power	Paul Dodson
Jacunda	49' 6"	Sloop	Yannis Venieri
Least Tern	18'	Cat Ketch	Jeff Saar
Mahogany Manor	47'	Motor Sail	Steve Caouette
Miss Spent Youth	20' 8"	Runabout	Tom Wright
Music Man 11	63'	Sea Rescue	Dick Loderhose
Nino del Mar	16'	Power Launch	Chuck Darraugh
Northam Vertue	25' 3"	Sloop	Elwood Root
Oslo	65'	Rescue Vessel	Patrick Langley
Pacifica	48' 9"	Yawl	Douglas Jones
Precious	24'	Sloop	Annie Kolls
Rubaiyat	44'	Sloop	Denison Weaver
Sea Drift	20'	Ketch	Luke Patty
Sea Witch	48'	Gaff Ketch	Bonnie
September Song	30'	Power Cruiser	Chuck Gibson
Shadow Fax	38'	Sloop	Howard Dentz
Shalimar	46'	Ketch	M&J Ellegood
Subluxation	+13'	Kayak	Dr. Jenine Ames
Tradewind	32'	Sloop	Blake Oversmith
Vaudeville	40'	Power Cruiser	Steve Bolan
Wayward Belle	22'	Open Launch	W. C. Grosjean
Wisp	10'6"	Canoe	Ron Render
Yankee	35'2"	Sloop	Don Siembieda

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PACIFICA Gears Up for TRANSPAC and Challenges other Ancient Mariners

by Deb Dominici

Listening on the VHF to the 1991 AMSS San Diego to Maui finish between *ROWENA* (a 49' Phil Rhodes designed sloop, built in 1962 by Lester Stone) and *CAPRICE* (a 50' Bill Lapworth design built in 1962 at the Cheoy Lee Yard) was the most exciting finish that I ever experienced as Race Co-Chair. Unfortunately the boats finished around 2AM off Kaanapali Shores Resort at Honokowai in the Pailolo Channel. Although we could just see to finish the boats (and the boats could see us), we could not view the battle of the two boats racing down the channel, blowing up spinnakers, and switching leads for the prior hour and half. After approximately 2200 miles, the Classic Vessels finished less than two minutes apart. I enjoyed my duties as Race Committee in Lahaina and the memory of each of the five Classic Yacht finishes will stay in my mind, but next time, I decided, I would be racing. Unfortunately Ancient Mariners have decided it is too costly and too much liability to sponsor another San Diego to Maui Race. However, my dream to race on a Trans Pacific race is about to come true.

I retired my Kettenburg 46' PCC, *COMANCHE*, from blue water racing but my dearest compadre, Doug Jones, has the *perfect* Ancient Mariner vessel to do the TRANSPAC in, *PACIFICA*. *PACIFICA* (formerly *EROICA*) is a 48 foot yawl, designed by Sparkman and Stephens, built by Nevins Boat Yard in 1947. Currently she is berthed at Southwestern Yacht Club. *PACIFICA* has done the AMSS San Diego to Maui Race twice with the Frost Family and held the elapsed-time record between 1978 to 1981(13 days, 12 hours, 10 minutes). So, I have an invitation to go on the 1999 TRANSPAC (Long Beach to Diamond Head) on *PACIFICA*. Yippee!

PACIFICA is unique because she has one of the first extruded (continuous, non plate welded) aluminum spars contained in a monel cage (including knees and step). From November 1997 to April 1998,

Doug Jones unstepped the 50-year old main mast and did major repairs. At first it was a stripping and painting job. However, at the points where all the hardware was fastened to the mast, major corrosion was encountered. At that point *PACIFICA*'s mast was brought to Los Angeles to have an internal strengthening aluminum sleeve built, fastened, and installed.

The completed tasks in *PACIFICA*'s preparation for the TRANSPAC include: recaulking *PACIFICA*'s decks, wooding the bottom, refastening, fairing, and repainting the bottom, buying a new main sail and jib, buying new batteries, and replacing the electrical system. Of course even though certain systems that were not on the original list for the TRANSPAC, have needed replacing because things break. The water system and the head have been rebuilt. The tasks still to do and the equipment yet to buy will fill another page.

Although the TRANSPAC is a year away, there is not much time for all that needs to be done! I was recertified in CPR training last week but still need to take a refresher first aid class. The perspective TRANSPAC crew on *PACIFICA* has been racing every Wednesday Night since June for the San Diego PRHF Bear Can Series.

PACIFICA and her owner Doug Jones would like to offer a challenge to race the TRANSPAC, to other Ancient Mariner Vessels. It would be great to have an Ancient Mariner Division in the TRANSPAC. Perhaps there are others who are planning to go. We could use PHRF ratings and perhaps Ancient Mariner ratings. Obviously, we will be in the Cruising Class for the TRANSPAC and need to obey all regulations of the TRANSPAC (i.e. boats have to be 35 feet plus in length and have a PHRF random leg handicap between 27 and 195). But perhaps some of you may also have my dream, sailing and racing across the Pacific. Please contact Doug Jones by phone (619.688.6961) or E-Mail (TRADBW@earthlink.net) so we can request this special division of the TRANSPAC Race Committee.
