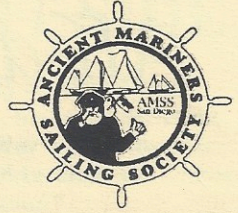


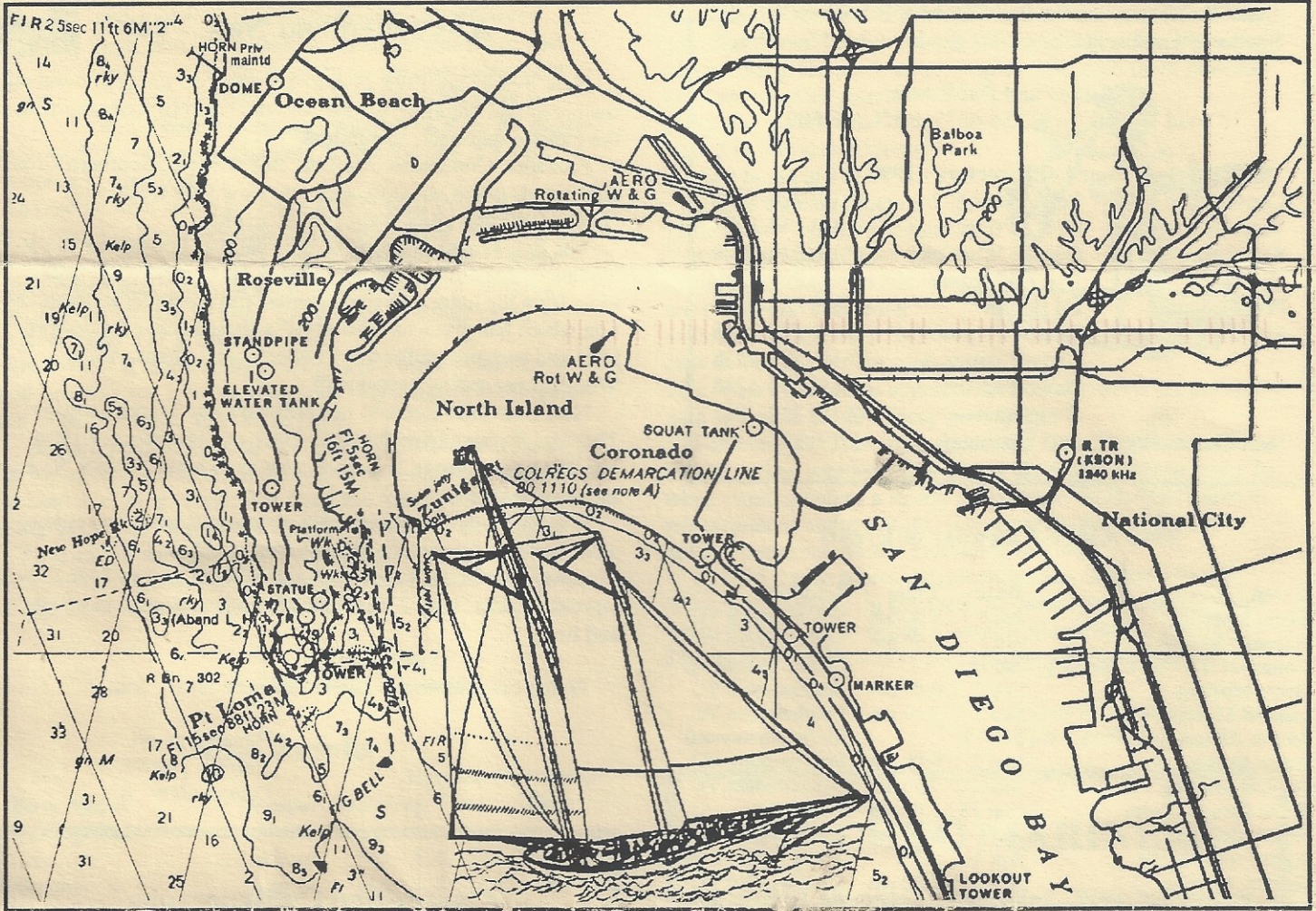
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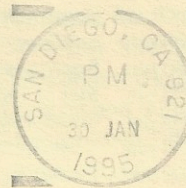
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1995 AMSS Calendar of Events

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		To Be Announced
Board Meeting	Feb 2	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
General Meeting	Feb 2	7:30 pm	Southwestern YC
Jack & Jill Regatta	Feb 18		To Be Announced
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	Buoy #3
Board Meeting	Apr 6	6:00 pm	Southwestern YC
April Fools Regatta	Apr 1-2		To Be Announced
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	Koehler Kraft
Yesteryear Regatta	May 27	11:00 am	Southwestern YC
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

A Woodenboat New Year....

New Years Day 1995 gave us a bracing 15 knots of wind on the ocean and therefore a most enjoyable sail in company with the famous schooner, "Dauntless."

Freedom, Comanche, Pacifica, Bluewater II, Southern Cross and friends gilled about to celebrate New year along with "bucks fizz" and all of that.... Great sailing!

The first general meeting of the year was boosted by the attendance of WoodenBoat publisher, Carl Cramer. Carl spoke to us from the helm of a fundamental and resourceful organization which has given us "Woodies" a sheet anchor for our projects and enthusiasm for our wooden boats. Thank you to Woodenboat and to a great staff.

Now hear this! Come to our February and March meetings. They are "bring a friend" nights. Back our program for 1995, our 21st year. Turn to and work with us to make AMSS '95 a memorable year.

It is time to focus on our main events and ensure an enjoyable time for one and all. Please offer your help for the Wooden Boat Festival, May 6th and 7th and for our 21st Yesteryear Regatta, May 27th. Plans are underway so join up now and help.

Watch out... there is much enthusiasm about. Join in.

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

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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.

The Commodore's Cup

This race is always the Commodore's choice. In past years it has been an ocean race around the north and south Coronado

Islands. The fleet sometimes anchored at the islands for the night. However, to avoid America's Cup traffic and possible bad weather, Commodore Benton decided to have a Bay Race this year.

Saturday morning before the race it was cloudy and cool. The race started out moderate, went light, and filled back in, all under chilly overcast skies. Comanche stood by as the committee boat.

The race started at buoy #17 near Shelter Island. There was enough wind at 12:30 to get underway so all five boats went charging across the line in a pack with bones in their teeth.

The racing fleet sailed for buoy #15, Ballast Point. Then they crossed the Bay to Coronado and headed for Seaport Village. After rounding buoy #23 and passing the "Star of India" on the Embarcadero, they headed toward the Navy Mooring Buoy near the "Rubin E. Lee." From buoy #19 they raced to the finish, buoy #17 at Shelter Island.

Blue Water II made an impressive sight when Peter finally got all her sails set. It was too bad she was towing two dinghies (Blue Water's engine was on the fritz).

Skylark made a good showing. The three boats in racing class were pretty close while the two in cruising class could have used a bit more wind. Watching the America's Cup Boats coming back after racing kept the race committee entertained.

First and second places in both racing and cruising classes were awarded WoodenBoat's "Book of Days" at the raft-up in La Playa Cove over Shepard's Pie dinner.

*Doug Jones
Race Chairman*

Race Results

Boat Name Racing Class	Skipper	Handicap	Elapsed Corrected	
			Time	Time
1 Freedom	Latimer	145	1:42:17	1:42:17
2 Skylark	Thomas	185	1:51:41	1:46:01
3 Dyad II*	Tyler	160	1:51:41	1:55:16
Cruising				
1 Maid of Kent	Newton	425	3:16:14	2:36:39
2 Blue Water II	Benton	350	3:41:22	3:12:20

* Five minutes were added to the finish time - Did not go through start line.

Commodore's Note:

Mail your dues to our treasurer, Lyn Richardson, so that we may fund our major projects. Thank you.

Send your payment to:
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Please Don't Forget!



PORT SIDE

At hand are a few reflections regarding Master Mariner John Claus Voss (1854-1922). For many, the sea experiences, writings, and lessons to be learned from this captain's seafaring period 1898-1911 are at the top of all maritime adventures - "The Venturesome Voyages of Captain Voss."

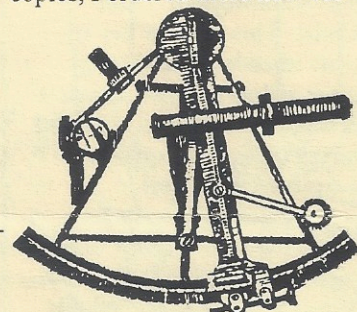
After years of being difficult to locate, I have discovered the availability of a 1926 edition through: F. E. Grubb, Librarian, Maritime Museum of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C., Canada. The cost is \$11.00 US, payable to the Maritime Museum. Since I had given away all my copies, I ordered these new editions and was delighted to find many pictures not included in previous editions, the first being in 1913.

Unlike Captain Slocum's 12 ton yawl "Spray," Captain Voss sailed around the world in a four ton dugout indian canoe filled with four small sails totaling 230 sq. ft. of canvas. Fortunately for mari-

ners, Voss included an appendix in his book covering his opinions on a wide range of deep-sea topics.

For example: 1) In what size vessel is it safe to heave to under sail in bad weather? 2) When is the proper time to heave to when running before a strong wind at sea? 3) How to heave to when running under sail. 4) How to secure the rudder when hove to under sea anchor and riding sail, etc.

In 1995, I plan to include excerpts from this book in the "Port Side" column. In my view, the writings of Captain Voss are to the blue water sailor, what the bible is to the Vatican! The owner of every vessel should have and read this book.



*Edward S. Barr
Port Captain*

NOTICE TO MARINERS

**Southern California - Mission Bay - Weir Installation
U.S. Coast Guard - January 1995**

A permanent flood control weir has been installed on the Mission Bay Middle Jetty, 400 feet inside the COLREGS Demarcation Line. The Weir is marked by two unlighted orange and white daybeacons with the word **DANGER** on them. The signs are located four hundred and eight hundred feet from the shore side of the jetty.

The weir was constructed by lowering a twelve-hundred foot section of the Middle Jetty to a height of six feet above Mean Lower Low Water. This allows excess flood water from the San Diego River to run over the weir into Mission Bay while retaining the sediment and sand and preventing shoaling the Bay. The lowered sections of the jetty may be submerged during high tide and **can not be transited by any vessels at any time.**

*Port Captain
Edward S. Barr*

Jack And Jill Regatta

February 18, 1995 - This Regatta consists of two short, double-handed, non-spinnaker pursuit races followed by a raft-up and prize presentation at La Playa Cove (located between San Diego Yacht Club and Southwestern Yacht Club). This is a low key regatta intended to encourage more sailing widows (potential petticoat participants) and widowers (potential Ironmen) to get out on the water!

At the skippers meeting, the names of both crew on each boat are placed individually in a hat (or other suitable crucible). The race committee then draws each name in turn. The first name drawn for each boat, skippers the first race. The second name drawn, skippers the second race.

Although the idea is to encourage more women to race, any double handed crew can participate. For more information: AMSS, P.O. Box 6484, San Diego, CA 92166, Attn: Doug Jones, Race Chairman.

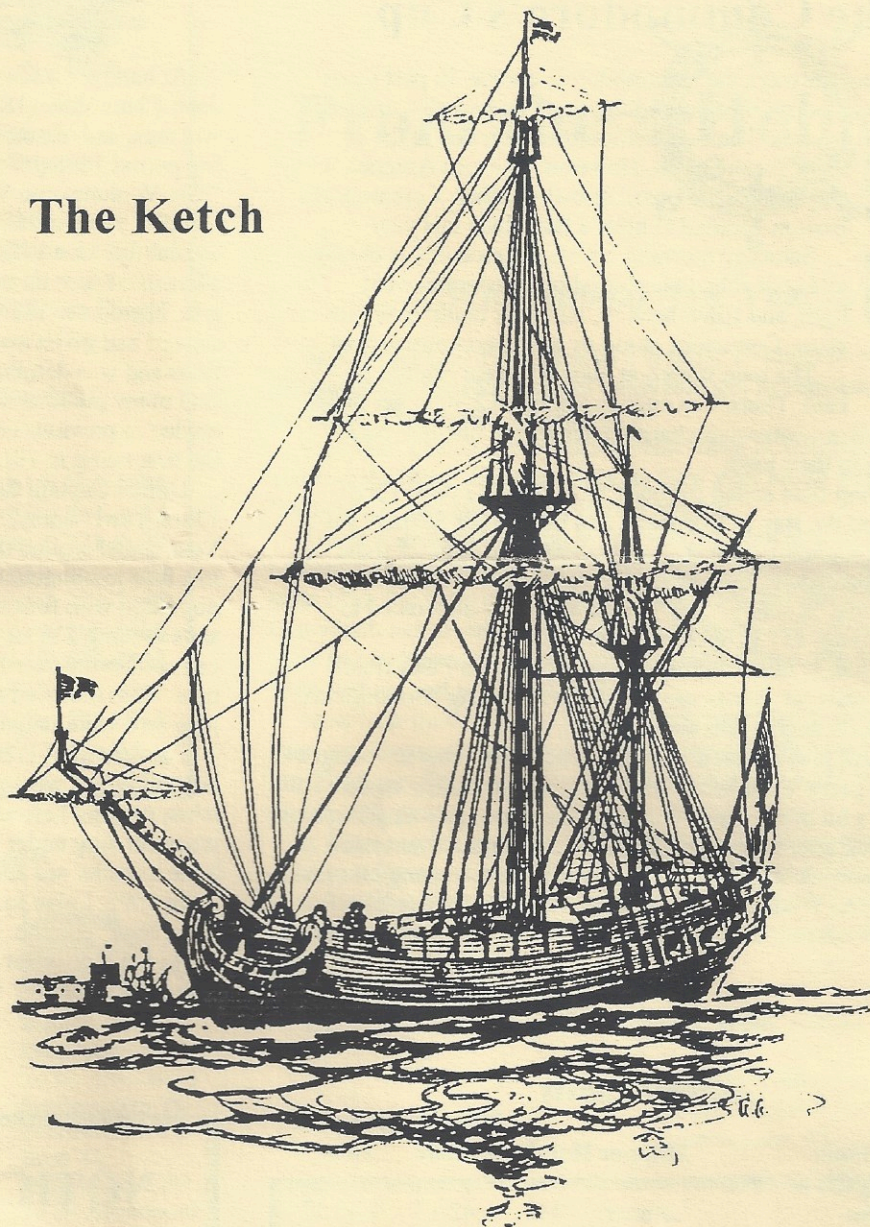
Coming Soon:

The April Fools Regatta April 1 & 2, 1995 - This race takes us north from San Diego to an overnight raft-up in Mission Bay. The start is at either buoy #17 or #15, but has started further out the channel in light air conditions. The fleet must take buoy #3 to starboard (keeping you out of the kelp) and finish at the line extending from the North Jetty to the Mission Bay entrance buoy.

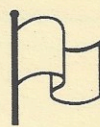
Skippers are trusted to mark their own times based on Ma Bell or the time check at the skippers meeting. The race results will be calculated at the raft-up. Each competitor is required to bring a trophy to award to the boat that finished just ahead of them. This trophy can reflect either the admiration or contempt that you hold for such a boat. The first to finish boat gives its trophy to the last to finish boat. Associate Members with non-qualifying vessels are invited to participate in this event. For more information contact: AMSS, P.O. Box 6484, San Diego, CA 92166, Attn: Doug Jones, Race Chairman.



The Ketch



Above is an illustration of a Ketch rig from the late 17th or early 18th Century. The English word "ketch," was derived from the 15th Century English word "cache." The spelling has been gradually corrupted to "Ketch." The term applied to a cargo vessel (also had the meaning of chase or pursuit) without a foremast, with the mainmast stepped amidship, and a mizzenmast. The free space on the forward deck could be used for cargo or as a floating mortar battery.



February Meeting

Thursday the 2nd, 7:30 pm

Sign-up for the Jack and Jill Regatta

There will be a sign-up sheet at the general meeting. Those that don't get a chance to sign-up at the meeting are still invited to participate. (See page 4 for details on the race.)