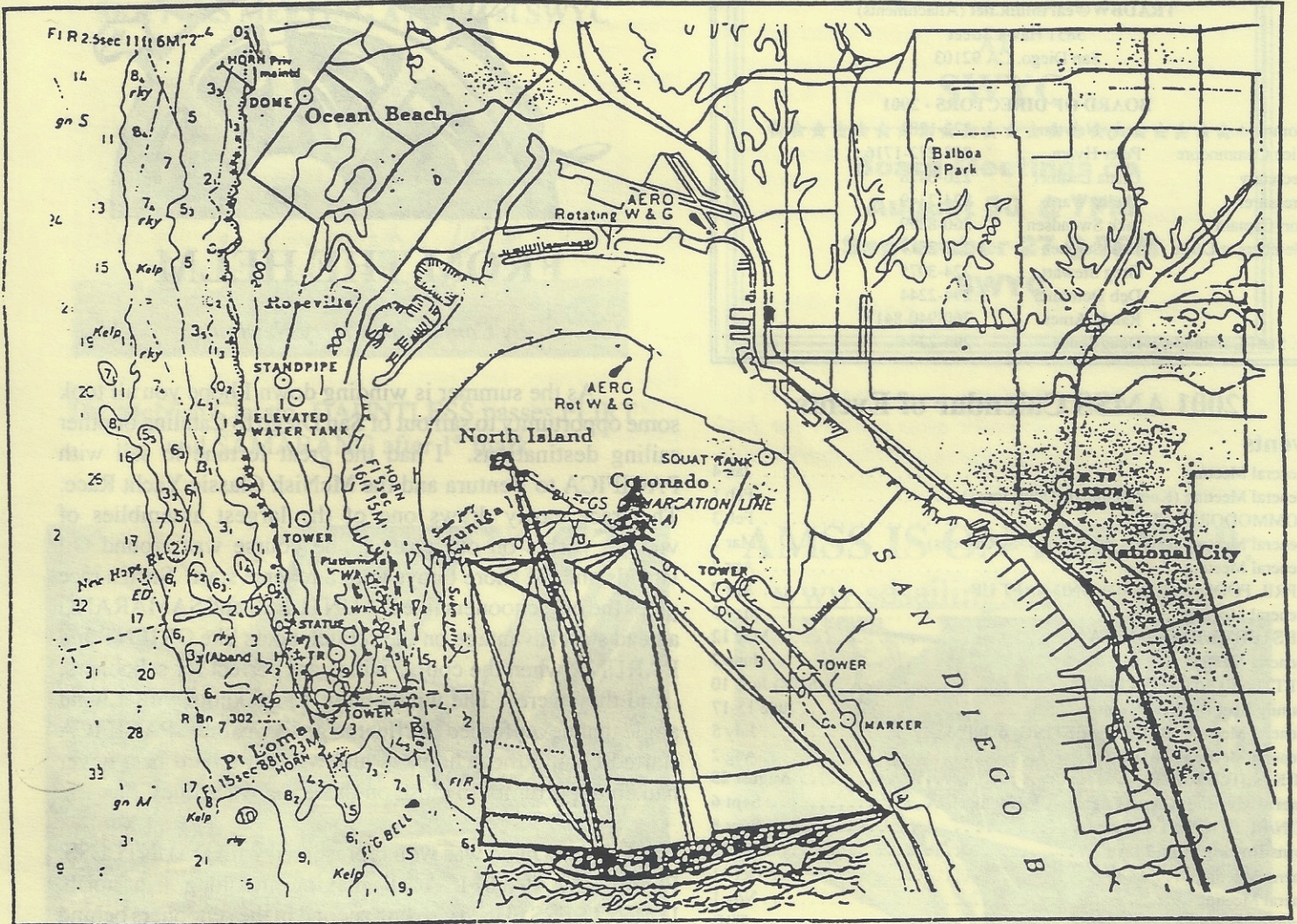


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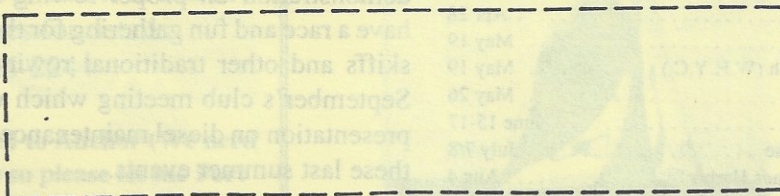
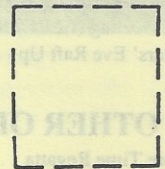
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FROM THE HELM

by Commodore Jerry Newton

2001 AMSS Calendar of Events

Events

√General Meeting	Jan 4
√General Meeting (Knot Seminar- Doug Jones)	Feb 1
√COMMODORES CUP	Feb 3
√General Meeting (Luders Restoration -Swendsen)	Mar 1
√General Meeting	Apr 4
√APRIL FOOLS REGATTA AND RAFT UP	Apr 7
√General Meeting	May 3
√YESTERYEAR REGATTA	May 12
√General Meeting	June 7
√KETTENBURG REGATTA	(SUN) June 10
√Family Boat Building Event	June 15-17
√General Meeting (BEACH MEETING) 6:30PM	July 5
√General Meeting (TBD)	Aug 2
JACK N JILL RACE	August 25
General Meeting (Diesel Engines-CF Koehler)	Sept 6
IRON/PETTICOAT	Sept 8
Bevins Rowing in La Playa	Sept 15
General Meeting	Oct 11
General Meeting	Nov 1
Commodore's Ball	TBD
HALF PINT OF RUM RACE	Dec 1
General Meeting (ELECTIONS)	Dec 6
New Years' Eve Raft Up - La Playa	Dec 31

OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS

One More Time Regatta	March 3
American Schooner Cup	April 7/8
Wild Goose Chase, San Pedro to Newport (W.H.Y.C.)	TBA
Heritage Regatta- Show (Newport Hb. Nautical Museum)	Apr 15
Newport - Ensenada Race	Apr 28
LUDERS INVITATIONAL	May 19
Eric Erickson Oil Island Race, Long Beach (W.H.Y.C.)	May 19
Master Mariner's Race	May 26
Koehler's Wooden Boat Festival	June 15-17
Howland's Landing WHYC Catalina Cruise	July 7/8
McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)	Aug 4
Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)	Aug 18-19
Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race	Aug
WHYC Dana Cup	Sept 8/9
S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race	Oct 1

As the summer is winding down I hope you all took some opportunity to sail out of San Diego to Catalina or other sailing destinations. I had the great fortune to sail with PACIFICA to Ventura and the McNish Classic Yacht Race. This race easily draws one of the largest assemblies of vintage yachts on our coast. The course was around Oil Islands and off shore buoys with a reverse start. Such a race gives the big schooners like DAUNTLESS and SAMARANG a head start advantage on the scratch boats like ORIENT and BARUNA when the course winds are perfect for schooners. And they were! The winds blew 13-16 knots with a wind angle that never forced the fleet to go to weather. PACIFICA started behind the schooners and without a hard beat never had an opportunity to close on those big waterlines.

San Diego was well represented with DAUNTLESS, FLIRT and PACIFICA all making the long trip north. DAUNTLESS placed a strong second in the schooners behind SAMARANG. The McNish race is a well run event and is worth the trip north to participate, especially if the race can be coordinated with a summer cruising trip to the islands. Try it yourself next year!

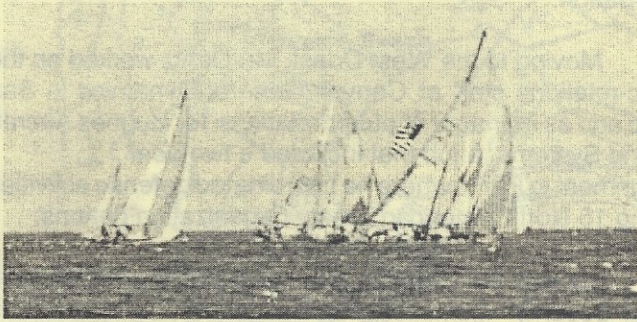
On September 15 we will have a rowing demonstration and race in La Playa. Doug Jones will give a demonstration on proper rowing technique. We will also have a race and fun gathering for the growing fleet of Bevin's skiffs and other traditional rowing craft. And don't miss September's club meeting which will feature a CF Koehler presentation on diesel maintenance. Hope you can join us for these last summer events.



JACK & JILL REGATTA

August 25, 2001

SKIPPERS MEETING AT 9AM at SWYC



The McNish Classic- DAUNTLESS passes FLIRT
and SAMARANG after 1st mark.



NEXT MEETING

September 6, 2001

7:30 PM

AT

SWYC



Board Meetings on

August 30 @ 7PM

September 27 @ 7PM

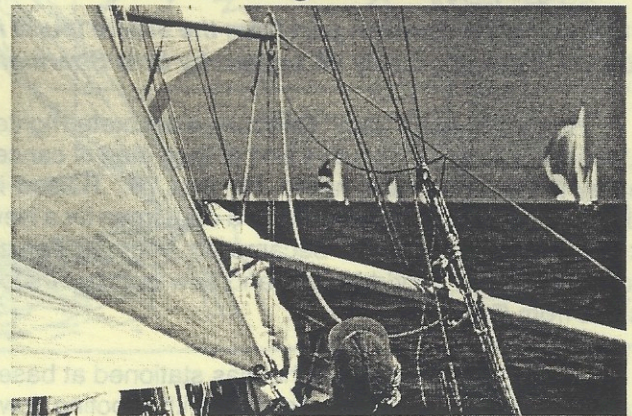
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LONE FOX pulls away from PACIFICA

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www.sdsailing.com/amss.htm



Running to the finish

BEVIN SKIFFS ROWING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

AFTERNOON FUN - Starts at NOON

Call Doug Jones for details

619-294-2244

AMSS Boats are invited to Anchor (We need
to sign up for permits so please let the Port
Captain know at next meeting)



Jack' Dentz Jr. Died of Cancer on July 21, 2001

By Deb Dominici

Doug and I arrived home late July 30 after two weeks of sailing in the Northwest on the schooner MARTHA. We had a machine full of phone messages and it was when I was listening to those messages, I learned of Jack's death. The funeral service for Jack had been earlier that day and we had missed it. I felt awful not only because I missed the service but because Carol Ann, Jack's wife, had left a request for me to tell others in AMSS and at SWYC that had known him. I called Carol Ann the next day and talked to her for some time.

Jack knew he had to have tongue surgery in February and consequently donated SHADOW FAX, their Kettenburg 38, and made arrangements to have a Gary Smith replace him in the By-Laws Committee at SWYC. After surgery, it became one battle after another for Jack to beat a succession of complications and the cancer odds. Carol Ann was there for Jack constantly and encouraged him to the end to fight. In the end, he died peacefully at home. I will always cherish the copy of "Green Normandy Apples" that Jack gave me some years ago.

The following was taken in part from the article found in the Union Tribune on July 26 written by Lola Sherman:

Howard Russell "Jack" Dentz Jr., a decorated fighter pilot, nationally known executive and author, died of cancer Saturday in his Oceanside home. He was 79. Raised in Middlesex, N.J., Mr. Dentz worked as a draftsman for a New York City architect before he became an Army Air Forces fighter pilot during World War II and flew bomber-escort missions from England.

As the war progressed, he was stationed at bases in France and Belgium. He was credited with shooting down four German fighter planes and destroying two on the ground. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, 18 air medals and two citations from the Belgian government.

After 92 combat missions he was scheduled for a 30-day leave but instead of going home he became an air-liaison officer. He led what is believed to be the first air-control party across the Rhine River and was on the Remagen bridge when German forces tried to destroy it with airstrikes and artillery fire.

Mr. Dentz and his team escaped unharmed and continued into Germany to meet the Russians at Chemnitz on the Elbe River. In France, he found his French allies had trouble pronouncing his first name so he said, "just call me Jacques." The Anglicized "Jack" stuck as his nickname.

Following the war, he worked briefly for Republic Aviation and then as a partner in a flying school while awaiting college admission. He graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in broadcast journalism. He worked as a radio reporter in New Jersey and on the public-relations staff at Rutgers producing television programs.

Mr. Dentz received a presidential appointment during the Nixon administration as assistant commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, where he supervised its press office, congressional liaison and consumer affairs. He also served on the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

Moving to the West Coast, Mr. Dentz worked on the public-relations staff at Convair/General Dynamics in San Diego and as manager of public relations for Hughes Aircraft Ground Systems, a job that included a two-year assignment to Paris, where he coordinated defense activities among 15 North American Treaty Organization nations.

He was the longtime director of public affairs for the Social Security Administration's regional headquarters in San Francisco. Mr. Dentz moved to Oceanside in 1986. From October 1991 to February 1992, he was interim executive director of the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Dentz owned a K-38 Kettenburg classic sloop and competed in Kettenburg regattas on San Diego Bay. He also was a member of Southwestern Yacht Club and the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society.

He was staff commodore of the International Yachting Fraternity of Rotarians, a member of the Santa Margarita Sailing Club of Camp Pendleton and a former member of the Oceanside Yacht Club. He was a member of the Old Bold Pilots of Oceanside and Oceanside Rotary.

Mr. Dentz composed poetry and wrote two books: a novel, "Green Normandy Apples," and a memoir of his war years, "Tremor in the Earth."

He is survived by his wife, Carol Ann; daughter, Judith Erickson of Middleton, N.J.; sons, Thomas of New Jersey, Geoffrey of Huntsville, N.C., and Kurt of Henderson, Nev.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society for research.

