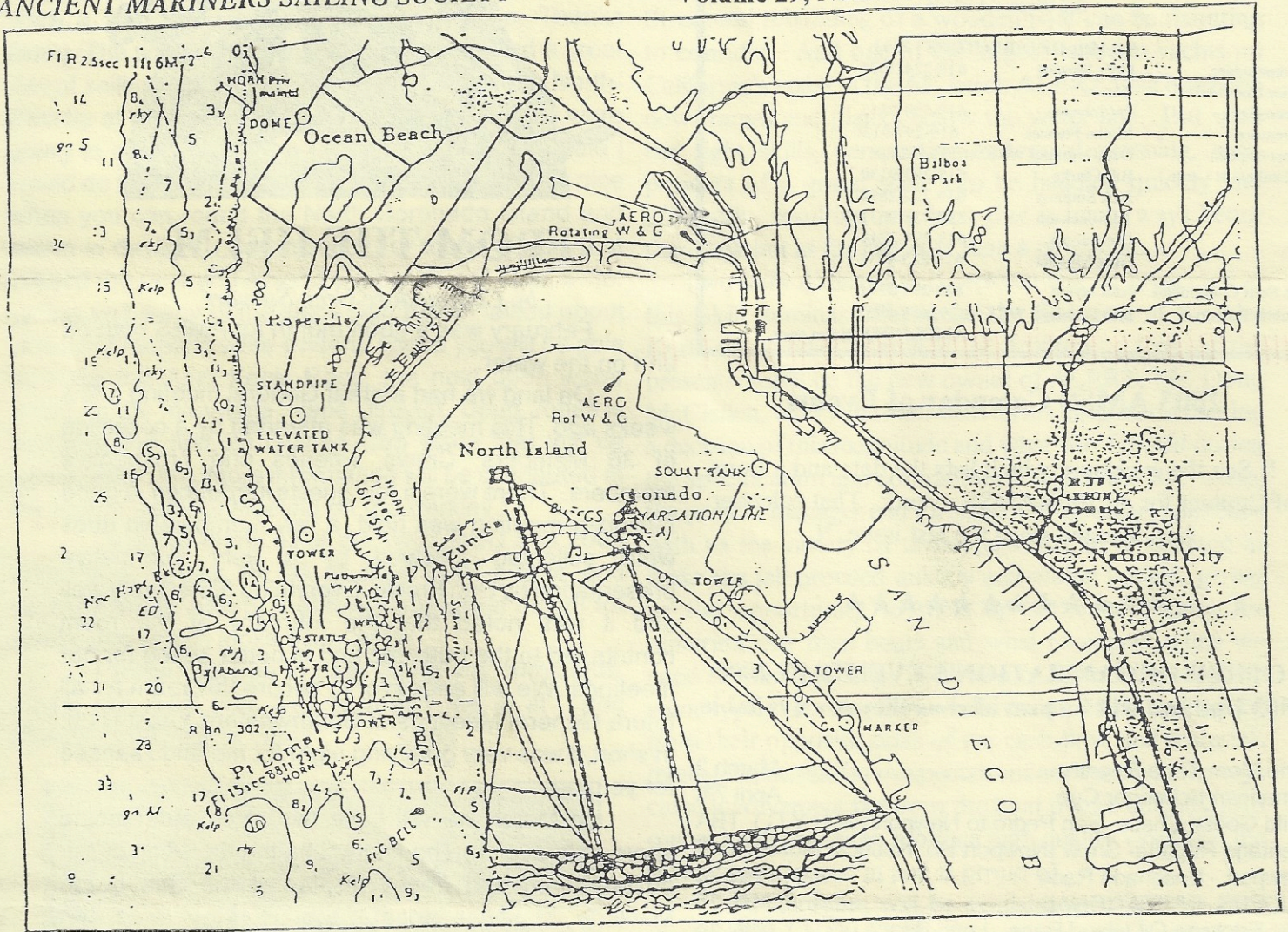


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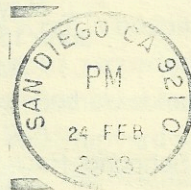
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**FROM THE HELM**

*by Commodore Greg Stewart*

February was a good month for AMSS both off and on the water.

On land we had a great General meeting a few weeks ago. This meeting was attended by a collection of 36 Members, Crews, Friends and prospective members. There were a few guests introduced, a good business meeting was held, a few membership dues were collected followed by a very informative presentation by Dan Brown. Everything flowed very well and it was noted that the intimacy of the room contributed to the outcome and is better suited for our meetings. We will endeavor to secure this room for all future General Meetings at Southwestern Yacht Club. In short, it was very gratifying night for me and I sensed for you too.

In March we will have two more outstanding shore-side events. The first will be the unveiling of our poster board and trophy display at the San Diego Maritime Museum aboard the *Berkley*. See the enclosed Flyer. This project has been under discussion since the 2002 Yesteryear Regatta and in the making since November of 2002. We are hopeful this display will be long running and our partnering with the San Diego Maritime Museum will increase in the coming years. Toward this goal, it will undoubtedly be helpful for AMSS Members to join the SDMM and help support their parallel cause. Remember this and all General Meetings is open to crews, friends etc. I hope we can beat last month's attendance and have over 50 people attend. Please spread the word.

The second event will be a seminar at Koehler Kraft March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. See the following article. I urge as many of you to attend as possible. It is quite a site to

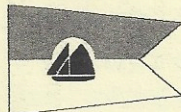
**2003 AMSS Calendar of Events**

!! See the enclosure which lists the date and a Point of Contact for all 2003 AMSS events. That calendar has changed since the last issue. !!



**OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS IN 2002**  
**2003 Updates will be provided as they are available**

One More Time Regatta	March 2
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 ?
Newport - Ensenada Race	Apr 26
LUDERS INVITATIONAL	May 18
Eric Erickson Oil Island Race, Long Beach (W.H.Y.C.)	May 18
Master Mariner's Race	May 25
Koehler's Wooden Boat Festival	June 15-16
Howland's Landing WHYC Catalina Cruise	July ?
McNish Classic Yacht Race (Channel Islands Harbor)	Aug 3
Bishop Rock Race (SDYC)	Aug 23
Nautical Heritage Society - Long Beach Schooner Race	Aug
WHYC Dana Cup	Sept ?
S.W.Y.C. Ensenada Race	Oct 5
Termite Triangle Race	Nov 5



see a boat as large as **Alert** out of the water let alone opened up for some structural work. The presentation should be insightful and the burgers tasteful.

On the water, the February event, the Commodores' Cup, was also a great event. I was glad to be Commodore on this day since **Sprig** was late to the starting area and Race Director, Doug Jones delayed the start for me and a few other boats that were a little late getting out to the course. Thanks Doug. The wind came up nicely and we all had a great day of sailing. We saw a couple of Whales at the North-East tip of North Coronado and it looked like they were going to cut between the Islands. If I were a Whale I would do the same just for the fun of it. It's always nice when you can round the North Coronado Island and return in daylight. See results. For those of you that missed the race you missed a great day of open water sailing and many of the signs Dan Brown talked about at the last meeting were evident. I hope you will be able to make the April Fools Race, the next open water event. In the meantime, Race Director, Doug Jones is planning the first 20 Guinea Cup Race that will be sailed March 8th. More information will be distributed at the March General Meeting on the Berkley.

I want to thank all of the 2003 BOD and 2003 Committee Chairs for all of their hard efforts and commitment to AMSS. February was great month for AMSS and March looks even better.

Please feel free to pass along any comments, ideas, etc. The best way to reach me is at "Greg Stewart" <nmyd@cts.com> Greg



### Skills Seminar

Structural repairs: challenges and solutions

Eventually all boat owners come to the realization that the boat they love is aging and needs some work beyond his/her own abilities to keep her seaworthy. Structural rebuilding of a wooden boat can be daunting to consider. And one of the largest wooden yachts on California's coast is the 65' ketch ALERT which needed new frames and planks below the water line. But with the right skills, perspective and good planning, even projects of a grand scale can be handled quickly and efficiently, resulting in a boat that is many ways better than new but at far less cost than a new boat.

Two very different perspectives will be presented at this Skill Seminar offered for the first time at Koehler Kraft on Sunday March 9, at 3:00pm. One of the presenters will be the new owner of ALERT, Mr. Doug McClellan, who will share with us his insights on making a decision of this magnitude and what was learned during the specification and contracting phase of the job. Also, the project manager and foreman, CF Koehler, will share with us the variety of techniques that were selected to make the job proceed quickly and within budget, giving us the opportunity to pick up some new ideas for repairing our own boats and what to expect when we need to take that step. The two of them will reflect on some typical hurdles that can be encountered and solved from their opposite sides of the cash flow and materials management, and how expectations are managed through close involvement between the boat owner and shipyard owner at all phases to produce high quality work that the owner participated in and is proud of.

Hamburgers will be available immediately after the Seminar and everyone is invited to stay and enjoy Koehler Kraft's hospitality. An amazing collection of photographs recorded ALERT's original construction and they have been loaned to the project by the foreman from Stone Shipyard where she was built. You'll be able to compare the original construction phases with where she is today as she is being closed up in anticipation of her re-launching after a very fast-moving rebuild. Other boats at various stages of restructuring will also be on hand for comparison.

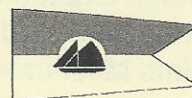


**Next Meeting**  
**on 6 March, 2003,**  
**7:30pm meeting on**  
**the BERKELEY**

The meeting will open the  
AMSS Display and include  
speakers on our history



A Board of Directors Meeting  
will be held the 20<sup>th</sup> of March.  
Members are welcome



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Silvergate Yacht Club will have a  
SWAP MEET on March 1<sup>st</sup>

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### COMMODORE'S CUP

There were 6 boats in the Offshore Class for the Commodore's Cup: Sally, Dauntless, Sprig, Flirt, Nerrissa and Pacifica. There was no Inshore fleet that participated. Scamp instead chose to sail a shorter version of the offshore course (as amended on the water) and was awarded first in that class. Dauntless won the longer offshore class, Pacifica was second with Sally third. It was a nice partial overcast day. The wind started out light (6-8 kn.) and built through the afternoon to 12-14 knots. It was a reach out and a tight reach back. It was a very nice sailing day.

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## PORT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

By Deb Dominici

Arrangements are being made for a **RENDEVOUS Raft-Up**, August 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003. One possibility is at Shelter Pointe Resort, where we would be rafting –up between the front dock of Shelter Pointe (the one we used in the past for the Wooden Boat Festival) and the Police Dock. Alternate sites are being investigated, but it guarantees to be a fun weekend.

The other Events that are coming up that I would like everyone aware of is the **Kettenburg Parade** on June 8<sup>th</sup>. ALL AMSS qualifying vessels are invited to come to the parade. We will parade in Middle Bay with the option to wear your boat's period costume (Prizes Awarded) and we may also have a trivial pursuit quiz regarding landmarks on the bay for those who are "game" (Prizes Awarded). The intention for the parade is to honor Kettenburg Boats Works, the Kettenburg Family, and most importantly, Paul Kettenburg. Long pennants may be made available for the Kettenburg Boats that participate to identify them for the public. The Maritime Museum is

researching the possibility to publish a book on Kettenburg Boat Works and Paul Kettenburg in collaboration with Mystic Seaport. This parade will provide photo opportunities that may be used in the publication. Please tell your friends and let's try to have a terrific turnout for this event.

The **Family Boat Building Event** being held in front of the STAR of INDIA on July 11-13<sup>th</sup> during the International Family Boat Building Week choreographed by Carl Cramer, Publisher of WoodenBoat Magazine and Joe Youcha of Alexandria Seaport. We need participants, sponsors and helpers for this event! Doug Jones hopes to do some instructional Bevins' spar building demonstrations at the Koehlers' Wooden Boat Festival the month prior to the July event. So if you have built a Bevins, you may want to sign up to participate in the demonstration if you haven't finished the sailing rig yet.

Please let me know if you can help with any of these events.

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### A New Member

Lee Estap of La Jolla has joined AMSS. He brings a PC, number 66, named Route 66 which was built in 1946. This mahogany and teak beauty was recently completely restored with West System epoxies. A picture follows.

