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Commodore's Ball and Barbecue 2005

MEETINGS

- Thursday, 1 Sept.
7:30 General Meeting
Southwest Yacht Club
- Video Programs:
Mediterranean Classic Circuit, etc. at this Thursday's General Meeting.
- Cruise to Glorietta Bay, 24-25 Sept..

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Saturday evening, 27 August, marked another very festive annual Commodore's Ball and Barbecue at the San Diego Yacht Club. Many thanks are due to all the Ancient Mariners who worked to make this favorite party such a success once again. The overnight raft up at the guest dock included C.F. Koehler's brand new **KK28**, which looks like it's going too fast even when tied securely to the dock. Dave and Kathy Easter's *Freedom* spent the night, and *Vanja VI* came pierside with Staff Commodores Debra Dominici and Doug Jones. Luke Patty joined in later with *Sea Drift*. Many helped to create the feast this year, including Alex Gonzalez who brought in a variety of entrées including steaks, ribs and chicken. Karl Strauss' beer was on tap, along with fine wines and a huge spread of side dishes provided by all members. Greg Stewart once again managed the grill with panache.

From the Helm—by Pat Johnson

August turned out an exceptional month for AMSS. The August meeting was valuable as it addressed issues of buying & selling boats, something we all do occasionally. This meeting included a visit by Ray Ashley, Executive Director of the San Diego Maritime Museum (SDMM). With Ray, plans were made, on-the-spot, for the Festival of Sail (FoS). This was possible thanks to SDMM's support.

We manned an AMSS booth on the Embarcadero during FoS and participated in the ceremonies for the visiting ships. AMSS pennants are now flying on ships in New Zealand, Antigua, and Mexico, as well as a number of beautiful big California schooners and the SDMM fleet. Well done!

The Commodore's Ball and Barbecue was held at the San Diego Yacht Club on the 27th. (cont'd) on page 2...

From the Helm, cont'd

Five boats rafted up before the barbeque. Then a perfect San Diego evening, supported by an open bar and AMSS entrees. Steaks, ribs and chicken mixed well with the numerous potluck dishes brought by members. Probably forty folks enjoyed the feast, and helped recognize Doug Jone's Birthday. Happy Birthday to one of our stalwarts. This was AMSS at its best. I hope you didn't miss this one.

September will be less busy. The meeting on Thursday, the 1st of September, will provide some videos of classic boats. The kind of thing we'd all love to sail. Hope to see you there. The calender calls for a cruise to Glorieta Bay on September 24th. Close, but far enough to enjoy an overnight. Always fun. Also, it's time to begin thinking about next years' officers.—Pat

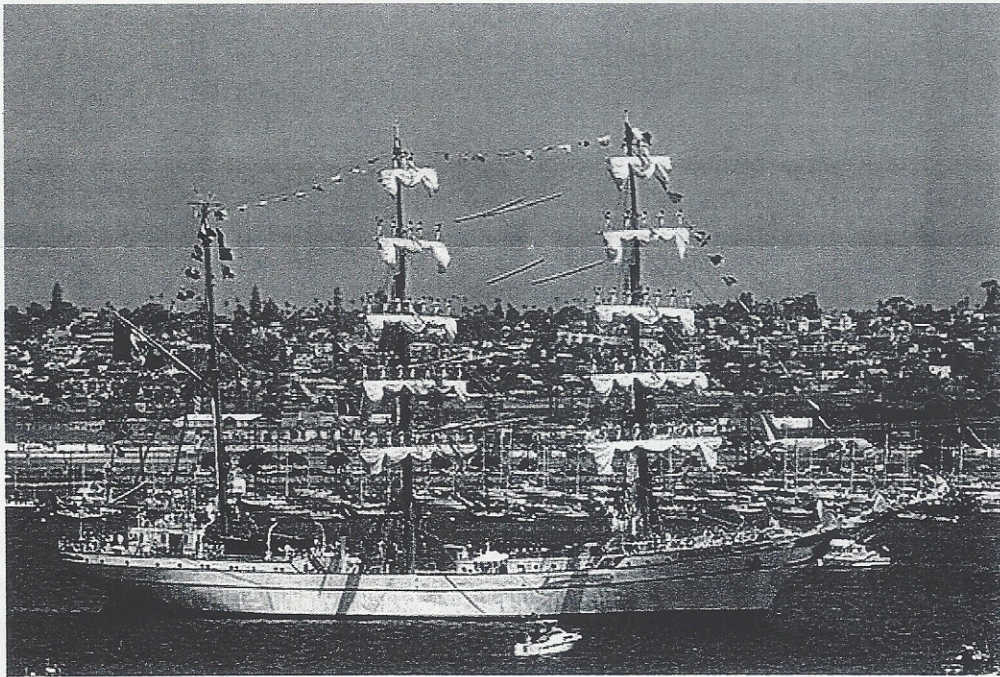
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Mexico's Cuauhtemoc at the Festival of Sail San Diego 2005—with dozens of crew skylarking on the yards!

On the Waterfront: Ancient Mariner Boats *Irene* & *Sierra Madre*

Ancient Mariners continue to acquire and restore the most interesting vessels... Tom Jackson's (1987 Flag) ***Sierra Madre*** (formerly ***Tarantino Sr.***) and Leroy Radcliffe's ***Irene*** (2005 Flag) are featured here.

Sierra Madre is a fishing vessel designed by Edwin Monk Sr., and built by the Makela Bros. in Fort Bragg in 1967. She's 58' long, with a 16' beam and regularly caught over 1 million pounds of fish yearly. Tom states that "She's a big locomotive of a boat...built of ironwood, oak, cedar and fir, Monel fastened with a Detroit 8V-71 engine + 2,000 gals fuel." She is massively constructed with a one-piece keel 54' long and 18" X 30." "Bought out" of the fishing industry, Tom's family intends to use the boat for exploration and adventure in British Columbia and Alaska in coming years. For now, she's lying up North, in Moss Landing or Alameda.



Sierra Madre

Tom has stripped all the large hydraulic net reels and dragging winches, lightening ship by 17 tons! ***Sierra Madre*** still has all her original layout with cherrywood joinerwork and an old-world galley and cabin. WoodenBoat #171 (Mar/Apr 2003, pg.66) has more details in an article about the Makela Bros.



Irene

Irene is a pinky designed by Geoffrey Lang. Leroy expects she will be ready to show at next year's (2006) Wooden Boat Festival. Her gaff-cutter rig by Thomas Hayes is well balanced. *Irene* has no auxiliary, but makes do with two bow anchors, one storm anchor, a stern anchor and a 14' sculling oar. Most of her New Bedford whaleboat cousins are no longer in existence. Leroy has checked out ***Irene's*** sailing qualities, and reports that under a double-reefed main, she performs quite well. Not always making it through irons, though, Leroy has perfected how to "wear ship" as needed.

Commodore's Cup Race Results—by Greg Stewart

Boat	Type	Sail #	Rating	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Allow	Corrected Time	Place
Flirt	Luders 44	NA 6	160	14:31:00	2:31:00	0:22:12	2:08:48	1
Brushfire	S&S 52		70	14:11:12	2:11:12	0:00:00	2:11:12	2
Celeste	PC	40	150	14:32:00	2:32:00	0:19:44	2:12:16	3
Salema	Six Meter	40	140	14:36:15	2:36:15	0:17:16	2:18:59	4
Spot	PC	37	150	14:46:00	2:46:00	0:19:44	2:26:16	5
Freedom	Herreshoff Cutter	17002	175	DNF				
Vanja VI	30 Square Meter		125	DNS				

Sunday the 28th was a beautiful day for a race, after a fine Ancient Mariners Ball and Barbecue. A nice breeze freshened as the day wore on, and most of us buried a rail now and again. Flirt put on the pressure, besting even Brushfire on corrected time for a first place finish. Good

show, Jack, Cheryl and crew! Celeste showed her usual fast-paced form, giving Spot a run for the money as the two Kettenburgs rounded the buoys in short order. Course Alpha (from the 20 Guinea Cup series sailing instructions) formed the course.—Greg

2005 Ancient Mariners Rosters Mailed!

Early in September, the brand new Ancient Mariners Rosters were mailed out. If for any reason you did not receive your copy, please contact Membership Director Dave Easter: deaster1@san.rr.com. The roster contains this years revisions to the Bylaws, and a great selection of photographs showing member's boats. Keep this roster handy—you'll find it useful throughout the year.



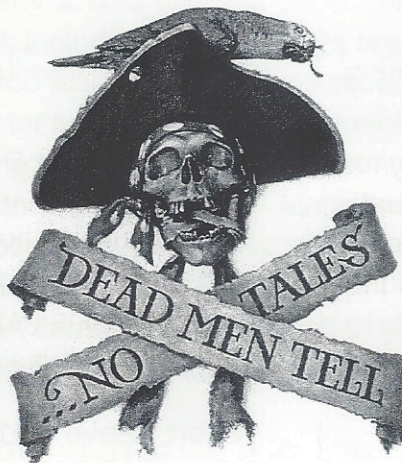
Rum Artist Creates Pirate Calendar

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Pirate artist Don Maitz has long been considered the premier artist of his genre. Maitz was distinguished almost overnight for his characterization of the Captain Morgan Spiced Rum pirate in 1982. Since then he has breathed new life into the Golden Age of Pirates with the intricate detail and sheer drama of his work.

Maitz' work is, in a word, phenomenal. Until recently to see his paintings you had to visit a museum. Now he is releasing a 2006 calendar, called appropriately, "Pirates!," which contains some of his most celebrated artwork. "Pirates!" boasts 12 Maitz original portraits which include "No Prey No Pay," Pursuit of Happiness," Bird's Eye View," and "Black-beard's Revenge." In addition to the calendar, Maitz has chosen two selections from this project to be made into quality Qoro Replicas (signed and numbered), which he



has scanned from the original art. This artist's work is highly praised and sought after by collectors around the world. Maitz' work is often (and most deservedly so) compared to artists Howard Pyle and N.C. Wyeth.

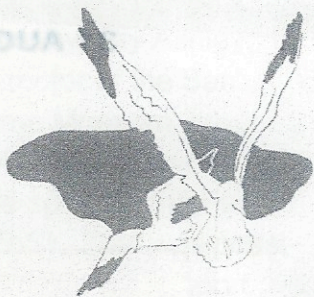
The depth and detail of Maitz' work, however, is more accurately compared to the legendary Tolkien images created by the Hildebrandt brothers in the 1970s. The 30-year-old Brothers Hildebrandt calendars are still hoarded by collectors today.

Maitz' new calendar, "Pirates!," features a large pirate portrait on the top page, and ends the month of dates with original artwork at the bottom. Theme tidbits are provided in the date boxes such as "Talk Like A Pirate Day," and the anniversary of Sir Francis Drake's taking of the treasure ship Cacafuego in 1529.

"Pirates!" calendars, as well as the signed and numbered reproductions are available by visiting the artist's website at www.paravia.com/DonMaitz. The calendars sell for \$12.95 (US).

A knot is never "nearly right"; it is either exactly right or it is hopelessly wrong, one or the other; there is nothing in between

- Clifford Ashley



Up that rigging, you monkeys. Break out those sails and let them fill with the wind to carry us all to freedom

- Errol Flynn as Capt. Blood

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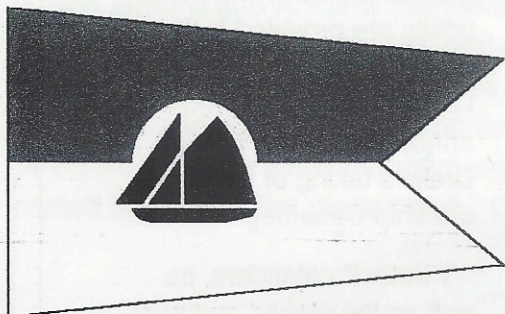
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, 1 Sept. General Meeting, Southwest Yacht Club. Classic Video Night.
- 24-25 September (Sat-Sun) Annual Cruise to Glorietta Bay
- 22 October 20 Guinea Cup #3
- Christmas 2005: Ancient Mariner T-Shirts make the greatest gift!

Don't Miss the ~~September~~ 24-25 Cruise to Glorietta Bay, Sat-Sun

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