



## LOG ENTRIES

### News of the WHYC and its members

#### Club Direction

The Board is looking to increase the number of events, members and overall participation in 2008. With this in mind, we will be mailing this newsletter to past members and other wood boat owners we identify. We hope to work with the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, Kettenburg Boat Owners and other groups to support our expansion goals. As the number of wood boats dwindle, we need to consolidate resources and support each other.

#### Membership

Bills for club dues will be out in February. The dues are \$100 for general members and \$50 for associate members. If you pay your dues before the end of February you will receive a free WHYC hat. If you are not a member and wish to become one, please download the form at our Web site, [www.whyc.org](http://www.whyc.org).

#### Web site and boat photos

Chris Frost has been working on the Web site at [www.whyc.org](http://www.whyc.org), particularly the Events page. We are including pictures of as many member boats as possible. We already have quite a few photos from the Ray Wallace Iron Man Race courtesy of Jean Alexander, Nanci Echevarria and Richard Gladson, and will put the better pictures on the site. Only paid members will have their pictures on our Web site, so you are encouraged to renew!

## KETTENBURG REGATTA

### Jean Alexander

I took my PCC, "Lark," to San Diego this past June for the Kettenburg Regatta. The race was hosted by the Southwestern Yacht Club and the Ancient Mariner Sailing Society (AMSS). Of the 21 boats entered, 17 finished.

This was my first race where I was skipper, tactician, navigator, etc. Yes, I was nervous, but too busy to think about it! I had a crew of four. Two sailed down to San Diego with me and I picked up the other two, Mark Allen and Scott Sabin, in San Diego. Mark has just completed a book on Kettenburgs and wanted to actually sail on one. Scott turned out to be a good helmsman and steered the last half of the second race.

The hospitality was great at the yacht club. I tore a grommet out of my main sail on the way down and Greg Stewart (AMSS) found me a local sail maker to pick up, repair and return my sail the same day! Also a plug for Mike Taylor who made my very nice jib!

Neil Atwood worked hard to get enough PCCs in the race to comprise a class, the first time this has happened since 1997. Four PCCs entered the race and three actually competed. ("Eulalie" did not start the race.)

There were two races, back to back. I won overall. The other PCCs racing were Mark Milinich on "Kachina" and Dave Rice on "Selene." ("Selene" actually finished ahead of me but was later disqualified as there are major modifications to the boat. Dave Rice entered knowing this but wanted enough boats in the race to constitute a class.)

We were honored to have Bill Kettenburg, the son of George Kettenburg, at the trophy presentation.

I hope to make the race next year. This is the second time "Lark" has won a PCC National. I had a great crew who gave me the nerve to try!

Race results for three classes (First three to finish):

#### Pacific Class

1 <sup>st</sup>	"Menace" PC 62	Jack Sutphen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	"Skylark" PC 31	Tom Hurlbert
3 <sup>rd</sup>	"La Cucaracha" PC 64	Unidentified

#### PCC Nationals

1 <sup>st</sup>	"Lark"	Jean Alexander
2 <sup>nd</sup>	"Kachina"	Mark Milinich
3 <sup>rd</sup>	"Selene"	David Rice

#### Other Kettenburg

1 <sup>st</sup>	"Taroa" K50	Tom Sterling
2 <sup>nd</sup>	"Avanti" K 41	Brian Lepis
3 <sup>rd</sup>	"Dyad" K 38	Steve Barber

## RAY WALLACE IRON MAN RACE - NOVEMBER 10, 2007

The annual Ray Wallace Iron Man Race, traditionally the last WHYC competition of the year, was held in the waters off San Pedro on November 10. Ten boats started the race. The smallest was "Sparrow" (30') and the largest was "Dirigo" (72'). Other competitors included "Lark", "Raiatea," "Lanakai", "Antares," "Zephyrus III," "Dirigo II," "Syrena," "Manukai," "Siouxie," "Patience" and "Sparrow."

There was some confusion on the marks for the course and most of the A-class boats did not round the course at the right marks. Barbara Wallace was at the dinner and trophy presentation. The trophy will stay at the Los Angeles Yacht Club.

Thanks to Fred Ripley and his boat "Warrior II" and the LAYC for their support of the race. Thanks also to Dave Wendisch, who was the principle race officer.

#### Results

##### Class A

1<sup>st</sup> "Lanakai" - Tom Zetlmaier

##### Class B

1<sup>st</sup> "Manukai"- Richard Gladson

2<sup>nd</sup> "Patience" - Denton Porter

3<sup>rd</sup> "Dirigo II" - Rob Gregory and Len Dabiello (owner Stephen Alexander)

#### Ray Wallace Perpetual Trophy

"Manukai" - Richard Gladson



Tom Zetlmaier's "Lanakai" placed first in Class A.



Jean Alexander's "Lark" took first prize in PCC Nationals at last year's Kettenburg Regatta.

## DICK McNISH NAMED HONORARY WHYC MEMBER

At the skippers meeting prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> McNish Classic last year, Dick McNish was named an honorary member of WHYC. He was presented with an engraved chart compass. WHYC will partner under the lead of PCYC to make sure the race continues. We will need your participation and help to keep the standards up for this race.



Dick McNish was named an honorary member of WHYC in 2007.

## SPIDSGATTER INFORMATION WANTED

Shawn Jonutz has acquired the "Spidsgatter," shown in the adjacent photo. Shawn writes "When I got her she was gutted, no engine, but there are still sails made from Dair Sailmakers. If you have any leads to the name of the boat that would be especially great. Thanks." The current sail number is US 3. Shawn is restoring the boat and would appreciate any information you have on its name and history. He believes the boat raced in our club in the mid-90s with a sail or race number of 91. If you can help Shawn, his e-mail address is [wander28@gmail.com](mailto:wander28@gmail.com).

## A NOTE FROM BILL DUNLAP, NEWPORT AREA DELEGATE

This summer, three boats from the Wooden Hull Yacht Club competed in the Sundowner Summer Bay Series sponsored by the American Legion Hall in Newport Beach. The three boats were Bob Dodds' "Whisper," Bob King and Ralph Rodheim's "Madness," and Bill Dunlap's "Joy." The series was in two 9-week sessions starting in May 2007. "Whisper" and "Madness" sailed in Class B while "Joy" sailed in Class C. "Whisper" placed first in both the first and second series and "Joy" placed first in the first series and second in the second series. Awards were presented in early September.

## A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

My name is Jean Alexander and I have agreed to once again write content for *Splinters*. I think many of you know me as I have been in the Club almost since its inception. I will need photos, articles, etc. from all of you to make the newsletter a success. I may call on you and ask you to do articles on your boats.



The mysterious "Spidsgatter."



Richard Gladson's "Manukai" placed first among Class B entrants in the 2007 Ray Wallace Iron Man Race. Richard also received last year's Ray Wallace Perpetual Trophy.

Please keep the following dates open:



## CHARTING THE COURSE

- **One More Time Regatta – PMYC, Marina del Rey**  
February 23, 2008
- **Catalina Cruise Event**  
April 5 - 6, 2008
- **Yesteryear Regatta – AMSS, San Diego**  
May 10, 2008
- **Kettenburg Regatta – AMSS, San Diego**  
June 8, 2008
- **San Diego Wood Boat Festival**  
June 14 -15, 2008
- **WHYC Opening Day and Annual Newport Heritage Regatta**  
May 10, 2008
- **Eric Erickson Race, Alamitos Bay**  
July, 2008
- **31st Dick McNish Classic Yacht Race – PCYC, Channel Islands**  
August 2, 2008
- **Clark Sweet Cruise and Homeward Bound Race**  
September, 2008
- **Richard Henry Charity Regatta – DPYC/AMSS, Dana Point**  
September, 2008
- **Ray Wallace Iron Man Race and Annual Awards Dinner – LAYC, San Pedro**  
November 15, 2008

The Board is discussing other possible events for 2008, including a Santa Barbara regatta based around the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Please let us know if you can volunteer to help with any events.



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## YACHT BROKERAGE

**GATEWAY:** I have a great boat being offered for free. She is a 1939 Albatross. She is 22'6" overall; 6' beam and comes with all the rigging and hardware. She is currently in Newport in the water with mast out. I have a set of the original plans. This is a fast sailor built by South Coast and designed by Phillip Rhodes. Contact Bill Dunlap at (949) 874-4402.

**FOR SALE:** PCs 46 and 50 are available as a pair. The boats are in pretty good shape. 50 needs a little work around the rudder. 46 has won two recent One More Time Regattas (as well as the first one a long time ago). 46 has no interior because I never go below except to grab a sail. I'm told that the boats are worth around \$10K to \$15K a piece, but I'm willing to part with them for substantially below that number as a pair. Call Jonathan Blinderman at (310) 463-0208.

**FOR SALE:** "Nereia." An L. Francis Herreshoff Design #87 36-foot ketch. Built in 1970, the boat just enjoyed a major restoration. Consideration to a good home. See photos and survey at [www.HomeFindersNational.com](http://www.HomeFindersNational.com). Contact Chester and Siouzie Salisbury, Newport Beach, at (949) 675-9048 or (949) 338-1662.

**Have a wooden hull yacht to sell or trade? Send us information (and a photo, if you have one) to [secretary@whyc.org](mailto:secretary@whyc.org).**



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WOODEN HULL YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2008

## View from the Helm - Welcome to 2008!



Before I introduce myself, I would like to thank Jerry Klein for his service to the Club for the past two years. Jerry lead the club in 2006 and, despite serious illness, supported it throughout 2007. Jerry, thank you for all your

hard work. It's good to see you on your feet again.

I have met many of you at Club events over the last couple of years, but for those I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting in person, my name is Chris Frost. I moved to the United States from the U.K. about eight years ago. I have been sailing since I was a child, mostly on the River Blackwater on the east coast of England. I'm frequently the tallest chap in the room.

So why did I decide to run for Club Commodore?

First, because what we do "messing about in boats" and subsequent get-togethers are so much fun. When I have the tiller of the "Sparrow" in my hand and I'm racing through the clear Pacific amid a fleet of wonderful wooden boats, I can barely wipe the grin from my face. We have in our Club

some of the most beautiful sailboats in the world and I want to be a part of making sure we continue to see them out on the water where they belong.

Second, I believe we have a tradition of wooden boats in Southern California. We may not be Maine or the Chesapeake Bay; they may not write articles about Los Angeles' sailboats in *WoodenBoat* magazine, but the Pacific Ocean is not devoid of class. Not only do we have beautiful boats and sunshine in which to sail them, we also have classics! Our fleet includes locally made Kettenburgs and boats by designers such as Herreshoff, Alden and Stephens. The problem with heritage and tradition, though, is that it is easily lost. Very few wooden boats are being built nowadays and every year more give way to rot and die. I really became the Club Commodore for the same reason I bought a wooden boat: to try to save something wonderful so that those after me can enjoy it.

For the fun and the heritage, I ask you to participate in the Club this year. Together we can give our grandchildren the chance to enjoy as much as we do "messing about in boats."

**Chris Frost**, Commodore

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