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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. 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.



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View from the Helm - A Great Summer Ahead!



Summer is here, and what a summer it's going to be! We have the classic Eric Erickson Oil Island Race returning in July. In August we have both the 31st McNish Classic and the 2008 LA Festival of Sail for which the

club has been invited to provide the official welcoming fleet. In September we have the Clark Sweet Catalina Cruise and Homeward Bound race.

Historically, the Eric Erickson race off Long Beach has been one of the largest wooden hulled races on the West Coast. During its heyday it attracted over a hundred yachts, including many large schooners. This year will be the third time the race has been run since the turn of the century. Even if you're not a racer, you are more than welcome to join us at the raft up/anchor up behind Island White for the festivities after the race.

With the retiring Dick McNish handing over the reins of his titular event to other PCYC members, the future of one of the best wooden yacht races on the West Coast is certain. The 31st McNish Classic is undoubtedly a 'must do' event this year. If you need a race application form, please contact me.

Our club has been invited to provide the official welcoming fleet for the 2008 LA Festival of Sail, featuring the USCG Eagle and other tall ships. This is a great opportunity for us to get out there and represent our community to the visiting vessels and festival-goers. To participate, please contact Rick Whearty by email at firstclassmarine@yahoo.com

The Clark Sweet Cruise is another club tradition. Please join us at the West End of Catalina Island (details to come) for a barbeque and get-together. If you make no other club events this year, join us for a fun weekend at the island.

Ask Woodie? Who's he? One of the club's major goals is to keep wooden boats alive. Our club boasts a wealth of knowledge about wooden boat restoration, and a number of members have volunteered to make themselves available to give advice and support to those with projects on their hands. If you could do with some advice, the Ask Woodie contact information is later in this newsletter. Also, if you have the time to help others and experience in any field of restoration (i.e. shipwright, rigging, bright work, electrical, general restoration etc.), please contact me or a board member about becoming 'Woodie' and helping others.

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LOG ENTRIES

News of the WHYC and its Members

One More Time Regatta Results

The 33rd Annual One More Time Regatta was held in the waters off Marina Del Rey (MDR) on February 23. Despite bad weather for days before and after the race, there was a good turnout of boats. We had a lot of fun racing the short course during the weather window between Pacific storms. It is reported that the MDR harbor entrance was closed the day following the race due to 15-foot swells.

Special credit goes to those members, such as Chester Salisbury from Newport Beach, who brought their boats some distance in bad weather to compete.

Special thanks also goes to Andy Kopetski and the Pacific Mariners Yacht Club for hosting the event. Without them the race would not have happened. His crew included Patty Garcia in the club galley, Kim LeVern (Fleet Captain), Jack Barrish (PRO) with John Grote, Mike and Candy Blumenthal and Sparky and Janet Mundo on the committee boat. Dennis Peitso again provided "Squid" for the race, Kathy Cordova worked the bar and Mike Blumenthal took photographs. Greg Alexander contributed the perpetual take-home trophy. Thank you all for making the 33rd One More Time Regatta such a success!

Mike's excellent photos will be available on the club website (www.whyc.org) for those that want to download them.

The entries in this year's race were:

Class A

"Banshee" (Wheathy) - 44' Island Clipper built in San Pedro

"Blondie" (Goldreyer) - Kettenburg 38

Class B

"Bluenose" (Peitso) - 44' Chapelle Schooner

"Patience" (Jensche) - Herreshoff 'Neria' Ketch

"Bequia" (Lopez) - 40' custom cutter

"Amethyst" (Steagall) - Mariner 40 Ketch

"Noble Wood" (Graeme / Elliot) - Luders 16

"Siouxie" (Salisbury/Frost) - Herreshoff 'Neria' Ketch

"Norseman" (Garvey) - 1933 Carher and Schmidt Cutter

The entries in this year's race were:

Class A

Peggy Slater Perpetual - First Sloop to Finish: "Blondie"

Class A 1st Corrected Time: "Blondie"

Class A 2nd Corrected Time: "Banshee"

Class B

Peggy Slater Perpetual - First Split Rig to Finish: "Patience"

WHYC Best Corrected Time: "Patience"

WHYC First to Finish: "Patience"

WHYC Best Corrected Time (Take-Home Perpetual): "Patience"

Class B 1st Split Rig Corrected Time: "Patience"

Class B 2nd Split Rig Corrected Time: "Amethyst"

Class B 1st Sloop Corrected Time: "Norseman"

Class B 2nd Sloop Corrected Time: "Noblewood"

Turtle: "Siouxie"



Jon & Graeme Weather The Storm

With Graeme at the helm for his first race and me handling all the controls and performing tactics, we were set. The forecast was for sunshine and 3 to 5 knots of wind out of the southeast. With that in mind I dressed appropriately in shorts, tee-shirt, sunglasses and sun tan lotion.

The start went without a hitch. Heading towards the SM bell buoy, most of the boats were close together. We were in a tactical war with "Norseman," a 40-foot cutter, about a half mile to the SM bell buoy. I noticed the wind increasing to 6 to 8 knots. To make a long story short, by the time we rounded the SM bell buoy, the race committee called for a short course. I realized I was no longer appropriately dressed as the temperature dropped considerably and we were no longer sailing off the wind. We were going to the weather mark and Graeme was hitting every wave in sight. I was completely soaked! I should have worn a wetsuit!

It sure was a lot of fun sailing so close to the water. Best time I have had in a long time; it was a BLAST! I didn't realize how much I missed sailing on a Luders 16. "Noble Wood" is a fine little boat and tough, too! We took 2nd Place in our class.

Thanks, Graeme!

Jon

Goodbye to Bob Hellman

Bob Helman, a long-time past WHYC member, has passed away. His wife, Cathy, was instrumental in organizing the first One More Time Regatta while Greg Alexander was Commodore. She would like to have Bob buried at sea. WHYC will oblige and will plan a burial at sea, probably originating from Marina del Rey. If you want to participate in saying goodbye, let Jean Alexander know by calling 310-521-8745 or emailing hrhjean@earthlink.net. We will let interested people know the time and date.

Tall Ships Coming to L.A. Harbor

Our club has been asked to escort the "U. S. Eagle" and other tall ships into the Los Angeles Harbor on August 15. The parade starts at 10 am. There should be eight or nine ships total. This is a chance for us to show thousands of spectators and the powers-that-be our boats are beautiful, well-cared-for and in good shape. It will be part of the Los Angeles Festival of Sail. Rick Wheathy will be our coordinator for the event. If you are interested in participating, call him at 310 621-1179 or email him at Firstclassmarine@yahoo.com.

BOARD MEETINGS

The WHYC Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Any member may attend Board meetings. The location changes. If you are interested in attending a meeting, call or email a Board member and we will let you know the location of the next meeting.

BOAT INSURANCE

By Steve Kincaid, Vice Commodore

I recently learned that several Club members have had their insurance canceled by companies that will no longer cover wooden boats. Understandably stressed, these members eventually obtained insurance from a Long Beach-based company called "Don't Get Soaked." Unfortunately, soaked is exactly what they got.

A couple of years ago, I went through the same stress, but found a better solution: State Farm Insurance. They insure wooden boats. All you need is a survey within two years and a couple of pictures of the boat out of the water. The same liability coverage for which "Don't Get Soaked" demands \$800 can be written by State Form for a mere \$79.

If you have a State Farm Agent, just ask him/her to arrange a policy. If you don't already work with State Farm, may I recommend my agent:

Tanya

Marc Berton State Farm Insurance

762 North Maclay Ave

San Fernando, CA 91340

818 365-9449 or 323 872-0482

ASK WOODIE

We want to start an offshoot of our Web site where people can ask for information about wooden boats. Our members obviously have a great wealth of knowledge at their disposal. This new site would be for members and non-members to encourage interest in wooden boats and to help those who own them get the most from their investment. Dennis Jensch, Chester Salisbury, Steve Kincaid and Will Durant have already volunteered to be resident experts. If anyone else would like to volunteer their time, please let Chris Frost or Jean Alexander know. Chris will be putting links to these members' emails on the Web site so questions can be directed to them.

If anyone out there has an artistic bent, we would like a logo or drawing to accompany the site. Chester has secured www.askwoodie.com as a domain name. We will let you know when it is active.

BOAT WANTED

Arthur Kroot, a club member, is looking for a locally built Feather, 27' sloop that was built in San Pedro in the 1950s.



CHARTING THE COURSE

Please keep the following dates open:

- Eric Erickson, Oil Island Race

July 12, 2008

- 31st Dick McNish Classic Yacht Race – PCYC, Channel Islands

August 2, 2008

- Los Angeles Festival of Sail 2008

August 15 -17, 2008

- 32nd Annual Wooden Boat Festival, Port Townsend, WA

September 5 - 7, 2008

- Clark Sweet Cruise and Homeward Bound Race

September 13, 2008

- RWHYC Annual Newport Heritage Regatta (BYC)

October 11 - 12, 2008

- Ray Wallace Iron Man Race and Annual Awards Dinner – LAYC, San Pedro

November 15, 2008

BILL DUNLAP VISITS ENGLAND FOR THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF LORD NELSON'S DEATH



For many of us sailors, wooden ships are all about “a time gone by.” Our fascination with all things nautical takes us back to our youth, a time when we would set sail on small ponds or in the bathtub on imagined “sea voyages” of incredible distances. The renewed interest in the Patrick O’Brian books and the excellent movie starring Russell Crowe, *Master and Commander*, is at the heart of that affection. What could be better than standing on the poop deck of a 36-gun frigate in Her Majesty’s Fleet awaiting orders by flag signal from the Admiral on his flagship to begin the engagement?

Well, it’s all good stuff and if you really want to dig in deep, I have a suggestion: Join the 1805 Club. The 1805 Club is dedicated to the memory and promotion of all things “Nelson.” Yes, Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson, Duke of Bronte. Founded in the early 1960s, the 1805 Club has established itself as the preeminent historical body for the Golden Age of Sailing—or, as we members call it, “The Nelson Years.”

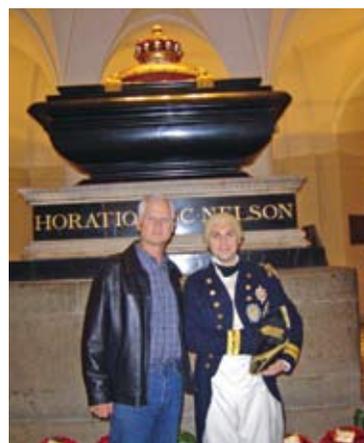
In October 2005, my wife and I traveled to England to be part of the 200th Anniversary of Nelson’s death during the Battle of Trafalgar, October 21, 1805. (Thus the name for the club.) The trip still sits in our memories as one of the great seven-day adventures of our lives. Along with Nelson, Churchill is another of our favorite historical figures, so we combined our Nelson tour with sites involving Sir Winston. The following is a running itinerary of the sites and events that we saw or attended.

Day One: We dined at the Museum Pub across from the British Museum and entered the official Nelson Ale contest to win a free Nelson T-Shirt. (Consuming mass quantities of ale was a plus.)

Day Two: We took the train to Portsmouth and toured the “*Victory*” (Nelson’s Flagship) and museum. The “*Victory*” is the oldest ship still in service as a fully commissioned battleship, though she lies in dry-dock. The restoration of this grand ship took 25 years and she is in superb shape. That evening, after returning to our hotel, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Rules, London’s oldest restaurant (Check their Web site) and then saw “We Will Rock You,” a nostalgia play based on the music of the rock band Queen



Day Three: We took the train to Churchill’s country home, Chartwell, and had lunch on the grounds overlooking the lake that Churchill built and where he wrote “A History of English-Speaking Peoples,” for which he received a Pulitzer Prize. Each morning Churchill would wake around 9 a.m. and soak in a hot bath while sipping on a mild Johnny Walker on ice and read his correspondence. Much of his plan for the defense of England started in this body of water. Our dinner that night was at the infamous Lee Ho Fooks, made famous by Warren Zevon in the song “Werewolves of London.” (Get a big plate of beef chow mein.)



Day 4: We walked to the Churchill War Rooms next to #10 Downing Street. Next, we had lunch in an official Nelson pub and earned one more sticker by drinking two more ales. We then walked to Trafalgar Square to see the 110-foot Nelson monument that is just around the corner from St. Paul’s Cathedral where Nelson is entombed.

Day 5: We took The Tube to Greenwich, site of the Earth’s meridian. We took a great tour of the British

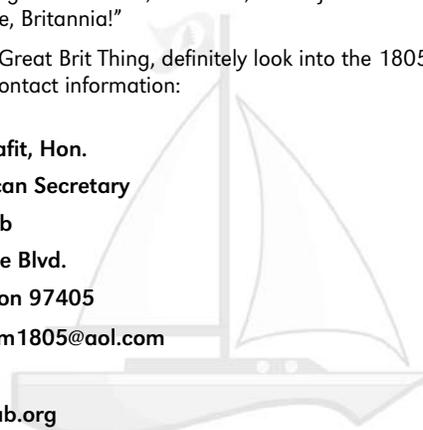
Naval Museum, which is home to the world’s largest collection of Nelson memorabilia, including his uniform with the fatal bullet hole. We returned to London for dinner at Trader Vic’s. (Remember the line in the Zevon song “Sipping on a pina colada at Trader Vic’s”?).

Day 6: We took the train to Oxford, then a bus to Blenheim Palace, home to the 11th Duke of Marlborough. This is the spot where Churchill was born. His mother was American and father the 9th duke.

Day 7: We slept in this day in anticipation for our big night at the Painted Hall. That night we went to the Painted Hall at Greenwich for a black-tie dinner to celebrate the actual day of Nelson’s death, October 21st, 1805. The dinner included Nelson’s great, great, great granddaughter of Nelson as well as Prince Andrew. It was quite the event. The roasted beef came in on a platter hoisted on the shoulders of four butlers. The dessert was in the design of square rigger, including cannon. And, of course, we all joined in a rousing chorus of “Rule, Britannia!”

If you like the Great Brit Thing, definitely look into the 1805 Club. Here is their contact information:

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Below are some photos from recent WHYC events we thought you would enjoy.

