



A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWPORT HARBOR NAUTICAL MUSEUM

Congratulations to the WHYC on the official start of its 2005 season! We're again proud to be a sponsor of the Wooden Hull Yacht Club and look forward to serving as the main site for your Board meetings and Club events. And we hope to see as many WHYC members as possible participating in Museum events – and just stopping by to tour our maritime exhibits!

We look forward to seeing you all for the June 25th Opening Day Ceremonies. In the meantime, here's what's going on at the Museum now and in the weeks ahead:

- **Stars & Stripes Regatta – Saturday, June 11.** The race features three classes: A, B and Novice. The race begins at the NHNM dock at 1:00 p.m. Novice sailing instructions are available at noon. Here's a chance to introduce your friends, neighbors and family to the thrills of sailboat racing. To enter, contact the Museum at 949-675-8915, ext. 104 or email harbor20@nhnm.org.
- **Orange Peel – A Slice of Surfing History in Orange County.** Yo, dude. What's more O.C. than surfing? Surf's up as this bodacious exhibit celebrates SoCal's most excellent of water sports. Cawabunga!
- **Sportfishing Simulator.** The NHNM goes high-tech with this fun and realistic way to taste the thrill of classic deep sea fishing without ever leaving shore. Come aboard. Who knows? You could catch a marlin!
- **The Photos of W.C. (Bill) Sawyer.** Culled from our collection of more than 58,000 classic photos, these pictures chronicle the years 1915-1945 and include many exclusive photos of Hollywood royalty at sail here in Newport Beach.
- **The Ship Model Gallery.** View dozens of beautiful, intricately detailed replicas of classic sailing and steam ships.

Be sure to visit us on the Web at www.nhnm.org. See you on Opening Day!



- Glenn A. Zagoren, President & CEO

LOG ENTRIES

28th Annual McNish Classic Scheduled for August 6th

The 28th Annual McNish Classic Yacht Race is scheduled to take place in the waters off the Channel Islands on Saturday, August 6th.

Sponsored by the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, the "Living History Fleet" will include sloops, cutters, ketches, yawls, schooners, tiny thistles and fun-filled "flatties." All designed before 1952, the yachts are expected to range in size from a diminutive 17 feet to 82 feet. Mumm's Champagne will present the winner of McNish Strathmore Cup his/her weight in champagne!

Defending Strathmore Cup Champion "*Vignette II*," a 1972 cutter, hand-built by owner Walter Russakoff of Oxnard, will return shaking out its sails along with perennial entries:

- 71-foot "*Dauntless*," a superb 1930 schooner still actively racing in the Pacific;
- 65-foot "*Orient*," a stunning 1937 cutter that was inspiration for the Barient Winch;
- 70-foot "*Alsumar*," a luxurious 1934 yawl that would rival the salons of Versailles;
- 46-foot "*Cheerio II*," a 1931 yawl once owned and sailed by silver screen idol Errol Flynn;
- 49-foot "*Pacifica*," a 1947 yawl skippered by master shipwright Doug Jones of San Diego.

Conceived in 1977, the race is sailed on a triangular course designed so that each classic sailboat skipper – even those with only basic sailing and seamanship knowledge – can be competitive. Using an ingenious, specially developed handicap system devised for classics, the finish is a dramatic, colorful visual display at the harbor break wall due to the inverted start. Starting the slowest first, the handicapper's goal is to have all the boats finish at the same time.

Along with the McNish Classic Yacht Race, Channel Islands Harbor is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. To mark the occasion, Ventura County has invited more than a dozen tall ships to visit. Partnered with the American Sail Training Association to be part of the 2005 Tall Ships Challenge Race Series, the Harbor will take part in the annual series of sail training races, rallies, cruises and port festival where the public will have opportunities to tour and sail aboard.

Let's show our support for wooden hull racing – and our other area yacht clubs – by getting as many WHYC yachts as possible into the McNish Classic!

To enter or for more information, contact John Dunbar at 805-604-7497 or email mobyjohn@aol.com.

IMAGES FROM McNISH CLASSIC 2004



CHARTING THE COURSE

PLEASE HOLD THE DATES!

- **WHYC Opening Day Ceremonies and Heritage Regatta – June 25, 2005** – See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter for complete information!
- **26th Annual McNish Classic Yacht Race – August 6th – 2005** – See the accompanying story for complete details.
- **Clark Sweet Cruise – August 27-29, 2005** – Details to come!
- **Latitudes & Attitudes Catalina Island Cruise. – October 22-23, 2005** – The annual Cruisers event sponsored by Latitudes & Attitudes magazine is scheduled to be held at Two Harbors on Catalina Island. All entertainment, including food, drinks and activities, are covered for by the magazine. Reserved mooring space will also be available. The WHYC hopes to have maximum participation among our members so we can stage our own "mini boat show." More information, including how to reserve your space, will appear in this section as soon as it's available.
- **Ray Wallace Iron Man Race – November, 2005** – Date TBD.
- **Annual Meeting and Dinner – November, 2005** – Date TBD

JOINING THE FLEET

A Hearty "Ahoy!" to Our Newest Members

Roger Seastedt

Boat: "*Reprieve*" Type: Ketch
Length: 54' LOA Home Port: Seattle, Wash.

Stephen Barber

Boat: "*Bananas*" Type: Sloop (Kettenburg)
Length: 38' LOA Home Port: Wilmington, Calif.

Matthew Fernandez

Boat: "*Jubilee*" Type: Yawl
Length: 50' LOA Home Port: Newport Beach, Calif.

Chris Frost

Boat: "*Sparrow*" Type: Ketch
Length: 36' LOA Home Port: San Pedro, Calif.

May the wind always be at your back!



SPLINTERS



YACHT BROKERAGE

FOR SALE: "Kelpie." 65' Gammage Shipyard Staysail Schooner. Year: 1928. Current Price: \$495,000. Hull Material: Wood. Engine/Fuel Type: Single Diesel. Length on deck is 65' on this charming classic sailing yacht. She is Coast Guard certified to carry 44 passengers for charter/excursion or 24 when under sail. She turns heads in every harbor and must be seen to be truly appreciated. Contact Pacific Yacht Sales at (949) 248-5440 or email art@pacificyachtsales.com

FOR SALE: "Commitment." 1964 Cheoy Lee Bermuda 30 Ketch. Designer: Adaptation of the Herrshoff H-28 Offshore Ketch. Engine: 25 hp Universal Diesel. The main cabin has a salon to port and a salon/navigation table to starboard. The galley is located aft of the port salon. Spacious cockpit. Contact Jim O'Connor (310) 220-9445, joconnor575@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE: "Rejoice." Originally "Merrywing." Built in 1962 by Bud McIntosh for Cy Sweet. She is 39'3" overall and 28'6" on the waterline. The boat is planked with 1" mahogany over 2" oak frames. The selling price of the boat is \$75,000. In 2003, "Rejoice" finished in 2nd

place, Ancient Mariner Class, in the Newport to Ensenada Race. Contact: Bill Dunlap, (714) 434-4887, Fax (714) 434-6173, email bill@slaterbuilders.com.

FOR SALE: "Adelphi." 1911 Edson B. Schock Cutter. LOA 51', LOD 46', Beam 12'6", Draft 7'. Rebuilt in 1978-80 by a select group of master shipwrights in Vancouver, British Columbia. We are looking for a few like-minded wooden boat enthusiasts to share joint ownership of the sailboat. We are interested in finding potential partners who would like to buy a 1/6 interest in the "Adelphi." The asking price is \$10,000 for each share; the operating expenses will be divided equally. A recent survey and more photos are available. Contact Jeff Downard at (928) 213-0302 or Jeffrey.Downard@nau.edu.

Have a wooden hull yacht to sell or trade? Send us information (and a photo, if you have one) to info@whyc.org.



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WOODEN HULL YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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A VIEW FROM THE HELM



This marks the official beginning of the WHYC's 2005 season, and personally I couldn't be more excited. Enthusiasm in the Club is higher than I've seen it in years. We continue to gain new members and, perhaps most rewarding of all, we're becoming the home of

some of the most beautiful and celebrated wooden hull yachts on the West Coast. These include Paul Kaplan's 55-foot Sparkman and Stephens schooner "Santana," which was once the prized sailing vessel of Hollywood legends Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, and "Bounty," the 72-foot L. Francis Herreshoff ketch now the proud possession of Sean Fagan.

The Club has also found a new member in 12-time Trans-Pac competitor "Ragtime," the 65-foot, black-hulled John Spencer-designed sloop of which I am a part-owner. My co-owners, Jon Richards and Chris Welsh and I, are scrambling to get the old girl ready to compete in her 13th Trans-Pac in Hawaii this July. Wish us luck!

Who's next? Should the WHYC continue to grow at its present rate, I'm sure we can look forward to seeing a number of more true wooden hull classics anchor at our dock in the months ahead.

14th Annual Heritage Regatta

The day begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, with a continental breakfast at the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum in Newport Beach, followed by a 10:00 a.m.

Skippers Meeting and finally the 12:30 start of the 14th Annual Heritage Regatta. While the race is in progress, visitors will be able to tour the 100-year-old schooner "Argus" at the NHHM dock. The race will be followed by a WHYC Yacht Open House at 4:00 p.m. (for returning yachts and public tours), then a dinner buffet and Opening Day and Awards ceremonies beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the NHHM.

See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter for details. I look forward to seeing you all there and making this 2005 season our best ever!



Bill Dunlop and friends aboard "Rejoice" at last year's WHYC Opening Day Ceremonies.

Director Openings Still Available

We still have spaces available on our Board of Directors. If you're interested in helping to plan events and steer the WHYC to even greater success, contact me at 949-721-8686. This is your Club! The more you contribute, the more you get!

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