



# San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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## THE REMEDY

When you've failed with ordered people, when  
 you've sunk neck-deep again  
 In the sluggish wash and jetsam of the slackened  
 tides of men,  
 Don't get old and mean and bitter, — there's a  
 primal remedy —  
 Just take a ship to sea, my lad, just take a ship to sea.

Don't miss the  
NEXT MEETING

JULY  
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aboard the STAR

THE JUNE 10th. MEETING on upper deck of the ferry BERKELEY was attended by 23 persons, all with something to say about our favorite topic of ship model making, parts dealers, plans et al. Someone in our group usually has a helping hand...even a solution at times.

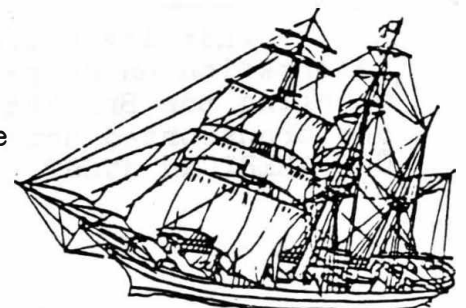
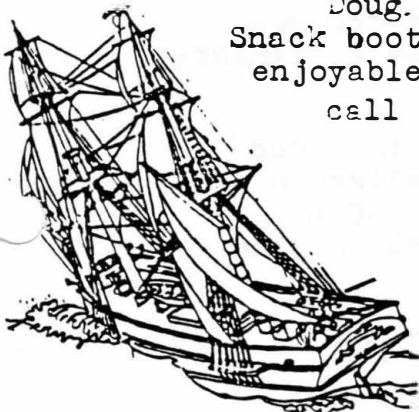
Models were scarce at the meeting, but ideas abounded. A nice lobster trap miniature was circulated and an Italian-made model kit was shown also, parts of which seemed to be first class. Another member displayed a large set of tugboat plans he is working on and in the "hints" department a paint-stirrer was shown. It is bent up from light wire in an "eggbeater" design, inserted into the can of paint, (or bottle of paint, whichever) with the shaft left protruding thru a hole in the top, Whenever it is desired to stir the paint, a small hobby motor is chucked onto the shaft. Fred Fraas commented that small lead shot may be left in the paint and swirled occasionally to achieve the same end. Anybody notice that Fred's paint jobs have been kinda "heavy" of late?

THE MEDEA CRUISE, scheduled for September 11th., is being booked gradually but steadily. These cruises can be EXCITING, so contact Ed White for tickets. This cruise cannot be duplicated anywhere for the small sum of \$25--a catered luncheon with drinks on one of the few steamers still operating.

OUR NEXT MEETING----Will be the annual party aboard the STAR of INDIA announces party chairman Jim Hawkins. The model guild will furnish sandwiches and drinks. What a deal! 7 p.m. till?

Doug. McFarland announces HARBOR DAY in Chula Vista, Sept. 10th. Snack booths, possible swap meet and a very enjoyable all-around affair. For more info call John Andrews at /redacted/.

A few club T-shirts remain--blue with white lettering, medium, large and XL. \$13.25 each. Be a club booster by wearing one.  
 See Dan LePage.



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THREE CHEERS! to those of our members who manned the ship model club's exhibit at the Del Mar Fair. The beautiful model of SAN SALVADOR, BUILT IN OUR MODEL SHOP these past few months by Joe Bompensiero and Jack Klein can, in all respects, be termed a WORLD CLASS model!

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Our roving sailor, Bob Ross, informs us that the brig PILGRIM of Dana Point will sail with the venerable barque STAR OF INDIA, ex EUTERPE, come August 14th. Bob is regular crew on the STAR and also made the recent trek off Guadalupe Island to count seals. If he has trouble sleeping, guess what he counts now. He also said both crews still are training and will bend on the new sails after July 4th.

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Modeler Fred Fraas, it was announced in last month's newsletter, was chosen MODELER OF THE QUARTER, and since then we've garnered a few particulars about said career. Fred grew up in the northwest, around the towns of Everett and Mount Vernon, and WWII Liberty ships were a common sight. The timber industry drew them there for logs, chips, lumber and paper products, and a kid's hunger and curiosity filled Fred with details about their general appearance, their loading gear, their paint schemes etc.

What with that stimulus, it is no surprise that Fred built EVERY Revell marine kit offered. He says that the flat, oil-based paints enclosed with the kits really enhanced the models, especially the navy gray with battleships and cruisers. He recalls that the Navy was quite concerned when Revell came out with its first ~~FEM~~-Polaris submarine kit which featured a port side which hinged down, revealing the entire interior layout very accurately!

Fred has built many Navy fleet models including Essex class carriers, destroyers (4 Sherman class and an old 4-stacker), but says merchant vessels are really more interesting and present a variety of challenges to the model maker. Among this type he has constructed the SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN, SS PATRICK HENRY, SS UNITED VICTORY and lately the SS TEXACO NEW JERSEY, modified from the Bluejacket WWII T-2. Perhaps his biggest undertaking was the 1/8" scratch USS YORKTOWN built on a Lee Upshaw hull for the Aerospace Museum. That job consumed two years.

#### "CONGRATULATIONS, FRED"

THE PROGRAM was hosted by Bob Cornell who showed the very interesting video TALES OF WOOD AND WATER, part of the Wooden Boat magazine's educational films. These films are full of dry Yankee humor, information and appreciation of wooden boats, wherever they might be.

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Members Henry Wenc and Phil Mattson, upon reading the short biography of onetime modeler Capt. E. Armitage McCann in the last issue, voiced some disappointment that today there is nothing like those famous plans for young people. I'll bet that if someone drafted a letter to Popular Science Magazine with those sentiments, that every member of the club would sign it.

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Other items discussed at the June 18th. meeting included information on RC crystals, Longridge's excellent treatise on modeling the British tea clipper (and don't forget the WOOL she transported home from "down under" CUTTYSARK, plans for the C-2 AMERICAN SCOUT.

Thanks to all for a good time at our Regatta.

**AWARD ROSTER**  
**San Diego Ship Modelers Guild**  
**Sweet Sixteen Regatta**

**STATIC POWERED MILITARY:**

- 1ST: David Manley; USS JOHNSTON
- 2ND: Bob O'Brien ; USS ESSEX
- 3RD: David Manley; USS San Diego

**STATIC CIVILIAN ELECTRIC:**

- 1ST: Robert Willis; Berlin
- 2ND: Edward Bair; Homer B
- 3RD: Palmer Bachow; Southern Bell

**STATIC CIVILIAN SAIL:**

- 1ST: David Endent; Spindrift
- 2ND: Craig La Chance; Jessica
- 3RD: Bob Cornell; Medley

**STATIC STEAM:**

- 1ST: Bob Willis; Ventura

**STATIC SALVAGE, WORKSBOATS:**

- 1ST: Lee Upshaw; HMCS Heatherton
- 2ND: Jim Martin; Duesseldorf
- 3RD: Roy Norton; Darby

**STATIC TUGS:**

- 1ST: Bob Herrera; Reliant
- 2ND: Kay Tallman; Wild Gouse
- 3RD: Doug Jardin; Lord Nelson Victory Tug

**STATIC COMIC:**

- 1ST: Edward Bair; SS Relief

**RADIO CONTROL POWERED MILITARY:**

- 1ST: Alan R. Johnson; Schenell Boat
- 2ND: Walter E. Bries; USS Curtis Wilbur
- 3RD: Jerry Gualdon; Blue Bell

RADIO CONTROL CIVILIAN ELECTRIC:

1ST: Robert Willis; Berlin  
2ND: Edward Bair; Homer B  
3RD: Kent Bolt; Hawk

RADIO CONTROL CIVILIAN SAIL:

1ST: David Endent; Spindrift  
2ND: Bob Cornell; Medley  
3RD: Kent F Bolt; Tess

RADIO CONTROL STEAM:

1ST: Paul Thompson; River Queen

RADIO CONTROL SALVAGE, WORKBOATS:

1ST: Robert Willis; Berlin  
2ND: Ed Bair; Homer B  
3RD: Jim Martin; Kamome Steam Yacht

RADIO CONTROL TUGS, LARGE:

1ST: Charles Brown; Workhouse  
2ND: Charles Brown; Don F.

RADIO CONTROL TUGS, MEDIUM:

1ST: Lee Upshaw; Prospect Park  
2ND: Troy Waters; Sea Otter  
3RD: Victor Gutierrez; Splendor

RADIO CONTROL TUGS, SMALL:

1ST: Jerry Gualdon; Harbor Tug  
2ND: Dave Manley; Betty Boup  
3RD: Dave Belmont; YTB 69

SUBMARINE:

1ST: Mike Dory; Alabacore  
2ND: Paul Lubliner; Seaview  
3RD: Paul Lubliner; Seaview

TUG FULL-OFF:

1ST: Roy Norton; Darby  
2ND: Victor Gaterious; Splendor  
3RD: Troy Waters; Sea Otter

RADIO CONTROL JUNIOR MODELER:

1ST: Thomas Upshaw; Thomas Moran

MODELER'S FAVORITE:

1ST: Troy Waters; Sea Otter

SPECTATOR'S FAVORITE:

1ST: Edward Bair; Homer B

BEST ENGINEEERED:

1ST: Jerry Gualdon; North Star

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Scoring Averages

Static Judging	Average Score
Level of Difficulty:	11.9
Accuracy and Uniformity of scale:	9.99
Extent of Detailing:	8.33
Neatness and craftsmanship:	11.97
Originality:	2.32
Historical Authenticity:	6.92
Overall Impression:	6.07

RC Judging Average Score

Military (20)	Average Score
Special Functions	17.95
Scale Operation	29.85
Scale Speed	24.25
Turns Missed	-0.20

Sail (5)	Average Score
Special Functions	12.8
Scale Operation	24
Scale Speed	21.6
Turns Missed	0.0

Submarine (3)	Average Score
Special Functions	10.00
Scale Operation	13.33
Scale Speed	10.00
Turns Missed	0.0

Steam (2)	Average Score
Special Functions	5.00
Scale Operation	25.00
Scale Speed	30.00
Turns Missed	0.0

The Scale Ship Yard, Dept A  
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Gift of a model tug boat and plans.

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Gifts of ship decking.

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Rockaway, N.J. 07866  
Gift certificets.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Fine Scale Modeler,  
July, '93



## Too many experts

A THEME THAT COMES UP ALL TOO OFTEN in our reader letters and surveys is that a few self-appointed experts may be spoiling the hobby for the rest of us average modelers. "Modeling just ain't the fun it used to be," writes a 46-year-old reader, and he goes on to describe how a local guru picked apart his modeling efforts.

I've watched it happen. The setting can be a club meeting, the local hobby shop, or even a national contest. The victim arrives with his latest pride and joy, knowing that it's (a) the best thing he's ever done, and (b) at least high-average. "They didn't use that color until May of 1944," opines one expert, and another chimes in that "the tread pattern is the late one, too." Sure, they toss in a few comforting remarks to the effect that it's a nice model, "but" — and that "but" goes home with the crestfallen builder.

This is nothing new. One reader writes: "I started building planes in the '30s, mostly WWI planes. They were considered high-tech. The old Cleveland Model planes were the best. After WWII I switched to HO models for 35 years. I got tired of all the nitpickers, so I switched to armor. I found the nitpickers switched too."

"OK," I hear you saying, "but how do we handle these know-it-alls?" I always come back to the same thing: This hobby is supposed to be for fun, and fun comes in all shapes and sizes. For me, it might be making every model just a little bit better than my last one; for you, building an extensive collection on an unusual theme. The key for each of us is measuring up to our own expectations, not somebody else's.

So ignore those experts! (And if you've indulged in nitpicking yourself, take the pledge now to praise, not pan, the next model you see — and no "buts.")

*Bob Haydel*

Editor

July 1993

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This rounds out my last regatta and  
I hope that you all had a good time.

Fair winds and following seas.

Daniel "Pappy" LePage



Salvage Work Boats (10)	
Special Functions	21.8
Scale Operation	34.8
Scale Speed	27.3
Turns Missed	0.0

Tug under 14" (5)	
Special Functions	14.00
Scale Operation	25.2
Scale Speed	20.2
Turns Missed	0.0

Tug 15" to 25" (2)	
Special Functions	12.5
Scale Operation	40
Scale Speed	27.5
Turns Missed	0.0

Tug 25 and up (10)	
Special Functions	16.2
Scale Operation	29.4
Scale Speed	21.4
Turns Missed	0.0

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That rounds out the stats for the regatta. I would like to thank all those that helped with the regatta organization. The Regatta this year started at 0821 on 19 June 1993.

D. "Pappy" LePage	Regatta Commodore
Carol Ann LePage,	Understanding
Walter Brieese,	Awards
Norm Hiatt,	Pond lay out, pond setup & take down, judge
Nancy Hiatt,	Understanding
Bob O'Brien,	News releases, pond setup
Mike Rivera,	Hotels, pond setup & take down, judge
Vicky Rivera,	Registration, points accounting
Bob Cornell,	Pond setup
Howard Newman,	Pond setup
Mike Dory	Judge
Lary Faceho	Judge
Bob Crawford,	Judge
Doug Mc Farlin,	Judge
Fred Frass,	Judge
David Manley	Judge

Anyone else I for got.

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Suppliers,

These people need our support

Daniel Lepage, Envelops, computer time, small barges.  
Mike Rivera, Models for prizes, copying for entry and hotel forms.  
Bob O'Brien, Model for prize.  
Norm Hiatt, Styrofoam for islands.  
Roy Norton, Medium and large barges.

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Gifts of tree Hobby Lobby Catalogs each with a Gift Certificate.

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Irvine, CA 92718  
Discount certificate, 50% off.

Radio Control Boat Modeler  
251 Danbury RD  
Wilton CT 06897  
Gifts certificates and we did not receive the magazines as of yet.

Ace R/C  
116 W 19th Street, PO Box 511, Dept #11f  
Higginsville MO 64037  
Various gifts and discount coupons.



# MARITIME MODELERS AND

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
PRESENT

## THE FIRST ANNUAL SUPER SCALE REGATTA ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1993,

at

CERRITOS REGIONAL PARK, LOWER LAKE  
195th AND BLOOMFIELD CERRITOS

SET-UP TIME: 8:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION: 9:00 A.M.

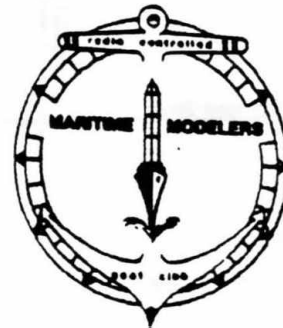
STARTING TIME: 10:00 A.M.

### CATEGORIES

- PLEASURE
- MILITARY
- WORK VESSEL
- Ⓢ STEAM
- SUBMARINE
- SAIL - SCALE
- X SAIL SPORT
- Ⓢ JUNIOR
- X BEST OF SHOW

SCALE JUDGING  
PREDICTED LOG

TUG FULL



### TROPHIES

• 1st, 2nd and 3rd  
Static and Operational

Ⓢ 1st, 2nd and 3rd  
Operational only

X 1st. Only

### EVENTS

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### SAIL BOAT RACES

### FEES

1st Entry : \$ 5.00

2nd Entry \$ 4.00

others : \$ 3.00

(pre-registration is recommended. 1st entry becomes \$ 4.00)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL BOB HERRERA, 1-310-390-0090 OR JEAN MISNER, 1-310-422-6578  
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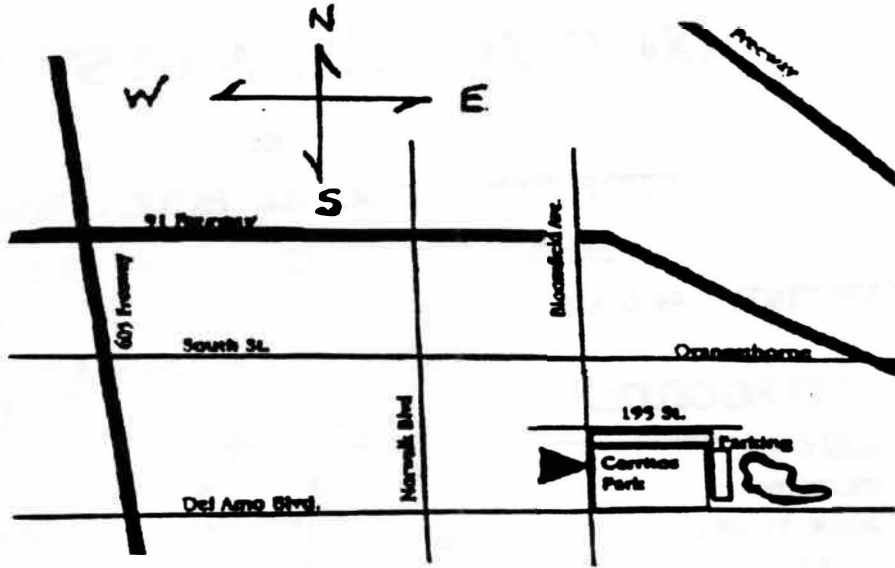
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SAIL SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ SAIL SPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ENTRIES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_

RECENT VISITOR to our fine digs was the barkentine CONCORDIA representing the CLASS AFLOAT program of the West Island (Canada) College program. Founded in 1974, it is an independent day school for boys and girls of high school age. The cruise features stops at 20 ports of call. General fees are 320,000.

Typical of square riggers built within the last fifteen years, yards which normally are hoisting yards now are fixed or "standing" as sailors say. This of course eliminates work and halyards. Of interest, however, is that before 1900 standing yards were rejected by Lloyds of London. Why? Sail could not be got in fast enough in case of a sudden squall. What with auxiliaries in every training vessel today, however, I suppose the thinking is that sail will be taken in and engines started at the first sign of dirty weather.

Of interest is the college's information center being in Montreal, Quebec, while the CONCORDIA is registered in Nassau.

One rather unique subject in this day and age was the sternwheel tugboat PORTLAND, recently restored in the city of the same name. See following article from the Oregonian for June 3rd, 1993.

## Restored tug steams back to Portland to stay

By TED MAHAR  
of The Oregonian staff

One vessel that has paddled up to the harbor wall for the Portland Rose Festival will return as a permanent fixture.

The Portland, one of the last six steam-powered sternwheel tugboats in the country, Wednesday made its first voyage under its own power since 1981.

Retired by the Port of Portland 12 years ago, the Portland has been lovingly restored by some 100 volunteers who donated an estimated 13,000 hours. Ted Cobo coordinated the restoration, a four-year project of the Oregon Maritime Center and Museum.

Looking and chugging like new, the Portland carried about 180 volunteers and guests from Terminal 1 to Tom McCall Waterfront Park by the Battleship Oregon Memorial.

It will be open for public tours from Friday through June 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The period overlaps the visit of the Rose Festival Fleet of U.S. Navy ships, U.S. Coast Guard cutters and Canadian navy ships, which will begin to arrive Tuesday, June 8.

The Portland had worked Willamette Harbor for 34 years when it was taken off active duty. By then, Cobo said, it was the last steam-powered, sternwheel, ship-assist tugboat operating in the United States.

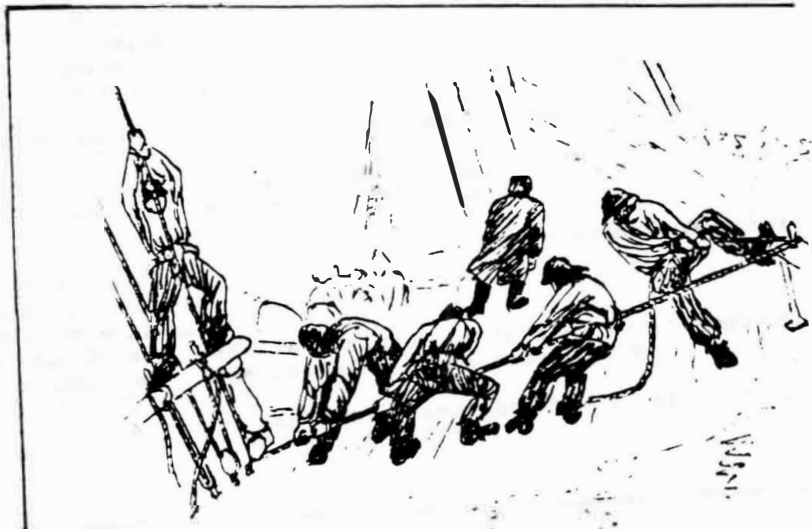
"It did all the things big tugs do," Cobo said. "It assisted in docking, getting big ships through the river. It occasionally towed ships. It took some Liberty Ships to Astoria for storage. But most of its career was in the Portland harbor area."

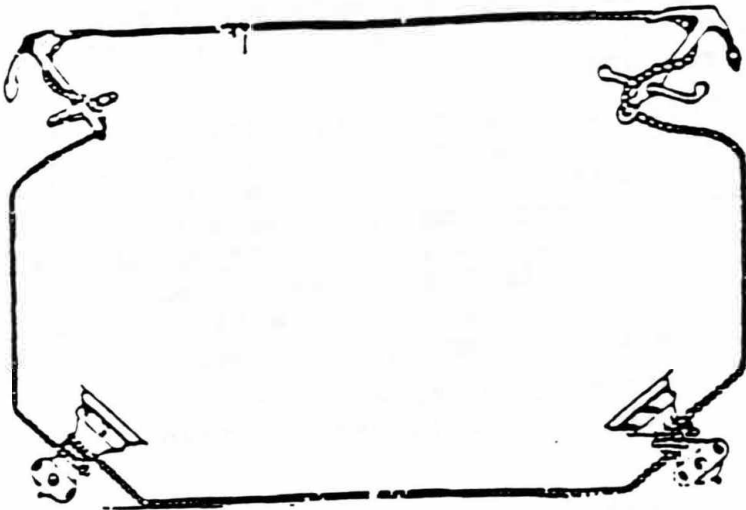
Its 15-man crew lived on board, as the tug was on 24-hour call.

Most over-the-hill (or under-the-bridge) workhorse vessels such as the 219-foot Portland are scrapped when replaced by newer models.



Many thanks to Ed White for supplying mailing labels for our Newsletter. Ed.





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San Diego Ship Modelers Guild  
c/o Maritime Museum Assoc. of SD  
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San Diego Ship Modelers Guild  
Officers for 1993

Master  
First Mate  
Purser  
Logkeeper/Secretary  
Newsletter Editors

Bob Crawford  
Jim Hawkins  
Ed White  
Bob Cornell  
Fred Fraas  
Gordon Jones  
Bob Wright  
Ed White  
Bob O'Brien  
Dan LaPage

Steering Committee

Regatta Committee Chairman

Schedule of Activities:

Meetings --Third Thursday of the month  
7:00PM Social; 07:30PM Meeting

Static Workshops -- (discontinued)

R/C Operations --Saturday mornings at the  
Model Yacht Pond. (Mission Bay)

Annual Regatta-- Third weekend in June  
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Membership:

Dues are \$15 annually  
(\$7.50 after July 1st)

We strongly encourage  
all to join the San Diego  
Maritime Museum as express-  
ion of appreciation for  
the facilities they pro-  
vide for our benefit.