



2008

Half Pint-o-Rum Regatta

December 6, 2008

Race Invitation

November 24, 2008

Dear Wooden Boat Sailor,

On behalf of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society I am writing today to invite you to participate in the AMSS sponsored 2008 Half Pint-o-Rum Regatta to be held on Saturday December 6th 2008.

AMSS would like to actively encourage non-AMSS members to come out and sail in one of our most popular Sailing events and consider joining AMSS. The Entry Fee is **one (1) fifth** of good quality Rum. The race will include the traditional format and an alternate format suited for intermediate sized boats where a dinghy is not practical and beaching is not possible.

For your consideration, I have included a copy of the Race **Entry Form, Race Description & Sailing Instructions** that should answer most of your questions.

Please let me know, via e-mail if possible, if you will be participating in this race ASAP so we can be sure to have a handicap prepared for your boat if we do not already have one on file.

I hope you can make the race.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "G. Stewart".

Greg Stewart

AMSS Race Director

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Race Description

General

The Half-Pint O' Rum race is open to Ancient Mariner Boats and invited guests. The race begins off the beach southeast of the Naval Sailing Club along the bay side of the Silver Strand in South Bay. An entry fee is a **fifth of quality rum** that is deposited into the AMSS keg. This is the only race of the year where a yacht's handicap may depend on the quantity and quality of the entry fee. Also, the Race Committee has great latitude in assessing penalties as well as time awards for exceptional seamanship or costumes. The race is followed by a raft-up in La Playa where crews reflect on the race (tell lies), awards are given, and the remainder of rum in the keg disappears into some of the finest rum drinks to be found.

Traditional Format (Beach Start) - Racing and Cruising Classes

Boats in the Traditional format classes anchor off the beach with sails down. The Owner, or pre-approved designate, rows (or swims) ashore for the skipper's meeting held on the beach.

Yacht's entering the Racing or Cruising Classes my request to designate a crewmember other than the Owner to represent that yacht at the start if the Owner is physically unable to row or swim ashore. The proposed designee must be approved by the Race Committee.

At this time the entry fee is inspected and deposited into the keg and the Sailing Instructions are reviewed. Five (5) minutes following the Alternate Format start the Traditional Format start will be signified by a long single blast at which time skippers row/swim out to their boat. Only when he/she has made contact with the yacht can the crew begin to hoist sail and sail off anchor (no motors). After sailing the course, the finish is on the sandy beach adjacent to the Shelter Island launching ramp, across the street from Silvergate YC. A member of the crew must row or swim ashore with his/her own cup, find the Race Committee and drink a tot of rum. Upon finishing the rum, the Race Committee records the yacht's finish time.

Alternate Format (Non Beach Start) - Sailing Class

Boats in the Alternate format will anchor off the beach with sails down. At approximately **12:00 pm** the Race Committee will sound 3 shorts blasts followed five (5) minutes by a single long blast that will signify boats in the Sailing Class may raise anchor and begin racing. (no motors). After sailing the course, boats in this group must pass as close as possible to the sandy beach adjacent to the South side of the Shelter Island boat launching ramp where the RC is on station. (Look for AMSS Flag on beach.) At that time, they are to attract the attention of the RC by blasting a horn so their finish time can be recorded.

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Entry Form & Release

YACHT DATA (Complete all sections)

YACHT NAME: _____ SAIL NUMBER: _____

TYPE VESSEL: _____ LENGTH: _____
(Sloop, Yawl, Schooner, etc.) (feet)

HANDICAP (If known/If not known will be assigned) _____

DESIRED CLASS (See Race Description) Racing _____ Cruising _____ Sailing _____

Yacht's entering the Racing or Cruising Classes my request to designate a crewmember other than the Owner to represent that yacht at the start if the Owner is physically unable to row or swim ashore. The proposed designee must be approved by the Race Committee.

RELEASE

In consideration of your acceptance of my entry in the 2008 Half-Pint-o-Rum, I hereby agree to the following conditions to my participation in the regatta and certify that the statements made herein are true and correct. My yacht will be equipped to conform with all USCG safety requirements and those of the US Sailing or any Fleet/Class in which I shall compete. I agree to comply with all rules and sailing instructions governing the race. I hereby release and indemnify Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, their officers, agents, and committee persons, from any and all liability for any injury to myself, my crew, or my yacht, arising out of their conduct of the race, including any injury to others or to property resulting from the race activities. I assume any and all risk of injury for myself or my crew arising out of my participation in the race, failure or breakage of my yacht or any of its equipment, or weather conditions. I assume sole responsibility for the decision to participate in this race or to continue sailing in this race.

I hereby grant Ancient Mariners Sailing Society the right and permission to use any photographs of my boat and or crew during the Yesteryear Regatta and associated shore-side events in any medium and for any purpose whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) illustration, promotion, advertising and trade.

OWNER(S)/CHARTERER(S)

(Print) _____ Signature) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

CONTACTS (Home ph) _____ (Work ph) _____ (E-mail) _____

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RACE COORDINATION

Race Chairperson: Greg Stewart (619) 723-3078
Race Committee: TBD

ELIGIBILITY

All vessels must be owned or operated by Ancient Mariner Sailing Society (AMSS) members or invited yachts that fully complete, and sign, the Entry Form and submit proper Entry Fee. All handicaps are arbitrary in keeping with Ancient Mariners Sailing Society (AMSS) tradition. Invited guests are urged to enter by November 28th, 2008.

FORMAT & CLASSES

<u>Format</u>	<u>Class</u>
Traditional Format (Beach Start)	Racing Class Cruising Class
Alternate Format (Non Beach Start)	Sailing Class

ENTRY FEE

The Entry Fee is a minimum of one (1) fifth of quality Rum. Entry Fees are collected at the Skippers Meeting for Traditional Format Classes and via dinghy for Alternate Format Class. (Yacht's that submit, in the opinion of Race Committee, poor quality rum may have their handicap lowered.)

SKIPPER'S MEETING

All Owners, or **Approved Designate**, racing under the Traditional Format are to be present on the beach alongside the keg. Sailing Instructions will be available at that time. *Yacht's entering the Racing or Cruising Classes may request to designate a crewmember other than the Owner to represent that yacht at the start if the Owner is physically unable to row or swim ashore. Proposed designee must be approved by the Race Chairperson.* For yachts racing under the Alternate Format Sailing Instructions will be distributed via dinghy when the Entry Fee is collected.

START AREA

The Start area will be within 200 yards of the Beach just Southeast of the Navy Sailing Club and just North of Fiddler's Cove in South Bay abeam of the **Race Committee**. Yachts must be properly anchored, with sails down by approximately **12:00 noon**.

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RULES

Racing rules for this regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR) and the prescriptions of US SAILING.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in these instructions, if any, will be noted at the Skippers Meeting. **Any changes to the Sailing Instructions made on the beach shall supersede these written instructions.**

STARTING LINE (Traditional Format)

The Starting Line for yachts racing under the Traditional Format is a line drawn on the beach between the Keg of Rum (North end) and the Race Committee (South end). All Owners **or Approved Designate** must **start** between the Keg and the RC. Only when the Owner or designate has made contact with their yacht can the crew begin to hoist sail and sail off anchor (no motors).

STARTING LINE (Alternate Format)

The Starting Line for yachts racing under the Alternate Format will be considered to be their anchored position provided they are within the limits of the Starting Area.

START TIME & SIGNALS

Every effort will be made to start the race on the below noted times. Please plan accordingly

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>	
Sailing Class	1200 approx. 1205 approx.	Warning Start	3 short horn blasts 1 long horn blast
Racing & Cruising Class	1210 approx.	Start	1 long horn blast

Yacht's that start early will be penalized 10 minutes plus the amount of time they start early.

RECALLS

There will be no recalls.

COURSE

Start	Starting Line (see description)
Mark #1	Buoy 26 to Port
Finish	Finish Line (see description)

FINISH LINE (Traditional Format/ Racing & Cruising Classes)

The Finish Line for yachts racing under the Traditional Format is on the sandy beach adjacent to the South end of the Shelter Island launching ramp, across the street from Silvergate YC. To finish each yacht must have a member of the crew row or swim ashore, run up the beach and drink a tot of rum. Upon drinking the rum, the finish time will be recorded. **EACH CREW-MEMBER UST BRING THEIR OWN CUP IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR YACHT'S FINISH TIME RECORDED.**

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FINISH LINE (Alternate Format/Sailing Class)

The Finish Line for yacht's racing under the Alternate Format will be off the beach adjacent to the South end of the Shelter Island launching ramp and within 100 yards of the beach on a line bearing 300 magnetic. At that time, they are to attract the attention of the RC by blasting a horn so their finish time can be recorded.

COURSE HANDICAP DISTANCE

The course distance for scoring purposes is 7.8nm.

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The 720 degree penalty turn specified in Rule 44.1 is replaced with a 360 degree turn.

PROTESTS

In keeping with the spirit of the AMSS, it is hoped sportsmanship and seamanship prevail over the alternative to protest. Yacht's intending to protest shall immediately hail the protested yacht and raise a protest flag at that time. The R/C must be **verbally** notified (and a protest flag displayed) of protest at the finish of race. Protests shall be submitted in accordance with rule 68. All protests shall be submitted to Race Committee before sunset or one hour after Race Committee arrives off station. Protests will be heard at a time convenient to the Race Chairman.

COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Racing yachts encountering non-racing vessels shall conform to the inland rules of the road. No vessel shall have right-of-way over large ships in the channel. All commercial, Navy, Coast Guard or Police have right-of-way. All contestants must give way. Any violation witnessed by R/C or reported by ship's master or U.S.C.G. will result in disqualification.

TIME LIMIT

Any vessel not finishing by 1630 hrs will not be placed in the standings.

TRASH

Trash shall not be discharged into the Bay. Violators will be flogged through the fleet and/or charged up to 30 minutes to their finish time. **Each Skipper is responsible for properly disposing of their empty Entry Fee rum bottle.**

SAFETY

Any yacht that retires from the race must notify the Race Committee. If retiring vessels cannot relay intentions to the Race Committee boat via visual or radio (VHF channel 68), when reaching port, call the Race Chairperson). Vessels are to monitor VHF channels 16 and 68. All vessels must comply with U.S.C.G. marine safety regulations and have submitted a valid (signed) Entry-Release Form.

RESULTS & AWARDS

Results will be announced at the post race raft-up in La Playa cove ASAP after the results are tabulated.

Awards, for the top three finishers in the Racing, Cruising and Sailing Classes, will be awarded at the AMSS Annual Meeting and Awards Night Tuesday December 9th at 6:00pm at San Diego Yacht Club.