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## Sprig Sails 6 Meter World Cup

### MEETINGS

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*Sprig* crew during a relaxed minute at the 2009 6 Meter World Cup  
photo courtesy Leslie Jenness, aboard *Bystander*

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The ***Sprig*** campaign, with Ancient Mariners Staff Commodore Greg Stewart at the helm, sailed the 2009 6 Meter World Cup in a series of races held at Newport, RI in early September. All told, the ***Sprig*** campaign was surely one of the most extraordinary undertakings of late by Ancient Mariners in the field of international sail racing. The competition was intense and many of the starts were conducted under the Black Flag, meaning that early starts resulted in instant disqualification. In addition to the daily racing, there were many outstanding social events including a Lobster Party at the New York Yacht Club's Harbor Court, a private home hosted another party overlooking Narraganset Bay, a Tent Party and, finally, an Awards Party. Cont'd, pg. 6...

## Editor's Corner: Fall Approaches Softly

Hello, all you fine Ancient Mariners! We've seen plenty of sun and warm temperatures in September, and that will continue into October (historically the two warmest months for our coastal region). But, as I write this, there are some low cool scattered clouds moving in from the North, and they say we might have some "drizzle." Yeah, maybe an accumulation of about .05" tonight, if we're lucky (the last rain I remember was before and during the 20 Guinea Cup #2 race last March).

Page 4 is a \*\*Special Program\*\* Announcement for our General Meeting at the San Diego Yacht Club on Thursday, 1 October.

Greg Stewart's presentation, **Sprig** Campaign Sails 2009 6 Meter World Cup, will be a very interesting evening covering nearly everything you might want to know about planning and executing an end-to-end campaign to compete in such prestigious competitions. Of course, there will be plenty of exciting photographs and other slides to augment Greg's commentary. **Sprig's** crew returned with a nice bunch of awards, and the cover story in this issue provides some additional information about this adventure in Newport, RI. Welcome home, **Sprig**, you're our local heroes for a while! The next such 6 Meter World Cup will be in Helsinki in 2011, and we won't see that World Cup sailed again in the US until possibly 2015.

Theresa and Johnny Smullen's International One Design (IOD) # 30 **Altair** is the October flag vessel, appearing on page 3. The results from the latest two Ancient Mariners races are reported on page 5: the 2009 Commodore's Cup sailed last August, and the 20 Guinea Cup #5 sailed in September. And finally, there's a short piece on the regular October and November Downwind Marine lecture series, and an excellent "parting shot" photograph of a 6 Meter World Cup start, **Sprig** standing front and center and creating some real havoc.

The holiday season will be with us very soon, with Halloween just a month out. Once again this year, the annual Maritime Museum November sail will be without the **Star of India**. I think this is always one of our favorite sails, and it would be great to see more than a handful of AMSS boats out with the **HMS Surprise**, **Californian**, **S/Y Medea** and perhaps the **America**, **Lynx** and other tall ships this year. Put it on your calendar for 14 and 15 November. Ringside seats for the "gun battles" on that day are hard to find. Before that, we hope to see you underway on 10 October for the 20 Guinea Cup Race #6! *Aloha-Dave*

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## October Flag Boat – *Altair*

**Altair** is owned by Johnny & Theresa Smullen, they have been taking care of her for three years now and love to race her regularly with the AMSS fleet. She is sailed at every opportunity available and **Altair** will often be seen on the waters of San Diego Bay racing or just cruising around. **Altair** is IOD #39, designed and built by Bjarne Aas, Fredrikstand, Norway. Specifications include: LOA 33'5", Beam 6'9", Waterline 21'5", Draft 5'4", and Weight 7240 lbs.

The International One Design has its roots in a Six-Meter yacht named "Saga", built in 1935 for Eldon and Kenneth Trimmingham of Bermuda. The Six Meter design was modified to create a new class one design racer, the IOD.

Corny Shields was greatly taken with the new Norwegian-designed and built Six Meter, a narrow graceful boat with long overhangs in the best Big Boat traditions of the day. He thought that a class for Long Island Sound slightly smaller but modeled along the same lines would be more yacht-like And

more fun to sail than the somewhat tubby Interclubs, He approached Bjarne Aas and a suitable design was drawn up four feet longer and narrower than the Interclubs and a couple of feet shorter than the Six Meter class.

A few selected racing skippers agreed to sign up for the new design and so the International One Design class was born, the year was 1936. The IOD as it became known was designed and built by Bjarne Aas at such a good price for the job that they cost less than if they had been built in the United States, even including shipping and import duty thus, at such a good price twenty five were initially ordered and built and all of which were ready for the 1937 sailing season, **Altair** was one of the original batch. She was delivered the same year that J Class boat **Ranger** won the 1937 America's Cup.



*Theresa and Johnny Smullen's Altair*





## ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY

**\*\* Special Program Announcement\*\***

### *Sprig* Campaign Sails 2009 6 Meter World Cup

Thursday, 1 October, San Diego Yacht Club, 7:30 PM

You, your friends and guests are invited to attend an Ancient Mariners Special Program, “***Sprig*** 2009 Worlds Campaign” by Greg Stewart, at the San Diego Yacht Club, Thursday, 1 October at 7:30 PM. ***Sprig*** owner Greg Stewart assembled a magnificent campaign for the 2009 6 Meter World Cup, sailed at Newport, RI in early September.

The organization, planning, preparation, competition, boat transportation and myriad other tasks to execute a campaign such as this is quite impressive, to say the least. Greg will cover these subjects, as well as present a program containing photographs from the event, on and off the water. Seen here are *Sprig* crewmembers Kirstin Hecht, John Gladstone, Greg Stewart, Doug Jones and Chris Dalton. Three awards were garnered by the ***Sprig*** campaign, including: Race 1—Silver Platter; Races 5 and 6—Silver Cup; and Rule 2 Vintage (2V), Overall First—Engraved Punch Bowl.



AMSS member Leslie Jenness served as the ***Sprig*** 2009 World Cup Press Officer, and kept those unable to attend this grand regatta current with regular updates and reports as the races progressed. Of course, there were a large number of supporters that helped to make this campaign possible, and Greg will be thanking those people, organizations and firms on Thursday. We might get a closer look at that engraved punch bowl he has in hand, as well!

All those attending the program on Thursday are welcome to enjoy no-host bar service and dinner at the San Diego Yacht Club, so please arrive early if you wish to do so. The program will begin at 7:30 PM, in the Spinnaker Room. Please join us there to congratulate ***Sprig***!

## 2009 Commodore's Cup Race Results

The 2009 Commodore's Cup was sailed on 16 August, but we failed to publish the results in the September due to space considerations. Or, it may have had something to do with the editor's boat ranking. At any rate, everyone enjoyed some fine weather, the light breeze and, most of all, the offshore course rounding the North Coronado Island. Thanks to all who came out to play!

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### 2009 Commodores Cup August 16, 2009 Results

2009 Comm Cup Results

Long Course  
Distance  
Start Time  
Scratch Boat

Long
25.00
12:00:00
72

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Short Course  
Distance  
Start Time  
Scratch Boat

Short
12.00
12:00:00
290

Boat	Hand. SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H M S	Allowance H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed H:M:S	Corrected Time H:M:S	Place CL	Ave. Speed
<b>Long Course</b>									
Pacifica	112	1000	0 16 40	0:16:40	16:13:38	4:13:38	3:56:58	1	5.91
Woody	180	2700	0 45 0	0:45:00	16:43:18	4:43:18	3:58:18	2	5.29
Sally	72	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	16:06:27	4:06:27	4:06:27	3	6.09
Frolic	148	1900	0 31 40	0:31:40	16:50:15	4:50:15	4:18:35	4	4.28
Freedom	195	3075	0 51 15	0:51:15	17:32:10	5:32:10	4:40:55	5	4.52
Flirt	155	2075	0 34 35	0:34:35	18:35:52	6:35:52	6:01:17	6	3.79
<b>Short Course</b>									
Zephyr	290	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	14:27:00	2:27:00	2:27:00	1	4.50
Windley	290	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	14:27:02	2:27:02	2:27:02	2	4.50
Pilot	310	240	0 4 0	0:04:00	14:38:30	2:38:30	2:34:30	3	4.39

## 20 Guinea Cup # 5 Race Results

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### 2008 G-Cup - Results GC #5 Sept 18, 2009

2009 GC Results R5

Long Course  
Distance  
Start Time  
Scratch Boat

Bravo
12.80
12:00:00
83

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Short Course  
Distance  
Start Time  
Scratch Boat

Bravo
6.40
12:00:00
185

Boat	Hand. SPM	Allowance SPM	Allowance H M S	Allowance H:M:S	Finish H:M:S	Elapsed H:M:S	Corrected Time H:M:S	Place CL	Points CL
<b>Long Course</b>									
Chimaera (P)	83	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	14:11:17	2:11:17	2:11:17	1	1
Spifire	170	1114	0 18 34	0:18:34	14:36:38	2:36:38	2:18:04	2	2
Altair	175	1178	0 19 38	0:19:38	14:44:19	2:44:19	2:24:41	3	3
Nirvana (P)	100	218	0 3 38	0:03:38	DNF	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	4	4
<b>Short Course</b>									
Zephyr	290	672	0 11 12	0:11:12	13:24:45	1:24:45	1:13:33	1	1
Windley	290	672	0 11 12	0:11:12	13:26:45	1:26:45	1:15:33	2	2
Freedom	185	0	0 0 0	0:00:00	13:22:44	1:22:44	1:22:44	3	3
<b>L-16 Cup</b>									
Zephyr	290	672	0 11 12	0:11:12	13:24:45	1:24:45	1:13:33	1	1
Windley	290	672	0 11 12	0:11:12	13:26:45	1:26:45	1:15:33	2	2

Note: DNS = last place + 2 points, DNF = last place + 1 point  
(P) Denotes Provisional Handicap

## Sprig: 2009 6 Meter World Cup Campaign, cont'd

Rather than attempt to cover here all the races blow-by-blow, acknowledge a big list of supporters and give a summary of the competition who gathered from corners far abroad, we'll defer the details of those subjects to Greg Stewart's program that will be presented at our General Meeting this Thursday, 1 October (please see page 4 for additional information). Or, for comprehensive background data on the races before Thursday, see: [www.6worldcup.com](http://www.6worldcup.com) In closing, however, we have a short list prepared by Greg of the "most memorable" events that occurred during the **Sprig** campaign. These offer some special insight into the personal trials and rewards that can come from "putting it all on the line" at such important sailing competitions:



Mug Shot: Greg Stewart

Photo Courtesy Jan Stewart

- When we sailed the **Sprig** into the Basin at the MOY on an awesome Tuesday afternoon a week before the World Cup and realized that we made it.
- The start of the first race where we nailed the pin end in our 24 boat Classic Fleet ...only to have a General Recall.
- Cracking the Boom after Race 3 on Wednesday and having the thought of potentially missing some racing. (Ed. Note: check out the white duct tape...err., excuse me, "boom rigger's repair tape"...in the page 1 cover photo. Bucky must have had a cow...)
- Walking down the street on Thursday morning with the repaired boom knowing we were going to make Race 4.
- Discouraging starts in the middle of the week.
- Satisfaction in getting a good start in the last race, tacking to port, crossing three starboard tackers and then continuing on to a 7th place finish.
- Being glad that we followed through on this event in spite of all the logic that argued to back out due to these economic times.



*Make up your mind to get over a few seconds earlier than you think you should. A poor starter is almost always late. It is the good ones that occasionally slip up and get over too early -*  
*Bob Bavier*



## Parting Shot: On the Line at the 6 Meter World Cup



photo courtesy Dana Olsen

### Downwind Marine Fall Lecture Series

Great speakers are lined up for this year's "Cruising Downwind" Program at Downwind Marine. Cruising season is upon us and Downwind Marine is once again presenting its fall "Cruising Downwind" program throughout October and November. The cruising program includes a wide range of evening seminars, the annual Cruiser Potluck BBQ, and a week long Cruisers' Vendor Fair. Stop by the store for more details on these events - or check out "Events" at Downwind's website -

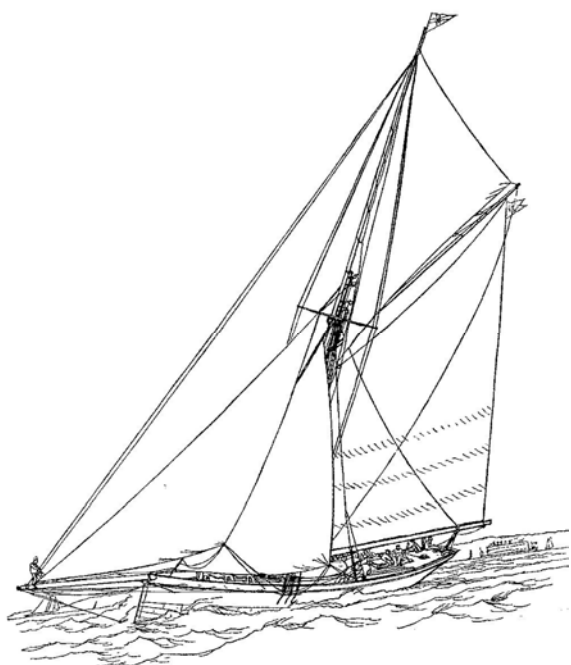


[www.downwindmarine.com](http://www.downwindmarine.com). For those interested in Sailmail internet services, Downwind is also hosting the Sailmail founders and Offshore Outfitters in an all day training seminar on onboard internet email service, designed especially for cruisers. Join them October 20 at the Point Loma Assembly Hall. Downwind Marine is still the renowned Cruiser's Chandlery and a special friend for years to West Coast cruisers - and it is also now part of the San Diego Marine Exchange family of three stores that provides retail marine supplies to the San Diego boating community.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Gen Mtg.	2	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 20 G Cup Race
11	12	13	14	15 Board Mtg.	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 BOO!

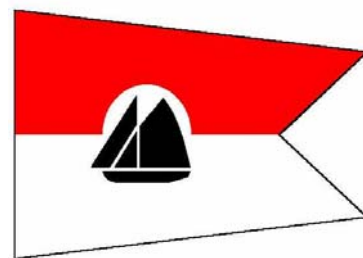
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*Money can't buy you  
happiness, but it can  
buy you a yacht big  
enough to pull right up  
alongside it - David  
Lee Roth*

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