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America's SCHOONER CUP 2019

< *CALIFORNIAN TAKES THE CUP !* >



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On March 30, 2019, **Silver Gate Yacht Club** generously hosted the **31st America's Schooner Cup Charity Regatta**, the premier West Coast gathering of historic schooners and a celebration of sailing heritage. The event benefits the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society, which provides financial, educational, and post-combat support to members of Naval Service, eligible family members and survivors. Festivities launched Thursday at Silver Gate with dockside tours and cocktails, followed by a buffet dinner and slide presentation and talk by CF Koehler on the extensive rebuild and recent launch of **Quascilla**, a beautiful Ralph E. Winslow design built in 1924 by NJ Blanchard, Seattle. The participating vessels, divided into 4 classes, race a 12.9 mile course for best in class as well as to be the overall winner of the cup. These schooners represent centuries of maritime history and some of yachting's most famous designers, including John Alden, W. Sterling Burgess, William Roue and William Atkins. The event is a tribute to the dedication of the owners who keep them sailing on the sea. Rare today, schooners were first used by the Dutch in the 16th or 17th Century, but are largely associated with early North American commerce; they were popular on both sides of the Atlantic by the late 19th Century. Schooners were favored in trades, fishing and privateering – ventures that valued speed, agility, windward ability and shallow water advantage. Schooners long dominated early yacht races such as the Americas Cup. On Saturday, under bright blue skies, the breeze freshened up and the brisk conditions and wind direction made a perfect day for the schooners to do what they do best – look graceful and lovely upon the sea.

"And I will let the ocean bring me back some memories I never had."



Californian, Scrimshaw, Maid of Kent, Bill of Rights : Group C Schooners Course 3 The tide was running out of the Bay and the wind was freshening from 8 to about 10-12 knots as the first start time approached. **Californian's** crew was in top form, and with her sails perfectly trimmed she made a classic start seconds after the horn and sailed away on a beam reach with Captain Ray Stewart at the helm and Carl Scraggs as tactician. **Scrimshaw**, under owner Dennis Daoust, followed a mere 8 seconds behind. The winds and the expertise of their crews favored them through the race.

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Witchcraft, Legacy, Quascilla, Lively, Shine On : Class B Schooners Course 3



Witchcraft

Witchcraft made her winning move at the start under helmsman CF Koehler, who deftly sailed high off the line, getting early over the top of *Bill of Rights* and racing away on the fetch to #17; in Class B, *Legacy* and *Quascilla* made a good start, but in leeward position to *Bill of Rights* they had a slower course to clear air.



Quascilla

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Clearing the headland, the fleet had a bumpy ride over building swells, and eventually a lower point of sail to make the mark at Buoy #4. After rounding, sails were hardened up as it was almost dead upwind to Buoy #3. **Legacy** hoisted her Fisherman, with the wind and the swells increasing made time towards **Witchcraft** and **SD#1**. **Shine On**, sailing well, caught right up and cut inside at the mark. **Legacy** had steered wide, having noticed a ripping west to east current; her crew watched as **Shine On** lost speed rounding and bounced hard against the mark. The next leg was rail-down sailing.



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Witchcraft, now steered by Brian Eichenlaub, powered ahead through gusty conditions, never to be really challenged – and with Amanda Del Bello at the helm she was first across the line and the second fastest elapsed time; **Legacy**, well-trimmed and in her element under Johnny Smullen, managed to slide past #17 with **Rose of Sharon** in hot pursuit, followed by **Scrimshaw** and the fleet. **Rose** swept away to cross second and to a finish of the best elapsed time. The upwind and close reaching legs made this a close race, and many felt it was the most enjoyable Schooner Cup ever.

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Californian is a replica of the 1874 Revenue Cutter C.W. Lawrence which, during the 1850's gold rush era, patrolled the California coast enforcing federal law, chasing down tall ships that were attempting to skirt tariffs. She is the official state tall ship. *Californian* captured first in class and first overall to take the AMERICA'S SCHOONER CUP.

	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS D
1 ST	<i>Rose of Sharon</i>	<i>Witchcraft</i>	<i>Californian</i>	<i>Pacific</i>
2 nd		<i>Legacy</i>	<i>Scrimshaw</i>	
3 rd		<i>Quascilla</i>	<i>Maid of Kent</i>	
4 th		<i>Lively</i>	<i>Bill of Rights</i>	
5 th		<i>Shine On</i>		

[Thank you, Cynthia Sinclair and Darrall Slater for sharing some of your breathtaking photos!](#)

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AMSS Welcomes the John Alden Design Class Malabar II (1924) schooner

Legacy !



LEGACY was built by Makela Boat Works, Fort Bragg, in 2000, for Mike Anderson of Anderson Logging. While the original was a gaff-rigged schooner, she was redesigned by Alden (Boston, MA) as a staysail schooner. She is fir over oak frames and is fastened with brass. Her rigging hardware was made by Pete Langley of Port Townsend Foundry. Brian Toss of Port Townsend built her rigging. Her L.O.A. is 46ft, with a waterline of 32ft, a beam of 11ft and a draft of 6ft 6in . Her new owner, Patrick Hanly, brings this beautiful boat to join us for AMSS racing in San Diego. In her debut race, he graciously invited Commodore Johnny Smullen aboard as skipper, along with Schooner Legend Paul Mitchell, Jack Brighton, Justin Mendham, Theresa Smullen, Brad Smith and Janie Noon. Legacy took second in class and garnered the Bristol Schooner award. Thank you, Pat, for joining our AMSS fleet!

The Ralph E. Winslow Design 1924 staysail schooner **Quascilla** is relaunched and sailing!

QUASCILLA was built by NJ Blanchard, Lake Union, Seattle, in 1924-5 and underwent an extensive 14 month rebuild, beginning in 2017, at **Koehler Kraft** on Shelter Island, San Diego. Her relaunch was celebrated February 23, 2019. She features a displacement full keel (cast iron), a spoon bow and a wineglass transome. She runs with a Marconi Main Sail, a Gaff Foresail, a Staysail, and a Yankee. She is 53'6" LOA, 40'6" LOD, 34'10" at waterline, has a 12'7" beam & 6'1" draft.

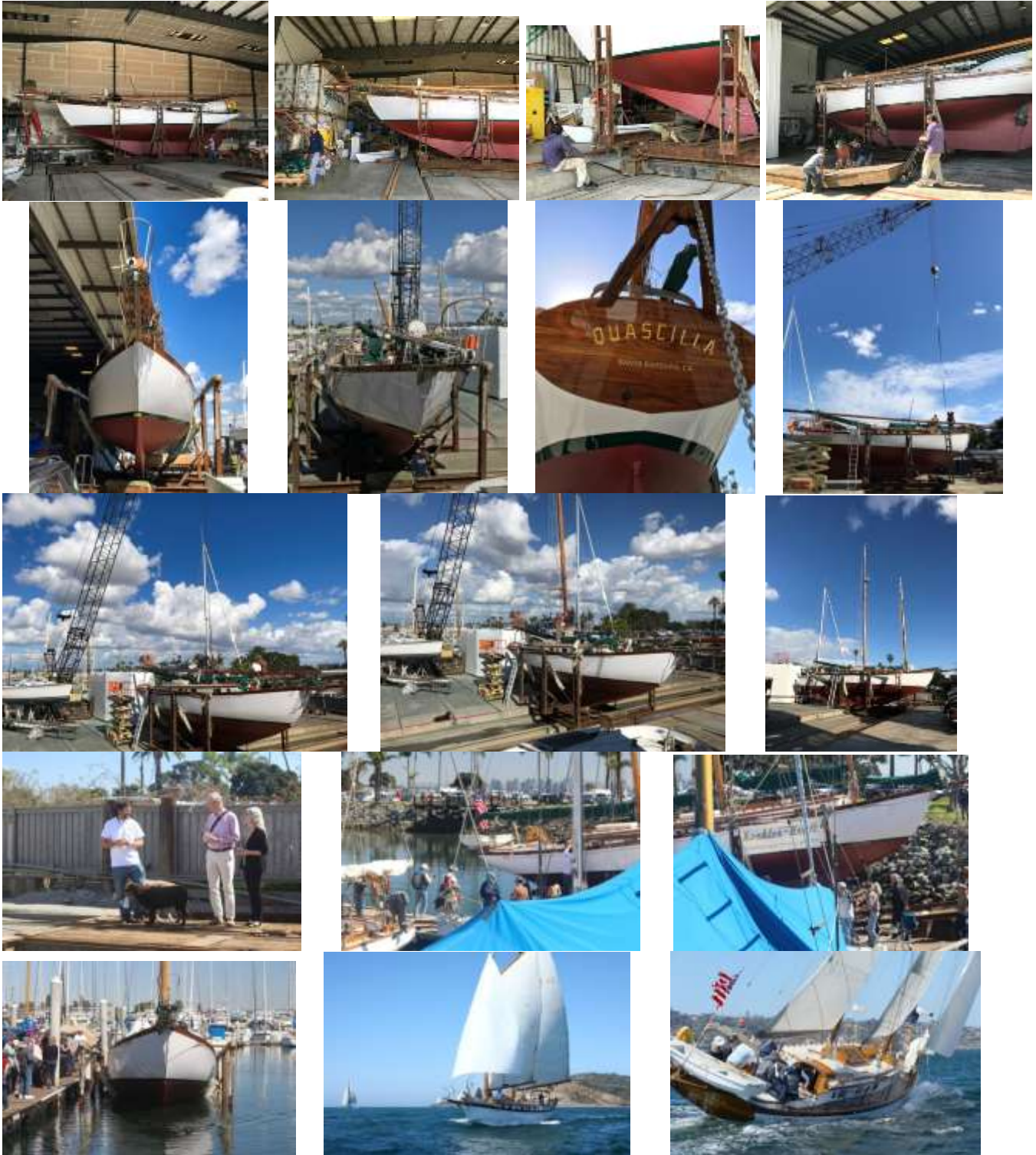
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"When that ship has been made ready and is fit to sail, we'll launch it out into the broad sea."

Homer, *Odyssey*, Book B, Line 295



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Guinea Cup 1 February 16, 2019 FOXTROT

Guinea Cup 2 March 2, 2019 WHISKEY

Guinea Cup 3 April 6, 2019 FOXTROT

“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.”

Anthony J. D'Angelo



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"Through all kinds of weather, what if the sky should fall, but as long as we're together, it really doesn't matter at all." Side by Side, Daniele Tignino / Emiliano Patrick Legat



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“As for myself, the wonderful sea charmed me from the first.”

Joshua Slocum, [Sailing Alone Around the World](#)



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“To touch that bow is to rest your hand on the cosmic nose of things.”

Jack London, 1911, [The Cruise of the Snark](#)

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*Long Beach Classic - LBYC -
AMSS Meeting - PC 90th -
Balboa Wooden Boat Festival -
Koehler Kraft SD Wooden Boat Festival -
Kettenburg and Classic - AMSS SDYC -
43rd One More Time Regatta - Wooden Hull YC -
42nd McNish Classic - Pacific Corinthian YC -*

*Saturday, May 27
Thursday, June 6
Saturday, June 7-9
Sat. & Sun. June 15-16
Fri., Sat., Sun., June 28-30
Saturday, July 20th
Saturday, July 27*



This year the the Kettenburg and Classic Celebrates 90 years of the Pacific Class !



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"Il y a les vivants, les morts, et les marins."

Victor Hugo {from Aristotle}



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