



Harbor Lights

Colorful Marine Parade To Open Yachting Season

A patter of rain on the cabin is most effective tranquilizer while your boat tugs at its lines or nudges the dock in the privacy of a storm. But let's hope our local monsoon ends before May 2. If so, it will be fun to put away the pluviometer and run up the pennants.

Santa Cruz Yacht club, the port district and Flotilla 47, Coast Guard auxiliary in a joint effort are arranging a parade on that day to celebrate the opening of yachting season.

Pete Young, commodore of the yacht club, has put a great deal of effort into making plans for the festivities and he has issued an invitation to all boats in the harbor to participate whether they are members of the club or not.

Boats are to be divided into four different groups: (A) sailboats over 30' in length, (B) power boats over 30' in length, (C) power boats under 30' in length, and (D) sail boats under 30'. Plans call for sailboats to go out with motors running wherever vessels carry both, but boats with sail only are quite welcome.

The commodore always goes out on the flagship, and it will fly the commodore's flag, which is blue with white anchor inside a circle of white stars.

In line between the B and C classes of power boats, one of the Stagnaro boats will furnish a splash of color provided by members of the Ben Lomond Scottish association dressed in authentic tartans and including James McLoughlin with his bagpipes.

Just below the cliffs at the beginning of the west jetty, the Santa Cruz High band will play from time to time during the afternoon. Plans call for the parade to begin at 12:30 p.m. and it is expected to finish around 3 o'clock.

The parade route is planned so that spectators can watch from any place along the beaches and cliffs to Santa Cruz, thus eliminating parking and traffic congestion at the harbor.

Gaily decked with balloons, flags, pennants, streamers and original decorations, the yachts

will form a line out of the harbor and proceed around the west jetty toward the mouth of the San Lorenzo river. They will travel just outside the swimming markers off the Boardwalk beach to a buoy 300 feet off the municipal wharf. Paralleling the pier, with plenty of room for fishermen, they will curve back in toward Cowell's beach and from there will go to Lighthouse point and back to the harbor.

From a judging stand located at Aldo's Bait shop pier on the west side of the harbor, winners will be selected in each of the four categories, for boats with best decorations and for boats with the most unusual decorations. To date, prizes have been offered by Jack O'Neill, Thrash Marina, Harbor Marine, the Mariner and Harbor House Restaurant.

The opening of the 1965 yachting season in Santa Cruz promises to be colorful and exciting.

Because of storm warnings for a southeaster with winds up to 30 or so on the weekend, the Swanee tied up at the end of M dock to wait it out.

Art Brevick's 38' commercial fishing vessel with Woody Ward crewing was all iced for salmon and ready to go north to Eureka or wherever the fish are biting. That predicted wind had quite a press agent but it didn't come through.

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