



# Cruiser Log

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## 2021 NAI According to NACA Commodore Mike Elovitz

The 2021 North American Invitational (NAI) was held in beautiful San Diego, California, hosted by San Diego Cruiser Association (SDCA) on September 25, 2021. A special thanks to San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) for providing the venue. SDYC also had four sailing events that same weekend...busy.

This event takes an amazing amount of work and coordination. Ed Denaci, Commodore of SDCA, had most of the responsibility. He and his wife Mary coordinated the event and planned the contest with the help of his team. Ed also planned the peel-off. Dave Weimer did the boat draw using small wooden bathtub boats, now fantastic collectors' items. He also coordinated the boat donors. Bob Ehlers coordinated SDYC. Mary Denaci worked closely with Ed, picking up loose ends and planning the meals. Judi Elovitz worked with Mary, did the table decoration, and helped with loose ends. There were eight boat donors, twelve observers, Tanya Weimer, who coordinated the observers, and Jay Hudson, the scorer. I probably missed someone but thanks to all.

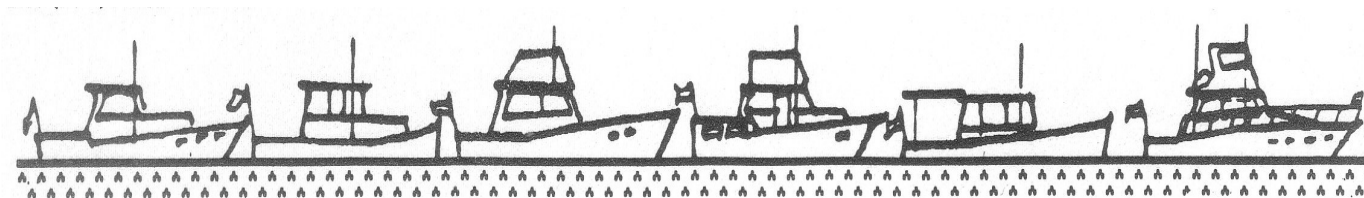
The weather was perfect. It rained Friday and Sunday, but Saturday was perfect, a flat ocean, no wind, and the currents appeared to be as predicted. A perfect day for a low scoring contest, but San Diego wind and currents are rarely benign and are never what they seem to be.

The course was about 35 miles. It started at G15 and finished at G17, just outside of Shelter Island Marina. From G15, it ran to the end of San Diego entrance channel and turned toward the Hotel Del, our first Lat/Lon. From there, we more or less paralleled the shoreline as we headed toward the antenna array, picking up two more L/Ls as we went. We proceeded out toward SD1, not really visible in the haze and back into the channel, picking up L/Ls along the way. We followed the channel down the bay to the flats, over to Coronado Cays entrance, back up under the bridge, over to N19, and finishing at G17. There were nine checkpoints and nineteen route points.

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There were six contestants. Four of the six donor boats had been used in previous contests, either the Barusch or NAI. All of the boats were owned by SDCA member club participants.

The contestants were Garry Adalian in *Shorty*, an untested boat donated by Paul  
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## North American Cruiser Association

For help or information, visit our web site at  
<http://www.navrally.org>

The site provides a resource for boaters looking for information, to learn more about predicted logging or NACA, or to find a nearby member organization.

Feel free to call any of us with your thoughts and ideas!

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## NACA Objectives

The objective of the North American Cruiser Association is to promote the sport of Predicted Log Contests in North America. Pursuant to this objective, NACA will:

1. Publish and distribute a periodic newsletter known as *Cruiser Log*, which shall contain news and information pertaining to the sport.
2. Schedule and coordinate an annual "North American Invitational" (NAI) Predicted Log Contest.
3. Sanction contests of member associations that are to be scored for NACA points.
4. Maintain and publish scoring and standings of Predicted Log contestants participating in NACA sanctioned contests.
5. Provide perpetual and suitable keeper trophies and other awards for winners of such North American Predicted Log series and events as may be established by NACA.
6. Establish "Recommended Contest Rules" for NACA sanctioned Predicted Log Contests.
7. Generally be responsive to the needs and requirements of member associations and of the sport of Predicted Log Contests.
8. Support boating and Corinthian yachting in general.

### Cruiser Log Publication Deadlines

Submit by:	For publication in:
December 15	January
March 15	April
June 15	July
September 15	October

If you miss a deadline, your article will be published in a future issue.

## NACA Annual Meeting

The NACA annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 21, 2021, at San Diego Yacht Club in conjunction with the 2021 North American Invitational.

Bridge Officers for 2022 were elected as follows:

Commodore	Chuck Goes (SPYC)
Vice Commodore	Randee Wood (SCCA)
Rear Commodore	Jim VanAntwerp (IPBA/S)
Secretary/Treasurer	Kenn Wolf (CYC)
Jr. Staff Commodore	Mike Elovitz (SDCA)

The following Directors at Large were elected:

Jim Anderson	(IPBA)
Sonny Lisowski	(CYC)
Mike Pearlman	(SDCA)

Appointed offices included:

Scoring	Bob Lindal
Exec Secretary	Ken Griffing
Webmaster	Chuck Goes
Editor in Chief	Elaine Townsend
Trophy Chair	Ted Moorman

Dates for future NAIs were set as follows:

2022	SCCA	24 September
2023	IPBA	22 September
2024	St. Petersburg	26 October
2025	Chicago	23 August
2026	San Diego	26 September

## Commodore's Corner

The season is going well in San Diego. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, we completed our fifth contest, which was sponsored by Coronado Cays Yacht Club (CCYC). After the competition, we had our first in-person meeting in over a year. It was exciting to sit with our friends, share stories, and break bread.

There were nine participants and major surprises, except for an unmarked checkpoint, which fooled almost everyone. Garry Adalian came in first with a 0.6379%, followed closely by David Weimer with a 0.7770%, and Mike Pearlman took third with a 1.1301. This is significant, since Mike is relatively new to our sport.

NAI planning is coming along. Kudos to the committee. The course is planned and reviewed, photos taken, San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) is booked and confirmed, the Bay Club is reserved, and 9 out of 11 contestants have confirmed. I believe we are waiting on two confirmations from International Power Boat Association (IPBA) for 100% participation. Please remember to confirm your reservation at the Bay Club.

That is it for now. I hope Lake Michigan has thawed and your contests are going well. I am looking forward to seeing you all in San Diego in September.

Best Regards,

*Mike Elovitz*  
NACA Commodore

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Vance; Bob Ehlers in *Grand Isle*, a veteran boat donated by Ed Denaci; Ken Griffing in *Just Deserts*, a veteran boat donated by David Weimer; Chuck Goes in *Ancora*, a veteran boat, donated by Ralph Salerno; Bill McCormick in *Black Pearl*, an untested boat donated by Mike Pearlman; and Kenn Wolf in *JB & Me*, a well-proven boat donated by Bob Ehlers. The contest was about 15,500 seconds, give or take, and took about 4.5 hours.

I will spare you the details of each leg, but there was six seconds of error between 1st and 2nd place and 27 seconds between 3rd and 4th, a very close contest.

Garry Adalian took 1st place with 1.1600% error; Bob Ehlers was 2nd with 1.2201%; Ken Griffing was 3rd with 1.7637%; Kenn Wolf was 4th with 1.7692%; Bill McDonald was 5th with 2.9680%; and Chuck Goes 6th with 6.8237%. Great job, guys, all very respectable scores.

Next year's contest will be in September and sponsored by Southern California Cruiser Association (SCCA). This is tentative, as it has not yet been confirmed.

We'll see you there. Good luck with the rest of this season and next.

Best Regards,

*Mike Elovitz*  
Commodore, NACA

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If you have an alternate address for certain times of the year, be sure that NACA knows what each of those addresses are and when each is effective. Each time the *Cruiser Log* is mailed, a number of members copies are returned by the postal service with a sticker saying something like, "Temporarily Away" or "Unable to Deliver as Addressed".

To avoid missing your NACA information, please let the Executive Secretary know each of your addresses and when you wish each to be active. In that way, the current information can be included when the mailing list is prepared for each issue or special mailing.

Send your request to Kenneth Griffing, at (kgriffing@earthlink.net), or mail to 14404 Eadbrook Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745-2536, indicating that it is NACA mailing information. Any questions call Ken at 626.333.0513. Please include each complete address and the dates each is to be effective.

## The Gentleman Yachtsman Goes Ashore, Late 19th Century

A few words as to the handling of your gig...Cast your eye over the boat and see that she is spick and span, clean as a new pin; that the crew are attired alike in the proper uniform, suitable to the weather, with the vessel's name on their hat-ribbons. If you are going a distance from the yacht, see that their oil-skins are stored away for use, in case of a change of weather; that the water-breaker is full and in its place; a large sponge; a mop; a boat-scoop or bailer; and the grapnel, ready for service, should you have to land on a beach. Having satisfied yourself that all is correct, your sailing-master, in his uniform, will stand by to hand you and your friends the man-ropes.

## RMS Queen Mary Trophy

The RMS Queen Mary Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the rally contestant with the highest score in the best of ten or eleven NACA contests entered annually. Where did this perpetual trophy come from and how did it become one of NACA's coveted trophies?

The RMS Queen Mary Perpetual Trophy was first awarded in 1977 to Walt Raynor of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club aboard the vessel *Miss Jenny*. The most recent recipient of this trophy is Jim Korsetz of IPBA/North in 2019 aboard the vessel *Freedom*. The contestant having won this trophy the most times is Tom Collins. It was originally called the Wrather Trophy, having been created and donated by John D. Wrather of the Wrather Corporation; it was later renamed the RMS Queen Mary Perpetual Trophy.

Jack Wrather was born in 1918 in Amarillo, Texas. In 1939, he graduated from the University of Texas and went on to become a very successful oil wildcatter, entrepreneur, and oil businessman. He then became president of the family business, Overton Refining Company. In 1941, Jack married Molly O'Daniel, daughter of Texas Governor and later U.S. Senator Wilbert "Pappy" O'Daniel.

During World War II, Jack served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (1942-47) and commanded a

Marine Air Group in the Philippines. He produced a television series about the Flying F-4Fs in a Marine squadron far, far, away, led by a Lt. Col. "Pappy" Bowington.

After the war, Jack moved to Hollywood and became a highly successful movie producer. Following his marriage to Ms. O'Daniel, he married actress/starlet Bonita Granville (she appeared in over forty movies but is best known as Nancy Drew in movies and TV shows, as well as being the narrator for the Lassie series).

After being an oil tycoon and successful movie producer, the ever-striving Wrather became a television and radio station owner, owning and operating multiple large market television and radio stations across America.

He then went on to become a property developer, building and owning the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. Walt Disney asked Wrather to build the hotel after Disney had exhausted his credit line in building the Disneyland theme park. It was completed in 1955 and immediately shared in the immense success of Disneyland. When Disney later attempted to buy the hotel, Wrather refused to sell.

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*RMS Queen Mary Perpetual Trophy*  
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Jack Wrather also owned the Muzak Corporation, a company that provided elevator music for business environments and held an extensive collection of easy listening music. In the early 1980's, Wrather purchased, restored, and made tourist attractions of the *Spruce Goose* and the *RMS Queen Mary* in Long Beach, California. He was an avid boater and member of several Los Angeles area and San Diego yacht clubs. He passed into eternal sunshine and following seas in 1984.

The RMS Queen Mary Perpetual Trophy is an impressive but fragile large-scale model of the *RMS Queen Mary* and is on perpetual display at multiple West Coast yacht clubs; it must be moved by automobile from one winner's club to another's. If approved by NACA, a more easily transportable model of the *Queen Elizabeth II* will become the new annual traveling trophy, while the much larger and much more fragile RMS Queen Mary Trophy will continue her journeys by automobile. It is appropriate to have the 1:700 scale *Queen Elizabeth II* be a stand-in traveling trophy for the *RMS Queen Mary*, since Jack Wrather sponsored this trophy and owned the *Queen Elizabeth II* as well.

This article is the first in a series of articles about the various annual trophies awarded by NACA.

Happy boating! Wishing all sunny weather and following seas,

*Ted Moorman*  
Chicago Yacht Club

*A famous river is a natural conductor of tradition.*

*It is alive.*

*It was the contemporary of yesterday,*

*as it is the contemporary of today,*

*as it will be of tomorrow*

*when we shall no more tread its banks.*

*The Immortal River, According to Austin Dobson*

## On Buggy's Boomer

It was low tide, and we were down by the wharf shucking littlenecks. The whole crew—Benny, me, Poot, Angie, and, of course, Fred [Brooks].

Around noon, a bottle-green 1952 Hudson Hornet with New York plates drove onto the wharf, and a suit got out. "Who's the head of this outfit?" he said. Fred looked up real slow. "She's my boat, and I'm the skipper, if that's what you mean," he said.

Fred was wearing dirty khaki pants and a black bowler hat gone to a greenish tinge from old age. "You don't look like a captain to me," the suit said. "Maybe I don't," Fred said, "but I can still out-run, out-fish, out-muck, out-shuck, out-drink, and out-smart any strap-hanger from—where you from, mister? - New York? - fine, New York, and you're standing on my wharf, so get your sorry patootie out of here and leave us alone."

Then two more suits got out of the car, big ones with baseball bats, and we suddenly found a need to cast off and get underway real fast.

- E. H. Morgan, from his memoirs

## Cautions to Skippers

Always have the materials at hand to do your job properly: notebook, pen or pencil, navigation and tide tables, navigational instruments, binoculars, etc.

Take the greatest possible care; there is no excuse for neglect.

Never sleep on watch; always ensure that your watchkeepers are awake.

Remain sober at all times.

Take notes.

Keep your eyes open.



## Encourage a friend to join the North American Cruiser Association...*Today!*

It is time to renew our NACA dues for 2021 - due on January 1. At just \$20 per year, they're a bargain, and though we've had to suspend trophies this year due to Covid19, we still have other expenses, such as *Cruiser Log*, the annual Roster of Members, and other operational expenses.

Please update your information with any changes, so that the 2021 Roster will be accurate and complete. As always, the donations made by our members are greatly appreciated and go a long way to helping keep us solvent. Thanks!

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Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_ NACA # \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Required

Have a safe and healthy 2021, especially on the water.

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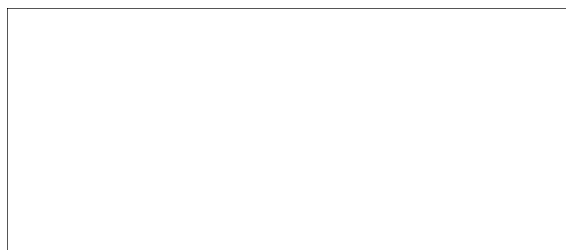


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