

LOG
OF THE YACHT
"MICKEY"
ACAPULCO RACE

1960

Logged Account

AE (ZT)

900 Preparing to get underway to participate in the San Diego to Acapulco race. Presently moored at San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego, California. The trim 46' sloop, P.C.C. #4, is provisioned and equipped to comply with U.S. Coast Guard Regulations and Acapulco Racing Committee rules.

1000 All well wishers piped ashore. All gear and provisions secured for sea.

1025 Unmoored all lines and underway departing San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego, California, on various courses and speeds, standing towards starting area under power. Final instructions and affectionate best wishes are bestowed by wives and sweethearts at the dock.

1045 Skipper makes his usual pre-race visit to the head.

1050 First gun (Prep.) from Committee boat, secured main engine and set main and Genoa. Let it be noted that the big overlapper didn't make it aboard for the race.

1100 START! Attempting to cross the starting line on starboard tack with no wind. All hands are alert to stations. Searching for and working the slightest zephyr of wind. The excitement of rattling winches and the shout of clear commands aboard 37 of America's finest sailing yachts beginning an ocean voyage of over 1400 miles is recorded in this log to help preserve the memories of a magnificent adventure. This is to be the "first" Acapulco race for all hands with the exception of the fortunate Navigator.

Wind variable, sea calm, sky clear, tacking off shore with competing yachts to gain windward, bound for Acapulco, Mexico.

N POSIT.	LAT.	LONG.	DAYS RUN
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SHIPS COMPLIMENT AND/OR GUESTS	FUEL, WATER, PROVISIONS
Garrick O'Bryan - Skipper & owner	
Mark Hulsman - Sailing Master	
Dan McKinney - Navigator	
Ned Barr	
John Matarangas	} Top Sailors
Mike O'Bryan	

1400 The fleet has scattered - some inshore toward Imperial Beach and some seaward with Mickey.

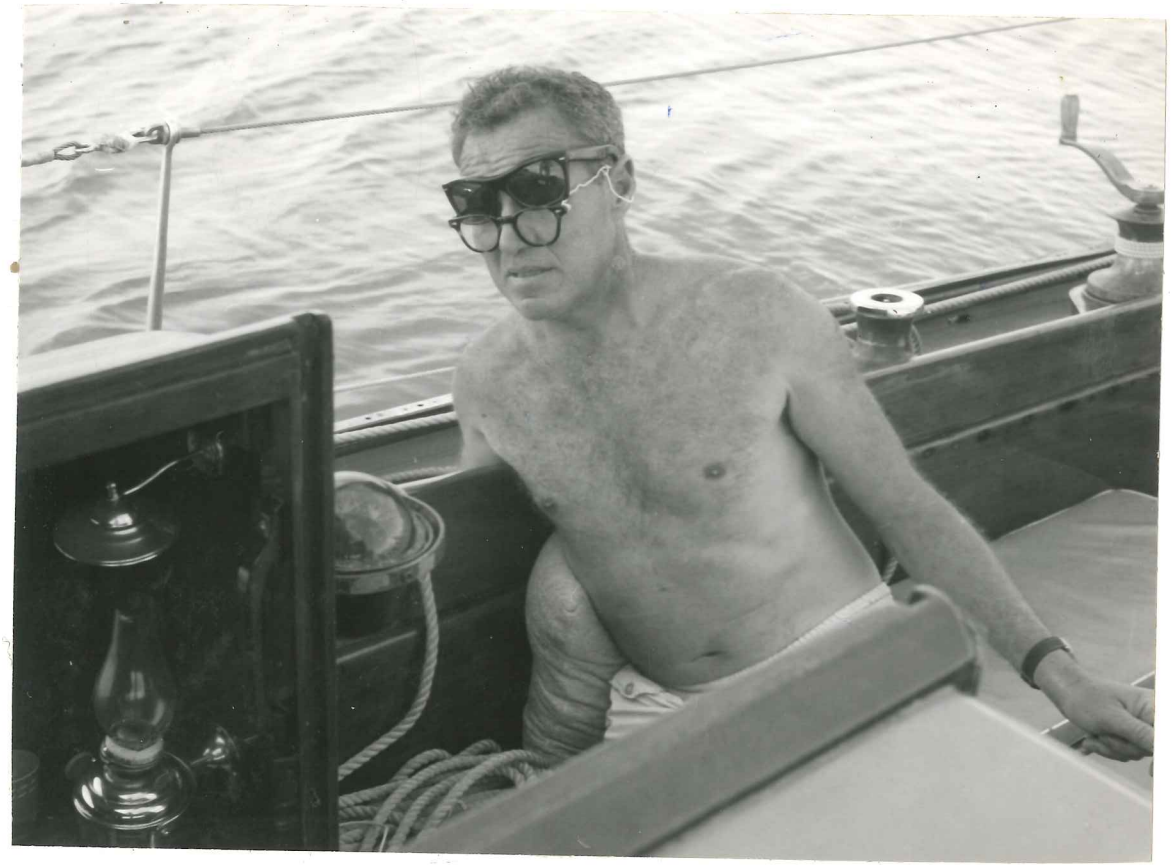
1640 Gossip nearby changes headsail for the third time.

1800 The wind has finally filled in enough to steady down on course. We are favored and can just clear Descanso Pt. through the kelp. Course 150 M, speed 3 knots.

1840 Rosarita lights abeam.

2100 Wind heads us to 165 M, speed 6.0. We are finally moving.

2400 Can see Todos Santos Island light bearing 76°



FLEET STATUS per (corrected) (elapsed) time	METEOROLOGICAL DATA WEATHER PREDICTION NEXT 24 HOURS
	Wind light and variable, sea calm, sky clear, visibility 20 miles. Predicting prevailing westerlies 10 to 12 knots this afternoon, down to 5 to 8 knots this evening.
	Fuel Water Provisions
	Fuel - 100 gals in port and starboard tanks.
	Water - Topped off - Provisions - Sufficient for 30 days

ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco
Day Sunday Date Jan 18 1960
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000 Underway as before, all's well, course 145 M, speed 6 K,
wind SE 10.
030 Mike takes beam bearing over cabin side and announces
"Punta Bunda abeam."
060 Beautiful sailing with the moon at the zenith. Punta Bunda
still visible. The watch is singing "Baby It's Cold Outside."
There is a large unidentified yacht inshore. Speed 5.5 K.
Sailing on the wind 158 M.
090 "Boat close abeam - seems to be overtaking." Mark.
100 Boat now abeam is L36 #13 racing boat for boat.
110 A Freighter passes plowing her way north.
120 On the wind. Course 138 M. Speed 6 K.
130 On the wind as before but wind easing off. Our first
breakfast - the Skipper breaks out the Yacht Club menu
of the day. (See picture of Garrick and menu.)
140 Changed to drifter - wind dying. Make best course possible
to keep moving.
152 Noon sun plus DR gives us DR 116°39' W
30°53' N
1800 to report at roll call.
Coast Guard Cutter Ponchatrain circles us for identification.

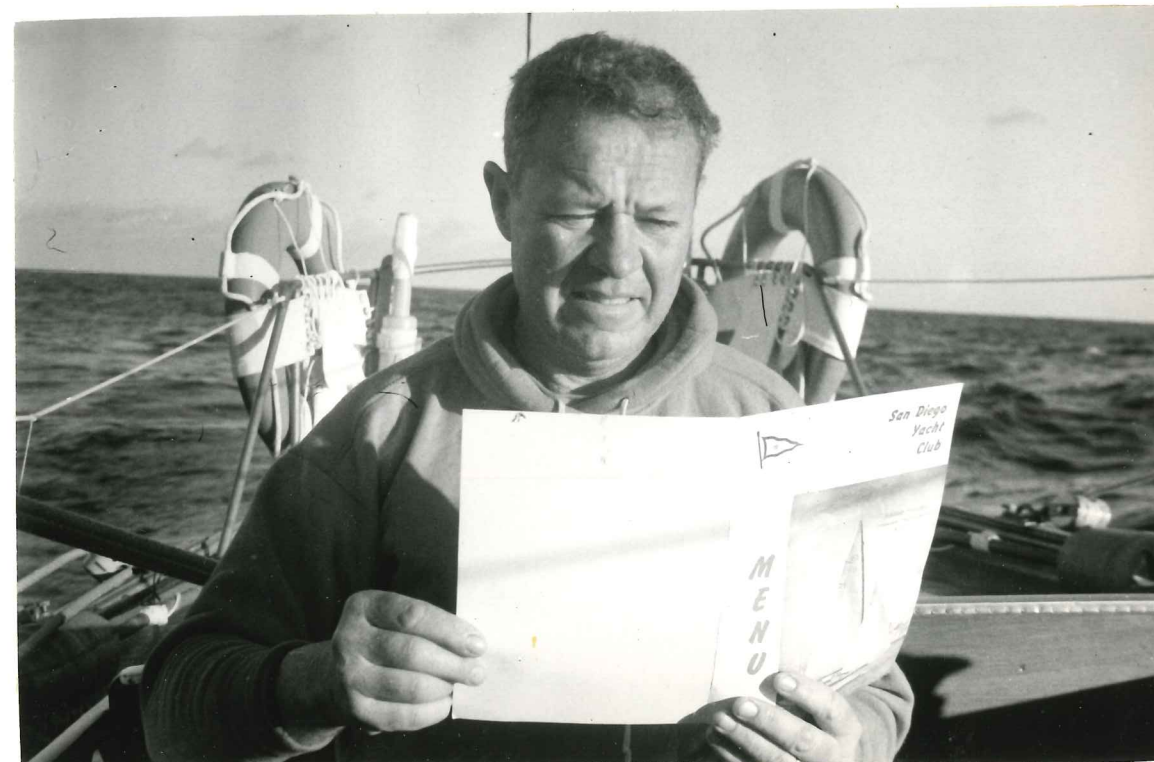


ON POSIT. LAT. 30°-53' N LONG. 116°-39' W DAYS RUN

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Date Jan 18 1960

1300 Roll call. We have Ballerina astern as well as Rascal (PCC's).
Carousel and Rocking Chair have sneaked through at
night and are a few miles ahead.
1400 We can only hold 125 M on a port tack.
1445 Set light Spinnaker for first time and conditions indicate
many sail changes with variable winds. Speed about 4 K.
1730 Regal, Deneb, Polaris and Capella work into a good fix which
places us 10 miles seaward of our D.R. - good to have
celestial aboard.
1835 Wind slackens. Spinnaker is jibed to better heading
150 M. speed 2 knots.
2200 Wind gone again - changed to light Genoa.
2300 The always welcome moon is coming up.
2400 Set light Spinnaker - draws steady. Ready for Starboard watch.



at Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Tuesday Date Jan 19, 1960

Logged Account

E (ZT)

00 Underway as before. Main and light Spinnaker (Marks 24). Course 150°M, speed 3.5 knots, weather clear and cold. Skipper notes Mike happy not to be on tooten port watch.

30 Spinnaker wraps. Watch Capt. Ned calls all hands for speedy clearing. Let it be said the Starboard watch responded quickly from below even tho' light winds. Sleeping is difficult as port watch is noisy with sneaky reports.

400 Watch changes leaving all lines snarled and full of half-assed hitches. There was one line coiled and it shouldn't have been.

430 Skipper notes - "McKinney the only person aboard who doesn't trust himself - stitched his fly - look out Acapulco"

500 All lights are dim - will change batteries in regular routine.

500 A morning fix with Venus and Vega confirms suspicion that watch standers are logging course and speed correctly.

800 Mark logs "Peu Port watch". Skipper logs "Chef Ned Barr ruined a good breakfast. He is not well - the cabin is blue - secure all fires."

00 Wind freshens. Holding course 155M, speed 6 knots, nice sailing.

00 Plot noon position using a running fix. 29-01 N. 116-05 W.

POSIT. LAT. 29-01 N LONG. 116-05 W. DAYS RUN

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Date Jan 19, 1960

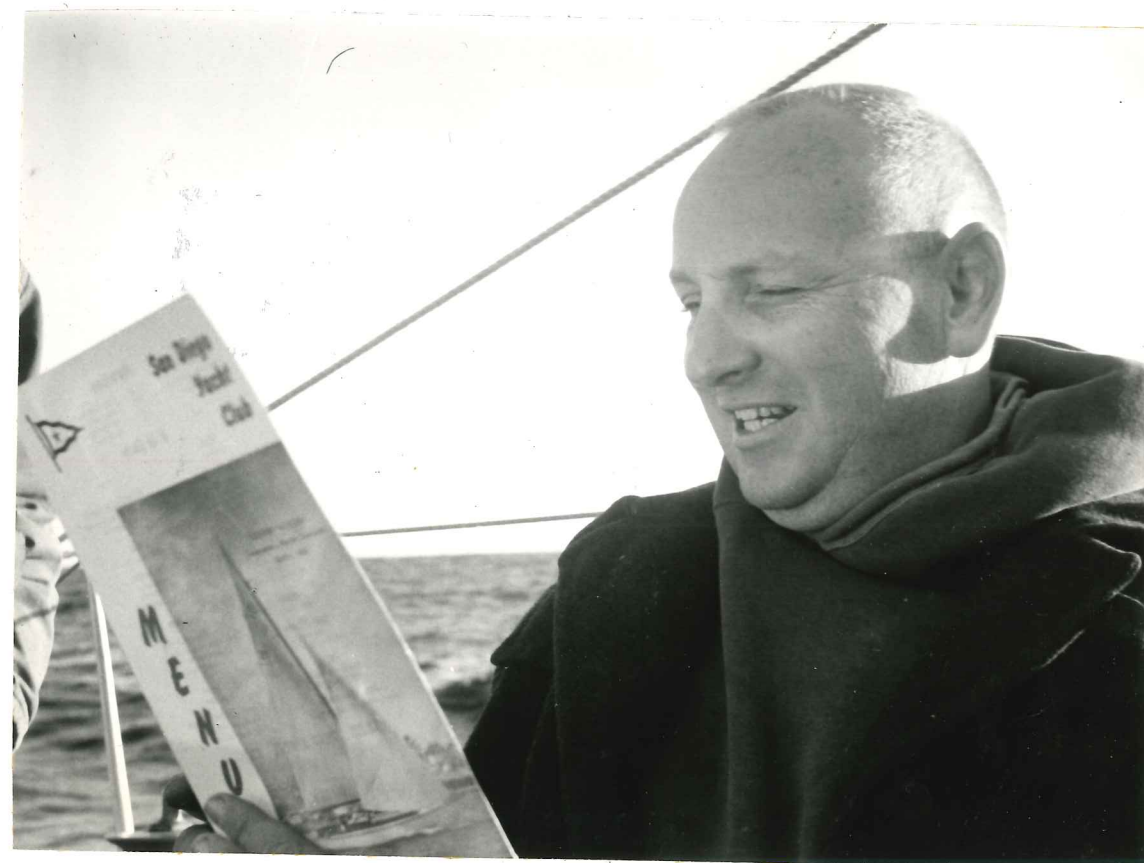
1300 Skipper answers toll call giving noon position. At noon approximately 1200 miles to go for Acapulco. 231 miles made good in 48 hours. We are about 60 miles from Benito Island and noon reports indicate Ballerina inshore and close; however she is not in view.

1430 Cedros and Benitos Islands are now clearly visible. Wind N.N.E. and freshening to 10 knots. Port watch sets Spitfire inside Spinnaker - a controversial sail!

1500 Mike logs 7.5 knots - best yet. Also comments salt spray tastes better than fresh water.

1700 We are closing the Islands. Cockpit conference decides to save miles by going between Cedros and Benitos. This transit to be made during the hours of darkness. Cautioned all hands to steer a close course and estimate speed carefully.

2400 Wind holds strong. Medium guy breaks at a good time. All hands are up and change to heavy guy.



ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Wednesday Date Jan 20, 1960

Logged Account

ME (ZT)

000 Underway as before. Main and Spinnaker, course 138 M, speed 8 knots. Wind strong. Running between Cedros and Benitos.
100 Dropped Spinnaker and set Genoa to change to an onshore course. 120 M. Wind is strong, speed 8 knots. A spanking sail-smooth seas.
500 Wind fades away. Speed 1.5 knots.
800 The Greek Chef wakes the Starboard watch to a terrific breakfast of S.D.Y.C. menu.
830 Rocking Chair ahead to leeward. Overhauling then (Barr)
900 Holding Rocking Chair. (Mark)
930 Passing Rocking Chair. (Mike)
Mike our new light wind sailor - he is great (Mark)
100 No wind - Drifter up - course various - speed none.
00 Mark in head? San Pablo Pt. is over there as it was this morning. Hope we don't see Isla Natividad light tonight.
200 Mark shoots sun to check on Navigator from a smooth platform. Sailboats show their white tops from San Cristobal Bay.

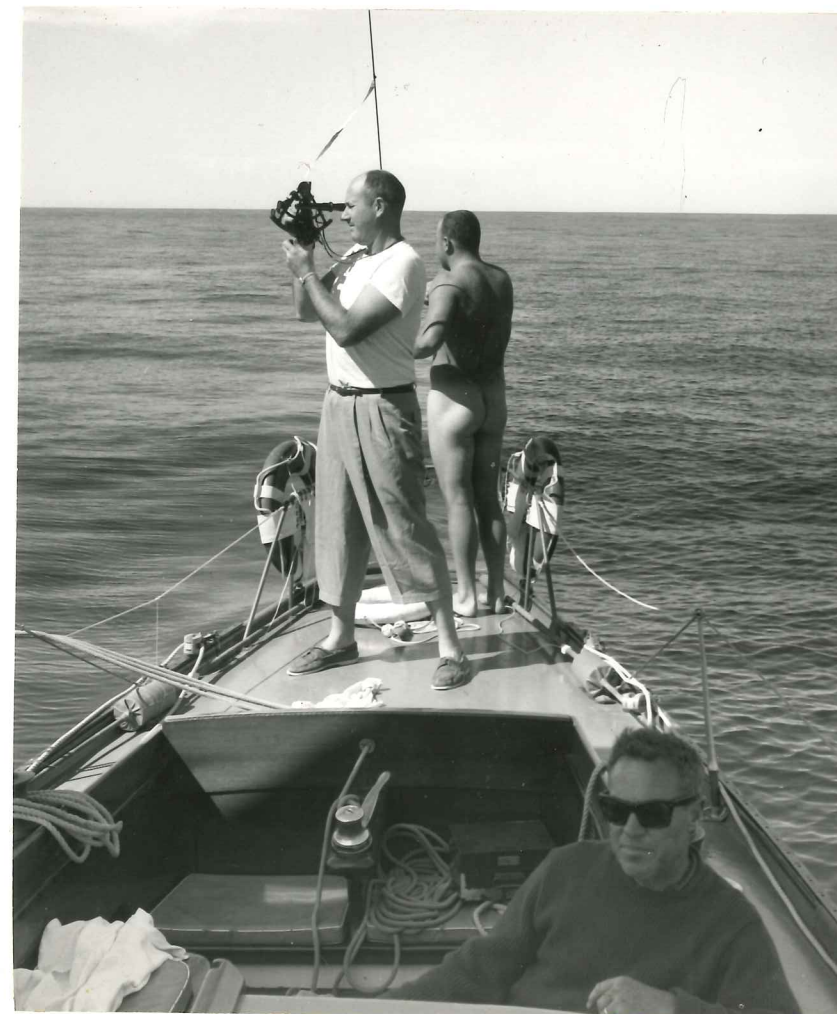


ON POSIT. LAT. 27-02 N. LONG. 114-41 W. DAYS RUN

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Date Jan 20, 1960

1300 Skipper answers roll call.
Noon position 27-02 N. 114-41 W.
Rocking Chair gives her position ahead, however is close astern.
1400 Set reaching Spinnaker - headed for beach as we see Ballerina, Rascal, Santana and other boats moving up along coast.
1500 Rocking Chair moves out. How can you explain being in a hole while others around you move.
1600 Wind freshening. We are moving - course 90 M - speed 4 knots.
2030 Headed, Spinnaker down, set Genoa. course 105 M. speed 5.5 knots.
2230 Sighted Abrejos Pt. light ahead.
2330 Note: 6° error between compasses corrected to 105° M.
2400 Mark sails into a garage a pulls door down.



ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Thursday Date Jan 21, 1960

Logged Account

E (ZT)

000 Course - various, no wind, no speed, however the weather is warmer.
100 Ned is still Neding. What a smell! But the food has been quantities of delicious quality.
200 Wind filling in set course 135 M from Punta Abrejos "Cerca De Bahia Ballena" to Cabo San Lazaro "Cerca de Bahia Santa Maria" A transit with no problems but wind?
300 Dan in his long underwear - Boy!
400 Starboard watch takes over to a rail down breeze and spray in the cockpit. Course 135 M. speed 7.0 K. San Francisco is asleep, time for us to catch some sleep.
500 Star time but it's cloudy out - no stars.
745 Marks oven goes out - this should happen to a professional?
800 Wind drops, so does speed to 1 knot. However breakfast is delicious and smooth.
900 The last four hours we have eased along at 2 knots - light Spinnaker set.

N POSIT. LAT. LONG. DAYS RUN

Logged Account cont'd.

Date Jan 21, 1960

1200 Jibed Spinnaker, Jibed Spinnaker. No more dog food, will log hounds please write on back of log sheet.
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1800 Mike overhauls squeaking rudder, no more dog food - bad for T.V. Mike overhauled Tiller head. Porpoise playing around the boat, poor pussy cat. Jibed Spinnaker, set stay sail. Jibed
1930 Wind coming up. Course unknown. Port watch steering. speed 6 knots.
2100 Matarangas logs. Hope it'll blow. keep clear of Corrin tos Bay? Ed logs. Mark Hulsman at last was shown how it is done on a Spinnaker jib.
2400 "I don't make mistakes" - (our Skipper.)



at Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Friday Date Jan 22, 1960

Logged Account

E (ZT)

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Sailing as before under Spinnaker and Ned-sail.
Main course 135 M. Speed 6 knots.

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Moon comes up and wind goes down.

30

Boxed the compass on a reach at 3.5 knots.

10

Sighted light on Cabo San Lazaro. The sailing
master speaks us closer than the D.R. indicates.
He can hear breakers ahead. Navigator cannot
because he doesn't have Parka over ears so holds
course 135 M.

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No wind. The Greek logs. "May this serve as a petition
to allow the parking lot crew to assume primary
duties of cooking and general maintenance and other
like chores for which they are best adapted.

General Note: When Mickey made the transit
between the Islands Cedros and Benitos, Ballerina
was tucked down astern for she elected to
take the long way around from Sebastian
Vizcaino Bay around San Benito Island, as did
Rascal. The next morning we overhauled and pass-
ed Rocking Chair about 0900. We sat R.C. on
outside alongside drifting seaward. Then the
inshore boats Ballerina, Rascal, Santana and
Tasco, who were astern, caught a breeze and
took off crossing our "bow" seaward. Because of
their success "Mickey" took the shore route
between San Pablo Pt. and Abreojos Pt. Mickey
ran out of breeze (into the garage) about mid-
night. Then about 0500 we caught a spanking
beam wind from Hipolito Bay and began to
move - log a trying day.

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Skipper logs - again backed out of garage and
showed "slobs" what can be done with a boat.

500

Changed to drifter - we were headed.

730

Mark logs. Passing light on Cape San Lazaro. Fisher-
men picking up traps in small boats and whales
playing tic-tac-toe with fishermen and Mickey.
Lots of whales showing backs and fins. A P.C.C.
located inshore looking for wind and we are playing
"Search for Wind"

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No wind!

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Noon position 24-45 N. 112° 21' W.

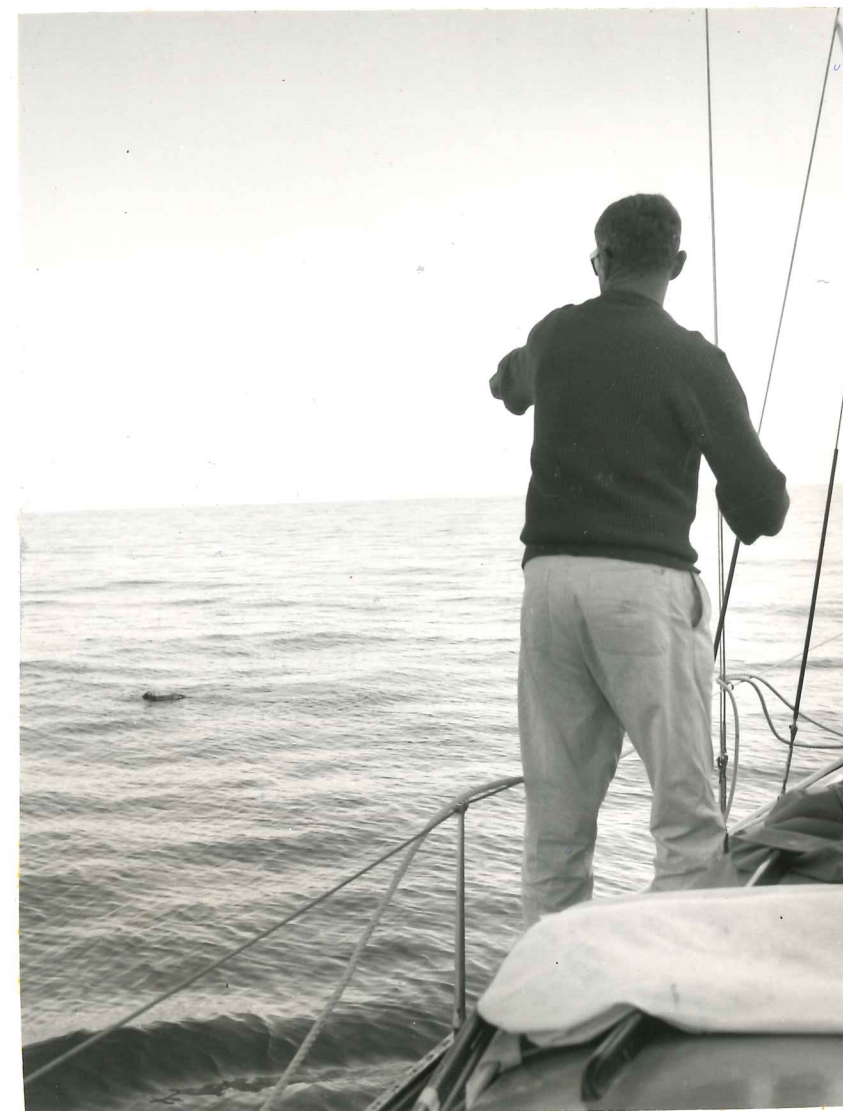
N POSIT. LAT. 24-45 N. LONG. 112° 21' W. DAYS RUN

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Date Jan 22, 1960

1300
1600

Roll call - we seem to be stuck in a hole
This afternoon we have been wallowing in a
trough on a rougher course of 120 M at 3 to
4 knots. Lots of marine life and a warm sun.
The type sailing that makes you want to splice
the main brace with a cold beer.
2400 We sailed off shore on the off shore and back
on the on shore - back in the garage - with the
whales this time. Speed "0" knots.



at Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Saturday Date Jan 23, 1960

Logged Account

E (ZT)

1000 Sailing (?) as before - limp sails.

1100 Log reads:
Boat in double car garage - no wind. Looks like a long, long trip. Boat out to sea is overtaking us. Same story - two boats ahead are out of sight. What's wrong? Put up Spinnaker, "There was an Ancient Mariner." Dropped Spinnaker, wind from S.E. Put Drifter up. "Thank God for little breeze - not very strong." "This is for the birds" Tacked - let down - looks like we are losing breeze. The Starboard watch more than likely will put the boat in the garage again.
1230 Turned one circle - (Mark.)
1300 Turned two circles - Dan. Sun coming up warm.
1400 A breeze - course 150 M, 3 knots - (Mike.)
1500 Course 120 M, 5 knots. Moon high in sky at right angles to Sun. Great for position fix but don't need it as we can still see Pt. Tasco near.
1600 Weather gives high pressure over Mississippi. Light N. wind 5-15 knots. Mostly clear sky.
1730 Light breeze - Put up Spitfire - everybody working like "Hell" trying to catch up.
1800 Wind dropped!
1900 John took first swim of trip. We haven't been out long enough! He doesn't look good yet. M.O.B
2000 Noon position 23°-55'N, 111°-26'W. Skipper started motor to charge battery.

4 POSIT. LAT. 23°-55'N. LONG. 111°-26'W. DAYS RUN

Logged Account cont'd.

Date Jan 23, 1960

1300 Listened to roll call and all hands particularly G.O'B. sat down and cried.
1320 Jibed Spinnaker same heading 120 M, speed 2.5 knots.
1400 New watch - we are hoping for a new broom - clean sweep. (Garrick)
1430 Starting to smoke - Spinnaker and Spitfire close on the wind. (Ned)
1700 Great sail. 2 sailboats on the horizon. 125 M. Speed over 6 knots.
1800 Good cocktail hour - great dinner - #6 is the best story.
2000 Close to 5 boats again, all hands feeling better. Weather report - wind Cedros to Magelina N. to NE, 8-12 knots, fair.
2100 3 boats passed, 2 to go - look out Ballerina - Go Man Go - Garrick
2130 What a sail - 7 plus knots. Boat going like Hell! Sitting in the pulpit boat looks like a freight train going through the water. - John.
2200 Wind - lightning. The Greek told us all about the house of assignation he had visited while in — (Ned.)
2400 We are fearful.



at Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Sunday Date Jan. 24, 1960

Logged Account

E (ZT)

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Sailing as before. Spinnaker and Main-course 110 M. Speed 4 knots. Loss of wind but it looks like a new breeze is making up. Sea is extremely confused.

30

Jibed to course. 125 M. Speed 5 knots.

400

125 M. - speed 6 knots. Garrick logs nice weather and a little chop.

700

Lovely weather - changed to drifter.

700

Time tick from Ponchatrain shows ships chronometer steady 40 S.F. and weather report. Wind N to NE 5-12 knots and 15-18 knots across Gulf of California. Winds Manzanillo to Alcupulco NW 4-8 knots. Wolahra reports no wind (in San Lucas Bay).

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Noon position 22°-35'N 109°-50'W. Wind light S.E. (see weather report). Course 115 M speed 3 to 4 knots. Ballerina is 60 miles ahead - Carousel 105!

We are now on our way across the Gulf of Mexico setting a course to raise Tenacatita - trying to make up lost time in our class.

ON POSIT.

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Date Jan 24, 1960

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Neded badly - Garrick.

Log notes. 135 M - 0 to 1.5 knots.

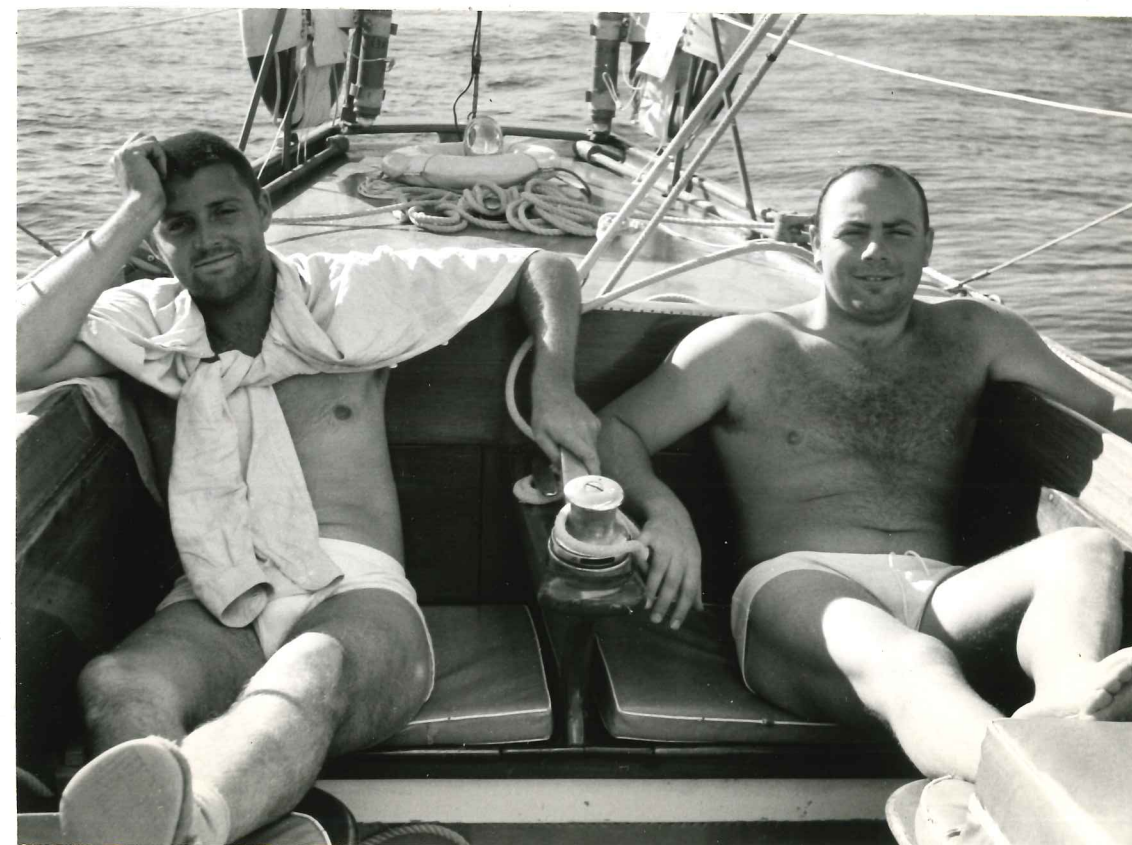
Crappy - Ned

Sloppy - Mat

Terrible - Dan

2030

Standing by in cockpit for weather and time, using D.F. Our conditions are no wind and glassy sea. Mike says, "I've never seen it so calm on the ocean".



ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Monday Date Jan 25, 1960

Logged Account

ME (ZT)

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Sailing approximatly 115° magnetic at about 3 knots. There are numerous steam ships crossing gulf with us.

As before-however we seem to like the smooth seas for smooth chow. As usual great breakfast by Garrick.

"Dan, Garrick, Mark and John take a much needed swim and bath using large synthetic bilge pump." "Perfect salt water shower." Ned.

Noon position 108° 50' W and 21° 50' N shows us now about 50 miles astern of Ballerina and Rascal. Picked up a dozen miles.

N POSIT. LAT. 21° 50' N LONG. 108° 50' W DAYS RUN

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Date Jan 25, 1960

1600

2400

We have a nice sailing breeze now - using Spinnaker, Ned sail and Main.

Nice sailing breeze. Coming more astern. Drop Nedsail. 115 M speed 7 knots.



ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Tuesday Date Jan 26, 1960

Logged Account

E (ZT)

200

As before - received instructions from port watch to sail fast - must keep on our toes - no sleeping tonight. Speed over 7 knots.

200

Large Spinnaker overhauling us. After being out eight days we came close enough for a Luffing match. Checked bilges - no water. She's a good tight ship.

700

"Señor sail ahead" (E.G.O'B.)

300

Change watch - sailing as before. First time this trip for white caps in the morning.

300

Sun line indicates we are 6 miles ahead of D.R.

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"Matarangas is sans clothes now. I can take my coat off." Dan.

Running fix - give Noon position $20^{\circ}12'N$ $106^{\circ}41'W$. Set new course $110^{\circ}M$.

N POSIT. LAT. $20^{\circ}12'N$. LONG. $106^{\circ}41'W$. DAYS RUN

Logged Account cont'd.

Date Jan 26, 1960

1200
to
1600

All hands are sunning. Neds beard grows longer. Greek cherub grows too! Mike and porpoise play. Skipper logs an outstanding tiller watch.

1700

"The hour of charm" - a highlight tonight. Good wind and good fellowship. "One hand for you and your drink and one for the ships we are sailing!"

1830

1720 star fix calls for course change to $105^{\circ}M$. Wind strong - speed 8 plus knots. At this rate we will raise Tenacatita tomorrow A.M.

2000

She's a bit hard to steer. Wow! That went our big blue Spinnaker. We can see stars where the upper half should be.

2100

John and Ned have earned a top "Well Done". Our big jib is set as a Spinnaker. It's all we need - still over 8 knots speed.

2400

The port watch has had a workout at the helm but it's great to have wind.



ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Wednesday Date Jan. 27, 1960

Logged Account

ME (ZT)

000 Sailing before the wind. We like the set of the Jib-Spinnaker.
100 Wind is slackening- set #24 Spinnaker. She is riding easier now at about 6 knots.
200 Wind is rounding, dropped Spinnaker and set large Drifter.
300 We are closing land on a light land breeze. Garrick says he can hear the surf. John agrees (maybe).
700 Caught a light wind proceeding course 110°, 3.5 knots, with Genoa set.
800 Can see two sails in on beach and astern. Appears to be a P.C.C. and Rocking Chair. Canned bacon and Mark provide a fine repast off a beautiful Mexican shore of white beaches and palm groves.
000 "Mark talks in his sleep and Dan answers him. Nothing enlightening or clever." (E.G. O'B.)
200 150 yards off shore. Tacked out to sea - beating up this wonderful shoreline on a nice breeze.
"Cerca de Juloapan"
Noon position for roll call.
19-10.21N 104-40.721W.
Heading for Piedro Blanca.

ON POSIT. LAT. 19-10.21N LONG. 104-40.721W DAYS RUN

Logged Account cont'd.

Date Jan. 27, 1960

1400 Abeam Pedro Roca.
1500 Tacked to clear Manzanillo Bay! This is beautiful sailing!
1600 Pointing high in light breeze to make Punta Campos light.
1700 Changed Class Genoa to Drifter. "Now drifting into Manzanillo Bay" - Mike.
1900 Heading for Harbor mouth - the wrong direction!
2000 "Tacking to make light" - (Mark.)
2130 "Headed toward Point Carlos. Hope we make it!" - (John.)
2400 "Hours now and we are still trying to make it, who knows we make it before sunrise. I doubt it!" (John.)

ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco
Day Thursday Date Jan. 28, 1960
Logged Account

ME (ZT)

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530

130

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Tacking best courses down coast. Sailed
130° to 90° around another unknown boat.
Are they lights or low stars.
Squall to leeward after 1100 miles we are tack-
ing down Mexican coast boat for boat.
"Mark took helm to pass squall again" (Mark.)
Noon position 18°25'N, 103°43'W with squall
slightly astern. We have closed on Ballerina,
Gossip and Rascal. The race is on again but
only in our class.

POSIT. LAT. 18°25'N LONG. 103°43'W DAYS RUN

Logged Account cont'd.

Date Jan. 28, 1960

1600
2030
2100
2400

Tacking and drifting along as before.
Squall hit a wind and took off like a rabbit.
Caught same wind.
Fighting to stay seaward, on a general course
of 100°M, of squall.

ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Friday Date Jan. 29, 1960

Logged Account

E (ZT)

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Course 60°M - wind shifted - squall to weather speed 3 knots.

15

Tacked on the offshore breeze.

300

"Squall 3 miles to leeward" - John.

500

Set chute first time in a day or so.

700

Course 090, speed 5 knots. "After 11 days at sea we come alongside the Rocking Chair and talk with Reggy Slater and Don Stewart, et al - most unusual". E.G.O'B.

800

Kept Dan on helm three hours. Does he have feel or is Mark feeling overworked?

915

A good Sun line and land, and a light breeze. Set course 105°M for Moro de Petatlan.

200

Noon position 17°55'N and 102°30'W.

ON POSIT. LAT. 17°55'N LONG. 102°30'W DAYS RUN

Logged Account cont'd.

Date Jan. 29, 1960

1300

Skipper answered roll call. We give R.C. position 2 miles off our port quarter astern. We appear to be seventh in a class of 13 - let's go!

1700

Only 2 drinks at hour of charm as Mark has been known to have hangovers.

2300

Sighted light 65°M.

2400

Wind has changed to an offshore and we are trying to hold 105°M.

ht Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco

Day Saturday Date Jan. 30, 1960

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ME (ZT)

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Sailing as before on a light offshore breeze at about 4 knots.

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Zehuatinao bears 30°M.

330

"Wind hauling and dropping" (Mark.)

400

"Next watch use a tag line" (Mark.)

500

Beautiful Sunrise!

530

Sighted "Ballerina" inshore astern! If not so we, at his request, may — on him. (John Matarangas). We passed this boat only because we used a tag line!

600

Crew happily changes headsail even if it is only to the drifter.

"Could use a beer - warm or cold" - what to drink?

800

Tacked back to beach.

900

The water is warm now and lots of turtles and floating coconuts. Fished out one coconut, opened it - and it smelled worse than a Ned.

030

We are sailing beam to beam with our arch rival "Ballerina" after 13 days racing.

ON POSIT.

LAT. 17° 16' N LONG. 101° - 10' W

DAYS RUN

Logged Account cont'd.

Date Jan. 30, 1960

1300

"Rodger" Ballerina's position same as ours 17° 16' N 101° - 10' W trying to pick up our order of "Mill Pond Salt Peter". Sansara says she's near finish?

1400

The wind has dropped and we are off Pt. Morro de Papano.

1600

Ghosting along still of Papano. The sea is smooth and we are playing with a dolphine, (Mahi-Mahi) so close alongside we can almost touch it. It's hot and so Skipper okays a swim - such warm, wonderful tropic water.

1800

Mark, after talking Navigator into a cigarette, boils the saved ice water and prepares a wonderful Captain's dinner - a few drinks, a full stomach and smooth water. Real fellowship. The land breeze begins to fill in. After a spirited cockpit conference the decision is to hold inshore.

1900

2000

Wind - our Spinnaker is up.

2400

The last four hours have been memorable sailing. Passing boats in the dark. (Rocking Chair and Novia de Mar). Our lights are out until we pass R.C. The Spinnaker draws us in light winds, reaching at about 7 knots. Just like racing down the backside of Catalina.



at Mickey From San Diego to Acapulco
Day Sunday Date Jan. 31, 1960
Logged Account

E (ZT)

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Sailing in tropical waters with Spinnaker and logging along.

45

Wind hauled R.C. and Novia picking up on light wind.

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Dropped Spinnaker-we are on the wind again.

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The last stretch to Acapulco after 1400 miles plus. Ballerina and Mickey are class racing not over 100 yards apart.

00

Racing-no time for breakfast.

30

Sighted Boca Chica. The Greek has the helm and gets no relief for he has her in the groove.

Called to report we should finish at noon P.S.T.

02

(P.S.T.) We cross the finish line! The Navigator smiles, knew we would get here but he won the pool for questimating the time of arrival.

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Date Jan. 31, 1960

1202½

Dropped sails, turned on power for first time in 14 days and headed for Clube de Yates.

1300

Wine, Women and Song!
Moored at Clube de Yachtes, Acapulco Mexico. Ship secured. All hands abandon ship for the party!

Dan McKinney
Dan McKinney, Navigator
Yacht "Mickey"

