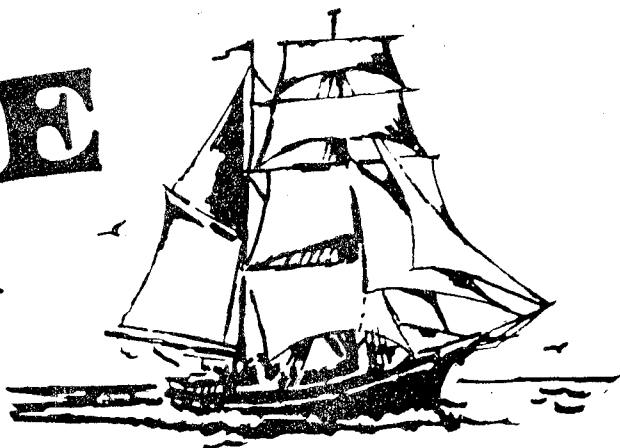


LOG of the ROMANCE

Around The World



1975--NO. 2

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Meet Your Shipmates: Looking back over our '71 South Pacific Log, this feature began with "Peter Damon, Chestnut Hill, Mass, Capt, USAF, racing yachtsman, participated in sailing exchange program to Norway." To bring this up to date, Pete has moved to Dedham, Mass, and has added 2 more voyages in Romance, in the Virgins and the Yucatan. Pete, Dan Moreland and Randy Jones will be our Mates, sharing equally the responsibility of Watch Officers. We introduced Randy, Engineer John Campbell and Cook Bruce Fisher in the first '75 Log. Dan Moreland, Rowayton, Conn. Mate of Romance, past Mate of Maverick, with wide experience in New England, Virgins, Windwards, Leewards, Grenadines, Southwest Caribbean, Yucatan and Bahamas. Fine seaman and rigger; interest: traditional sailing craft. Jim Brink: Grand Haven, Mich, Romance's first rate sailmaker/seaman; rigger at Mystic Seaport; January voyage in frigid Scottish waters in Capt. Scott, 3 masted tops'l schooner of the Outward Bound. Carolyn Potts, Cheshire, Conn. fine shipmate and sailor on many Romance voyages in the Grenadines, Leewards, Bahamas and 3 month Galapagos Expedition. Sharon Kalen, Baltimore, Md, asst. administrator blood bank; many Romance voyages in Virgins, Windwards, Leewards, Grenadines, SW Caribbean, Yucatan, Bahamas. Good shipmate who loves the sea. Paul Skagfeld, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Outward Bound, north woods camp counselor, seaman aboard steamer between Nova Scotia & Mexico. Dan Humphreys, Sausalito, Cal, Ocean Cruising Club, lives aboard 56' ketch, sailed California-Hawaii-Baja. Mechanic, welder, mountaineering Colorado Rocky Mountain School. Jon Bilhuber, Rosemont, Pa. sails N.E. coast in family 44' schooner; crewed schooner Tiki in Virgins. "Long Jon" is a good seaman. Edmond (Tad) Donnan, Blacklick, Ohio, Dartmouth. Crewed Cummings Cup races, scuba, river kayaking, Colorado Challenge Program. Susan Morley: Johnston College, Redlands, Cal, helped restore 24' sloop, studied in Switzerland, traveled in Kenya. Environmental studies, marine biology. David Hendrichsen, Rockville, Conn, Caribbean sailing program, Mystic Seaport member, helped rebuild antique sloop. Financing part of voyage through writing commissions, photography. Mary Tysver, Gloucester, Mass, Mate Gloucester Harbor Police Boat, sailed schooner Adventure, coastwise cruising; interests: jumping horses, flying, coaching softball and ice hockey. Merilee (Mara) Fletcher: Nicasio, Cal, art teacher, 5 years sailing 55' racing yacht, cruised Melanesia on 60' ketch. Bob Wallace, Hyattsville, Md, sailed Sea Scout schooner in Chesapeake, Romance in Virgins. Fine sailor. 2 Lt. Richard Passaw, Milwaukee, Wis, US Army, Outward Bound, rafted Salmon & Colorado Rivers, joining in Fiji. Final MD selection pending.

Pacific Mail Ports

This schedule is approximate. Mail should be posted to arrive well ahead of the ship.
Mark: General Post Office, Hold for Arrival of Ship Romance about (date).

<u>Port:</u>	<u>Mail should arrive by:</u>	<u>Ship will arrive about:</u>
Balboa, Canal Zone, Panama	Oct. 12, 1975	Oct. 16, 1975
Papeete, Tahiti	Jan. 12, 1976	Jan. 18, 1976
Rarotonga, Cook Islands	Feb. 18	Feb. 23
Pago Pago, American Samoa	Mar. 9	Mar. 15
Suva, Fiji	April 10	April 15
Vila, Efate Is. New Hebrides	April 30	May 5
Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Is.	May 15	May 21

The above are major mail ports. Secondary mail ports may be added, but should not be counted on for important mailings. Continued list of mail ports will be issued later.

Romance will arrive in Grenada about July 18th. Address: Grenada Yacht Services, St. Georges, Grenada, West Indies. Please do not mail packages to yourself in Grenada. They are subject to 50% custom duty and much red tape. Exception: books are duty free.

What to bring

Clothes: Cottons are best for the tropics. Shirts, jeans, cut-offs, sweatshirts, swim suits, heavy knock about sweater, windbreaker, very warm jacket, wool watch cap, foul weather jacket and pants (no ponchos), sneakers (expensive deck shoes not necessary,) sea boots (warm & welcome!), one or two dress up outfits for major ports. Pack light! Remember you will be acquiring 'treasures' all around the world that must be stored! Girls in cabins may bring a suitcase and bag. Boys should use sea bags. A small knapsack without a frame, is handy.

Handy things: A good flashlight and ample supply of batteries, sheath knife, sailor's palm if you have one, mask, fins & snorkel. Skipper suggests macrome supplies or ship-in-a-bottle kit: x-acto knife or pen knife, black & tan threads, model paints for wood, fine brushes. Books, guitars, harmonicas always welcome. One or two cassette tapes will be enjoyed by all.

Film: Bring your initial supply from the States, and arrange to have film mailed to major ports if possible. A small styrofoam ice chest and silica crystals will protect film from dampness. Padded jiffy bags make handy mailers.

Trade items: There are few places left in the world primitive enough for bartering, yet small gift or trade items always come in handy for acquiring shells and native crafts such as wood carving and weaving. They should be small, easily stowed, colorful or useful. Bright cloth, fish hooks, discarded costume jewelry, perfumed soap--pass on your best ideas.

Laundry: The ship supplies blankets, sheets and towels. Personal laundry may be done on deck washboard style. Laundry service may be available occasionally ashore. Laundry bag and an ample supply of liquid detergent soap. Shampoos such as Prell work very well in seawater.

San Blas Islands: The 'mola,' a bright square of reverse applique worn by Cuna Indian women, is much prized by collectors. Molas bringing \$25-\$50 in New York sell for \$3 to \$5 in the islands. You'll be captivated by the designs, and want to acquire your own collection. Bring your dollars in singles. A roll of dimes and quarters are handy for shells and small mola patches for your jeans--and also may help secure a difficult picture.

Pitcairn Island: We expect to be at Pitcairn during the Christmas season, staying in island homes. Their friendliness, generosity and hospitality will overwhelm you, so please don't forget a small gift for your Pitcairn family.

ROMANCE NEWS: Tom Knox's story (with Mrs. K's color photos) on last summer's Unknown Caribbean Expedition, will appear in the November issue of SAJL Magazine. Guess we'll have our copy sent to Tahiti. Pitcairn Accordion--a story in the Daily News resulted in the donation of an accordion for Pitcairn Island. (We have also been asked to bring out a 16' extension ladder!) Photo Guides: Our good friend, John Chadbourne, of Kodak, has sent us a very complete library of film and photo information, both movies and still. Thanks, John! Special Romance World Voyage T-shirts will be available soon. Red & medium blue, size large and medium. \$3.50. For yourself, family or friends.