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For immediate release
Tuesday, June 24, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Susan Ford will christen the official flagship for Operation Sail 1976 in St. Petersburg, Fla., Friday, June 27 at 11 a.m. Operation Sail 1976 is one of the major Bicentennial projects and involves more than 50 ships from 23 countries.

Ceremonies will take place near the Bounty Exhibit on the Municipal Pier in St. Petersburg. Susan will christen a Morgan 41-foot out island sailing yacht to be named OPSAIL '76 and later take the helm of the yacht into the Tampa Bay.

Among dignitaries present for the ceremonies: Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young, Eighth Congressional District of Florida; John Warner, administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration; Hon. Charles R. Schuh, mayor of St. Petersburg; Capt. Walter E. B. Godsal, assistant naval attache at the Embassy of Great Britain; and Operation Sail executives Henry Geyelin, vice chairman, and Leon A. Schertler, director of national programs.

Operation Sail 1976 will consist of an armada of more than 50 17th and 18th century ships from other countries who will tour East and West Coast ports during the Bicentennial year. The purpose of the fleet is to salute the United States in its 200th year and to emphasize the training of youth in sailing procedures. Each ship will be manned by youth 15-25 years old.

Operation Sail 1976 is a non-government, non-profit group headed by Emil Mosbacher Jr., former US Chief of Protocol and twice the successful defender of the America's Cup. The Operation Sail organization is composed of volunteers who are well-known yachtsmen, retired Navy and Coast Guard personnel, maritime industry officials and others interested in sailing. Great Britain is playing a major role in inviting and organizing other countries to participate.

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press contact: Jim O'Doherty (813) 822-1776
press credentialling closes Thursday, June 26 at noon.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Susan Ford has accepted the following out-of-town invitation:

EVENT: Launch the Bicentennial project called Operation Sail, 1976
by christening their official Flagship

GROUP: Operation Sail, 1976

DATE: Friday, June 27, 1975

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: St. Petersburg, Florida

CONTACT: Mr. Wayne Dixon
347-2397

COMMENTS: One of the major Bicentennial events will be a fleet of ships from navies around the world, a regatta of more than 100 sailing ships in a project called Operation Sail, 1976. These ships will sail into ports along the coast throughout the celebration concluding by "storming the port of New York" on July 4, 1976. The Chairman of Operation Sail is Emil Mosbacher. It's funded with private funds; it has the blessing of the Bicentennial Commission.

Susan Ford will participate in the first event of Operation Sail by christening the official Flagship in St. Petersburg, Florida, on Friday, June 27. The Flagship will be a Morgan 51 foot Out Island Sailing yacht and will depart from St. Petersburg for ports of call throughout the United States to encourage local city participation in the program. The "Bounty" is also tied up in the St. Petersburg dock and will be a part of the photographs. Susan would like her friend, Barbara Manfuso to accompany her.

Because this is a project the Bicentennial Administration is very excited about, John Warner will also be a part of the program. As you know, I have been in touch with Capt. Ellendorfer, Director of Special Projects at ARBA, 634-1742.

Although I have not yet talked to Mrs. Ford, as I usually do about Susan's upcoming commitments, I understand Susan would then like to go on to Disneyworld for a semi-private visit.

Although most arrangements have been made by telephone, the meager file is attached. Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
Warren Rustand
William Nicholson
Theodore Marrs
Maria Downs
Rex Scouten
Staircase



The first event in Operation Sail, 1976 will be the christening of the official Flagship of Operation Sail in St. Petersburg, Florida on May 23, 1975, at 11:30 a.m. -- but is flexible.

The Flagship will be a Morgan 41 ft. Out Island Sailing yacht to be christened OPSAIL '76. This yacht will depart from St. Petersburg for ports of call throughout the United States to encourage local city participation in the 1976 program, as described in the press release.

The event at St. Petersburg will include a reception for dignataries and the press in the area of the St. Petersburg city dock, where nearby "The Bounty" is tied up. It will include the declaration of St. Petersburg as an OPSAIL city.

At this moment, invitations are being prepared and sent. The presence of Miss Ford would of course expand our list to include a higher level of official than now anticipated.

Representatives of the following are expected--

American Revolutionary Bicentennial Administration

United States Coast Guard

Operation Sail 1976

Tampa and St. Petersburg Bicentennial Commissions

United States Navy

The yachting (sail) industry

Local press and broadcast

National newspaper and magazine press

Wire services

National yachting and boating press

Marine press

City of St. Petersburg and Tampa

State of Florida

Morgan Yacht Corporation, the doaner of the flagship.



20IV75

FROM: Jim O'Doherty
OPERATION SAIL 1976, INC.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In far-off ports and on sea lanes charted by mariners centuries before the invention of the smokestack and the oil slick, men and boys and majestic sailing ships are getting ready for a parade that's still a year away.

And what a parade it will be. The date is July 4, 1976; the place, New York Harbor, and the participants, the largest assemblage of square-riggers the world has seen since the 1827 Battle of Navarino in the Mediterranean Sea.

The occasion will be OPERATION SAIL 1976, which its planners say will likely be the most spectacular single event of the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration.

Invitations to participate have been flowing out since May, 1974, to the world's navies, merchant marine schools, marine museums and private owners. To date, 15 countries have replied, promising more than 100 sailing ships measuring 100 feet or more in length for the parade. Twelve of these are the classic three and four-masted windjammers of 200 feet or more.

"Tall Ships" committed so far are the Libertad of Argentina, the Esmeralda of Chile, the Danmark of Denmark, the Gorch Fock of West Germany, the Amerigo Vespucci of Italy, the Christian Radich of Norway, the Dar Pomorza of Poland, the Sagres II of Portugal, the Juan Sebastian de Elcano of Spain, the Gloria of Colombia, the U.S. Coast Guard's Eagle, which will be the host ship, and the Philadelphia Maritime Museum's Gazela Primeiro.

By the time the marine parade date rolls around, it's estimated at least 20 of the "tall ships" will be in the processional line. Virtually all of them are sail training ships with crews largely made up of cadets planning careers at sea with their countries' navies or merchant marine.

The OPERATION SAIL organization is a non-government, non-profit group. Its membership comprises well-known yachtsmen, retired Navy and Coast Guard brass, maritime industry officials and a growing crew of enthusiastic volunteers.

Chairman is Emil (Bus) Mosbacher, Jr., former U.S. Chief of Protocol and twice the successful defender of the America's Cup. General Manager is Frank O. Braynard, marine author and historian and one of the founders of Manhattan's celebrated South Street Seaport Museum.

Right now, says Mr. Braynard, the OPERATION SAIL organization ranks two of its projects as having equal priority: to get as many members of the world's dwindling windjammer fleet as possible to participate, and to raise \$500,000 to cover administrative, logistical and hospitality costs.

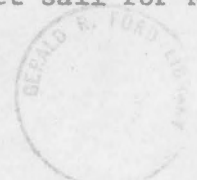
"At this point, we seem to be doing a better job in signing up the square-riggers than we are in raising funds," he observed, saying the group has raised less than one-fourth of the estimated budget required.

In a sporting show of broad-mindedness, Britain will play a major role in attracting the ships to this marine commemoration of the independence of her former colony.

The British Sail Training Association is inviting the sailing ships, large and small, to race across the Atlantic to the New World. The fleet will leave Plymouth on May 2, 1976, and race to Lisbon. On May 13 the fleet will cruise in company from Lisbon to the Canary Islands, setting sail on May 23 in a race to Bermuda, and then, on June 20, sailing still another race to Newport, R.I.

The last of the racing ships is expected to arrive in Newport by June 29 and after two days of festivities there sponsored jointly by the British and the American Sail Training Association, the fleet will set sail for New York on the morning of July 1.

-More-



Most will proceed through Long Island Sound to anchorage in Gravesend Bay by the afternoon of July 3. Ships too tall to pass beneath the Brooklyn Bridge (127 feet) will head westward off the southern shore of Long Island and make anchorage at Sandy Hook, N.J.

The Independence Day marine parade will begin at 10 a.m. the 4th and will take four hours from the time the fleet's leader, the Eagle, gets underway and the last ship passes up the Hudson River to the George Washington Bridge, the end of the processional route.

The sailing ships will pass in review of distinguished visitors aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier. In connection with the naval review, it is hoped there will be some 60 U.S. and foreign naval vessels in the Harbor.

After the parade, the visiting sailing ships will tie up at piers in Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey until the following Wednesday or Thursday, and a round of entertainment is being planned for their professional and cadet crew members, the latter estimated to number 6,000. A grand ball is planned for July 5 at Manhattan's new Port Authority passenger terminal. A ticker-tape parade will be held in the financial district on July 6 for the visiting cadets.

At the end of their New York stay, many of the ships plan to visit other U.S. ports before proceeding home. Under plans now being drawn by OPERATION SAIL regional committees, one group is expected to sail north to Boston, another through the St. Lawrence Seaway to Great Lakes ports, and the third to Baltimore, Philadelphia and on to southern and Gulf Coast ports.



Basic Dates for OPERATION SAIL 1976

PRELIMINARY - Bare Bones Outline

Thursday, July 1, 1976 8 a.m.

All ships leave Newport, Rhode Island for New York in 2 fleets.

1. All largest ships to head straight for Sandy Hook and to participate in New Jersey pre-parade event.
2. Smaller ships to proceed toward Hell Gate via Long Island Sound, with stops Friday night at such ports as Huntington, Oyster Bay, Sea Cliff, Port Washington, Flushing and their counterpart points on the New York side of the Sound.

Saturday, July 3, 1976

All day ceremonies at Sandy Hook for major vessels at anchor.

All day passage of ships down East River from Hell Gate, with their end anchorage point being Sandy Hook or Gravesend Bay.

Sunday, July 4, 1976

Parade - starting at 10 a.m. concluding around 2 p.m. Reviewing fleet to be made up of Naval vessels, headed by a carrier and support fleet; Coast Guard cutters and perhaps 50 foreign naval units, at anchor, on New Jersey side of Hudson River up to George Washington Bridge.

Captains will all come together for brief ceremonial. Ships will then proceed with aid as required to assigned piers. Piers in all 5 boroughs and New Jersey to be used.

Monday, July 5, 1976

Grand Ball for cadets at Port Authority new passenger ship terminal. Other balls for officers, for paid crews, perhaps for Naval crews at other locations (South Street, Seamen's Church Institute, etc.).

Tuesday, July 6, 1976

Ticker Tape Parade (held on regular working day so business community can benefit). To include all crew members, cadets, officers, bands etc. from all visiting ships: naval vessels as well as sailing ships. From Battery Park up Broadway to City Hall plaza.

Wednesday, July 7, 1976

Tuesday and Wednesday nights (also possibly Sunday) to be the nights that the cadets will be offered a night in a typical American home

Some vessels will leave Wednesday.



Thursday, July 8, 1976

General:

Remaining ships, perhaps with some exceptions will leave.

Tours will be available each day to historic sites and recreational areas.

A large hospitality center will be available for the cadets to meet with each other as well as local youngsters.

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COVER PHOTO:

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *EAGLE*, magnificent sail training ship of the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., which will be host ship for OPERATION SAIL — 1976.



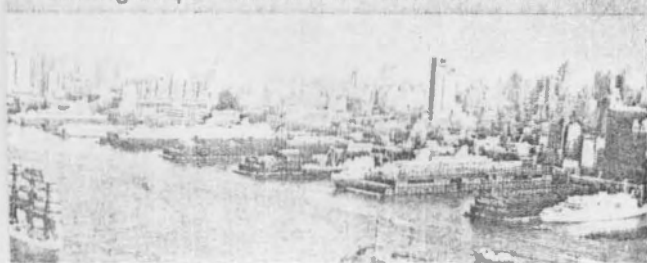
SHIPS MADE AMERICA, AND IN THE SUMMER OF 1976 THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL SALUTE OUR MARITIME HERITAGE. SAIL TRAINING SHIPS OF THE WORLD WILL GATHER IN AMERICAN WATERS BRINGING THE MESSAGE THAT THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE SEA IS REAL. THE RENDEZVOUS WILL INCLUDE VISITS AT MANY AMERICAN SEAPORTS DURING 1976. KNOWN AS "OPERATION SAIL — 1976" THE COLORFUL EVENT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR EVENTS.



Those interested in learning more about OPERATION SAIL may write to its headquarters office in **Room 73 W, One World Trade Center, New York, New York 10048**. Volunteers are urgently needed at that office to type, file and help in many different ways. Contact your local or Bicentennial Commission.

OPERATION SAIL 1976 is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation. (*Donations are welcome. Please make out your check to OPERATION SAIL — 1976.*) The project was started by the South Street Seaport Museum, famed maritime restoration effort on New York's lower east side. It is recognized by the National American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, of Washington, and many state and city bicentennial groups.

Sailing Ships "LIBERTAD" and "EAGLE"



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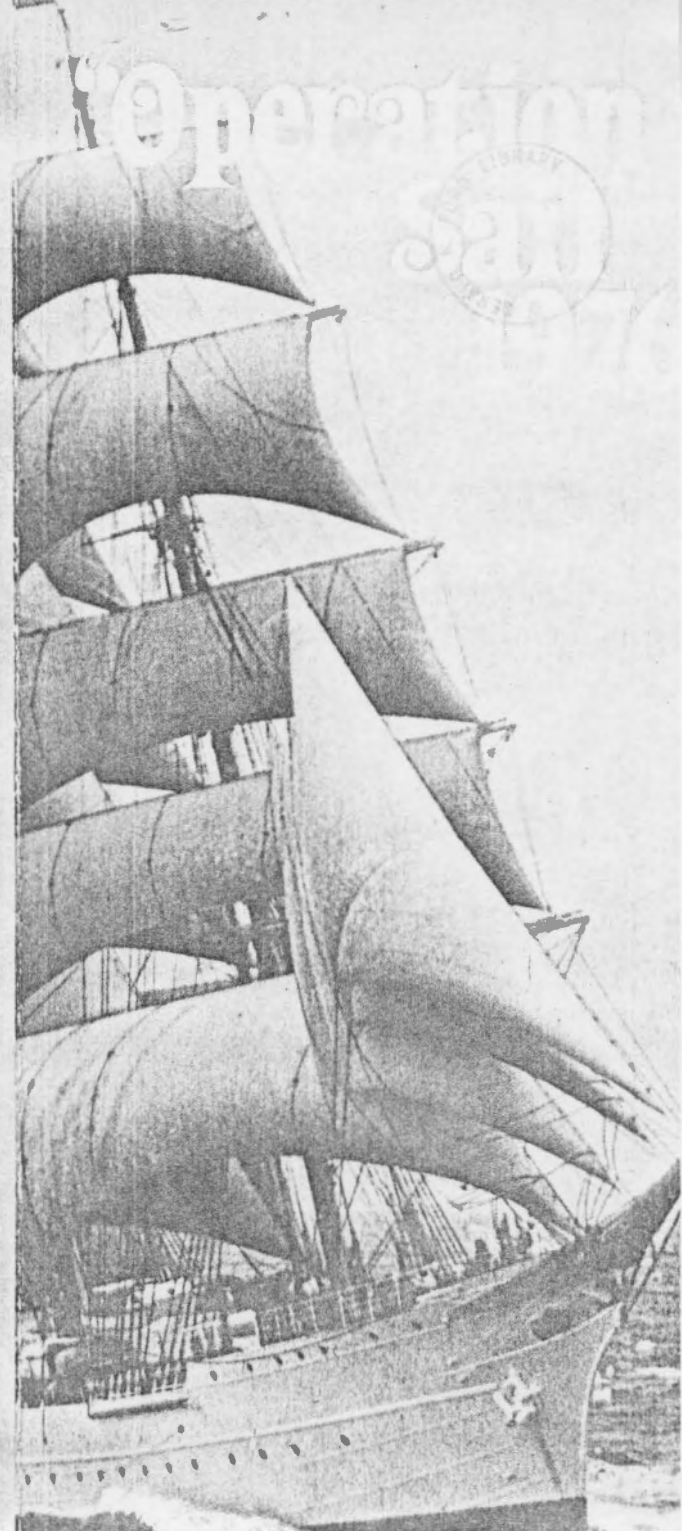
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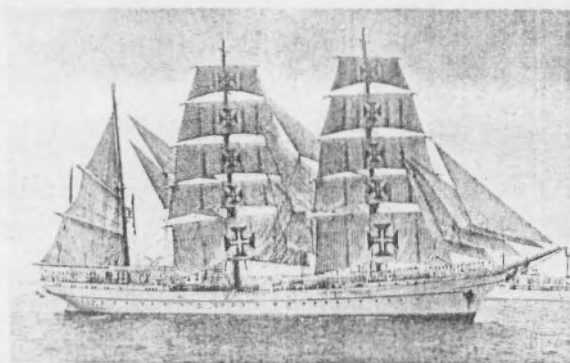
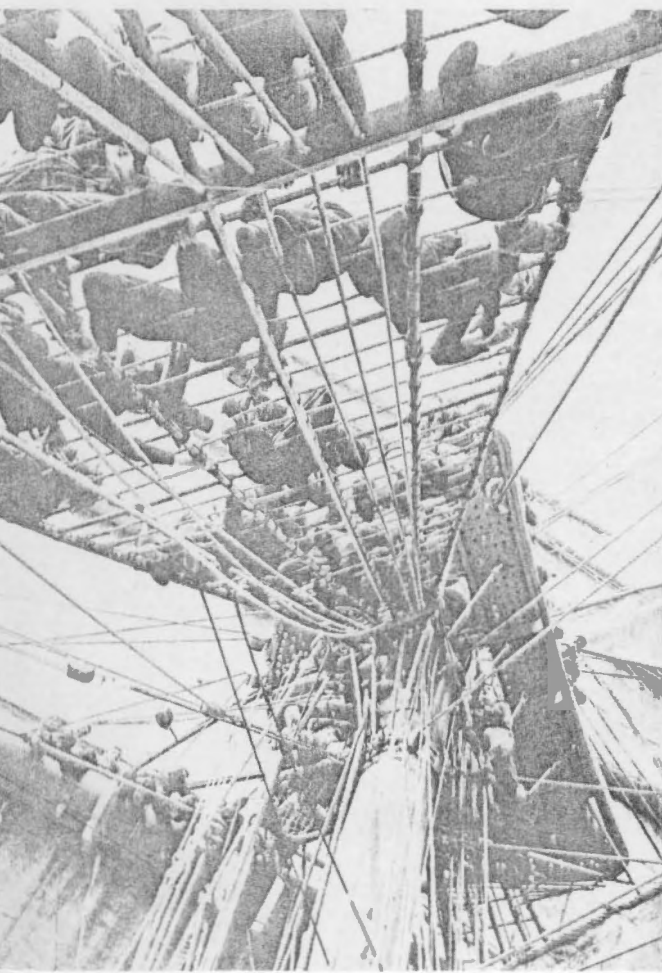


† "Many nations still maintain sailing ships, almost an anachronism in the nuclear age, because they believe there is no better way to build character in young men than sail training."

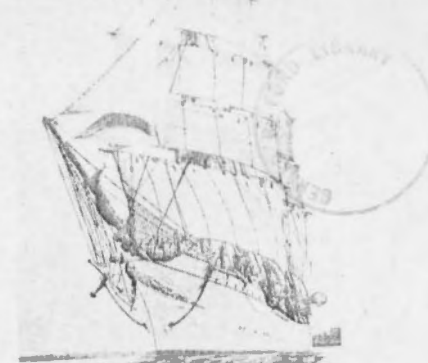
HARALD, Crown Prince of Norway

There are perhaps 35 major sail training ships in the world. In addition to these there are countless smaller sailing crafts used for training purposes. The Operation Sail committee, a private, non-profit organization of sailing and maritime enthusiasts, has invited these vessels to join in honoring our nation's 200th birthday by visits to American ports.

Cadets in Sailing Ship Rigging



Sailing Ship "SAGRES" — Portugal



Danish Sailing Ship "DENMARK"

THE PROGRAM

The British Sail Training Association has invited the world's sail training ships, large and small, to race across the Atlantic. Their schedule is as follows:

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|----------------------|--|
| Sun., May 2, 1976 | <i>Race from an English port to Lisbon</i> |
| Thurs., May 13, 1976 | <i>Cruise in company with crew interchange from Lisbon to Tenerife</i> |
| Sun., May 23, 1976 | <i>Race from Tenerife to Bermuda</i> |
| Mon., June 21, 1976 | <i>Race from Bermuda to Newport, R.I. (At Bermuda it is anticipated that many vessels from the Far East, Australasia, Latin America and the United States and Canada will join the fleet.)</i> |



The races will be run by the Sail Training Association, which since 1956 has done so much to publicize the cause of sail training.

After the trans-Atlantic race the entire fleet will enjoy the hospitality of Newport, R.I., and will engage in various inshore regatta activities. On Thursday, July 1, the ships will leave Newport for the parade to New York. Those too large to get under the historic Brooklyn Bridge will go "outside" to Sandy Hook, where they will be welcomed by N.J. residents. All the others will pass down through Long Island Sound, with overnight stopovers, as required, at various ports along the way.

HIGH GOALS

OPERATION SAIL has high goals. There is truth to the brotherhood of the sea. It has a real meaning, especially today in the world of atomic power and great risk to humanity survival. We are all sailors aboard spaceship earth. The oceans bind us together, and OPERATION SAIL will make this truth evident to many millions. It can be a positive force in the cementing of better relationships between the peoples of the world. It will be.

An anticipated thousands of young people from 20 to 30 nations will gather together, will sing together, will dance together, will parade together. Will lead the world together in the generation oncoming. It is planned that ships from this fleet will be able to visit many other ports on the Atlantic, Gulf, Great Lakes and Pacific coasts after their rendezvous at Newport and New York.

Their presence will remind America of its past maritime glories, will suggest that the seas still have much to offer.

"AMERIGO VESPUCCI" — Italy



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SUSAN FORD
MRS. FORD

VIA: RED CAVANEY

FROM: PETER SORUM

SUBJECT: SUSAN FORD'S VISIT TO FLORIDA
June 26-29, 1975

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for Susan's trip to Florida.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

BACKGROUND

"Operation Sail 1976" is a Bicentennial program that will involve the Nations of the World in a salute to our maritime heritage. Sail training ships of the world will gather in American seaports, bringing the message that the brotherhood of the sea is real. "OP SAIL '76" is a Morgan Out Islander '41 which will sail to many ports in the U. S. to publicize Operation Sail. Susan will christen this boat in St. Petersburg and take the first cruise, which will include a turn at the helm. Susan will also become the first cadet of Operation Sail.

Following a full day of activities, Susan will have a free evening on Friday and will drive to Orlando on Saturday to visit the Dr. Thomas Ford family. On Sunday, Susan will visit Disney World, prior to returning to Washington on Sunday evening.



6/23/75
2:30 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

SUSAN FORD'S VISIT
TO FLORIDA

June 26-29, 1975

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1975

4:30 pm Susan boards motorcade on South Grounds.
(EDT)

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
Washington National Airport.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

4:55 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Washington National Airport
(North Terminal).

Susan proceeds to National Airlines for check-in
and boarding.

5:15 pm NATIONAL AIRLINES (Flight #443) DEPARTS
Washington National Airport en route Tampa,
Florida.

[Flying time: 2 hours, 46 minutes]
[No time change]
Dinner will be served en route.

NOTE: Flight has one stop.

8:01 pm NATIONAL AIRLINES (Flight #443) ARRIVES
Tampa, Florida.

8:15 pm Susan departs aircraft and proceeds to motorcade
for boarding.

8:20 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Tampa, Florida, en route
The Breckenridge, St. Petersburg, Florida.

[Driving time: 55 minutes]

9:15 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES The Breckenridge.

Susan will be met by:
Hotel Representative
OP SAIL '76 Representative

9:20 pm Susan proceeds to Suite.

9:25 pm Susan arrives Suite.

REMAIN OVERNIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1975

9:10 am Susan departs Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS The Breckenridge en route
The Pier Restaurant.

[Driving time: 40 minutes]

9:55 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Pier Restaurant.

Susan will be met by:

Susan, escorted by _____, proceeds to
3rd floor assembly room.

10:00 am Susan arrives assembly room for program briefing.

10:40 am Susan departs briefing room en route parade vehicle.

10:45 am Susan arrives parade vehicle and takes her seat.

10:46 am PARADE DEPARTS en route Bounty Exhibit.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CROWD SITUATION

11:00 am PARADE ARRIVES Bounty Exhibit.

11:01 am Susan departs parade vehicle and proceeds to platform.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:05 am Susan arrives platform and takes her seat.

11:06 am Master of Ceremonies offers opening remarks.

11:12 am Leon Schertler offers remarks.

11:17 am Remarks by Governor Reuben Asken (D-Fla.)

11:25 am Remarks by British representative.

11:30 am Presentation of Bicentennial recognition by John Warner.

11:40 am Introduction of Susan Ford and presentation of OP SAIL burgee.

11:45 am Susan accepts OP SAIL burgee and offers remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

11:48 am Remarks conclude.

Susan, escorted by, , proceeds to Morgan Out Islander 41 for christening ceremony.

11:50 am Susan arrives christening location and awaits signal.

11:53 am Susan christens "OP SAIL '76" by breaking champagne bottle on anchor.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:57 am Susan will be presented flowers by a representative of the people of St. Petersburg.

11:58 am Master of Ceremonies concludes program.

12:00 Noon Susan boards OP SAIL '76.

12:10 pm OP SAIL '76 DEPARTS to Cannon Salute.

12:17 pm St. Petersburg sailing fleet "Passes in Review."

12:30 pm Cruise begins.

NOTE: Press launches will be along side.
Susan will take the helm. Luncheon will
served onboard.

3:00 pm Cruise concludes.

3:10 pm Susan proceeds to 3rd floor of the Pier Restaurant.

3:15 pm Susan arrives 3rd floor for informal reception.

3:55 pm Susan departs reception en route motorcade for
boarding.

4:00 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Pier Restaurant en route
The Breckenridge.

[Driving time: 40 minutes]

4:40 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES The Breckenridge.

Susan proceeds to Suite.

4:45 pm Susan arrives Suite.

REMAIN OVERNIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1975

7:55 am Susan departs Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

8:00 am MOTORCADE DEPARTS The Breckenridge en route.
Disney World Polynesian Village.

[Driving time: 2 hours, 15 minutes]

10:15 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Disney World Polynesian
Village.

Susan will be met by:
Hotel Representative

10:20 am Susan proceeds to her Suite.

10:25 am Susan arrives Suite. /

PERSONAL TIME: 6 hours, 30 minutes

4:55 pm Susan departs Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

5:00 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Disney World Polynesian
Village en route Dr. Thomas Ford, Jr.'s Residence.

[Driving time: 45 minutes]

5:45 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Dr. Thomas Ford Residence.

Susan proceeds inside residence for private dinner.

9:30 pm Susan departs residence en route motorcade for
boarding.

9:35 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Dr. Thomas Ford Residence
en route Disney World Polynesian Village.

[Driving time: 45 minutes]

10:20 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Polynesian Village.

Susan proceeds to Suite.

10:25 pm Susan arrives Suite.

REMAIN OVERNIGHT

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1975

10:15 am Susan departs Suite en route Monorail.

10:20 am Susan arrives Monorail and takes her seat.

MONORAIL DEPARTS Polynesian Village en route
The Magic Kingdom.

[Riding time: 5 minutes]

10:25 am MONORAIL ARRIVES The Magic Kingdom.

Susan proceeds to the Magic Kingdom entrance to be met by Micky Mouse, Goofy and Pluto.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

10:35 am Susan proceeds to the Jungle Cruise.

10:40 am Susan arrives Jungle Cruise and boards boat.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

JUNGLE CRUISE DEPARTS for tour.

10:55 am JUNGLE CRUISE concludes.

Susan proceeds on informal tour of Disney World attractions.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE

3:45 pm Susan departs Magic Kingdom en route launch.

3:50 pm LAUNCH DEPARTS Magic Kingdom en route Polynesian Village.

[Riding time: 10 minutes]

4:00 pm LAUNCH ARRIVES Polynesian Village.

Susan proceeds to Suite.

4:05 pm Susan arrives Suite.

PERSONAL TIME: 1 hour, 30 minutes

5:35 pm Susan departs Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

5:40 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Polynesian Village en route Orlando International Airport.

[Driving time: 45 minutes]

6:25 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Orlando International Airport.

Susan proceeds to National Airlines gate for passenger check-in and boarding.

6:55 pm NATIONAL AIRLINES (Flight #424) DEPARTS Orlando, Florida, en route Washington National Airport.

[Flying time: 2 hours, 44 minutes]

8:39 pm NATIONAL AIRLINES ARRIVES Washington National Airport.

Susan proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

8:50 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Washington National Airport en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 15 minutes]

9:05 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All associated with working details of OP SAIL Christening

FROM: Wayne H. Dickson

DATE: June 11, 1975

For the sake of time, we are sending this most preliminary scenario to you without further delay. Because of last minute changes and other mistakes, this piece is heavily edited, so please accept my apologies. However, we do want to get this into your hands without delay.

I will be out of town on business for the week of June 15th and will be returning on the 22nd. Don Higgins has my schedule and can reach me if needed. Leon Schertler and I have reviewed the enclosed schedule of events with Peter Sorum of the White House and found ~~everything~~ we have suggested to his liking. All activities are now set in motion. Final changes will be made in this scenario during the week of June 22.

Don Higgins, Julian Davies and Leon Schertler are the primary people to contact in my absence.



Initial Working Details

1. White House Press release -- June 20th
2. Purchase 5 bottles champaign scored and wrapped -- Wayne Dickson
3. Leon Schertler and M.C. dressed in Blue blazers & white trousers -- to be decided
4. Fleet of cars -- Pat Mason, St. Petersburg
5. Audio system -- Dick Dailey, St. Petersburg
6. Floating Platoon for press -- Dick Dailey
7. Press Contacts:
 1. Dick Dailey - local press
 2. Julian Davies - Marine press
 3. Jim O'Dougherty - National press
8. Invitations - Leon Schertler
9. OP SAIL photo blow-ups for reception -- Julian Davies
10. Portable communications for:
 1. Dick Dailey -- Dick Dailey
 2. Don Higgins
 3. Wayne Dickson
 4. Julian Davies
11. Trailer rostrum for ceremony -- Dick Dailey
12. OP SAIL '76 - Year Of The Sail" Banner for trailer rostrum and The Pier Restaurant -- Julian Davies
13. Special Invitations to:
 1. British Ambassador
 2. Governor Askew
 3. Both Fla. Senators (Childs & Stone)
 4. Congressman Young
 5. John Warner
 6. St. Petersburg's Mayor -- Leon Schertler
14. Invitation list of local St. Petersburg dignitaries -- from D. Dailey to J. Davies to OP SAIL, N. Y.
15. Assignment of boats for official party & press boat -- to be decided
16. Band (Navy or Coast Guard) -- D. Higgins & Julian Davies



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| 17. | Arrange for sail boats to pass in review and to be licensed, Coast Guard Control, etc. | - | Pat Mason
&
Julian Davies |
| 18. | Arrange for house photographers | -- | Julian Davies |
| 19. | Police, fire, rescue | --- | Secret Service |
| 20. | Preparation of ceremony grounds | -- | Dick Dailey |
| 21. | Coordinate Fife & Drum Corps and arrange for Pier Vehicles | -- | Don Higgins & Julian Davies |
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2. Purchase 5 bottles champaign scored and wrapped -- Wayne Dickson
3. Leon Schertler and M.C. dressed in Blue blazers & white trousers -- to be decided
4. Fleet of cars -- Pat Mason, St. Petersburg
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6. Floating Platoon for press -- Dick Dailey
7. Press Contacts:
 1. Dick Dailey - local press
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10. Portable communications for:
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| 20. | Preparation of ceremony grounds | -- | Dick Dailey |
| 21. | Coordinate Fife & Drum Corps and arrange for Pier Vehicles | -- | Don Higgins & Julian Davies |
| 22. | Coordination with Bounty to fire salutes at christening and as OP SAIL goes into Tampa Bay | -- | Pat Mason
&
Hugh Boyd |
| 23. | Bicentennial Flags, OP SAIL flags, burgees, insignias, ties, framed insignia for Susan Ford sent to Wayne Dickson | -- | Leon Schertler |
| 24. | Order OP SAIL T-shirts for crews | -- | Wayne Dickson |
| 25. | Determine Official hotel and working office | -- | Wayne Dickson and
Don Higgins |
| 26. | Establish press headquarters | -- | Julian Davies |
| 27. | Arrange press briefing on June 26 or 27 | -- | Wayne Dickson |
| 28. | Young lady and flowers for presentation to Susan Ford | -- | Dick Dailey and
Pat Mason |
| 29. | Remarks at rostrum: | | |
| | Master of ceremonies | -- | D. Higgins & Jim O'Dougherty |
| | Governor Askew | -- | Governor's office |
| | British Ambassador | -- | Ambassador's office |
| | Mr. John Warner | -- | Capt. Harry Allendorfer |
| | Mayor Charles Schuh | -- | Dick Dailey |



Basic Dates for OPERATION SAIL 1976 - PRELIMINARY - Bare Bones Outline

Thursday, July 1, 1976 8 a.m.

All ships leave Newport, Rhode Island for New York in 2 fleets.

1. All largest ships to head straight for Sandy Hook and to participate in New Jersey pre-parade event.
2. Smaller ships to proceed toward Hell Gate via Long Island Sound, with stops Friday night at such ports as Huntington, Oyster Bay, Sea Cliff, Port Washington, Flushing and their counterpart points on the New York side of the Sound.

Saturday, July 3, 1976

All day ceremonies at Sandy Hook for major vessels at anchor.

All day passage of ships down East River from Hell Gate, with their end anchorage point being Sandy Hook or Gravesend Bay.

Sunday, July 4, 1976

Parade - starting at 10 a.m. concluding around 2 p.m. Reviewing fleet to be made up of Naval vessels, headed by a carrier and support fleet; Coast Guard cutters and perhaps 50 foreign naval units, at anchor, on New Jersey side of Hudson River up to George Washington Bridge.

Captains will all come together for brief ceremonial. Ships will then proceed with aid as required to assigned piers. Piers in all 5 boroughs and New Jersey to be used.

Monday, July 5, 1976

Grand Ball for cadets at Port Authority new passenger ship terminal. Other balls for officers, for paid crews, perhaps for Naval crews at other locations (South Street, Seamen's Church Institute, etc.).

Tuesday, July 6, 1976

Ticker Tape Parade (held on regular working day so business community can benefit). To include all crew members, cadets, officers, bands etc. from all visiting ships: naval vessels as well as sailing ships. From Battery Park up Broadway to City Hall plaza.

Wednesday, July 7, 1976

Tuesday and Wednesday nights (also possibly Sunday) to be the nights that the cadets will be offered a night in a typical American home.

Some vessels will leave Wednesday.



Thursday, July 8, 1976

General:

Remaining ships, perhaps with some exceptions will leave.

Tours will be available each day to historic sites and recreational areas.

A large hospitality center will be available for the cadets to meet with each other as well as local youngsters.

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Smithsonian Opens Show On D.C. Mall

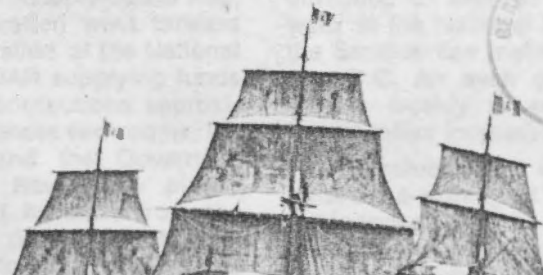
Many diverse themes coalesce in this summer's Festival of American Folklife, presented by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Park Service on the Mall in Washington.

This year one theme will cover "Native

Seamen Prepare For Op. Sail '76

In seaports the world over, men and boys (and a few girls) plus majestic sailing ships are preparing for a parade that is still a year away.

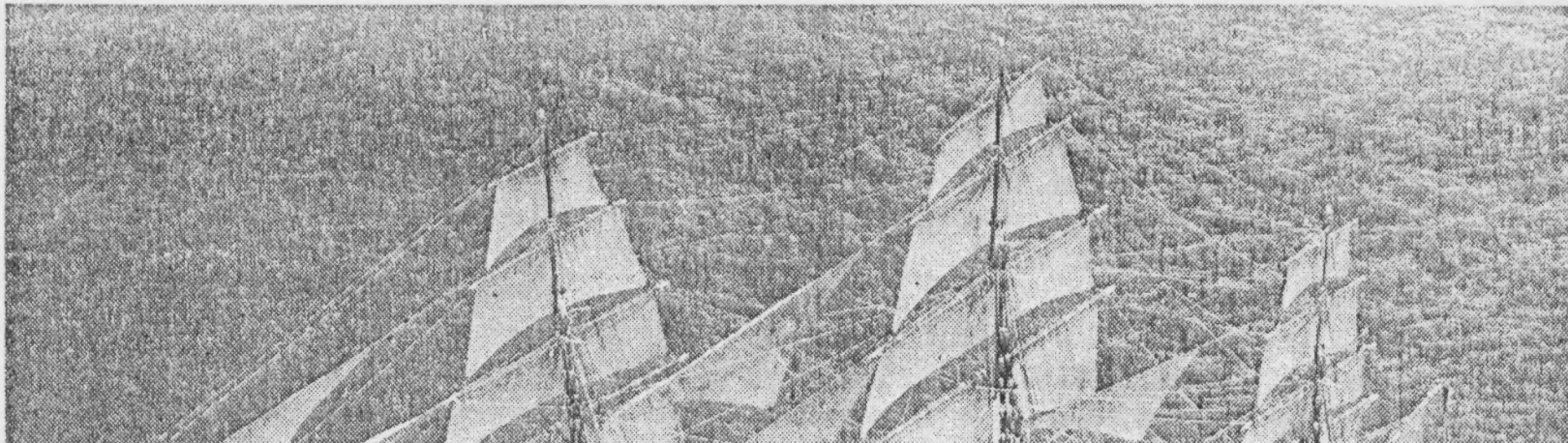
The occasion will be Operation Sail 1976, and the climactic moment will be July 4 in New York Harbor. The participants will be one of the largest assemblies of square-rigged sailing ships that the world has ever seen. More than a hundred sailing ships will converge on New York on that date, the crews will be



A Dream Sets Sail In 1976

By JOANNE A. FISHMAN

Frank Braynard wouldn't know a Mako from a Snark or a Swan from a Salty Goose. But he is the moving force behind one of the biggest boating projects ever—
Operation Sail



'76 Sailing Race to Recall Spirit of '64

By WILBUR A. HOLLANDER

For Frank Osborn Braynard, an author and illustrator with a special fondness for the sea, imagination has seldom had an ebb tide.

In 1964, during the World's Fair, he was a prime mover of

"So far, we have 16 private yachts from Poland, and 10 from Holland. And this time we have the participation of the East European countries—Poland, the Soviet Union, Rumania and Yugoslavia. And we're working on Bulgaria and Hun-

gary."

than 25,000 sailors in port, with a naval vessel representing each participating nation in a file on the Narrows. The main reviewing stand, he said, would be a United States aircraft carrier, with 3,000 distinguished guests aboard.

"It's going to be a people's

VESSELS WHICH HAVE ACCEPTED (IN WRITING OR VER-
BALLY) THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION SAIL 1976

AMERICA (2-masted schooner-USA)
Address of new owner to come

BARBA NEGRA (. barkentine - flies Canadian flag)
Captain Albert J. Seidl
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Nicholsons Caribbean Yachts
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St. Johns
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BLACK PEARL
Barclay H. Warburton, III, Esq.
c/o The American Sail Training Association
Eisenhower House - Fort Adams State Park
Newport,
Rhode Island 02840

CHARLES W. DANA (schooner-USA)
Captain Skip Walter
c/o Marine Motivations
30-20 Willow Place
Douglaston, N.Y. 11363

CHARM III (schooner-England)
Church Wood Estate
R. Stansell & Partners
Plymouth, Devon
ENGLAND

Chief Apt. 101 K
Ch...
CLEARWATER (sloop-USA)
Captain Frank Fulchiero
Hudson River Sloop Restoration, Inc.
88 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601

DANMARK (bark -Denmark-Merchant Marine)
Captain Vilhelm Hansen
Koebmagergades
Post Kontor
Copenhagen, Denmark



CHIEF APTAKISIK
Charles L. Latimer, ED. D.
Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

CHRISTIAN RADICH (3-masted ship-Norway-Merchant Marine)
Captein Kjeld Backen, R. No. N. (Rtd)
Manager, CHRISTIAN RADICH
Ostlandets Skoleskib
Prisensgt. 2 Oslo 1
Norway

DAR POMORZA (3-masted ship-Poland-Merchant Marine)
Rektor Kowaczyk
Wyzsza Szola Morska
Gdynia,
Poland

EAGLE (3-masted bark-USA-US Coast Guard)
Captain James Irwin
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
New London, Conn. 06320

EFFIE M. MORRISSEY (2-masted schooner-USA)
Mr. Harry Dugan
World Travel Films
Wynnewood, Penna. 19096

ELISSA (bark -USA)
Galveston Historical Foundation, Inc.
P.I. Box 3021
Galveston
Texas 77550

EVELYN (2-masted schooner-flies Danish flag)
Mr. Rick Miller
Four Winds Copra Trading, Ltd.
P.O. Box 491
Manhasset Neck, New York 10543

ESMERALDA (4-masted bark-Chile-Navy)
Officer-in-Charge
Estado Mayor, General de la Armada
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Santiago, Chile



FREEDOM (2-masted schooner-USA)
Port of Baltimore Sea School
Maryland Sea Service, Inc.
47-5 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

GAZELA PRIMEIRO (barkentine -USA)
Philadelphia Maritime Museum
321 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Penna. 19106

GLADEN (2-masted schooner-Sweden-Navy)
Officer-in-Charge
Royal Swedish Navy
100 14 Stockholm 100
Sweden

GLORIA (3-masted bark-Colombia-Navy)
Vicealmirante Jaime Barrera Larrarte
Comandante de la Armada Nacional
Fuerza Militares de Colombia
Bogota, D.E.
Colombia

GORCH FOCK (3-masted bark-Germany-Navy)
Federal German Navy
Kapitan zur See, Hans Freiherr von Stackelberg
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Segelschulsciff "GORCH FOCK"
23 Kiel, Blucherbrücke
Germany

HALCYON
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Warsash, Southampton
England

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Captain Anthony Q. Keasbey, RCN (R.) Ret.
370 Riverside Drive Apt. 5B
New York, New York 10025

HUDSON BELLE
Hudson River Maritime Academy
Pier 1, Foot of 60th Street



JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO (4-masted bark-Spain-Navy)
Capitan de Fragata, D. Marcial Fournier Palicio
Comandante del Buque - Escuela Espanol
Madrid, Spain

PATHFINDER (2-masted brigantine-Canada)
Mr. Frederick C. Stinson, Q.C.
Toronto Brigantine, Inc.
P.O. Box 10035
36 Adelaide Street East
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PERSEUS (3-masted square topsail schooner-USA)
Mr. Eugene Klakovich
321 Sapphire Street
Redondo Beach, Calif. 90027

PIONEER (schooner-USA)
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16 Fulton Street
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TOVARICH (bark-USSR)
c/o The Embassy of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics
Captain Anatoliv P. Zotov
Assistant Naval Attache,
2552 Belmont Road N.W.



UNICORN (brig-USA)
The Robert E. Derecktor Shipyard
775 Taylor Lane
Dania, Florida 33315

Poland has indicated that sixteen vessels
will come to OPERATION SAIL !

WESTWARD (schooner-USA)
Corwith Cramer, Jr., Esq.,
Sailing Education Association
3 School Street
Boston, Mass. 02108



VESSELS WHICH HAVE INDICATED A DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE AND ARE EXPECTED 75% CERTAIN

BILL OF RIGHTS (schooner-USA)
Captain Joseph Davis, Jr.
Bowen's Wharf
Newport, R.I. 02840

BLUENOSE II (schooner-Canada)
Captain Oddmund Skodje
c/o Mr. John McCormick
Department of Tourism
Government of Nova Scotia
P.O. Box 130
Halifax, N.S. B3J 2M7

CAPTAIN JAMES COOK (schooner-USA- Seamen's Int'l Union)
Harry Lindbergh School of Navigation
Piney Point,
Maryland

CORSARO II (sloop-Italy)
Ministero Della Difesa-Marina
Secretary General's Office
Rome, Italy

HENRY ADAMS (schooner-USA)
Peter Nelsen, Esq.
Atland Corporation
1801 K Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20006

KRUSENSTERN (4-masted bark-USSR)
c/o The Embassy of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics
Captain Anatoliev P. Zotov,
Assistant Naval Attache
2552 Belmont Road Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20008

LIBERTAD (3-masted ship-Argentina)
Captain D. Raul Eduardo Suarez del Cerro
Centro Naval, Florida 801
Buenos Aires, Argentina

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL (3-masted schooner-England)
Sail Training Association
Bosham, Near Chichester
Sussex, England

ST. LAWRENCE II (brigantine-Canada)
Mr. F.A. MacLachlan, President
Brigantine Incorporated
152 King Street East
Kingston, Ontario K7L 3A1

VENDREDI 13 (3-masted schooner-France)
11, rue des Halles
75001 Paris,
France

VESSELS WHICH HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE 50% CERTAIN:

L'ETOILE (schooner - France - Navy)
M. le Capitan de Vaisseau
Commandant l'Ecole Navale
29N Brest
France

HENRYK RUTKOWSKI (ketch-Poland)
Liga Obrony Kraju
Gdansk, Poland

KONSTANTY MACIEWJEWICZ
Mr. Leszek Kosek,
Grzyboska St. 30
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OVER PHOTO:

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *EAGLE*, magnificent sail training ship of the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., which will be host ship for OPERATION SAIL — 1976.

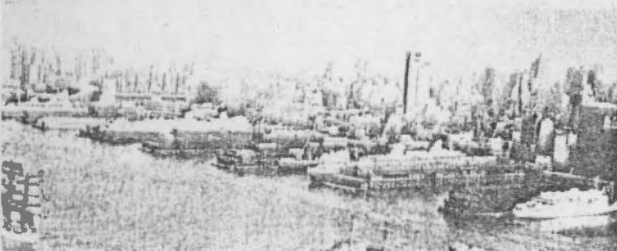


SHIPS MADE AMERICA, AND IN THE SUMMER OF 1976 THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL SALUTE OUR MARITIME HERITAGE. SAIL TRAINING SHIPS OF THE WORLD WILL GATHER IN AMERICAN WATERS BRINGING THE MESSAGE THAT THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE SEA IS REAL. THE RENDEZVOUS WILL INCLUDE VISITS AT MANY AMERICAN SEAPORTS DURING 1976. KNOWN AS "OPERATION SAIL — 1976" THE COLORFUL EVENT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR EVENTS.

Those interested in learning more about OPERATION SAIL may write to its headquarters office in Room 73 W, OneWorld Trade Center, New York, New York 10048. Volunteers are urgently needed at that office to type, file and help in many different ways. Contact your local or Bicentennial Commission.

OPERATION SAIL 1976 is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation. (*Donations are welcome. Please make out your check to OPERATION SAIL — 1976.*) The project was started by the South Street Seaport Museum, famed maritime restoration effort on New York's lower east side. It is recognized by the National American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, of Washington, and many state and city bicentennial groups.

Sailing Ships "LIBERTAD" and "EAGLE"



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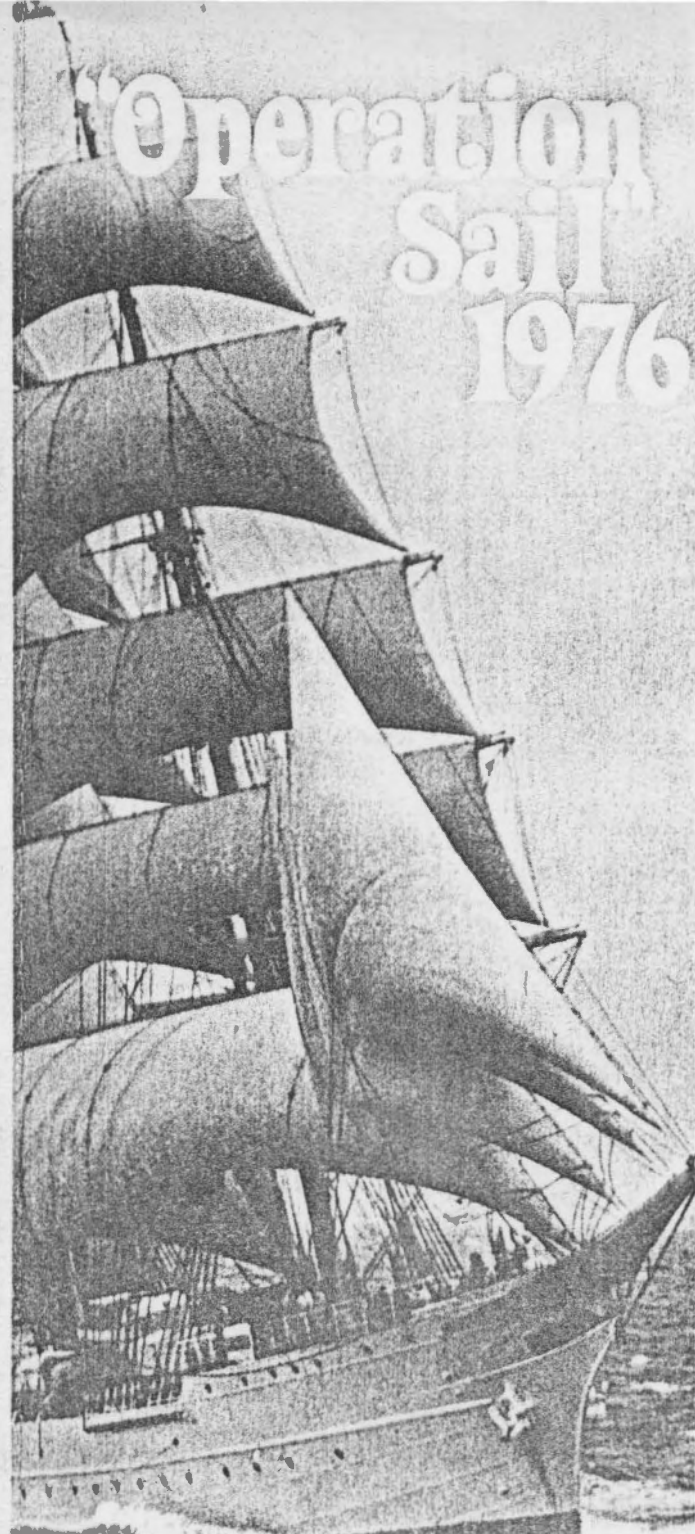
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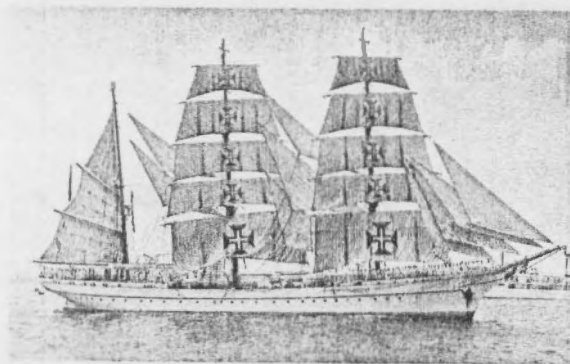
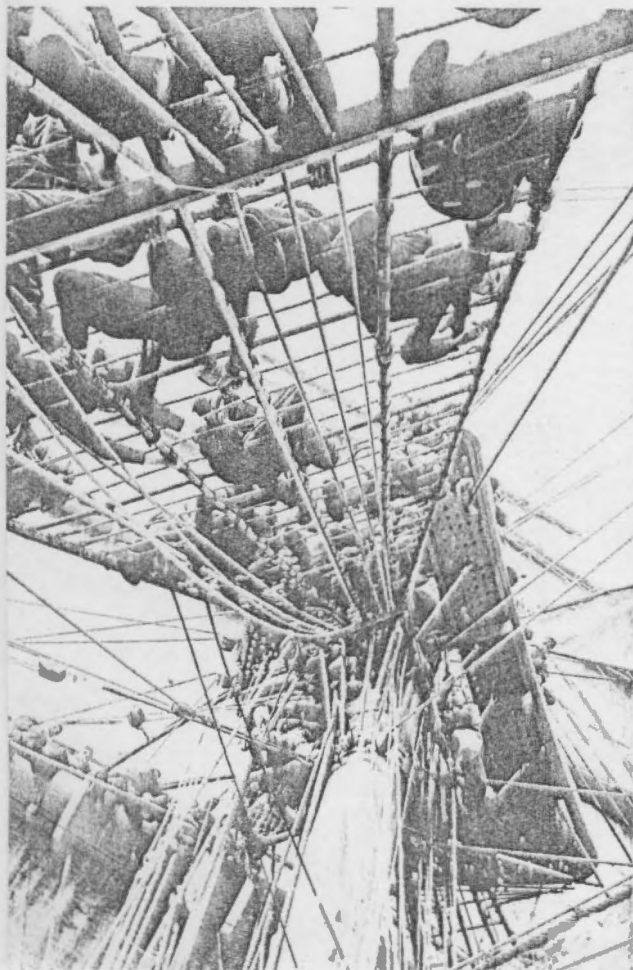


"Many nations still maintain sailing ships, almost an anachronism in the nuclear age, because they believe there is no better way to build character in young men than sail training."

HARALD, Crown Prince of Norway

There are perhaps 35 major sail training ships in the world. In addition to these there are countless smaller sailing crafts used for training purposes. The Operation Sail committee, a private, non-profit organization of sailing and maritime enthusiasts, has invited these vessels to join in honoring our nation's 100th birthday by visits to American ports.

Cadets in Sailing Ship Rigging



Sailing Ship "SAGRES" — Portugal

THE PROGRAM

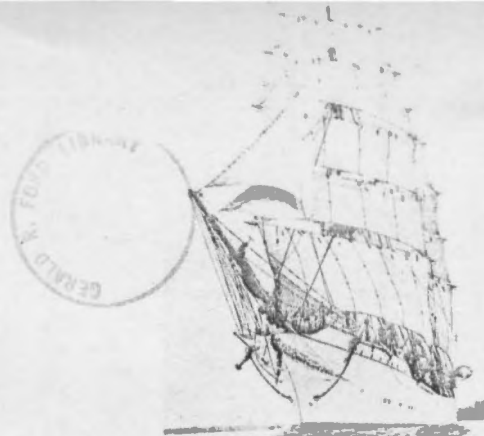
The British Sail Training Association has invited the world's sail training ships, large and small, to race across the Atlantic. Their schedule is as follows:

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|----------------------|---|
| Sun., May 2, 1976 | <i>Race from an English port to Lisbon</i> |
| Thurs., May 13, 1976 | <i>Cruise in company with crew interchange from Lisbon to Tenerife</i> |
| Sun., May 23, 1976 | <i>Race from Tenerife to Bermuda</i> |
| Sun., June 20, 1976 | <i>Race from Bermuda to Newport, R.I.</i> |
| Sun., July 4, 1976 | <i>Grand parade of ships up New York Harbor. After departing New York ships will visit other cities in the United States.</i> |



The races will be run by the Sail Training Association, which since 1956 has done so much to publicize the cause of sail training.

After the trans-Atlantic race the entire fleet will enjoy the hospitality of Newport, R.I., and will engage in various inshore regatta activities. On Thursday, July 1, the ships will leave Newport for the parade to New York. Those too large to get under the historic Brooklyn Bridge will go "outside" to Sandy Hook, where they will be welcomed by N.J. residents. All the others will pass down through Long Island Sound, with overnight stopovers.



Danish Sailing Ship "DANNMARK"

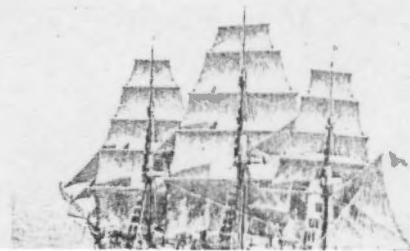
HIGH GOALS

OPERATION SAIL has high goals. There is truth to the brotherhood of the sea. It has a real meaning, especially today in the world of atomic power and great risk to humanity survival. We are all sailors aboard spaceship earth. The oceans bind us together, and OPERATION SAIL will make this truth evident to many millions. It can be a positive force in the cementing of better relationships between the peoples of the world. It will be.

An anticipated thousands of young people from 20 to 30 nations will gather together, will sing together, will dance together, will parade together. Will lead the world together in the generation oncoming. It is planned that ships from this fleet will be able to visit many other ports on the Atlantic, Gulf, Great Lakes and Pacific coasts after their rendezvous at Newport and New York.

Their presence will remind America of its past maritime glories, will suggest that the seas still have much to offer.

"AMERIGO VESPUCCI" — Italy



writers
Mark Hanebutt
helen hummel
charlotte buff

PHOTOGRAPH PLS SIGN BELOW

if you need space on one of
the boats to photograph Susan
Ford when she is sailing

<u>name</u>	<u>affiliation</u>
1. Howard C. O'Reilly	CNB
2. Dick Dickinson	St. Pete Times
3. Price A. Huber Jr.	ORLANDO SENTINEL
4. Fred Fox	Tampa Tribune
5. Nash Stebbins	Tampa Tribune
6. Russell Spence	Voice of America
7. LARRY ELLISTON	WFLA-TV NEWS
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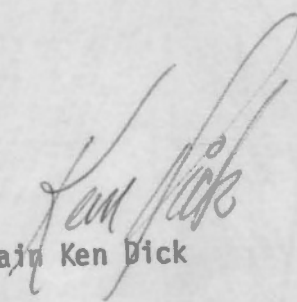


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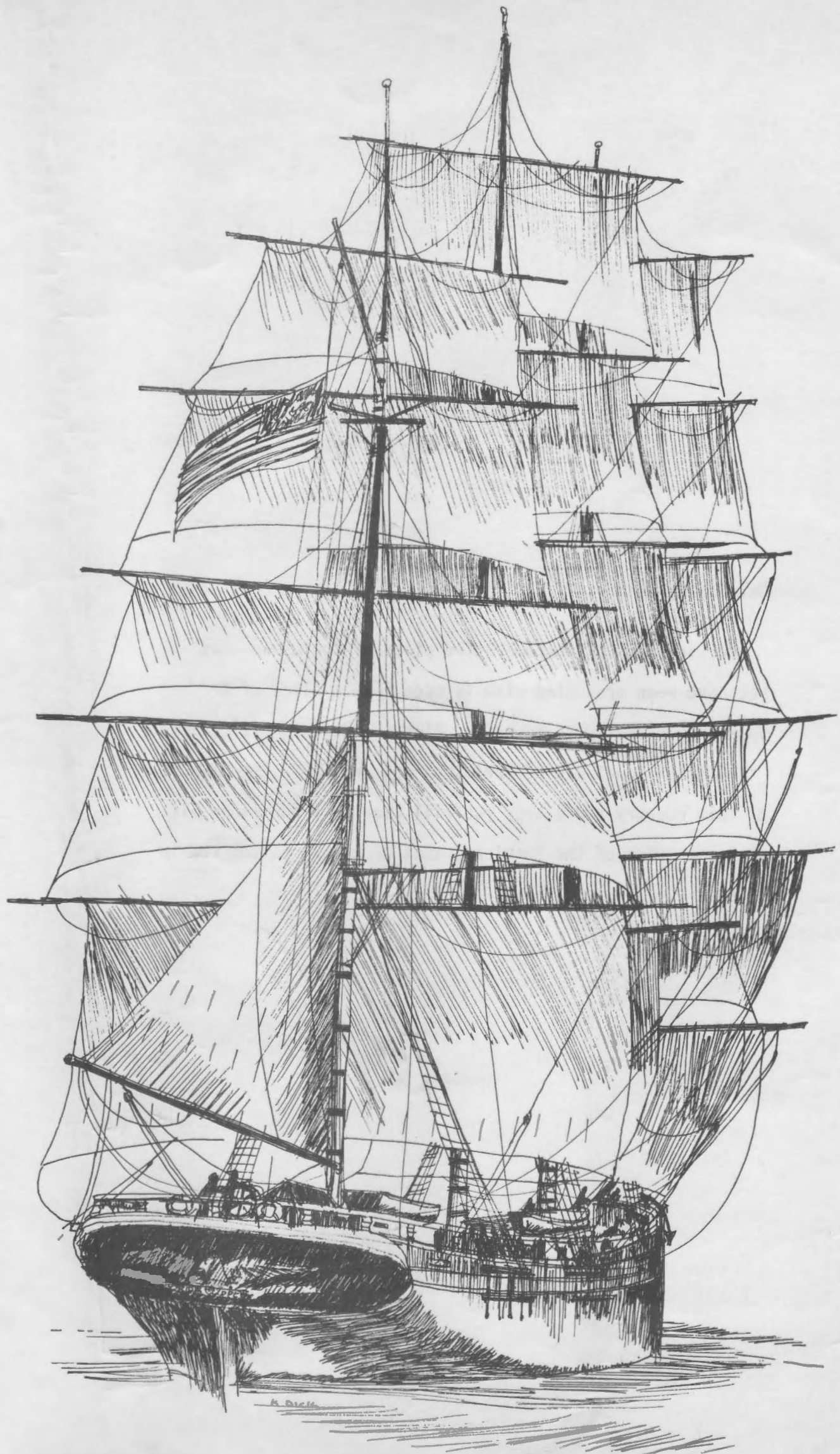
Welcome Susan Ford,

The Bicentennial commemorative piece of scrimshaw that you have been presented with is made from a slice of a sperm whale tooth, an important link in American history.

The traditional art of scrimshaw has preserved the history of this country and I hope you will wear this scrimshaw with the same pride of the Americans that went down to the sea in ships.


Captain Ken Dick





Scrimshaw — Sailing Ships and Whaling Men in Ivory

By Lydon Kuhns

If you are from New England, you know what scrimshaw is. But most people from other parts of the country don't. John F. Kennedy first brought scrimshaw to national fame when he was president. It is said that one of his favorite pieces of scrimshaw was buried with him.

What is scrimshaw?

It's the art of carving pictures on whale's teeth developed by sailors on whaling ships in the days of Herman Melville. Scrimshaw is probably the only native American artform developed by Caucasians.

"Scrimshaw, like gold, is where you can find it," said Ken Dick, owner of the Florida Clipper shop on the St. Petersburg Pier, and one of the few scrimshaw carvers in Florida — or the nation. "It's days are certainly numbered and, in a way, it's a lost art."

The main reason for this is an embargo on whale ivory in the U.S.

"Whales are now legally protected in most countries," Dick said, because some species of the mammal are threatened with extinction.

"Scrimshaw artists today use whale ivory purchased before the embargo, or acquire it from documented sources," he said.

Ken Dick is a flurry of ambiguities. He admires whales and wholeheartedly supports the embargo on their ivory — and elephant ivory, too. He calls whales and elephants "two of the most beautiful mammals on earth."

Yet Dick loves carving scrimshaw, not on plastic (as some buffs are proposing) but on genuine whale ivory. For the beginning scrimshaw carver, plastic's fine. But not for the veteran. It's the principle of the thing. He feels he is preserving a folk art and can't see plastic as a substitute. To him, scrimshaw is a link with the history of whaling ships.

"Whaling left a mark in history that few people know or understand," Dick said. "People should delve into the history of the American whalers. By 1850, the New England coast boasted 700 whaling vessels — now that's Yankee ingenuity!"

"American sailors painted their



whaling ships with fake gun ports, giving the vessels the appearance of a ship-of-the-line or man-of-war (war ships). Thus, in foreign waters, our young country gave the impression of having one of the most powerful navies in the world.

"The New England whalers had carried the American flag around the world, greatly adding to the knowledge of navigation and charting the globe's seas.

"The initial purpose of whaling was oil made from the blubber. The teeth were discarded by-products which some sailors picked up for souvenirs. Some of the more artistic mariners carved portraits of loved ones on the teeth, inscribed messages or recorded scenes of whaling.

"My carvings depict the past, the great courage of the whaler throwing a small harpoon into a whale



Photos by Art Lopatin

Above are some samples of Ken Dick's scrimshaw. The top two photos show the front (ship with sailing angle and sunburst) and back (square rigger passing another ship with quote from Melville) of a medallion Dick made and wears. The middle photo is a medallion with a portrait of Dick's wife, Rhea, incorporated into a nautical scene. And, bottom, is a whaling scene carved on an antique ivory letter opener.

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FROM: Jim O'Doherty
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In far-off ports and on sea lanes charted by mariners centuries before the invention of the smokestack and the oil slick, men and boys and majestic sailing ships are getting ready for a parade that's still a year away.

And what a parade it will be. The date is July 4, 1976; the place, New York Harbor, and the participants, the largest assemblage of square-riggers the world has seen since the 1827 Battle of Navarino in the Mediterranean Sea.

The occasion will be OPERATION SAIL 1976, which its planners say will likely be the most spectacular single event of the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration.

Invitations to participate have been flowing out since May, 1974, to the world's navies, merchant marine schools, marine museums and private owners. To date, 15 countries have replied, promising more than 100 sailing ships measuring 100 feet or more in length for the parade. Twelve of these are the classic three and four-masted windjammers of 200 feet or more.

"Tall Ships" committed so far are the Libertad of Argentina, the Esmeralda of Chile, the Danmark of Denmark, the Gorch Fock of West Germany, the Amerigo Vespucci of Italy, the Christian Radich of Norway, the Dar Pomorza of Poland, the Sagres II of Portugal, the Juan Sebastian de Elcano of Spain, the Gloria of Colombia, the U.S. Coast Guard's Eagle, which will be the host ship, and the Philadelphia Maritime Museum's Gazela Primeiro.

By the time the marine parade date rolls around, it's estimated at least 20 of the "tall ships" will be in the processional line. Virtually all of them are sail training ships with crews largely made up of cadets planning careers at sea with their countries' navies or merchant marine.

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The OPERATION SAIL organization is a non-government, non-profit group. Its membership comprises well-known yachtsmen, retired Navy and Coast Guard brass, maritime industry officials and a growing crew of enthusiastic volunteers.

Chairman is Emil (Bus) Mosbacher, Jr., former U.S. Chief of Protocol and twice the successful defender of the America's Cup. General Manager is Frank O. Braynard, marine author and historian and one of the founders of Manhattan's celebrated South Street Seaport Museum.

Right now, says Mr. Braynard, the OPERATION SAIL organization ranks two of its projects as having equal priority: to get as many members of the world's dwindling windjammer fleet as possible to participate, and to raise \$500,000 to cover administrative, logistical and hospitality costs.

"At this point, we seem to be doing a better job in signing up the square-riggers than we are in raising funds," he observed, saying the group has raised less than one-fourth of the estimated budget required.

In a sporting show of broad-mindedness, Britain will play a major role in attracting the ships to this marine commemoration of the independence of her former colony.

The British Sail Training Association is inviting the sailing ships, large and small, to race across the Atlantic to the New World. The fleet will leave Plymouth on May 2, 1976, and race to Lisbon. On May 13 the fleet will cruise in company from Lisbon to the Canary Islands, setting sail on May 23 in a race to Bermuda, and then, on June 20, sailing still another race to Newport, R.I.

The last of the racing ships is expected to arrive in Newport by June 29 and after two days of festivities there sponsored jointly by the British and the American Sail Training Association, the fleet will set sail for New York on the morning of July 1.

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Most will proceed through Long Island Sound to anchorage in Gravesend Bay by the afternoon of July 3. Ships too tall to pass beneath the Brooklyn Bridge (127 feet) will head westward off the southern shore of Long Island and make anchorage at Sandy Hook, N.J.

The Independence Day marine parade will begin at 10 a.m. the 4th and will take four hours from the time the fleet's leader, the Eagle, gets underway and the last ship passes up the Hudson River to the George Washington Bridge, the end of the processional route.

The sailing ships will pass in review of distinguished visitors aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier. In connection with the naval review, it is hoped there will be some 60 U.S. and foreign naval vessels in the Harbor.

After the parade, the visiting sailing ships will tie up at piers in Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey until the following Wednesday or Thursday, and a round of entertainment is being planned for their professional and cadet crew members, the latter estimated to number 6,000. A grand ball is planned for July 5 at Manhattan's new Port Authority passenger terminal. A ticker-tape parade will be held in the financial district on July 6 for the visiting cadets.

At the end of their New York stay, many of the ships plan to visit other U.S. ports before proceeding home. Under plans now being drawn by OPERATION SAIL regional committees, one group is expected to sail north to Boston, another through the St. Lawrence Seaway to Great Lakes ports, and the third to Baltimore, Philadelphia and on to southern and Gulf Coast ports.



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R. R. Gardner
1200 North Shore Drive N. E. Apt. 403
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

July 18, 1975

Miss Patti Matson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Matson:

You will recall that you offered to get Miss Susan Ford's autograph for me if I would send you a picture I had taken of her.

I took some pictures while Susan was here in St. Petersburg but the sun was back of the folks on the platform and their faces were in shadow and I was out in the crowd so I didn't get very good pictures. However I am enclosing some I did take and if you will get Susan's autograph, I will appreciate it very much.

I think it was so nice of you to offer but then as one Nebraskan to another, how could a nice person like you do otherwise.

I was raised on a farm in Nebraska, attended school at the Wayne State Teacher's College, taught school in Boyd County, Nebraska and served for a time as Attorney for the Federal Land Bank of Omaha. So that should make me a Nebraskan. However, I eventually wound up in Wyoming where I practiced law until I retired.

Mrs. Gardner and I are especially interested in the Ford Family. In the early days in Casper, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. King, Grand Parents of President Gerald Ford, were close friends of the Wilson Kimball family. Wilson Kimball was Mrs. Gardner's Uncle. The Kings had four children, two boys and two girls. Mrs. Gardner, when visiting in Casper at her Uncle's home, met and knew the two girls, Savilla and Marietta. And when Edness Kimball, daughter of Wilson Kimball, and Mrs. Gardner's cousin, was baptized, Mr. and Mrs. King acted as her God Parents. Mr. King had stores in Casper, Glenrock and Douglas and my home was in Glenrock.



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One of the boys was named Leslie Lynch King and was the father of President Gerald R. Ford. He married DOROTHY GARDNER, (whom I would like to claim as a relative altho I have no knowledge of any connection) . Then had one son and named him Leslie L. King Jr. As you know, Leslie and Dorothy were divorced and Dorothy then married Gerald R. Ford who adopted Leslie and gave him the name of Gerald R. Ford.

No doubt you are familiar with all this genealogy but since it in a way, involved Mrs. Gardner and myself I thought it might be interesting and I have made a little family tree showing how it all happened. And because of all this we will be most happy to have Susan's autograph. She just might be my thirty second cousin.

With all good wishes and much appreciation, I am

Sincerely

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September 11, 1975

Miss Pat Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Matson:

Enclosed is our latest material on the progress
of OPERATION SAIL 1976.

We will keep you informed as events take place
via our press releases and newsletter.

Sincerely,

Leon A. Schertler
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National Coordinator of Port Visits

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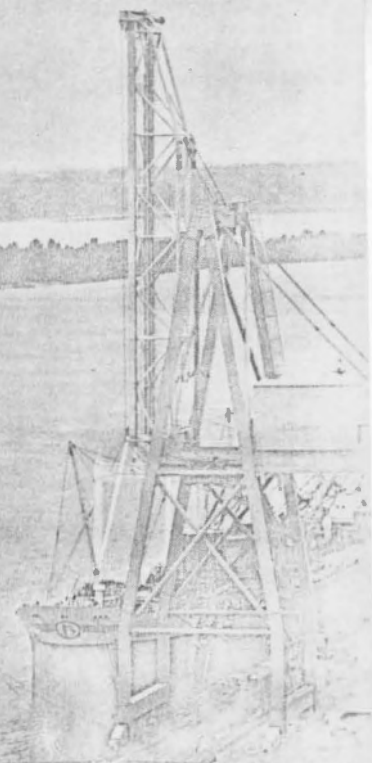
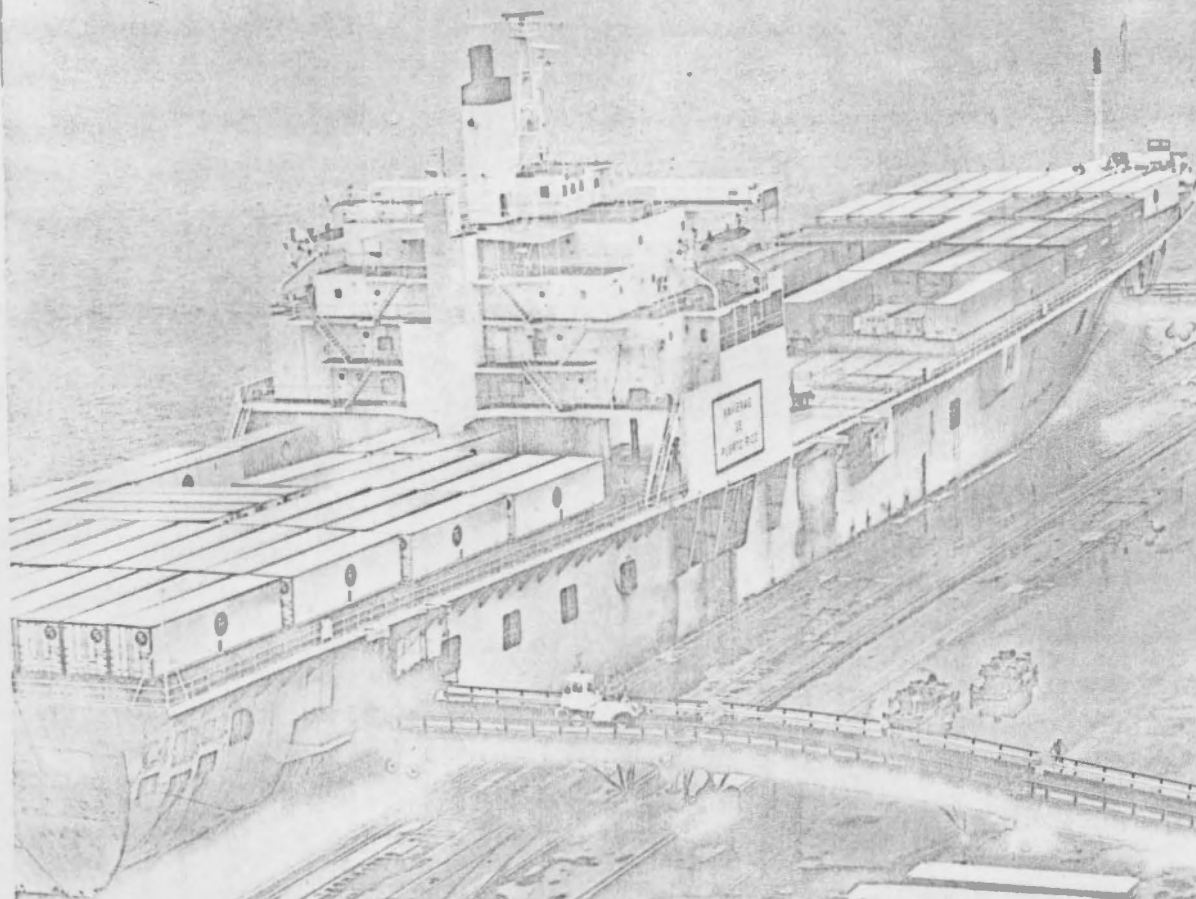


The sight of so many ships gathered from the distant corners of the world should remind us that strong, disciplined
and venturesome men still can find their way safely across uncertain and stormy seas. —JOHN F. KENNEDY

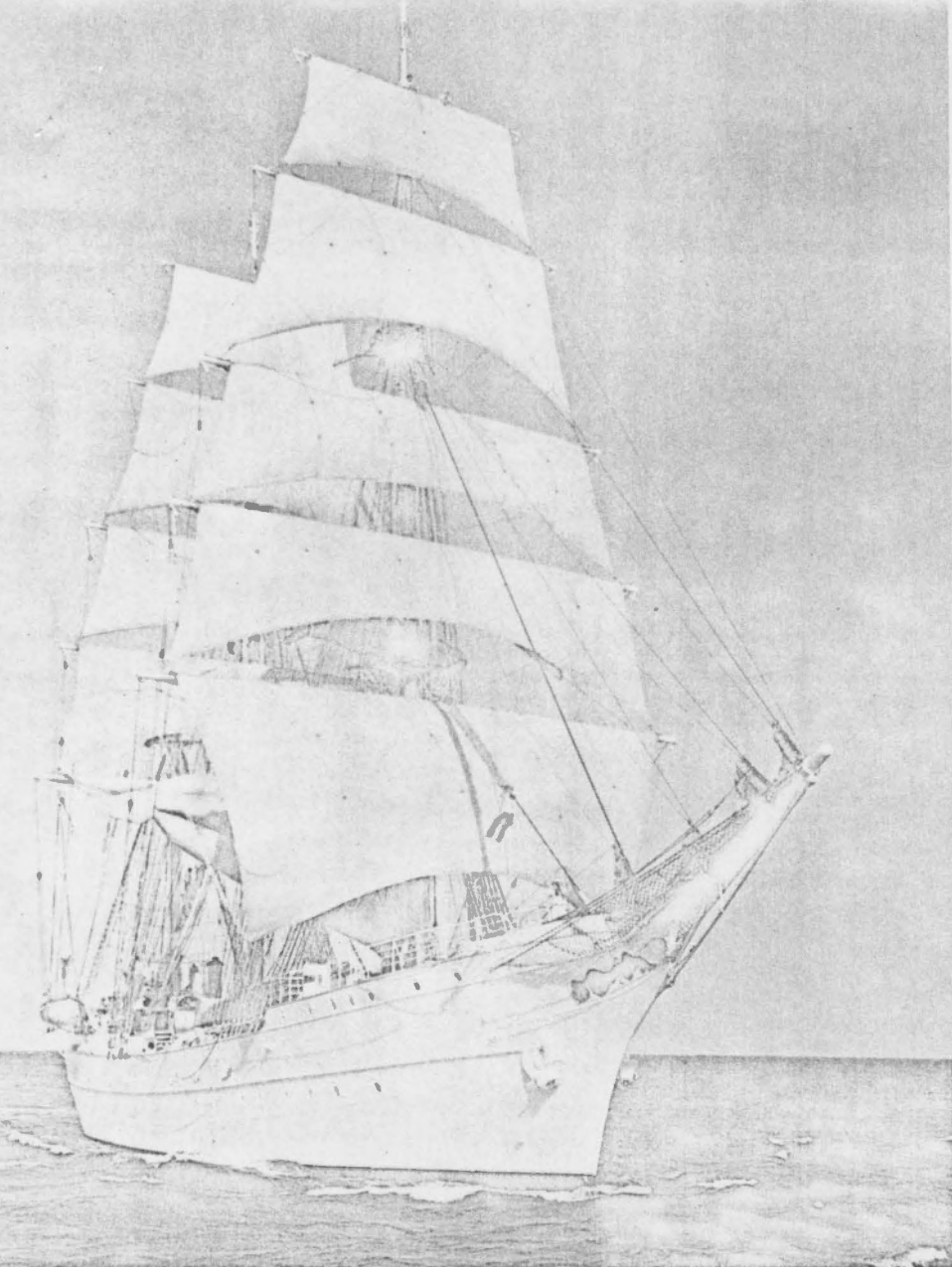
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THE TALL SHIPS AGAIN

By Harry P. Hart

When "Operation Sail" was held in New York Harbor in 1964, it was commonly thought that it would be the last gathering of the "Tall Ships." But, fate and Frank Braynard have deemed it otherwise! Frank was the guiding genius back in 1964 and now, a dozen years later, he emerges again as the moving force behind "OPSAIL '76" — Sailing's Salute to the Bicentennial Celebration of the United States.

We remember the early stages of "Operation Sail." Probably the first official movement was made in 1963 when Frank; C. Bradford Mitchell, the able historian; the late Commodore John Bayliss, "the grand old man of the United

States Coast Guard"; and the writer journeyed from New York to Washington to meet with the naval attaches of many foreign countries in the British Embassy. It was a colorful and interesting afternoon with the various officers united in the common bond of the sea. Also bottled in bond.

The British Embassy was the appropriate meeting place since Prince Philip enthusiastically accepted the chairmanship of the international event. President John F. Kennedy was an equally enthusiastic sailing buff and his interest in "Operation Sail" was tremendous.

But, it was Frank Braynard who put

the little pieces together. From them came a magnificent spectacle that was wonderfully breathtaking as the tall sailing ships proceeded under a fog-laden Verrazano Bridge only to break into the bright sunshine as they passed in single file before a flotilla of reviewing ships in New York Bay.

But, before that memorable morning and the rare sight of the sailing vessels, plenty of hard work, planning and a tremendous amount of effort made it possible. Just who was the one who made it possible? None other than Frank Braynard. This is the chap who persuaded the Government to name the first nuclear merchant ship the "Savannah". He is filled with a love of the sea and ships . . . he is a brilliant historian, very capable artist and the author of the voluminous history of the "Leviathan". He was a ship's news reporter at one time for the late lamented N.Y. Herald Tribune. He is back again getting the tall ships in line for July 4, 1976. He also is the man who is shaping up the South Street Seaport that will someday be New York's biggest tourist attraction.

After the New York Bay rendezvous next summer, some of the Tall Ships will head down the East Coast. The "Eagle" of the United States Coast Guard Academy and perhaps several of the foreign vessels will sail into the St. John's River July 23, 1976 for a 3-day bicentennial salute to the Number One Port in the South Atlantic.

Plans are now being made by Capt. Leonhard Andersen, Warren Anderson, W. D. (Billy) Lovett, Frank Allcorn, Captain Ed Dorr, Captain Ernest Murdock, Lt. Cmdr. Jim McCartin, Bill Newburn, and others to make the ships welcome here. Capt. William R. (Bob) Parker will be chairman of a special Propeller Club committee to assist arrangements. Dick Gourley is vice chairman.

Susie Ford, the daughter of the president, christened "OPSAIL '76," the Morgan detach donated to the committee for use as the committee boat in '76. The Chief Executive's charming daughter was attired, appropriately enough in a red, white and blue pants suit as she smashed the bottle of champagne across the bow of the Morgan boat and named her "Opsail '76" in St. Petersburg, June 27.

In Defense of Sail Training. Some people reading about the "Tall Ships" are liable to be critical of their use in the education and training of the future officers of ships in this day of modern technology, satellite navigation and push button controls. But, let the skippers of these training vessels sound off, as they did during their visit to New York in 1964.

Captain William Earle, skipper of the



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The Nation's Capital, led by its Number One resident, was an important source of news and support for us during recent weeks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1975

Dear Ambassador Mosbacher:

You and your dedicated colleagues are to be commended for your splendid effort to launch Operation Sail 1976 as a major part of our Bicentennial observance.

I am convinced that this colorful and exciting event will provide a fitting opportunity to remember and salute the seagoing heritage which has played such a predominant role in the development of our great country.

By bringing together major sailing ships from other lands you will also emphasize the international fellowship and goodwill to which we are so totally committed and which we recognize as an essential ingredient to a peaceful third century of national life. You have my best wishes and my full support in your endeavors.

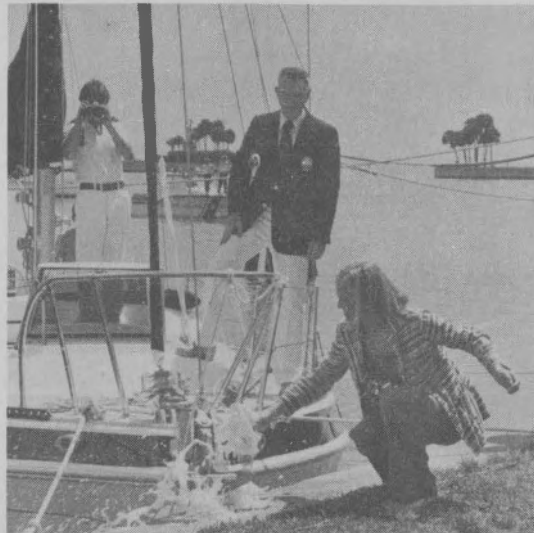
Sincerely,

Honorable Emil Mosbacher, Jr.
Chairman
Operation Sail 1976
One World Trade Center
New York, New York 10048

- President Gerald Ford warmly endorsed OPERATION SAIL in a letter to Ambassador Emil Mosbacher, Jr., our board chairman.
- Susan Ford, the President's 18-year-old daughter, flew to St. Petersburg, Fla., to christen "OP SAIL 76," our new staff flagship.
- Secretary of the Navy J. William Middendorf II, announced that an international naval review will be held in New York Harbor next July 4, complementing the OPERATION SAIL review of sail training ships.
- The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration designated OPERATION SAIL as recipient of a matching project grant of \$40,000.

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SUSAN FORD TRADES HONORS WITH OPERATION SAIL

Susan Ford, 18-year-old daughter of the President, flew to St. Petersburg, Fla., to formally christen "OPSAIL '76," our new staff flagship, and in the process was herself named as OPERATION SAIL's "First Cadet." Her new title testified to the fact that the true "stars" of next year's event will be the thousands of cadets who will man the sailing ships. Young men and women from 15 through 25 years-of-age, they are of her generation.

The christening took place June 27 in a festive setting on St. Petersburg's harbor. The ceremonies were arranged jointly by that city's Bicentennial Commission and Morgan Yacht Corporation, which donated the 41-foot Out Island ketch for OPERATION SAIL's use as a floating executive office until our program terminates late next year.

In the less than two months OPSAIL '76 has been at work, she has called at Miami, Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, Long Island's Sea Cliff and Port Jefferson, and New London, Conn., for meetings between our staff executives and local OPERATION SAIL committees planning to join our national program. Early calls also are scheduled for Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Philadelphia.

WORLD NAVIES TO REVIEW OPERATION SAIL

Navy Secretary Middendorf, at left in photo, as he informed OP SAIL Chairman Emil Mosbacher that an International Naval Review will be held in conjunction with our parade of sailing ships in New York Harbor next July 4.

More than 90 maritime nations are being invited to send destroyer-type ships to form the naval review line, at anchor, for the sailpast of the wind-driven OP SAIL participants.

The review line is expected to stretch the full length of the 19-mile sail parade route between the Verrazano and George Washington bridges.



JAPAN COMMITS TALL SHIP

The number of classic "tall ships" committed to participate in OPERATION SAIL 1976 has been increased to a record 13 with the July announcement by the Japanese Government that it would send its magnificent NIPPON MARU to parade with us up the Hudson River next July 4.

This great four-masted steel bark measures 318-feet overall and displaces 4,043 tons. Operated by the Institute of Sea Training of Japan's Ministry of Transport, she carries a complement of 19 officers, 47 ordinary seamen and 112 to 120 cadets in training for the merchant marine.

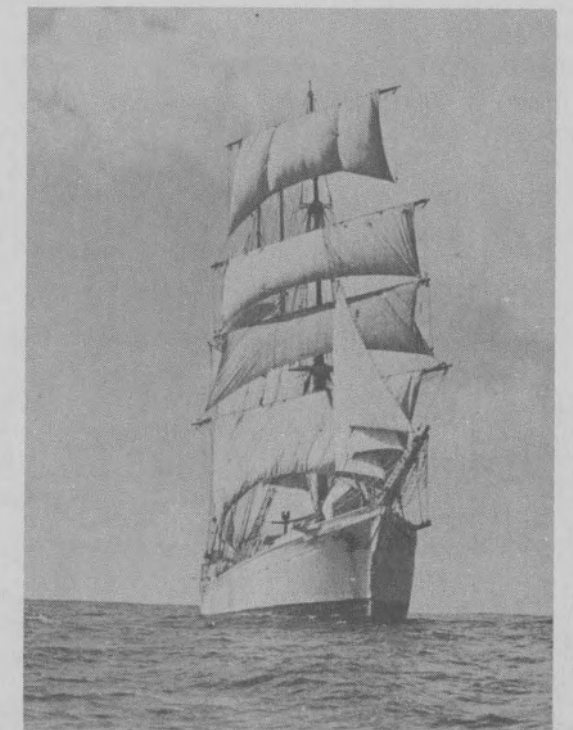
The NIPPON MARU was built in 1930 at the Kawasaki Dockyards in Kobe. During World War II she was more fortunate than five of her sister training ships, which were lost to bombs or mines, and survived to spend the immediate postwar years in transporting repatriates from other Pacific lands back to their Japanese homeland. She resumed her normal schedule of peacetime training cruises in 1953, calling first at the Hawaiian Islands.

To send this ship to New York will be a substantial undertaking. She plans to sail from Japan on April 15, a full two and one-half months before our event. Meanwhile, Japan's Finance Ministry has allocated 400 million yen (or \$1.3 million U.S.) for new engines and fittings in preparation for the voyage.

OLDEST OF ALL?

Perhaps the oldest ship in our July 4th fleet will be the Philadelphia Maritime Museum's great barkentine GAZELA PRIMEIRO. Built in Cacilhas, Portugal, in 1883, she is one of the very few wooden ships of her time and type left in the world. The last of the Portugese square-rigged fishing fleet, she worked at her trade until just six years ago, sailing every spring from Lisbon to the fishing grounds off Newfoundland's Grand Banks. Fishing from single-man dories in the open sea, it often took six months before her hold was filled with salted cod and she could return home.

This 178-foot vessel was built of Portugese pine cut from a national forest preserve planted in 1460 by Prince Henry, The Navigator, expressly for the building of ships. This fine old ship, the gift to the museum of an anonymous donor, will carry a crew of 37 to OPERATION SAIL. Life will be somewhat spartan by today's standards. Her only running water is from a hand pump in the galley. The only bathing facility is a shower head -- on the open deck -- attached to the bottom of a bucket-filled water keg.



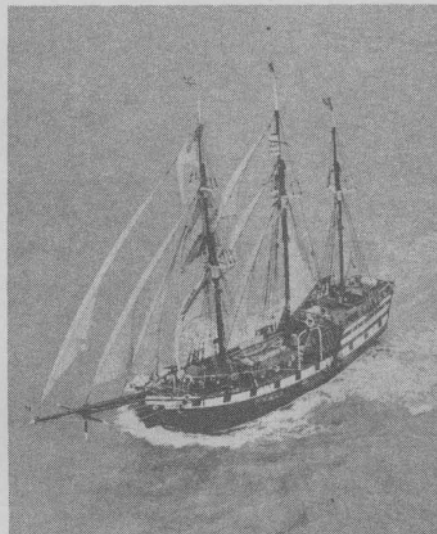
GAZELA PRIMEIRO

Port watchers along the Eastern Seaboard are having an uncommon treat this summer as a number of international sailing ships pay visits amounting to mini-previews of our parade next year.

Spain's three-masted topsail schooner JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO visited Miami and New York City in May. The colorful 79-year-old former Norwegian whaler BARBA NEGRA and the Port of Baltimore Sea School's 100-foot staysail schooner FREEDOM arrived together at Manhattan's famous South Street Seaport on July 22, the old barquentine for a three-week stay and the American training ship, two days.

Argentina's magnificent 206-foot, full-rigged LIBERTAD is calling at New London, Conn., Aug. 12-18, as guest of the U.S. Navy.

The Norwegian windjammer CHRISTIAN RADICH, a 298-foot, full-rigged frigate, is causing a stir as she visits six eastern port cities as part of celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the departure of the first immigrants from Norway to the New World. Her schedule: Miami, Aug. 8-14; Norfolk, Aug. 19-21; Washington, D.C., Aug. 22-26; Baltimore, Aug. 27-29; Philadelphia, Aug. 30-Sept. 4, and New York City, Sept. 6-12.



BARBA NEGRA

When the Norwegian sail training ship ties up at the South Street Seaport on the 6th she will be joining the U.S. Coast Guard's celebrated 265-foot bark EAGLE, which will have preceded her into the museum's piers on Aug. 29 for a nine-day visit.

OP SAIL DECAL FOR DONORS

This striking decal (actually colored red, white and blue) is now available to donors to OPERATION SAIL 1976, for application to windshields, store windows, briefcases, handbags or any other articles our donor wishes to use to proclaim his or her support of this historic event.

The decal will be provided to all who donate \$5.00 or more to OP SAIL. It is tax-deductible. Just fill out the coupon below, enclose your money order or check made out to Operation Sail 1976, Inc., and send it on to us. We'll send your decal by return mail.



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Larry Elliston
WFLA-TV
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Ms. Patty Matson
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Patty:

Here is the film I promised on Susan Ford sailing in Tampa Bay during Operation Sail.

It's the out-takes, but I think she will like it. By the way, our report on Susan was shown a couple of days later on NBC.

I've started keeping closer tabs on Susan since she was here, and I hope this will be a good 18th year for her. I also think it's far-out that she's into photography. I'm sorry I did not have the opportunity to talk with her.

Patty, if I have the need for anymore communications up your way, I hope you don't mind if I drop you a line.

Also, would it be possible to receive a Presidential Memento?

Sincerely,

Larry Elliston

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October 26, 1975

Dear Larry:

Thanks so much for the film. Susan really appreciated it and plans to include it among her treasured mementos. Things of this type are really a treat for her to receive because she can save them and they also bring back many fun memories.

Again, thanks from Susan and me.

Sincerely,

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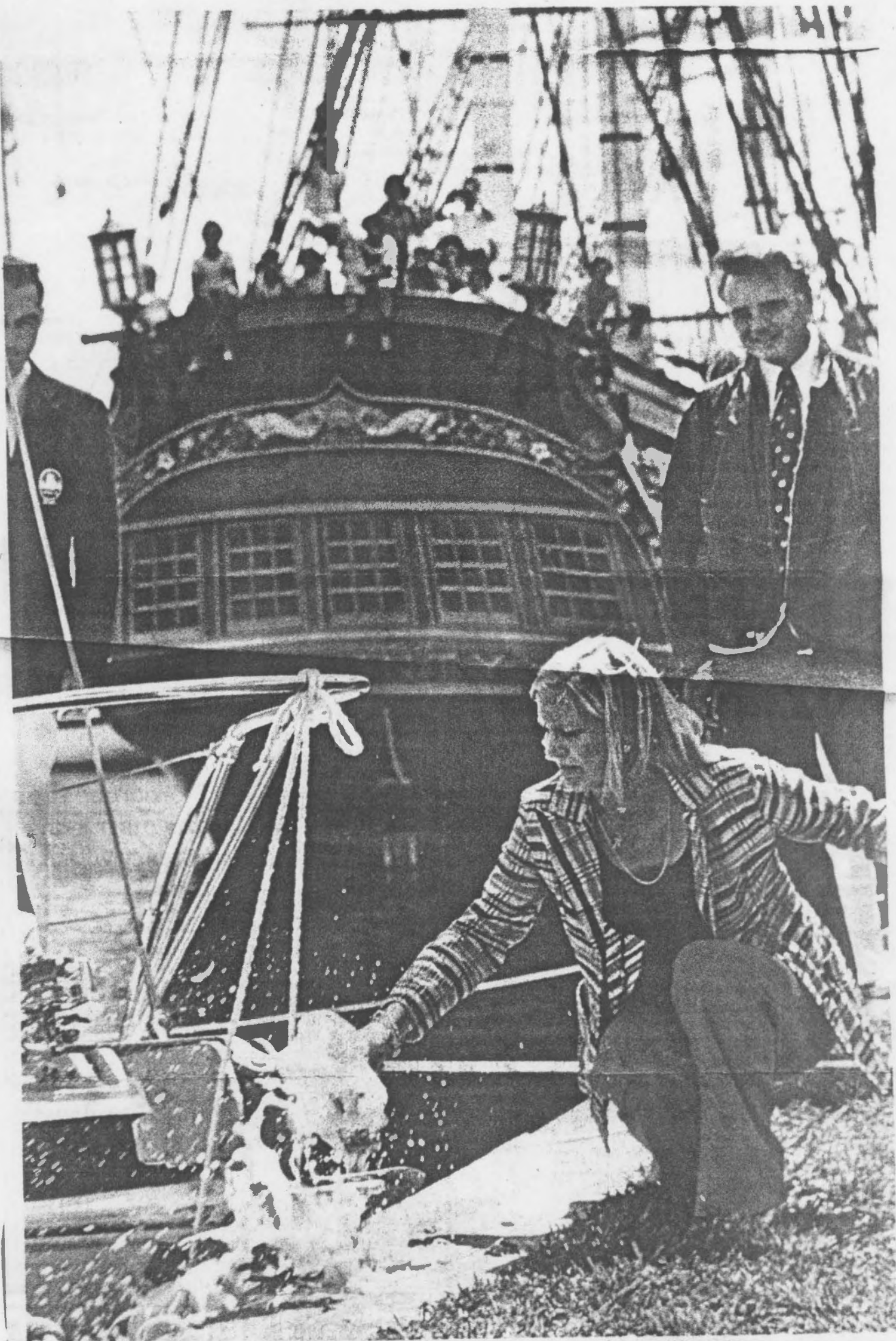
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Susan Ford kicks off sail celebration

In the shadow of St. Petersburg's Bounty, Pres-

pagne on the bow of the yacht "Opsail." The

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AT THE HELM: Susan Ford on Opsall in Tampa Bay Friday. She helped start
ennial celebration and had earlier christened the yacht. At the left is Repre
C. W. (Bill) Young, Republican from St. Petersburg, Fla.

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PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. (AP) -- SAILING BUFF SUSAN FORD WILL TRY HER HAND AT THE WHEEL OF A 41-FOOT YACHT TODAY, THE FLAGSHIP FOR A PROGRAM HONORING OLD TIME THREE AND FOUR-MASTED VESSELS.

PRESIDENT FORD'S DAUGHTER WILL CHRISTEN THE YACHT, "OPSAIL," IN BICENTENNIAL CEREMONIES. IT'S THE FIRST OFFICIAL FUNCTION FOR "OPERATION SAIL '76," A PROGRAM TO EMPHASIZE AMERICA'S HERITAGE OF THE SEA, PROGRAM LEADERS SAY.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONIES MISS FORD WILL TAKE A CRUISE ON TAMPA BAY, ESCORTED BY COAST GUARD SHIPS AND A FLEET OF SAILBOATS.

"SHE'S REALLY INTO SAILING," SAID PATTI MATSON, FIRST LADY BETTY FORD'S ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY.

MISS FORD PROBABLY WILL SPEND THE WEEKEND IN FLORIDA, MISS MATSON SAID. SHE SAID MISS FORD WANTS TO VISIT HER COUSIN, DR. THOMAS FORD, IN ORLANDO DURING HER TRIP.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. (AP) -- SUSAN FORD, DECKED OUT FOR THE OCCASION IN A RED, WHITE AND BLUE PANTS SUIT, WENT SAILING ON A 41-FOOT YACHT TODAY TO KICK OFF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL'S "OPERATION SAIL '76."

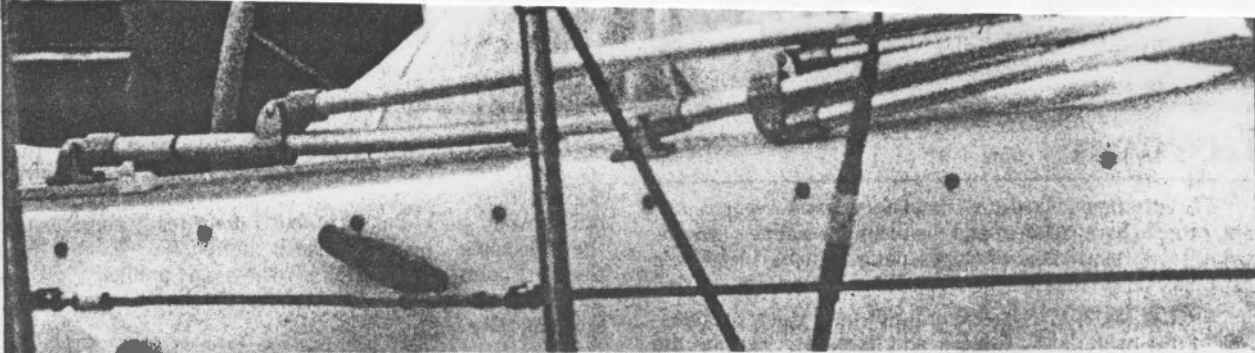
"IT'S A GREAT DAY, AND IT'S GOOD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE," THE PRESIDENT'S 17-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER SAID AS SHE SMASHED A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE IN CHRISTENING THE YACHT "OPSAIL."

WITH MISS FORD ABOARD, THE YACHT LED A FLEET OF SAILBOATS ON A TAMPA BAY CRUISE.

"OPERATION SAIL" IS DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE AMERICA'S HERITAGE OF THE SEA. THE YACHT "OPSAIL" WILL BE THE FLAG SHIP FOR A GALA JULY 4, 1976 CELEBRATION WHICH WILL SEE A FLEET OF SAILBOATS BEGIN AN EAST COAST CRUISE AT NEW YORK HARBOR.

Susan Goes Sailing for Bicentennial
 Susan Ford, daughter of President and Mrs. Ford, takes the helm aboard the sailing yacht "Opsail" on Tampa Bay, Tampa, Fla., yesterday to help kick off a Bicentennial celebration there. At left is Florida Congressman C. W. Young, R-St. Petersburg Beach. The men at right were not identified.
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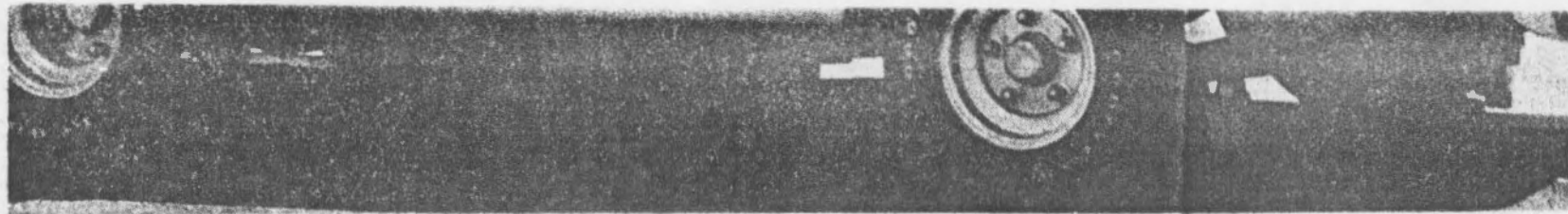
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Indira Gandhi, who warned of a "widespread conspiracy" among opposition political parties to disrupt India's internal security. Opponents had called for Mrs. Gandhi's resignation after her conviction June 12 for violating



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SUSAN FORD WAVES FROM GRAND PRIX: Sharing car is Suzy O'Hara with Barbara Manfuso, left, and Mrs. Tom Ford in next racer

Mickey 'N Mates Meet Susan

By MARK HANE BUTT

Sentinel Star Staff

Susan Ford, daughter of President Ford, Sunday shook hands with Mickey Mouse, kissed Grumpy on the nose and watched a

trouble at the amusement park's Grand Prix attraction and jumped up with mild fright when a guide on the Jungle Cruise shouted that the mechanical hippo was getting angry.

After they found Dopey, she kissed him on the nose too.

The photographers wanted shots of that. They swarmed around her, stumbling over their feet to get just the right position.

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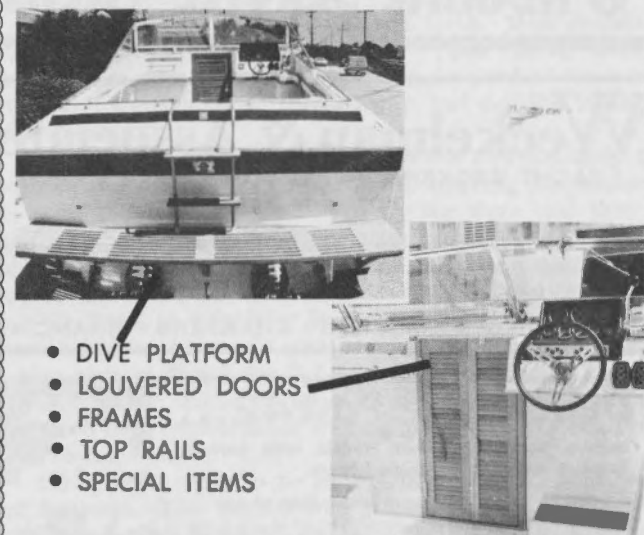
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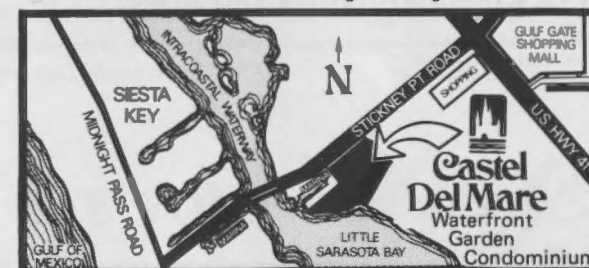
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