



Cruising Club of America, San Francisco (SAF) Station Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2015

Location: San Francisco Yacht Club

Attendance: Please see the list of attendees at the end of these minutes.

Call to Order: Rear Commodore Hanelt called the meeting to order at 1155, welcomed everyone to the April meeting and thanked the San Francisco Yacht Club for hosting the event and Jerry Eaton for sponsoring and coordinating it.

Guests were introduced: Maura and Bob Morey and Nancy Drew Stephens (guests of Mary Crowley); Sean Meagher (our speaker) and his guests Shelton DuPreez and Heather Wolf; Jason Holloway (guest of Doug Thorne); David Pressley (guest of Bill Edinger); Steve Brodie (guest of Michael Lael) and David Cobb (guest of Don Bekins).

Mr. Hanelt reported on the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner held at the New York Yacht Club on March 6, which was attended by several SAF Station members. Topics covered included financial highlights, the importance of committees and paying for the cost of the Newport Bermuda Race.

The Rear Commodore announced that Bill Foss had asked to be relieved of his responsibilities for Environment of the Sea matters for the station and that a committee consisting of Todd Hedin, Liz Baylis and Mary Crowley would take his place effective with the May meeting. He also noted that the Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show would be held in Oakland May 9-12 and that several station members, including Chuck Hawley, would be putting on presentations.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Foss reported the station had \$7,045.19 in its account at the Bank of America, PayPal and cash on hand. He thanked the 69 members, of 95, who have paid 2015 station dues and urged those who have not yet paid to do so as quickly as possible to minimize the effort required to collect them.

Environment of the Sea: Bill Foss reported that March was a good month for marine preserves. During the month Great Britain created the world's largest marine reserve (322,138 square miles) around Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific, protecting more than 1200 species of marine mammals, fish and sea birds. He noted that Mary Crowley had been involved in this project by assisting with finding a boat to do necessary research

and by working with locals to promote the creation of the reserve. He thanked her for her efforts. Nearer to home, the tripling in size of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary and the more than doubling of the area of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary are in the final stages of approval.

Jerry Knecht reported that the resources of the Marine Mammal Center have been strained lately by the substantial number of beached sea lions and he encouraged members to consider donating to the organization.

Cruise Committee Report: Mark Lindlow reported on the cruise to Half Moon Bay which will take place May 8-10. He noted that there will be a dinner at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club on Saturday evening and that anyone not sailing to Half Moon Bay could drive there to attend the dinner.

Historian's Report: When asked if there were any events of historical significance to report, Station Historian Stafford Keegan replied "None whatsoever".

Membership Committee Report: Committee Chair Zia Ahari reported that the application of Marc Gounard for membership was approved at the March 6 meeting of the Membership Committee in New York and has been posted. Two other applications are in the pipeline.

Safety At Sea Committee: Chairman Chuck Hawley presented a safety at sea moment, reporting on the investigation into the November 29, 2014 grounding of the Vestas Wind on a reef at Cargos Carajos Shoals in the Indian Ocean during the Volvo Ocean Race. He and SAF Station member Stan Honey participated in the investigation. He described suggestions from the report aimed at improving electronic navigation charts and other on-board software to avoid another similar incident. To read the full report of the investigation please click here: http://cdn.sailingscuttlebutt.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/m36616_team-vestas-wind-inquiry-report-released-on-9-march-2015.pdf

Program Committee Report: Mary Crowley advised that the next meeting will be held at the Marin Yacht Club and that she is working on a speaker for the event. The June meeting will be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club and will feature a screening of the updated Wanderbird film. She also summarized plans for the meetings in September, October and November, which can be found on the station's website.

Recent Cruising: Michael Lael reported on a nine-day delivery cruise in the Tasman Sea from Hobart to Nelson, NZ. Station member Francoise Ramsay sailed with Michael on the passage.

Speaker: Mary Crowley introduced Sean Meagher, the captain of the 147' M/Y Latitude, which voyaged east to west through the Northwest Passage during the summer of 2014. Using slides and a video, Captain Meagher described the 9,500 mile journey from July 15

to October 20 with 18 people aboard. The yacht will repeat the passage, this time west to east, this summer. To view the you tube video of M/Y Latitude's voyage click here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sz_2pdmizXc&feature=youtu.be

Members Attending Meeting: Zia Ahari, Don Bekins, Robert Cadranell, David Cohan, Jim Coggan, Mary Crowley, Peter Darbee, Bill Edinger, Dick Enersen, Doug and Anne Finley, Bill Foss, Bob Hanelt, Chuck and Susan Hawley, Steve Hunt, Stafford Keegan, Terry Klaus, Jerry Knecht, Michael Lael, Mark Lindlow, Chris Parkman, Mike and Sue Proudfoot, Jim Quanci, Francoise Ramsay, Robby Robinson, Jon Rolien, John Sanford, Lee Simpson, Doug Thorne and Bob Van Blaricom.

Photographs: Dick Enersen's photos of the meeting can be found by clicking here:

<https://saf.cruisingclub.org/content/april-1-lunch-sfyc-mv-latitude>

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Station will be held on May 6 , 2015 at the Marin Yacht Club.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1410.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Foss, Secretary