



Cruising Club of America, San Francisco (SAF) Station 2014 Annual Holiday & Awards Dinner Minutes

Meeting Date: December 10, 2014

Location: St. Francis Yacht Club Starting Line Room

Attendees: 70 Members and guests attended. Please see the list of attendees at the end of these minutes.

Call to Order: Rear Commodore Klaus called the meeting to order at approximately 19:00 and welcomed SAF members and guests. He thanked the attendees for braving the storm and traffic.

St. Francis Yacht Club. Rear Commodore Klaus thanked StFYC and its management for hosting the CCA-SAF Christmas Dinner and gave a specific thanks to Ms. Kathryn Gardner, StFYC Catering Manager and her staff.

Guests. R/C Klaus called for guests to be introduced. Bill Edinger introduced his daughter, Annie, who sailed with Bill and Sandy to French Polynesia aboard *Defiance*. Bob Cadranell introduced his guest, Grace Bodle, who is a well-known yachtswoman who has made many significant ocean voyages. Jim Jessie introduced his guest, Jocelyn Nash, and Hank Easom introduced his guest, Mary Lou Miller.

New and Transferring Members. R/C Klaus noted that we added five members to our CCA-SAF roster during the year. We have two new members, Mike Proudfoot and Jim Coggan, who was introduced tonight, and three members who transferred from other CCA stations: Fred Huffman, Dave MacEwen and Gary Schwarzman.

Members Who Passed in 2014. R/C Klaus remarked that, unfortunately, two SAF Station members had passed away during the year: Doug Duane and Darren Crose. R/C Klaus asked for a moment of silence to remember our colleagues who have crossed the bar.

New Member Introduction. R/C Klaus noted that Jim Coggan had not yet had his official introduction into the CCA. He invited Jim and his wife, Kim, to come forward to receive his CCA regalia including a necktie, burgee, bumper decal and CCA-SAF Station Roster. Jim acknowledged Kim and thanked her for being a wonderful shipmate. Jim noted that he and Kim had double-handed their 40-foot Schumacher-designed sailing yacht, *Auspice*, across and around the South Pacific. Together they have sailed thousands of miles and Jim is grateful that Kim became a great sailor and double-hander.

Acknowledgements. R/C Klaus thanked the station members for the privilege of being the SAF Rear Commodore during 2014 and he acknowledged the committee chairs and key members of the station that supported him during 2014 and made the year successful. Specifically he thanked the following people:

Bob Hanelt, Secretary & Treasurer	Mary Crowley, Program Committee Chairwoman	Mark Lindlow, Cruise Committee Chairman
Zia Ahari, Chairman, Membership, Nominating & Awards Committees	Stafford Keegin, Historian & Publications Chairman	Bill Foss, Environment of the Sea Committee Chairman both for the Station and for CCA International
Michael Moradzadeh, Webmaster for both for the Station and for CCA International	Sally Honey, Safety at Sea Committee Chairwoman	R/C Bob Van Blaricom
	R/C Robby Robinson	R/C John Stanford
	R/C Steve Hunt	

2014 Cruisers of the Year Award. R/C Klaus commented on the significant worldwide cruising and ocean racing accomplishments of SAF members during 2014. These members would all qualify for the Cruiser of the Year award but, as R/C Klaus noted, unfortunately there is only one award. This year the *Cruisers of the Year Award* was given to Bill and Sandy Edinger who cruised their yacht, *Defiance*, from California to French Polynesia and back during the summer of 2014. R/C Klaus commented on the excellent seamanship and ocean-cruising skills exhibited by Bill, Sandy and their SAF crew of their daughter, Annie, Françoise and Peter Ramsey, and Michael Lael. Their voyages fortunes and misfortunes were well documented in *Defiance's* blog and many SAF members were able to share in their experiences vicariously.

Bill, Sandy, Annie and Françoise stepped forward and accepted the award. In his remarks Bill stated that the voyage was successful because he had an excellent crew and, if the award was for "who had the most fun cruising," he felt that he deserved it. On a somber note, Bill memorialized his long-time crewmember and employee, our fellow CCA-SAF member Darren Crose, who passed away in November.

Change of Command. R/C Klaus thanked the members once more for the honor of being their rear commodore during 2014. At this time he called newly elected Rear Commodore Bob Hanelt to come forward to accept the trappings of the office, which included among other things a huge CCA burgee, rear commodore flags and a cannon! Terry, thus, dismissed himself and R/C Hanelt closed the meeting. Before closing the meeting, R/C Hanelt thanked members, on behalf of himself and Kristi, for the opportunity and honor to be the Rear Commodore of the CCA-SAF Station and he recognized the former SAF rear commodores who were in attendance including:

Terry Klaus (2014)	Don Bekins (2004)
Robby Robinson (2010-2011)	Jerry Knecht (2001-2002)
Steve Hunt (2008-2009)	John Sanford (1997-1998)
Bob Van Blaricom (2007 & 1978)	

R/C Hanelt also mentioned how he and Kristi were mentored by two former CCA-SAF rear commodores, Jim Wilhite (1968) and Don Dalziel (1975) when Bob and Kristi were preparing their yacht, *Skylark*, for their 1972-1974 circumnavigation.

January Meeting Venue and Date Change. R/C Hanelt advised members that the next CCA-SAF lunch meeting would be at St. Francis Yacht Club on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, which is the second Wednesday of the month rather than the first Wednesday, as there will be no food service at St. Francis YC on January 7, 2015.

Adjournment. There being no further business, R/C Hanelt adjourned the meeting so that everyone could make it home before a big wind and rainstorm hit the Bay Area later that night.

Members and Guests Attending:

Morgan and Diane Barker, Liz Baylis and Todd Hedin, Don and Joanie Bekins, Bob and Susan Bernheim, Matt Brooks and Pam Rorke Levy, Bob Cadranell and his guest, Grace Bodle, Jim and Kim Coggan, David Cohan and Sharon Jacobs, Peter and Melinda Darbee, Hank Easom and his guest, Mary Lou Miller, Jerry and Karen Eaton, Bill and Sandy Edinger and their daughter, Annie, Doug and Ann Finley, Bill and Karen Foss, David and Betsy Fullagar, Bob and Kristi Hanelt, Wyman Harris, Chuck and Susan Hawley, Sally Lindsay Honey, Steve and Marilyn Hunt, Jim Jessie and his guest, Jocelyn Nash, Stafford and Susan Keegin, Terry and Patti Klaus, Jerry and Sue Knecht, Michael Moradzadeh and Noelle Leca, Bill and Paula LeRoy, Steve Mason and Virginia Souders-Mason, Bruce and Lynne Munro, Alan and Angie Olson, Cree and Julie Partridge, Françoise and Peter Ramsey, Robby and Dolores Robinson, Jon and Jean Rolien, John and Judy Sanford, Doug and Tamara Thorne, and Bob Van Blaricom.



R/C Klaus presents CCA burgee to Jim Coggan



The Hunts and Rolien



The *Defiance* Crew and Cruisers of the Year



Patti Klaus with past and present R/Cs