



## **Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station February 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes San Francisco Yacht Club**

**Members Present:** Ahari, Alderson Bob, Alderson Joe, Allen, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Bekins, Belmont, Bernheim, Carmine, Cochran, Cornelius, Easom, Eaton, Edinger, Forsythe, Foss, Fullagar, Hall, Harter, Hunt, Hurst, Jennings, Messer (Wife), Parkman, Quanci, Robinson Jim, Roe, Rolien, Sanford, Smith, Sutter, Swain, Van Blaricom, Warren and nine guests.

**Call to order:** R/C Van Blaricom called the meeting to order and asked for comments or corrections to the January minutes. Thanks were extended to Don Bekins and also to Mul and the SFYC for their cooperation in handling the overflow crowd.

**Introduction of new members and guests:** Bill Edinger introduced new member Dean Carmine and presented him with a CCA tie and burgee, Steve Hunt introduced new member Jon Rolien and presented him with a CCA tie and burgee, Jim Antrim introduced new member Jim Quanci. Congratulations to all the new members and thanks to all the sponsors involved for helping to grow our station. Guests: Billy Martinelli, our speaker for today and John Sanford introduced his guest Michael Moradzadeh, Commodore of Corinthian Yacht Club.

**R/C's Comments:** Roger Swanson was injured at his home on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> and is now recovering well. Word has it that he is once again talking about a NW Passage trip next season. Jerry Knecht, as reported by Jim Cornelius, has had a pacemaker implanted and is at home recovering from a recently developed fever.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Steve Hunt reported our bank balance stands at about \$3,800 and prior to today's meeting 53% of the membership has paid their annual local station dues and 47% remain unpaid. Members have submitted quite a few checks today. If you have not paid as yet, please forward your check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to CCA SF Station to Steve Hunt, 2980 Windtree Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549.

**Membership Report:** Robby Robinson is absent today, however there are two applications pending Larry Pardey and Dick Ennersen

**Entertainment / Events:** The next meeting will be at the Pt. San Pablo YC on Mar 7<sup>th</sup>. Robby Robinson is arranging a Crab Feed. Guests, wives and others are all welcome. Please RSVP to Robby Robinson by February 26<sup>th</sup> so we know how many to commit for. We will have to pay for anyone who does not show up and a bulletin will be coming out regarding the event.

The April Meeting will be at St. Francis YC on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Terry Klaus is arranging another nice lunch for us and RSVP's should be directed to Bob Van Blaricom. A letter was received from Gary Swarzman about a possible talk by Ken Neil-Boyd on "Call of the Sea" program.

**Cruise Report:** Cruise chairman Bill Edinger reported that the scheduled cruises are: Half Moon Bay – May 26-28 Memorial Day, Montezuma Slough – July 6-8, Tomales Bay – Sept 14-16 with dinner at Vista Point Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>, New Years Eve at Clipper Cove.

**Environment:** Bill Foss stated that he is working on several issues at the national level, but there is no local report for today.

**Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** John Sanford reported that history is being made as we speak.

**Cruising We Do:** Jim Cooper is in the process of bringing his boat back up from Mexico. Wyman Harris is headed south in Mexico toward Tenacatita and Barra de Navidad. Bob Bernheim reported that he just returned from his second trip across Florida through a series of locks and into Ft. Meyers. He attended a rendezvous of Defever boat owners and the original 93 year old founder of the company was on hand for the event.

**New Business:** John Sanford heartily endorsed R/C Van Blaricom's new book "Time and Tide, A Nautical Memoir" as being just about the best sailing memoir that he has ever read. Your Secretary would also agree. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it, as did my wife. We could hardly put it down. More copies of the book are available directly from Bob for \$16.00 plus postage, or you can try ordering online from [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com).

**Presentation:** Billy Martinelli, the builder and owner of the scow schooner "Gas Light" gave a nice presentation of his boating experiences going back to the early 1970's, including restoring Wander Bird that was originally built in 1881 and some of his experiences with Sterling Hayden exploring the canals of France in a canal barge. He built a 52' steel replica of the sailing hay scows that brought hay from farms in the Delta to San Francisco a hundred years ago! After the 1906 earthquake, they also transported the bricks to rebuild the city. He takes school kids out on educational sails, as well as chartering to adult guests. You might like to check out his website at [www.gaslightcharters.com/](http://www.gaslightcharters.com/). Billy brought Gas Light over to the meeting and many attendees had the opportunity for a first hand look.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hunt  
Secretary-Treasurer

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