



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station May 2, 2007 Meeting Minutes San Francisco Yacht Club

Members Present: Ahari, J. Alderson, Allen, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Carmine, Clendenin, Cooper, Cornelius, Darbee, Easom, Edinger, Forsythe, Foss, Hall, Harter, Hunt, Hurst, Knecht, Noyes, Parkman, Price, Quanci, R. Robinson, Rolien, Sanford, Smith, Swain, Van Blaricom, Warren, Wood.

Introduction of Guests: Zia Ahari introduced two guests, Moe Witzel, who was also at the last meeting and Dave Dorward. Hank Easom introduced Scott Baker.

R/C's Comments: Bob Van Blaricom and Robby Robinson attended the National Spring Meeting in Annapolis on April 16th. Chris Otorowski of PNW station will be new editor of the GAM. March 14 – 22, 2008 will be the cruise to Antigua and the cruise to the Loftan Islands in Norway will be July 12 – 24, 2008. The Treasurer reported that dues are being paid 60% on-line and investments are up 5.5 %. The Membership report indicated that there were 24 new members, including 2 for SAF. Bob Drew, the historian, reported that CCA archives at Mystic are to be moved to new quarters in the Blunt White Library, with a portion in the Olin Stephens room. The Bermuda Race 2006 was a big success with 250 CCA members involved in running the race. Discussion about eliminating the National Winter Meeting to save money took place, but no decision was reached. Regarding communications for CCA events it was suggested to get your MMSID number from the FCC or Boats/US for direct calls on VHF between boats without using Ch 16.

Secretary/ Treasurers Report: Steve Hunt reported that we continue to be financially solvent.

Membership Report: Robby Robinson reported that the two members who are currently being sponsored are still being approved, along with all proposed members in other stations. Discussion took place regarding our local station membership roster. Details will be posted in another memo.

Entertainment/Events: The June meeting will be held on the 6th at the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center located at the foot of Gate 5 in Sausalito. Arrangements are currently being made by Terry Klaus and there will be lunch at a nearby restaurant or a box lunch will be provided. Mark Welther and another person from the Center will be making a presentation to us and they are very enthusiastic about the CCA group coming to visit. They are in the process of restoring the *Freda* and it will surely be a very interesting meeting. A meeting reminder with details will come out about mid month.

Cruise Report: Bill Edinger gave his report on the upcoming Half Moon Bay Cruise May 25th – 27th. A show of hands indicated a good turn out.

Environment: Bill Foss reported on the results from his questionnaire on overboard disposal at the last meeting. In essence, for boats 100 miles offshore, most people would discard paper towels, leftover food and paper plates overboard. However, most people would not discard aluminum cans, glass bottles or plastic bottles. Results varied for boats 12 miles offshore and Bill passed out a flier that more thoroughly summarized those results.

GAM/Historian/Newsletter: John Sanford reported that he also attended the Spring Meeting in Annapolis and that the next Spring Meeting would be held in St. Petersburg, Florida. Things are going along as planned and our thanks go out to John for all his efforts and especially all the photographs he has taken for our station roster.

Cruising We Do: Tony Carter has had *Coast Pilot* in the Sea of Cortez for 15 months but is now in Eureka and will leave for 3 months cruising on an old 85' motor yacht, *Westward*, bound for Tahiti. Roger Swanson is once again planning for a NW Passage with Doug Finley and Chris Parkman aboard. Jim Cornelius is back from about a one-month trip in Mexico cruising on *Sunsong*. They traveled from Puerto Vallarta to La Paz and up into the Sea of Cortez to Aqua Verde. Bob Van Blaricom leaves tomorrow for Hawaii to make a passage to the PNW on a Hans Christian 33. Peter Darbee reported on his recent 10-day trip in the Caribbean on board his Oyster 56 called *Mystic Pearl*. The trip included stops in St. Barts, Antigua and St. Marten with near perfect sailing conditions. His wife, Melinda, is currently in St. Marten and about to depart on her 4th trip with crew to sail the boat back to New York for the summer sailing season.

Presentation by Zia Ahari: Zia presented a Power Point slide show of his remarkable single-handed voyage from Sweden to St. Lucia via Plymouth, England and the Canary Islands aboard his 31' Halberg Rassey sloop, *Athesa*. He departed Stockholm, Sweden in May 1999, voyaging through the North Sea to Plymouth, the Solent, Cowes, and the Isle of Wight. He picked up a 64 year old woman as crew, but things did not work out and she left the boat after five days upon arrival in La Coruna, Spain. The balance of the trip was done single-handed. The crossing from the Canary Islands to St. Lucia took 24 days with arrival on March 15th for a 23-month experience. Zia was quite happy to have arrived safely in St. Lucia.

New Business: None reported.

There will be no meeting in July or August. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hunt
Secretary-Treasurer

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6TH AT THE SPAULDING WOODEN BOAT CENTER IN SAUSALITO. PLEASE RSVP TO TERRY KLAUS BY JUNE 4TH.

