



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station October 4, 2007 Meeting Minutes Encinal Yacht Club

Members Present: Ahari, Alderson Joe, Bekins, Belmont, Clendenin, Cooper, Cornelius, Darbee, Easom, Forsythe, Fullagar, Harris, Harter, Hunt, Hurst, Klaus, Knecht, Sanford, Vespa.

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: R/C pro tem Cornelius called the meeting to order and asked for the introduction of guests. Jerry Knecht introduced his guest Rob Held from Boston and although Bill Edinger was not in attendance today, his guest was Mark Lindlow who several of us had met on the Tomales Bay Cruise.

R/C's Comments: A correction to the September minutes was noted in that Jerry Eaton's crew on *Blue Heron* included Jim Cornelius from Malaga to the Canary Islands and will include Wyman Harris from the Canaries to St. Lucia. Thanks and appreciation was extended to Terry Klaus for arranging today's meeting at the Encinal Yacht Club and also for the very nice gesture by Jon Clendenin of providing a bottle of red and a bottle of white wine for each table. Thanks Jon!!

Cornelius gave a short report on the progress of *Cloud Nine*. They completed their Northwest Passage voyage by arriving in Kodiak, Alaska. *Cloud Nine* was hauled out of the water and placed on the hard to winter in Alaska. It was believed that Roger Swanson and his crew were the first CCA members to have completed this passage. Congratulations for a job well done!

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Steve Hunt reported that the club has approximately \$1,900+ in the bank after having made a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center and covering the additional costs for the Tomales Bay Cruise. Tomales was a joint cruise with the San Francisco Yacht Club, so they reimbursed our treasury for \$175.00 or one half of the cost to reserve the Heart's Desire picnic area.

Membership Report: Robby Robinson is currently at the Annapolis Boat show. Proposed new members now posted include: Todd C. Hedin, Chuck Hawley and Peter Noonan. Comments should be received before the end of the posting period on October 28, 2007. Dick Ennersen is also to be reconsidered at the Annual Meeting. There are a number of names on the list that may be ready to go for the spring meeting including John McVae who sailed around the world on *Night Watch* with Jerry and Sue Knecht as well as cruised his own boat in the South Pacific.

Entertainment/Events: The next meeting will be at the St. Francis Yacht Club on November 7th with arrangements being made by Terry Klaus. RSVP to Bob Van Blaricom by Saturday Nov. 3rd. It is important to note that if you sign up to go, but do not show up, you will have to pay for your reservation! If you can't make it, be sure to cancel your reservation two days in advance of the meeting to avoid being

charged. The usual arrangement will be to pay for lunch and wine at the dining room (If you are a member of St.FYC, you will not be able to charge it to your account. Sorry, but we don't make the rules.)

Cruise Report: Bill Edinger is in Genoa Italy for a boat show. Eight boats and 37 people were at the Tomales Bay Cruise with nice weather on all legs. Three boats were from SFYC which split the \$350 cost of the Heart's Desire picnic spot. Bill reports that there was a cost of \$267 not covered by the \$15 per head fee but that there was a lot of booze left over for the next cruise. The next cruise will be the New Years Rendezvous.

Environment: Bill Foss was not at the meeting today, so there was no report.

Gam/Historian/Newsletter: John Sanford asked that members please send him any pictures and news they may have regarding their cruises.

Cruising We Do: Roger Swanson, Doug Finley and Chris Parkman on Cloud Nine arrived at Kodiak on Sept. 28th ending a trip of 73 days, 6640 miles and a successful transit of the NW Passage. Bill Foss has apparently laid his boat up at Palma Mallorca for the winter season. Jerry Eaton's boat is in the Canaries waiting to cross over to St. Lucia. David Fullagar reported enjoying a lazy summer in the vicinity of the Broughton Islands but experienced record rainfall not equaled in the last 40 years. They caught lots of crab; the lingcod fishing was good and they spent some time with Charles Steward from the PNW Station. Wyman Harris attended the PNW Desolation Sound cruise and reported that they did an absolutely fantastic job and had a wonderful time. Jim Cornelius stated his trip from Malaga to the Canaries with Jerry Eaton was fine with mostly very light winds and only one very windy day.

Steve Hunt read out loud the recent accounting of the single-handed adventures of our Rear Commodore, Bob Van Blaricom, up the "Dog Hole Coast" of California. Jim Cornelius had previously e-mailed a copy to most members, but it was thought to be well worth repeating. Bob is quite a special guy and deserves recognition for all he has contributed to the CCA and sailing in general. He seems to keep his bright cheery disposition and make the best of all situations regardless of the circumstances.

Old Business / New Business: None was reported.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hunt
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting St. Francis Yacht Club November 7th.

