



## **Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station November 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes St. Francis Yacht Club**

**Members Present:** Allen, Bacigalupi, Bekins, Clendenin, Easom, Edinger, Forsythe, Foss, Fullagar, Hanelt, Harris, Harter, Hunt, Hurst, Klaus, Knecht, Noyes, Parkman, Quanci, Robby Robinson, Rolien, Sanford, Smith, Swain, Taylor, Van Blaricom, Vespa and Wood.

**Call to Order and Introduction of Guests:** R/C Van Blaricom started the meeting by asking for a few moments of silence for Member Bob Alderson who passed away Tuesday morning. After that, he called the meeting to order and extended a congratulatory welcome back to Chris Parkman who is now a veteran of the Northwest Passage. There were no corrections to the October meeting minutes noted. Next he asked for the introduction of guests. Bob Allen introduced his wife, Marlene, Lou Taylor introduced his wife, Jean, John Sanford introduced his son, Wally and Bill Edinger introduced prospective new member Danielle Dignan.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Steve Hunt reported that the club has approximately \$1,500 in the bank, so our bank balance is diminishing as had been predicted. However, annual dues will start coming in again in January, so that will help to improve our cash balance once again. He read a copy of the letter from Mark Welther to Bob Van Blaricom and the CCA thanking us for our contribution to the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center.

Steve noted that the SAF Station Roster was recently updated on the website and that you could simply click on the Roster tab to open a PDF file with all pertinent information for each member along with a color photo. If you wish, you can simply print a copy of the document for your own use. It can be printed in black and white or color, if you have a color printer. A printed copy was circulated around for members to see what it looks like. Future plans include pictures of spouses or significant others along with boat names and pictures.

**Membership Report:** Robby Robinson indicated new members being proposed include Todd C. Hedin, Chuck Hawley and Peter Noonan and they will be considered by the entire membership committee at the Annual Meeting at the New York Yacht Club on November 13th. Dick Ennersen, whose nomination has been controversial with 21 letters in support, but also four letters against, is also being reconsidered at the Annual Meeting.

**Entertainment/Events:** The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party and meeting at the San Francisco Yacht Club on Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>. A meeting reminder will be sent out about two weeks in advance, but please mark your calendars and be sure to RSVP to Don Bekins no later than December 9<sup>th</sup> to [don@dbekins.net](mailto:don@dbekins.net) or call 415-435-4697. Roger Swanson will be coming out from Minnesota to attend and give us a show on the successful passage of *Cloud Nine* through the Northwest Passage. Doug Finley and Chris Parkman will also be on hand. Don't miss it!

**Cruise Report:** Bill Edinger spoke briefly about the successful cruises this year to Half Moon Bay, Montezuma Slough and most recently the cruise to Tomales Bay with great weather. The next and final cruise of the year will be the New Years Rendezvous in Clipper Cove.

**Environment:** Bill Foss reported on all the work he has been doing regarding the environment of the sea and passed out copies of his very extensive notes for November 2007. He has done a great deal of research on all of these matters and they will be published very shortly on the San Francisco Station CCA website. If you were not at the meeting, or did not receive a copy, please check out the website. He stated there would be a telephone conference call tomorrow with the other members of his committee and they would probably adopt a similar format at the national level.

**Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** John Sanford announced that the Fall Issue of the CCA GAM had been sent out. He noted the passing of Bob Alderson and that he would be writing the obituary for the CCA. Someone asked about a memorial service and it may be that Bob did not really want one, but perhaps the family will wish to have a service.

**Cruising We Do:** Chris Parkman gave a brief accounting of his trip aboard *Cloud Nine* and emphasized that by far the most difficult part of the trip was in Alaska where they encountered gale after gale after gale. Around Dutch Harbor wind speeds were thought to be as high as 70 knots prior to arriving on Kodiak Island. A complete show will be presented at the Christmas dinner. Bill Foss gave a brief synopsis of his trip across the Atlantic and the ten days they spent in the Azores, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Then on to Rias Galicia on the coast of Spain which they thought to be totally amazing and could have spent the entire summer there. Next they went on to Portugal and Gibraltar, then to Mallorca where the boat is laid up for the winter season. We are hoping Bill will give us a PowerPoint presentation of his adventures at an upcoming meeting.

Danielle Dignan, Bill Edinger's guest today, told about her experiences during the last year or so when she and her husband acquired the Farr 44 *Confetti*, coincidentally a sister ship to Bill Foss's previous Farr 44 *Détente*, and sailed it to Mexico. They worked on the boat for a while in the Sea of Cortez preparing her for open ocean passage making. Prior to that she had a Baba 30, so they wanted a much faster boat and achieved that in *Confetti*. After leaving Mexico they headed for the Marquesas, but encountered problems around the Equator when their engine went out. Fortunately they had enough wind and a fast enough boat and made it to the Marquesas where they were able to fix the oil cooler. They went on to Fakarava in the Tuamotos, Tahiti and American Samoa where they enjoyed a fantastic National Park with great diving. They also went to the Cook Islands, but her favorite place was Beverage Reef, which she described as "in the middle of nowhere". Eventually they returned to Honolulu, then back to San Francisco to complete the one-year adventure with the last three days being under a storm trysail.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Don Bekins reported for the committee of Jim Cooper, Jim Cornelius and himself that Steve Hunt was nominated for the position of Rear Commodore and David Fullagar was nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. R/C Van Blaricom called for a vote on the slate and they were unanimously elected. The new officers will be inducted at the Christmas Party.

**Old Business / New Business:** None was reported.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hunt  
Secretary-Treasurer