



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station December 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes San Francisco Yacht Club

Members Present: Ahari, Allen, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Bekins, Belmont, Carmine, Clendenin, Cooper, Cornelius, Finley, Foss, Fullagar, Hanelt, Harter, Hunt, Hurst, Jessie, Knecht, Messer, Parkman, Robby Robinson, Roe, Roehm, Rolien, Sanford, Swain, Swanson, Van Blaricom, Vespa and Warren.

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: R/C Van Blaricom called the meeting to order and asked for a few moments of silence for our beloved member, Bob Alderson, who passed away early in November. He expressed our appreciation especially to Don Bekins, the San Francisco Yacht Club and Mul for organizing and putting on such a nice Christmas party. He extended a warm welcome to all members and guests with a special welcome to Roger Swanson and Gaynelle Templin who came out here from Minnesota to attend these festivities and provide the evening's entertainment. Next he asked for introduction of guests and went around the room table by table. Including spouses, significant others, family members, friends and prospective new members, there were 43 guests on hand.

Rear Commodore's Comments: Bob Van Blaricom offered his thanks and appreciation for the support of all members who attended meetings and cruises and especially, Steve Hunt (Secretary/Treasurer), Robby Robinson (Membership Chairman), Bill Edinger (Cruise Chairman), John Sanford (Historian/correspondent to GAM & CC News), Bill Foss (Environment of the Sea), Bill Forsyth (Webmaster), Terry Klaus and Don Bekins (Entertainment & Events)

National Annual Meeting NYYC – November 13, 2007: Bob Van Blaricom reported that three new members for the SAF Station, Todd C. Hedin, Chuck Hawley, and Peter Noonan have been approved by the National Membership Committee and will be posted to the membership at large. At the National Meeting there was a great deal of discussion about eliminating one of the meetings. The winter meeting and awards dinner will be on Jan 15th. Awards will be made to: Commodore's awards to Dan & Mimi Dyer (GAM) and Dorsey Beard (website), Special Recognition Award to Roger Swanson & Gaynelle Templin (NW Passage), Vilas Literary Award to John Rousmaniere (Stephens article), RCC trophy to Tom Wadlow (short cruise to Svalbard), Nye Trophy to John R. Bonds (safety at sea), Far Horizons Award to Gillian West (circumnavigation) and the Blue Water Medal Award to Peter M. Passano (cruises on Sea Bear).

Cruising in 2007: R/C Van Blaricom gave a brief accounting of significant passages made by San Francisco Station members. *Cloud Nine's* journey through the Northwest Passage, Bill Foss's *Detante* across the Atlantic, Jerry Eaton's *Blue Heron* across the Atlantic (arriving in St. Lucia early this morning), David Fullagar, Wyman Harris, Jim Cooper and Dewey Hines in the PNW. Local cruises to Halfmoon Bay, Montezuma Slough and Tomales Bay led by Bill Edinger were all a success. Next up is the New Year's Rendezvous at Yerba Buena Cove on Dec 31st.

San Francisco Station Cruiser of the Year Award: This award was presented jointly to Roger Swanson, Doug Finley and Chris Parkman for their successful transit of the Northwest Passage.

New Officers for 2008: The outgoing Rear Commodore, Bob Van Blaricom, installed new officers nominated by the committee of Jim Cornelius, Don Bekins and Jim Cooper and voted on by the membership at the November meeting. The new Rear Commodore will be Steve Hunt and Secretary/Treasurer will be David Fullagar. The Evan Pugh Trophy was awarded along with the presentation of the gavel and Rear Commodore's flag to Steve Hunt.

After the gavel was passed, R/C Steve Hunt gave a brief synopsis of the many accomplishments and contributions that have been made by Bob Van Blaricom over his 43 years of CCA membership. He joined the CCA in 1964, was R/C in 1978 and again in 2007. He has served diligently on many committees or as committee chairman, both at the local and National levels. He has sailed all over the world, helped CCA members and friends deliver boats to far reaching destinations countless times and in 2006 wrote a wonderful book entitled "Time and Tide: A Nautical Memoir". Bob received a well deserved standing ovation for all he has done for CCA and sailing in general.

For 2008 the Membership Chairman will be Bob Van Blaricom, Cruise Committee Chairman Bill Edinger, Environment of the Sea Bill Foss, Program Committee Chairman Jim Cornelius, Nominating Committee Chairman Bob Van Blaricom, Webmaster Bill Forsythe and Historian to be determined.

The next meeting of the CCA will be Wednesday January 9, 2008 at the St. Francis Yacht Club. The noted Ornithologist, Peter Pyle, will be on hand to talk to us about pelagic birds. A meeting reminder notice will be sent out about two weeks before the meeting. The business meeting was adjourned to enjoy the presentation by Roger Swanson and Gaynelle Templin.

Cloud Nine Northwest Passage 2007 – Roger Swanson and Gaynelle Templin: Roger and Gaynelle put on a wonderful presentation about their most recent successful attempt at the Northwest Passage. *Cloud Nine*, a 57' Bowman ketch, arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia on July 17, 2007 for the 2007 Northwest Passage attempt. They were a crew of six including Roger, Doug Finley and Chris Parkman from the San Francisco Station. Gaynelle is a member of the Great Lakes Station. On August 17th they arrived in Gjoa Haven in the NW Territories (Nunavut) and that was definitely a milestone. They had amazing weather and almost ice-free conditions. Cambridge Bay on August 21st was another great milestone as they had now passed the last great danger of pack ice. On September 5th in the Chukchi Sea near the Bering Strait, *Cloud Nine* and crew recrossed

the Artic Circle heading south to officially accomplish the transit of the Northwest Passage. There was a small party to celebrate, then on to Nome, Alaska. A few pictures from previous passage attempts were interspersed to show some of the pack ice and large icebergs. After 73 days and 6,640 miles, *Cloud Nine* and crew arrived in Kodiak, Alaska to bring the Northwest Passage adventure to a close. The passage through Alaskan waters turned out to be the most difficult of the trip with winds gusting to as high as 70 knots. As far as history is concerned, they made a couple of firsts. They are the first American sailboat to transit the passage from east to west. They are also the first American sailboat to ever sail the passage in a single year.

Roger and Gaynelle did an excellent job of presenting and narrating the slideshow. They switched between the two of them with their comments as appropriate. Gaynelle kept a close watch on the ice charts at all times and explained some of the risks they faced as the voyage progressed. They put on a great show befitting of this exceptional challenge. Thanks to you both, and your crew, for a great evening!

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hunt
Secretary-Treasurer

