



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station September 3rd, 2008 Meeting Minutes St. Francis Yacht Club

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Members Present: Allen, Bekins, Bernheim, Clendenin, Dignan, Easom, Edinger, Finley, Fullagar, Hanelt, Harter, Hedin, Hurst, Jessie, Klaus, Knecht, LeRoy, Messer, Noonan, Parkman, Quanci, Robby Robinson, Roe, Sanford, Swain, Taylor and Van Blaricom

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Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: In R/C Steve Hunt's absence, Bob Van Blaricom called the meeting to order. He began by thanking Terry Klaus for setting up the meeting. Bob then asked for the introduction of guests. Bill LeRoy introduced new member Bruce Munro. Bill Edinger introduced Darren Crouse. Bob Hanelt introduced his guests Robyn and David Peile from Australia. John Swain introduced Alan Olsen. Lou Taylor introduced his neighbor Bill Scilacci.

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report: David Fullagar stated that the club has \$3067 in the bank. This is about \$1000 more than at this time last year, so the station is in fairly sound fiscal shape.

Bob Van Blaricom noted that R/C Steve Hunt had initiated a discussion to increase the stipend given to officers when traveling to CCA meetings in New York. He suggested that the amount be increased to \$500, this being in line with other West Coast CCA stations and closer to (but still not meeting) the actual cost of NY accommodations. Bill Edinger suggested that it should be more than \$500, but after a brief discussion, it was agreed that \$500 is an appropriate amount at this time. John Stanford so moved a motion to raise the stipend to \$500. Don Bekins and others seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion was passed.

Pacific Cup Report: Jim Quanci & Mary Lovely aboard *Green Buffalo* took 2nd place in Div A. Jim reported the excitement of colliding with a sperm whale about 400 miles out from Hawaii which caused the rudder to jam temporarily. Todd Hedin aboard *E.T.* took 3rd place in Div D, after suffering lots of equipment failures. Jim Gregory took 4th place in Div. E aboard *Morpheus*.

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Singlehanded Transpac Report: Bob Van Blaricom reported the sad news that, after winning the Singlehanded Transpac, Skip Allen had to abandon and scuttle *Windflower* in extreme weather about 250 miles off the coast. Skip was picked up by a freighter and is safe. The first link is the initial report in 'Lectronic Latitude. The second two links tell the story in Skip's own words.

<http://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/lectronicday.lasso?date=2008-09-02&dayid=162>

<http://www.sfbaysss.net/showpost.php?p=1357&postcount=17>

<http://www.sfbaysss.net/showpost.php?p=1358&postcount=18>

Membership Report: Bob Van Blaricom noted that Walter E. Sanford has been proposed for membership by Jerry Eaton. Posting will be issued shortly and, assuming no objections, will be submitted to the November membership meeting.

Entertainment/Events: Next luncheon meeting will be on **Thursday**, October 2nd, at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. Members are encouraged to stay overnight at the guest dock.

Cruise Report: The Montezuma Slough cruise was attended by about 20 members and a good time was had by all.

Bill Edinger said that the the Tomales Bay cruise is on track for Sept. 12 to 14. This is a joint cruise with the SFYC.

Gam/Historian/Newsletter: John Sanford requested cruise reports and photographs *this week* for the next issue of the GAM.

Cruising We Do: Bill Edinger described his idyllic cruise to Hawaii (13 days) and through the islands with his family on *Defiance*, his 45 ft Cross trimaran. However, on the sail back home, with Robby Robinson, Doug Finley and Darren Crouse aboard, disaster struck. On August 26th, after being at sea for 12 days, they were sailing in 25 to 30 knot winds when a large wave broached the trimaran's port hull, which then filled with water. Robby Robinson's Passage Report (attached) describes their harrowing return home, with assistance from a German container ship and the Coast Guard.

Bob Van Blaricom summarized his most impressive 2-part summer voyage to Prince William Sound on *Misty*. He departed from San Francisco in April with Zia Ahari and Pat Callahan aboard. They met with adverse weather conditions going up the coast and had to take shelter several times including crossing the Columbia River bar, three dismal days in Grey's Harbor and lying a-hull in a gale off the Brooks Peninsula before reaching Port Hardy. Leg 2, with Robby Robinson and David Hale, took them up Hecate Strait to Craig and Sitka before crossing the Gulf of Alaska from Graves Harbor. He reported spectacular scenery in Prince William Sound. Jane & Carl Seipel joined Bob on July 7th, and they enjoyed beautiful anchorages and more spectacular scenery before returning to Valdez on August 14th, where *Misty* will spend the winter. Look for an article soon in Latitude 38.

David Fullagar described a delightful but uneventful (we like it that way) 6 week cruise on *Mystic* from Sidney, BC to Princess Royal Island and back. We enjoyed the company of Steve & Marilyn Hunt for the Nanaimo to Campbell River leg via Desolation Sound, and then explored many great anchorages along the Inside Passage.

Bob Van Blaricom read an e-mail from Bill Chapman in which he extolled the virtues of the Azores as a cruising destination. His route to date includes Panama, Florida and Bermuda, with Spain his next destination.

Bill Foss is currently cruising in the Med.

Chris Parkman described his 14½ day Pacific Cup crossing aboard a Valiant 40, during which he had to dive overboard in the middle of the night to free a crab pot from the prop.

John Swain reported on a schooner race in which Terry Klaus was also a participant.

Bill LeRoy joined the CCA Norway cruise with 17 individual craft and a "mother" ship. He said the scenery was terrific, the people friendly, the weather poor, and the prices unbelievable (\$16 for a Big Mac!).

Wyman and Gay Harris successfully completed their clockwise circumnavigation of Vancouver Island aboard *Safari* and are currently cruising in Desolation Sound.

Robby Robinson received a call from Fritz Warren, who is participating in the PNW Station cruise in the Broughtons on *Truly Fair*.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar
Secretary/Treasurer