



## **Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 Meeting Minutes Encinal Yacht Club**

**Members Present:** Alderson, Antrim, Bekins, Carmine, Cornelius, Finley, Forsythe, Fullagar, Hanelt, Stan Honey, Sally Honey, Hunt, Jessie, Klaus, Knecht, Price, Robby Robinson, Rolien, Sanford, Taylor, Van Blaricom and Vespa.

**Call to Order and Introduction of Guests:** R/C Steve Hunt called the meeting to order and began by thanking Terry Klaus for setting up the luncheon. Steve then asked for the introduction of guests. Bob Hanelt introduced his wife Kristi and four additional guests: Libby & Jurgen Hansen from Denmark, and Chuck & Peggy Steward (CCA PNW Station members) from Ellensburg, WA. Terry Klaus introduced prospective CCA member Alan Olson. Jim Antrim introduced Kame Richards. Lou Taylor introduced his wife Jean. Steve Hunt introduced his wife Marilyn.

Steve thanked Bob Hanelt for the great job he has done getting the Yacht roster up on the website. Bob thanked Bill Forsythe for his contribution to the effort. Steve also thanked Bob Van Blaricom for getting a resolution passed to increase the travel allowance for attending East Coast CCA meetings, as noted in last month's minutes.

Steve generously provided bottles of wine at each table. Jim Cornelius proposed that the club reimburse him, but Steve declined the offer.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** David Fullagar stated that the club has \$3060 in the bank.

**Membership Report:** Bob Van Blaricom noted that a posting letter for Walter Sanford was sent to members September 18<sup>th</sup>. Two other candidates have been proposed for membership: Nick Orem and Alan Olson.

**Entertainment/Events:** Next luncheon meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5th, at the San Francisco Yacht Club. Don Bekins has arranged for open ocean rower Erden Eruç to be the guest speaker. Between July 2007 and May 2008, Erden *rowed more than 9000 miles across the Pacific!* I'm sure this will be a most interesting talk. An announcement giving details will be sent out mid-October.

Don Bekins also reported that he had negotiated with the SFYC to hold the luncheon costs at \$25 with wine on the table. The Christmas party costs, however, are likely to be a little higher than last year.

The issue of whether to have a speaker at the Christmas party was discussed briefly. Bob Van Blaricom summed up the majority opinion, which was “if we can find a really interesting speaker, we should go for it.”

**Cruise Report:** Bob Van Blaricom said that the Tomales Bay cruise was a great success. While only 3 boats were in attendance (Jerry Knecht’s *Nightwatch*, Bob Vespa’s *Scorpio* and Mark Lindlow’s *Barca a Vela*), there were 32 people at the barbecue on Saturday night. Don Bekins said that on the return sail, they watched 4 or 5 whales breaching for more than an hour.

**Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** John Sanford said that material for the next GAM had been submitted, and he was now looking for material for the next issue.

**Cruising We Do:** In an e-mail to R/C Steve Hunt, Bill Foss said he is now in Turkey, having just arrived from Crete. He expects to leave *Détente* on the hard at Bodrun or Marmaris for the winter and return home Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim & Mimi Cornelius joined Bill & Karen in the Med.

Stan Honey described his role in the upcoming attempt to break the mono-hull Transatlantic crossing record (which currently stands at 6 days, 17hrs, 52 minutes) aboard the Richard Branson sponsored *Virgin Money*, in partnership with the British America’s Cup team TEAMORIGIN. *Virgin Money* is a 99’ super-maxi yacht based in Newport. Stan is currently waiting for a suitable weather window. He noted that a mono-hull of this type is much more complicated than an equivalent multi-hull, and it could be frightening when things go wrong. He said it raises the question – who is policing our sport? There is now “no restraining force,” a role that used to be fulfilled by the CCA. Food for thought.



Stan also reminisced about sailing with Steve Fossett (whose plane wreckage had just been found). He said Fossett did some of the craziest things he’d ever seen done at sea, but that he was a great decision maker.

Jim Antrim described two interesting design projects he’s working on, as well as his redesign of the amas on Bill Edinger’s *Defiance*. He felt that the frames were the weak link, and that putting on carbon fiber caps would make them 4 to 5 times stronger.

Bob Hanelt said he & Kristi had just returned from 2 weeks in Maine, where he met up with SF Station members Roy & Joan Roy, currently living in Deer Island, ME.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar  
Secretary/Treasurer