



## **Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting Minutes SFYC**

**Members Present:** Ahari, Alderson, Allen, Antrim, Baylis, Bekins, Carmine, Clendenin, Cochran, Cooper, Cornelius, Dignan, Enersen, Finley, Foss, Fullagar, Hall, Hanelt, Harris, Hedin, Hunt, Klaus, Knecht, Parkman, Roe, Sanford, Swain, Van Blaricom and Warren.

**Call to Order and Introduction of Guests:** R/C Steve Hunt called the meeting to order and began by asking for a moment of silence for Wink Smith, who passed away October 7<sup>th</sup> age 89. Bob Van Blaricom, Jerry Knecht and Don Bekins told stories and said a few words remembering their close friend and shipmate who had been a CCA member since 1982. A memorial service for Wink was held at sea on Sunday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Wink Smith's Memorial Photo by Don Bekins

Steve then asked for the introduction of guests. Don Bekins introduced guest speaker Erden Eruç and his wife Nancy Board. John Swain introduced Alan Olson. John Sanford introduced his son, Wally Sanford. Zia Ahari introduced Scott Baxter.

Steve thanked Don Bekins for arranging the lunch and guest speaker, and also thanked Jim Cornelius for holding the cost at \$25 this year, with only a \$1 increase next year.

Steve made mention of Stan Honey's encounter with very severe weather aboard *Virgin Money* in their attempt to break the Transatlantic record (see Oct. minutes). Unfortunately the effort had to be aborted and the boat diverted to Bermuda for repairs.

Bob Van Blaricom and Steve Hunt will attend the CCA Annual meeting at the NYYC on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** David Fullagar stated that the club has \$2409 in the bank. Taking into account travel allowances to the CCA National winter meeting in January, the account balance is not expected to fall below \$900 before member's dues start being received in the first quarter of 2009. The Treasurer will make a full accounting of club funds at the end of the year.

**Membership Report:** Bob Van Blaricom noted that other than Wally Sanford, whose name was posted for membership Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, there are only two other names "in the hopper" – he appealed for more good candidates to put forward at the Spring Meeting.

**Entertainment/Events:** Members were polled to see whether the January meeting should be eliminated. 10 were in favor of holding the meeting, 6 were against, and so the meeting will be held.

Jim Cornelius said the Christmas party is scheduled for Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening at the SFYC. There will be a no-host bar. Dinner choice will be prime rib or fish, for \$60 to \$65. The guest speaker will be Graham Hawkes, developer of the Deep Flight Challenger submersible <http://www.deepflight.com/> Member's spouses are of course welcome, as are other guests and prospective members. *A notice giving more details will be sent out shortly.*

**Environment of the Sea:** Bill Foss reminded us that at the beginning of the year he challenged all members to have a sense of ocean stewardship, and to commit to do one thing (or more) during the year. This could be a major endeavor, or making a contribution to one of the organizations detailed in his Ocean Stewardship list *appended to these minutes.*

**Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Cruising We Do:** Jim Cornelius said that the week before Thanksgiving Jerry Eaton plans to take *Blue Heron* from Trinidad to the BVI, then on to Bermuda and/or the North East.

Bill Foss described his summer cruising in the Med., starting in Majorca and ending in Turkey, with numerous stops in Tunisia, Malta and Crete. He was most enthusiastic about cruising in Turkey, found Crete beautiful and more mountainous than expected, Malta's Grand Harbor fascinating, and Tunisia a little disappointing. He warned that July and August are best avoided because of the crowds and the heat: next year he plans to cruise in the Spring and Fall.

Bob Van Blaricom's cruise to Prince William Sound aboard *Misty* is featured with a 5 page spread in this month's Latitude 38.

**Nominating Committee** The nominating committee, under the Chairmanship of Bob Van Blaricom, recommended that Rear Commodore Steve Hunt and Secretary/Treasurer David Fullagar be nominated for another term. The motion was so moved, and seconded by acclaim.

There being no further business, formal part of the meeting was adjourned.

**Guest Speaker** Erden Eruç described his 9600 mile row across the Pacific from Bodega Bay to a point off Papua, New Guinea. As if this feat of endurance isn't enough, we learned that Erden's goal is a human-powered circumnavigation of the globe by rowing and biking, as well as climbing the highest peaks in six continents, including Everest! His efforts will raise funds for school projects in Nepal and rural Turkey. You can read more about his plans and follow his progress at <http://www.around-n-over.org/> Thank you, Don, for arranging such an impressive and inspiring speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar  
Secretary/Treasurer

## CRUISING CLUB OF AMERICA

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### OCEAN STEWARDSHIP – WHAT CAN I DO?

#### Resources For Suggestions

1. Pick up a copy of 50 Ways To Save The Ocean by David Helvarg. An excellent compendium of good ideas, annotated with a list of resources providing contact information for organizations which focus on each suggestion, together with a brief description of what the organizations do. Available in paperback at \$12.95. There is at least one copy available in the Marin Public Library system.
2. Check out the websites of the following organizations, each of which contains information on how to volunteer or otherwise get involved:
  - (a) The Ocean Conservancy at [www.oceanconservancy.org](http://www.oceanconservancy.org). (Click on “Activities” or “Take Action”)
  - (b) Monterey Bay Aquarium at [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org). (Click on “Save The Oceans”)
  - (c) Save The Bay at [www.SaveSFBay.org](http://www.SaveSFBay.org). (Click on “Get Involved”)
  - (d) California Coastal Commission at [www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov). (Click on “Public Education and Volunteer Programs”)
  - (e) Marin Marine Mammal Center at [www.tmmc.org](http://www.tmmc.org). (Click on “Volunteer”)
  - (f) Sea Life Conservation at [www.sealifeconservation.org](http://www.sealifeconservation.org). (Click on “How You Can Help”)
  - (g) Elkhorn Slough Foundation at [www.elkhornslough.org](http://www.elkhornslough.org). (Click on “Volunteer Activity”)
  - (h) Algalita Marine Research Foundation at [www.algalita.org](http://www.algalita.org). (Click on “Volunteering”)
3. Join and financially support any of the foregoing organizations (except the California Coastal Commission, which is a government agency) or the following:
  - (a) Blue Ocean Institute ([www.blueoceaninstitute.org](http://www.blueoceaninstitute.org) )
  - (b) Scripps Institution of Oceanography ([www.sio.edu](http://www.sio.edu). )
  - (c) Ocean Champions ([www.oceanchampions.org](http://www.oceanchampions.org). )
  - (d) Sailors For The Sea ([www.sailorsforthesea.org](http://www.sailorsforthesea.org). )
  - (e) The Costeau Society ([www.costeau.org/en](http://www.costeau.org/en) )
  - (f) Oikonos ([www.oikonos.org](http://www.oikonos.org) )
  - (g) PRBO Conservation Science ([www.prbo.org](http://www.prbo.org). )
4. Use your imagination.