



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station December 10th, 2008 Meeting Minutes San Francisco Yacht Club

Members Present:

Allen, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Baylis, Bekins, Bernheim, Carmine, Cooper, Cornelius, Easom, Edinger, Enersen, Finley, Forsythe, Foss, Fullagar, Hanelt, Harris, Harter, Hedin, Stan & Sally Honey, Hunt, Knecht, LeRoy, Munroe, Parkman, Robby Robinson, Rolien, 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 members to introduce their guests. Charlie Bacigalupi introduced his son John and wife Pamela, Bill Edinger introduced his daughter Annie, Bill Forsythe introduced Frank & Heather Smith, Todd Hedin introduced Tony English and Buzz Blackett, Bill LeRoy introduced Julie Croker, and John Sanford introduced his son Walter and wife Ellen. Steve Hunt introduced the guest speaker, Graham Hawkes and his wife Karen.

Additional comments by R/C Steve Hunt:

Steve thanked Jim Cornelius and Mul for organizing the Christmas Party, and also thanked Jim for arranging for Graham Hawkes to tell us about his flight submersibles.

He asked for a moment of silence to honor Wink Smith who “will remain in our memories as a fine CCA member and friend to many.”

Steve noted that Bob Van Blaricom, David Fullagar and he will be going to the NYYC for the January 13th CCA Awards Dinner & Meeting.

Steve was pleased to announce that Bob Van Blaricom is receiving a special and long overdue award, the Royal Cruising Club Trophy that is awarded to “the skipper who has undertaken the most interesting cruise of singular merit and of moderate duration, an account of which has been sent to the CCA News.”

Steve then acknowledged the committee chairmen and their staff for doing a great job in 2008. The following members were asked to stand for a round of applause: David Fullagar – Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Van Blaricom – Membership Committee and also chairman of the nominating committee, Bill Edinger – Cruise Committee, Bill Foss – Environment of the Sea, John Sanford – Historian, and Bill Forsythe – Webmaster. Steve also thanked Bob Hanelt for doing a great job setting up the Member’s

Yacht Roster, Robby Robinson for updating the club's membership records, and Terry Klaus & Don Bekins for arranging events and speakers.

Steve encouraged people to look at the updated website that includes many member's reports as well as meeting and cruise announcements.

San Francisco Station "Cruiser of the Year" Award

This year the award was made to Bill Edinger for his passage to and from Hawaii in July & August. Bill had a great trip to and around the islands with family & friends. On the return home however the port ama of his trimaran developed a crack and filled with water about 200 miles from San Francisco. Bill exhibited fine seamanship with great leadership & communication skills in bringing his crew and vessel safely back to home port.

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

Members, their spouses and guests then enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner, followed by an illustrated talk by Graham Hawkes describing his underwater flight machines. Graham's company, Hawkes Ocean Technologies, designs and builds futuristic underwater craft for both deep ocean research as well as pleasure craft capable of being flown like an airplane to depths of a few hundred feet. Thanks to Jim Cornelius for lining up such an interesting speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar
Secretary/Treasurer