



## **Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station January 7th, 2009 Meeting Minutes St. Francis Yacht Club**

### **Members Present:**

Ahari, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Bekins, Bernheim, Clendenin, Cornelius, Easom, Edinger, Finley, Foss, Fullagar, Hanelt, Harris, Harter, Hunt, Hurst, Jessie, Klaus, Knecht, Parkman, Robby Robinson, Roe, Rolien, Sanford, Van Blaricom and Warren.

### **Call to Order and Introduction of Guests:**

R/C Steve Hunt called the meeting to order and began by thanking Terry Klaus for arranging the luncheon. He then asked for the introduction of guests. John Sanford introduced his son and soon-to-be-member Walter.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** David Fullagar distributed a revenue and expense analysis for the year 2008, noting that, thanks to the dues increase and member's vigilance, the club's bank balance had increased by \$1471 during the year. There was a brief discussion regarding the need to make individual events break-even where possible, but the bottom line is that the club ended the year with \$2306 in the bank compared with \$835 at the end of the previous year.

R/C Steve Hunt gave a short financial report on the CCA National Fiscal Year ending October 28, 2008. The year ended with a minor surplus and the financial condition of the club continues to be sound.

The secretary/treasurer also asked members to submit their dues to him as soon as possible (\$50 for local members, \$25 for out-of-state members -- see note at end of these minutes)

**Membership Report:** Bob Van Blaricom reported that there are no submissions to the next Membership Meeting, but there are two candidates in the works, Nick Orem & Alan Olson. Bob appealed for more names. Jerry Knecht asked if Meg Whitman is already a CCA member and, if not, is she a potential member (Secretary's note: she does not appear in the CCA membership roster, neither did a Google search reveal any sailing references. Perhaps other members have additional information).

**Entertainment/Events:** Jim Cornelius invited members to propose potential speakers. He has a couple of suggestions and is working on a visit to the Hawkes Ocean Technologies facility in Point Richmond, but could use more ideas.

R/C Steve Hunt announced that CCA Commodore Ross Sherbrooke will visit out station in April. He will be the guest of honor at a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the St. Francis Yacht Club. After

some discussion, Jim Cornelius moved a motion that the lunch be for members only, with a separate event for wives if the Commodore is accompanied by his wife. The motion was seconded by Jerry Knecht and a show of hands indicated unanimous support. The motion was passed.

**Cruise Report:**

The New Year's Eve cruise at Yerba Buena Cove was attended by 5 boats: *Truly Fair* with Fritz Warren & family, *Sea Chantey* with Bob & Marlene Allen, *Tuck-a-roo* with Doug & Anne Finley and Bob & Jane Van Blaricom, *Dolores E* with Robby & Dolores Robinson and *Sea Dancer* with Chris Parkman & Joan McCune. A good time was had by all despite the fog and cold.

Cruise Chairman Bill Edinger asked members to note the proposed 2009 cruise dates on their calendars:

- May 16-1                                      Petaluma River Cruise
- June 26-28                                    Montezuma Slough
- September 11-13                            Tomales Bay
- December 31                                Clipper Cove New Years

Bill also asked if there was any interest in a Santa Cruz/Monterey cruise, as either a stand-alone event or an extension of the Half Moon Bay cruise. The suggestion received a positive response.

**Environment of the Sea:** At the beginning of the year, Bill Foss challenged each member to do something specific on behalf of ocean preservation, either through individual effort or by supporting one or more of several organizations working to preserve the ocean environment. In this meeting, Bill asked that members share with him by e-mail or phone what they did, and challenged us to make a similar commitment in 2009.

Bill also encouraged members to visit the stunning new Academy of Sciences building in Golden Gate Park. The new building includes the Steinhart Aquarium and is billed as the world's greenest museum. See <http://www.calacademy.org/>

**Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** John Sanford said the latest CCA News should be out soon. The deadline for the next GAM is March and he would like to receive articles, cruising plans and other material as soon as possible.

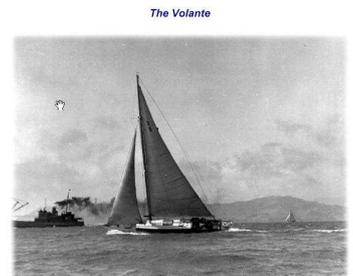
Walter Sanford read a couple of thought-provoking articles at the suggestion of Gene Harter. One related the modesty of Harry Truman in his post-presidential years, the other quoted statistics about life as it was 100 years ago.

Don Bekins said he was joining the CCA Winter Gam in Park City, Utah.

**Cruising We Do:**

Fritz Warren brought *Truly Fair* down from Campbell River, BC to the Bay Area in the fall. Unfortunately Fritz had to leave the luncheon early so was not able to give us more details.

Hank Easom said that Al Blair, the owner of *Volante*, is looking to give his boat away to anyone who would be willing to fix her up. *Volante* is a classic wooden sloop built in 1936 by the Nunes Bros and currently lying in San Rafael. The hull is sound with good planking and frames. Hank felt that *Volante* still has a good number of Master Mariner's races in her, with some



restoration and TLC. Details of *Volante's* colorful past can be found in the St. Francis YC History @ <http://www.stfyc.com/files/StFrancisHistory.pdf>

Volante is also listed on Craig's List where current photos can be seen.

Please contact Hank at [hankeasom@hotmail.com](mailto:hankeasom@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar  
Secretary/Treasurer

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*Thank you.*