



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station February 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes San Francisco Yacht Club

Members Present:

Alderson, Allen, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Bekins, Carmine, Cooper, Cornelius, Edinger, Enersen, Finley, Forsythe, Foss, Fullagar, Hall, Harris, Harter, Hogg, Stan Honey, Sally Honey, Hunt, Hurst, Lindlow, Munro, Noyes, Parkman, Jim Robinson, Robby Robinson, Roe, Rolien, Sanford, Sutter, Swain, Van Blaricom and Warren.

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: R/C Steve Hunt called the meeting to order and began by offering a special welcome to Christine Sutter (who had come the longest distance, from Heidelberg, Germany), and to Chet Noyes, who will be celebrating his 91st birthday on Feb. 23rd and has been a CCA member since 1963.

Steve thanked Jim Cornelius for arranging the luncheon. He then asked for the introduction of guests. Jim Robinson introduced his wife Martha, John Swain introduced Alan Olson and Bob Van Blaricom introduced Elba Borgan and Susan Travers. Elba & Susan are planning an extensive South Pacific cruise aboard their new 40' Cape George cutter.

Commodore Ross Sherbrooke's visit is set for April 8th at the St. Francis Y.C. This will be a members only meeting with a separate function for spouses.

Steve reported on his attendance, with Bob Van Blaricom and David Fullagar, at the Awards Dinner at the New York Yacht Club, where Bob received the Royal Cruising Club Trophy. At the business meeting in NY, the proposal to reduce the number of meetings to 2 per year received enthusiastic support, but no final decision was made.

For the Spring Meeting in Portland, Maine, Bill Edinger noted that Danielle Dignan has very generously offered accommodation at a family home near Kennebunkport. Bob Van Blaricom read an e-mail from Danielle giving the details.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: David Fullagar reported that the club's bank account stood at \$3,347, with 64% of the members having paid their 2009 dues. He also noted that he had been working on a new website that more closely resembles the other CCA station's sites. Although still in the development stage, it can be viewed at www.cca.fullagar.net Comments are welcome. Note that our official site is still on the CCA server at www.cruisingclub.org.

Membership Report: Bob Van Blaricom said that the membership of Nick Orem and Alan Olson was well underway. Other potential members include Randy Repass and his wife Sally-Christine (currently cruising in Tasmania) as well as Elba Borgan and Susan Travers, who were his guests at the meeting.

Entertainment/Events: Jim Cornelius urged members to RSVP to luncheons in a timely manner since the venue at the SFYC has limited accommodations. He said other venues are being considered.

Robby Robinson noted that Skipper Bob would be cooking the crab at the March 4th crab feed at the Pt. San Pablo Y.C. Most members expressed a preference for it to be served hot/warm, so it will be cooked the morning of the event. Cocktails will be 11.30am, lunch at 12.30.

Cruise Report: Bill Edinger reported no changes to the cruise schedule. The dates are shown below:

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

Environment of the Sea: Bill Foss had nothing new to report, other than to urge members to check out the Oceana website at www.oceana.org. Sally Honey had suggested that one of Oceana's presenters could speak at a future luncheon. A show of hands indicated strong support for the idea.

Gam/Historian/Newsletter: John Sanford is upgrading the history section of our website. He is researching the archives regarding the origins of the CCA and looking for anecdotes regarding the early history of our station. Bob Van Blaricom is assisting in the research. The next deadline for reports to the GAM is March 1st. John would like to receive information about upcoming cruising plans.

An e-mail was received from Lloyd Rees's daughter stating that Lloyd (age 92) is living in Kauai. Lloyd has been a CCA member since 1950.

Cruising We Do: Stan Honey said he and Sally are currently undertaking a significant refit of their Cal 40 *Illusion*. Prior to that they were involved in the Transatlantic record attempt reported in the October minutes. That project has now been abandoned and the boat is for sale. They then worked on a 60' cruising boat with Roy Disney, but that project was cancelled when Roy became ill. Currently talking with the Groupama 3 team (a maxi-trimaran capable of 38 knots -- see YouTube video http://www.yachtingworld.com/yw/blog/20070625133325blog_elaine_bunting.html)

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

Bill Edinger then presented a dramatic video of his return from Hawaii this summer. Although we all know the story, actually seeing the port ama practically submerged and the subsequent help rendered by a container vessel was sobering. Thanks to Bill and his crew's excellent seamanship, *Defiant* was able to return to San Francisco in one piece where repairs have been completed. Thank you, Bill, for a very interesting presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar
Secretary/Treasurer