



CCA flotilla at RYC by John Sanford

## **Cruising Club of America- San Francisco Station May 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes Richmond Yacht Club**

### **Members Present:**

Ahari, Allen, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Bekins, Bernheim, Carmine, Clendenin, Cooper, Cornelius, Easom, Eaton, Forsythe, Gregory, Hanelt, Harris, Hines, Hogg, Hunt, Hurst, Jessie, Knecht, Munro, Parkman, R Robinson, Rolien, Sanford, and Bob Van Blaricom. Eleven guests were also present including some wives and adult children...good show.

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

R/C Hunt acknowledged the passing of long time station member Chester Noyes, aged 91, and asked for a moment of silence.

R/C Hunt welcomed members and guests to the meeting at R.Y.C. He was particularly pleased by the large turnout and noted that more boats sailed over than for any previous meeting in recent memory. Thanks were given to Jim Cornelius for arranging the Hawkes tour and doing the RSVPs. Bob Van Blaricom was recognized for ordering the lunches, which by the way were excellent and a good value. Thanks also to the Allen's for collecting lunch fees in David's absence.

R/C Hunt gave a Spring Meeting report. Highlights include the following: A.) Acceptance of thirty-one highly qualified candidates for membership, including two from the San Francisco Station; B.) The Governing Board will most likely reincorporate CCA outside of New York State and save as much as \$15,000 annually; C.) National Meeting days are to be changed from three to two per year, with one meeting being held at N.Y.Y.C. and the other rotating between stations; D.) At the Rear Commodores Meeting the S. F. Station website was recognized by the Commodore as having raised the bar. A few other stations are interested in an approach similar to ours. We will offer our assistance as required so it does not become a problem for Dorsey Beard, CCA Webmaster. E.) The ABACO Cruise set for April 2010 is already "filling up". Members interested should contact the sponsors for info ASAP. See CCA National website for details.

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:**

David Fullagar is in Italy at this time and Steve Hunt reported the Station remains solvent with a bank balance in the high \$2,000 range. David also wanted to report that the San Francisco Station website is

again available through the National Site, Members Only Section, Stations and San Francisco.

**Membership:**

Bob Van Blaricom encouraged members to contact him this summer regarding qualified candidates. The Station could use four to six more members.

**Events and Entertainment:**

The next meeting will be at The San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere on June 3, 2009. We will have a guest speaker from Oceana discussing the health and preservation of oceans.

Jim Cornelius stated that we need to tighten up on RSVP protocol. If members are to be guaranteed a lunch and seat at meetings, they must meet the RSVP deadline. There can be no exceptions at the local yacht clubs where space is at a premium and exact number of meals must be known in advance. Those not meeting the deadline will be placed on a wait list in case there is a last minute cancellation. We can do better guys. DEAD LINE for June 3 meeting is Sunday May 31. Please respond promptly!

**Cruising Report:**

The next cruise is to Petaluma on May 16-17. Please RSVP to Bill Edinger ASAP.

**Environment of the Sea:**

No report. See speaker for the next meeting.

**Gam/History/Newsletter:**

John Sanford is presently working on Chet Noyes' obituary. He requests you contact him regarding stories about Chet's life, especially related to sailing and CCA. This request resulted in quite a few "stories" being shared at the meeting. Chester will be missed.

**Cruising We Do:**

No report due to lack of time except to say Bill Foss is returning to Turkey and *Détente* in mid-May.

**Hawkes Ocean Technology:**

Following adjournment, the assembled group walked to the Hawke's facility to view the latest underwater "airplanes". This included a lively Q and A with Graham Hawke and then a secret viewing of the unfinished sub of the late Steve Fosset led by Peter Hogg. This sub was designed to dive to 37,000 feet deep in the Mariana Trench.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Cornelius  
(Acting Secretary for David Fullagar).



**Addendum**

For those of you who missed the meeting, Graham Hawke is giving a talk at the new Academy of Science in San Francisco on Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm as part of their Nightlife Series. ([www.calacademy.org](http://www.calacademy.org)) His latest creation will be on display.