



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station October 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes Encinal Yacht Club

Members Present: Ahari, Bekins, Bernheim, Clendenin, Cooper, Cornelius, Enersen, Forsythe, Fullagar, Hanelt, Harris, Harter, Hunt, Jessie, Klaus, Knecht, Quanci, Rolien, John Sanford, Walter Sanford, and Van Blaricom.

Call to Order: R/C Steve Hunt called the meeting to order and began by thanking Terry Klaus for setting up the luncheon. He reported that the CCA Abaco cruise was sold out, with two boats from the San Francisco Station – Bill LeRoy and Hunt/Cornelius.

R/C Steve Hunt noted that two initiatives he had spearheaded would be voted on at the Annual Meeting in November. These are 1) A motion to change the Club's state of incorporation from New York to Delaware which would result in considerable tax savings, and 2) A motion to modify the current November and January meeting schedule, both held in New York, to an Annual Meeting in the first half of the calendar year, and a second meeting in the fall, with one of these meetings to be rotated between stations. This would ease the travel burden for west coast members. Steve was gratified to receive a call from Commodore Ross Sherbrooke suggesting that he should be the first signatory of the proposed changes in recognition of his effort.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: David Fullagar stated that the club has approximately \$3900 in the bank. He also thanked Robby Robinson and Bob Hanelt for their recent updates to the website member roster and yacht roster respectively, and urged members to make use of this resource.

The San Francisco station website is now running on the CCA National server at <http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/stations/sfnew/default.htm> . You can navigate there directly by opening this link and then saving it to your Favorites folder (if you are using Explorer) or your Bookmarks folder (if you are using Mozilla Firefox). The mirror site at www.cca.fullagar.net will shortly be discontinued.

R/C Steve Hunt handed out sample website pages to each table and described the latest changes, including cruising reports from Wyman Harris and Jim Robinson, and obituaries for Chet Noyes, Craig Rowley and Lloyd Rees. Steve said future plans for the website include a new member's profile/sailing history section.

Membership Report: Bob Van Blaricom said everyone should have received the posting letter for proposed new members Steve Mason and Clark Beek, both of whom have excellent qualifications.

Additional new members proposed by Todd Hedin, Jim Jessie, Dick Enersen and Sally Honey are in the works. Bob reminded us that the first step in membership proposal is to get him a brief cruising resume.

Entertainment/Events: Next luncheon meeting will be on **Thursday**, November 5th, at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Mary Crowley will speak about her recent trip to the Pacific Gyre. Jim encouraged members to bring spouses and friends to ensure a good turnout. Dick Enersen said Mary Crowley should be considered for membership.

Cruise Report: Bob Van Blaricom reported that the Tomales Bay cruise had to be cancelled due to bad weather. He and Zia sailed to Drake's Bay and experienced an incredible electrical storm. Jim Cornelius checked the buoy reports and confirmed that the weather was unusually severe for this time of year. R/C Steve Hunt observed conditions at the Dillon Beach and saw dangerous surf conditions. Nevertheless, more than 20 members and their wives went by land to Nick's Cove and had a most enjoyable evening.

Environment of the Sea: Bill Foss is currently cruising, but R/C Steve Hunt said it had been a good year for environmental awareness with presentations by Oceana and next month's talk by Mary Crowley.

Gam/Historian/Newsletter: No report at this time.

Cruising We Do: Wyman Harris described his 1300 mile cruise in BC waters, including a passage through Nakwakto Rapids and time spent exploring Smith Inlet. Wyman & Gay then joined the PNW Station cruise in Princess Louisa Inlet, with 29 boats and 90 people participating. A full report of *Safari's* cruise can be found in the Member's Reports page of the website at

<http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/stations/sfnew/reports.htm>

Bob Hanelt and Kristi also joined the PNW cruise, flying into Princess Louisa on a float plane.

Bill Foss is enjoying great cruising around Maramis, Turkey. He will stay until the end of October. Jerry Eaton has sold *Blue Heron*. Dick Enersen enjoyed a 420 mile cruise aboard *Brass Ring*, getting as far north as Stuart Island in Desolation Sound before joining a joint cruise of the Seattle YC and the New York YC.

R/C Steve Hunt mentioned that Gene Harter has his boat for sale and would appreciate help getting it listed on the CCA National website, where there is a "boats for sale" section.

New Business: Nominating committee chairman Bob Van Blaricom announced that Robby Robinson has been proposed as next year's Rear Commodore, and Zia Ahari as Secretary/Treasurer. The nominations will be voted on at the November luncheon meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar
Secretary/Treasurer