



Groupama 3 departing Brest 11/5/2009

Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station November 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes Corinthian Yacht Club

Members Present: Ahari, Alderson, Allen, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Bekins, Carmine, Cooper, Cornelius, Easom, Eaton, Edinger, Enersen, Finlay, Fullagar, Harris, Hogg, Sally Honey, Hunt, Hurst, Jessie, Klaus, Knecht, Lindlow, Messer, Munro, Parkman, Robby Robinson, Roe, John Sanford, Walter 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 Peter Hogg for organizing the luncheon. Members were then asked to introduce their guests. Jim Cornelius introduced Mary Crowley, the guest speaker. Jim Cooper introduced Steve Mason & his wife Ginger, and John Loughran & his wife Janine. Peter Hogg introduced Jo Royle and David Thomsen. Jim Jessie introduced John McCartney and Gail Lapatina. Dick Enersen introduced Jud Morehouse and Jim Cadranell. Ben Roe introduced Eleanor Kitto. Bob Van Blaricom introduced Alex Mehran. Several members also introduced their wives, for an excellent turnout of 66 people in total.

R/C Steve Hunt said he had received a call from Commodore Ross Sherbrooke asking him to be a sponsor and signer for the club's reincorporation in Delaware, but the lawyers had determined this was not necessary. Steve also asked members if they had received the notice from Steve Taylor (which they had) regarding the ballot for the reincorporation in Delaware, as well as the proposed change of meeting dates. He urged members to vote on both these important issues.

Steve noted that Bob Van Blaricom will be attending the Annual Meeting in NY this month.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: David Fullagar stated that the club has approximately \$3600 in the bank.

David said the station website that used to run on his personal server has been discontinued. All traffic to that website will be redirected to the SF Station home page on the CCA National server at <http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/stations/sfnew/default.htm>

Membership Report: Bob Van Blaricom said that both Steve Mason and Clark Beek's membership will be put forward at the upcoming National meeting in NY. Several additional new member proposals are in the mill.

Nominating Committee: Committee Chairman Bob Van Blaricom said the committee proposed, for 2010, a slate of Robby Robinson for Rear Commodore and Zia Ahari for Secretary/Treasurer. He asked if there were any negative votes: there were none. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor of the slate. It was so moved.

Entertainment/Events: Jim Cornelius announced that the Christmas Party will be at the San Francisco Yacht Club on Wednesday, Dec. 9. Dinner will include a choice of salmon or prime rib with wine on the table for an anticipated cost of \$60/person. A detailed announcement will be sent out in the near future.

Jim Cornelius introduced Michael Elinson, Food & Beverage Manager at the Corinthian YC, who in turn introduced Executive Chef Alberto Villela. Jim thanked them for the excellent lunch. Members gave them both a well-deserved round of applause.

Cruise Report: Bill Edinger said the next cruising event will be the rendezvous at Treasure Island Cove on New Year's Eve. He is hoping for a great turnout.

Environment of the Sea: No report at this time: Bill Foss is still cruising in Turkey.

Gam/Historian/Newsletter: John Sanford reported that Stan Honey had just set off aboard Groupama 3, a 103 ft maxi-trimaran, in an attempt to break the record for the historic Jules Verne round the World challenge. Sally Honey said they had started from Ushant (NW France) four hours ago. For the latest news (including an amazing 24 hr, 708 mile run averaging almost 30 knots!) see <http://www.bymnews.com/>



Groupama 3 at 30 knots

Cruising We Do: Bruce Munro said he and Lynne are planning a cruise to Alaska next summer aboard *Princess*. Anyone interested in sub-letting their 40 ft slip in San Francisco should contact Bruce.

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

Guest Speaker: Jim Cornelius then introduced guest speaker Mary Crowley, who discussed her recent voyage to the Pacific Gyre. Mary described how she had sailed there with Peter Sutter some 33 years ago, when it was a pristine and beautiful part of the ocean. This summer the picture had changed dramatically, with 300 to 400 pieces of garbage often visible from the deck of the boat, to say nothing of thousands of



smaller pieces. She spoke eloquently and passionately about the need to curb our appetite for plastic packaging (tens of billions of tons of plastic discarded every year, with some percentage ending up in the oceans) and the need to mount a clean-up effort in the Pacific Gyre and other similarly affected locations. Further information can be found at www.projectkaisei.org.

Both Jim Cornelius and R/C Steve Hunt thanked Mary for a very informative talk, to the applause of members present.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar
Secretary/Treasurer