



Jerry Eaton displays courtesy flags of 28 countries visited by Blue Heron

Photo by Marilyn Hunt

Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station December 9th, 2009 Meeting Minutes San Francisco Yacht Club

Members Present: Ahari, Allen, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Bekins, Belmont, Bernheim, Carmine, Chapman, Cochran, Cornelius, Dignan, Enersen, Eaton, Finley, Fullagar, Hanelt, Harris, Hedin, Stan & Sally Honey, Hunt, Hurst, Klaus, Knecht, LeRoy, Munro, Noonan, Olson, Parkman, Robby Robinson, Roe, Rolien, John Sanford, Walter Sanford, Swain, Van Blaricom and Warren.

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: R/C Steve Hunt called the meeting to order and noted that this was the station's 64th Christmas Party. He thanked Jim Cornelius, Mul Hadisuryo and David Fullagar for organizing the event. He recalled that in 2009 we lost two members, Chet Noyes and Lloyd Reece (a past commodore and the oldest member of our station), but he welcomed three new members: Wally Sanford, Alan Olson and Nick Orem (who has since transferred to the Boston Station). Steve also welcomed two potential new members, Clark Beek and Steve Mason.

R/C Steve Hunt then asked members to introduce their guests. Wyman Harris introduced Martin Gordon. Dean Carmine introduced Gail Lapetina. Robby Robinson introduced Clark Beek and his partner Alison Cooke. Bill Chapman introduced Cherry Noble. John Swain introduced Steve Mason and his wife Ginger Souders-Mason.

Additional Comments by R/C Steve Hunt: Steve thanked the committee chairmen and their staff for doing a great job in 2009. The following members were asked to stand for a round of applause: Bob Van Blaricom, David Fullagar, Bill Edinger, Jim Cornelius, John Sanford, Terry Klaus, Robby Robinson, Bob Hanelt and Bill Foss.

Steve then reviewed the accomplishments of the last two years. At the National level, these include his role in achieving greater financial transparency, reincorporation in Delaware to avoid NY State taxes, and bylaw changes to have one of the annual meetings rotate between stations rather than have both meetings in New York. He also welcomed the visit this year by Commodore Sherbrooke, and hopes that the next Commodore, Sheila McCurdy, will continue the tradition of visiting all the stations during her term in office.

At the Local level, Steve said the station now provides clear and concise accounting of the year's revenue and expenses, and that we will end 2009 with a moderate but adequate amount of money in the bank. He also said he felt we had the best website of all the stations, with an outstanding Membership Roster and Yacht Roster. He urged future officers to continue adding content, including a short synopsis of each member. Under the heading "Things I would like to have done," Steve said he would have liked to have seen more active participation by new members in attending meetings and cruises.

He closed by saying it had been an honor and privilege to serve as Rear Commodore, and he thanked the members for the opportunity.

Cruiser of the Year Award: The Cruiser of the Year Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Jerry Eaton for his 6½ years of cruising aboard *Blue Heron*, visiting 28 countries, making 390 ports of call, and covering 22,500 sea miles.



New Officers for 2010: The new Rear Commodore will be Robby Robinson and the Secretary/Treasurer will be Zia Ahari, as voted on by the membership at the November meeting. Outgoing R/C Steve



Hunt awarded the Evan Pugh Trophy along with the gavel and Rear Commodore's flag to Robby. Robby thanked Steve for doing an outstanding job during his tenure as Rear Commodore, recalling that in the military it is said "Never follow a guy who did a terrific job!"

For 2010, Robby announced officers as follows: Secretary/Treasurer: Zia Ahari, Membership Committee Chairman: Bob Van Blaricom, Cruise Committee Chairman: Doug Finley, Environment of the Sea Committee Chairman: Bill Foss, Program Committee Chairman: Wyman Harris, Historian: John Sanford. The webmaster will be David Fullagar. Robby said he was instituting the position of Fleet Surgeon, and that Joe Alderson had agreed to serve in this capacity.

The next luncheon meeting will be on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the St. Francis Yacht Club.

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

Presentation by Jerry Eaton: Jerry entertained members present with a wonderful slide show of his and Karen's European/Caribbean/East Coast cruise on *Blue Heron*. They started at the Hallberg-Rassy factory in Sweden where *Blue Heron* was built and ended 22,500 sea miles and 6 ½ years later in the Chesapeake. An outstanding adventure, beautifully photographed and humorously presented by Jerry. He received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his talk.

Stan Honey briefly described the structural problems that beset Groupama 3 and their subsequent diversion to Capetown where the trimaran was repaired. The team is hoping to make another attempt at the record sometime after Jan 1. He promised to speak at our May meeting. Bill LeRoy said he was shipping his Cal 40 *Gone with the Wind* to the East Coast in readiness for the Bermuda Race, and that he had just recruited Sally Honey to be navigator.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fullagar
Secretary/Treasurer

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