



## **Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station April 7, 2010- Fort Baker USCG Station Meeting Minutes**

### **Members Present:**

Ahari, Bob Allen, Bacigalupi, Beek, Bekins, Belmont, Bernheim, Cooper, Cochran, Cornelius, Darbee, Eaton, Enersen, Finley, Fullagar, Forsythe, Foss. Hall, Harris, Harter, Hedin, Hogg, Sally Honey, Stan Honey, Hunt, Hurst, Jessie, Knecht, Le Roy, Mason, Munro, J. Robinson, R. Robinson, J Rolien, J. Sanford, W. Sanford, Swain, Taylor, Van Blaricom, and Warren.

1. **Call to order:** R.C. welcomed the members, their spouses and guests. He then thanked Jerry Eaton for arranging this meeting at the Ft Baker CG Station and our hosts Warrant Officer Mark Allstott and the men and women who are stationed there. Jerry Eaton introduced Warrant Officer Mark Allstott who described his career as a warrant officer in the Coast Guard and the places he had served during his career. He then left the podium to Warrant Officer Jessica L. Shafer, one of the two female officers in the Coast Guard who are in charge of Surf Boats, a highly specialized and difficult post to attain in the USCG. Officer Shafer introduced the members to the structure of the station, number of boats and the personnel in charge of the SAR and security duties performed by the station's personnel of 41-42 persons of which 6 are females. The station covers an area from Point Ano Nuevo to Point Reyes and out 50nm and inside the bay from the Golden Gate Bridge to just east of Angel Island. The station, which is housed in Fort Baker, is well suited to the duties assigned and expanded its buildings some 2 years ago. The station carried out 550 SAR and 262 security boarding operations in 2009.

On answering a question regarding the boarding operations carried out by the USCG, the officers explained that they are done randomly and for the purpose of assuring safety features of the boats boarded and for training purposes. R.C. Robinson, joined by the audience, thanked the station officers for the job they were doing with applause.

During the visit we ate lunch at the crew's mess, prepared and served by FS1 Ciencia and FS2 Capiso – a truly delicious meal. After the meeting, we broke into groups to tour the station. We were briefed on Rescue 21, the USCG advanced command, control and communications system, toured the 47 foot motor life boats and some of our station had the opportunity to ride aboard on a short trip in the bay.

Then R.C. Robinson acknowledged Stan Honey's successful trip aboard French Trimaran "*Groupama III*" as navigator during their non-stop circumnavigation. They succeeded in winning the Jules Verne Trophy with a total time of 48 days, 7 hours, 44 minutes and 52 seconds. This bested the Catamaran "Orange" by 2 days, 8 hours and 35 minutes.

He also announced that CCA member Rich Wilson, who participated in the Vendee Globe Round the World Single-handed Race, and is the oldest participant so far, will be talking in the Corinthian YC. He encouraged participation of the members at the event. He then encouraged members to read the Latitude 38 letter-writing argument between Dick Enersen and Bruce Munro for and against America Cup Race being held in the SF Bay Area.

2. **Introduction of Guests:** Members introduced their guests, and Bob Van Blaricom introduced Gary Schwartzman, a CCA/Boston station member who is visiting the Bay Area.

3. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Zia Ahari reported that at this moment the bank balance was \$4,823.54. He also announced the availability of a burgee sticker. The first one can be obtained from the secretary free of charge and any additional burgee stickers will cost the member \$3.00. He then introduced a planning and navigation website that is a combination of Google Earth, Google Map, NOAA, New Zealand, Australian and UK charts. The URL is <http://marine.geogarage.com/routes>

4. **Membership Report:** Bob Van Blaricom reported that prospective new members Mary Crowley and Darren Crouse were posted nationally on 10 March. Assuming no adverse comments, they will become full members of the CCA, San Francisco Station this month.

5. **Entertainment:** Wyman Harris reported that next month's meeting will be held on **THURSDAY MAY 6<sup>th</sup>** in the Corinthian Yacht Club. Stan Honey will speak about his experiences during the record breaking round the globe non-stop race. R/C Robinson encouraged members to bring spouses and guests to the meeting. He also mentioned that the June meeting on **Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, will be held on board the historic Victory Ship "*Red Oak*" located in Richmond.

6. **Cruise Report:** The first cruise on the program is the Half Moon Bay Cruise that is being arranged by Bob Van Blaricom and is going to take place May 14-16. A flyer with the details will be sent out on April 14. The next cruise June 25-27 will be at Solano YC, Suisun City and will be led by Chris Parkman. Our cruise chair Doug Finley will be aboard *Scorpio* with Skipper Bob Vespa headed for Hawaii.

7. **Environment:** Bill Foss could not make the meeting

8. **Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** No report.

9. **Cruising We Do:** No reports

10. **New Business:** R/C Robinson asked the station to vote whether we should commit to running a national cruise in the western Pacific. He stated that during the officers' meeting at the recent national meeting in New York, V/C Dyer asked that a station commit for the spring cruise of 2013. After discussion, a vote was held and the motion carried. The destinations were briefly discussed. A destination where the members have most cruising experience is Phuket in Thailand.

11. **Next Meeting:** Will be at Corinthian YC **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** featuring Stan Honey speaking about his trip aboard "*Groupama III*".

12. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Zia E. Ahari  
Secretary/Treasurer

Please visit the CCA, San Francisco Station and the National website:  
<http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/stations/sfnew/default.htm>

For planning a cruise please visit:  
<http://marine.geogarage.com/routes>

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# Luncheon 7 April with USCG Station Golden Gate

*Photos by Dick Enersen and David Fullagar*

