



## **Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station June 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes Red Oak Victory**

### **Members Present:**

Alderson, Bacigalupi, Barker, Carmine, Crouse, Easom, Eaton, Finley, Forsythe, Fullagar, Hanelt, Hines, Hogg, Stan Honey, Sally Honey, Hunt, Hurst, Jessie, Knecht, Mason, Messer, Parkman, Jim Robinson, Robby Robinson, John Sanford, Taylor and Warren.

**Call to Order and Introduction of Guests:** R/C Robby Robinson called the meeting to order and began by welcoming everyone, and noting that three former Victory Ship sailors (Bob Hanelt, Doug Finley and Dean Carmine) were present. He thanked Jerry Eaton for coordinating the meeting, Jane Van Blaricom & Kopi Carmine for collecting the money, and Jim Cornelius for buying the wine.

Robby then called for the introduction of guests. Hank Easom introduced Carl Lewis, Jim Jessie introduced Michael Jackson, Joe Alderson introduced Ron Beaseley, Steve Hunt introduced his brother-in-law Frank Bliss, and Fritz Warren introduced Gene & Jackie Royal.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Zia Ahari is currently in Newport, OR aboard *Athesa* on his way to Portland, but R/C Robby Robinson said the club's balance stood at \$3992.48

**Membership Report:** No report since Bob Van Blaricom is with Zia aboard *Athesa* in Newport, OR.

**Cruise Report:** Doug Finley encouraged members to sign up for the Suisun YC cruise, noting that the channel had recently been dredged. Robby noted that Chris Parkman was organizing this cruise and that an e-mail would be sent shortly outlining the details of the 40 mile cruise.

Regarding the Tomales Bay cruise in September, Doug suggested that participants depart on Thursday (Sept. 23) for a picnic/barbecue in Tomales Bay on Friday (Sept. 24) to take advantage of favorable tides.

**Environment of the Sea:** No report from Bill Foss at this time. Robby noted that this has not been a good month for the environment of the sea.

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

**Cruising We Do:** Bruce Munro and Wyman Harris are both cruising in Alaska. Bill LeRoy has shipped his Cal 40 to the east coast to participate in the Bermuda Race starting June 18 with Sally Honey as crew. Jim Gregory is competing in the Etchells North Americans in San Diego June 7 to June 12.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 1 at the San Francisco Yacht Club when members can relate their summer cruising adventures. Due to space limitations, the meeting will be restricted to members and prospective members.

R/C Robby Robinson thanked the docents and other Red Oak Victory staff for their hospitality and the excellent pasta & meatball lunch served from the ship's galley.

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

**Red Oak Victory Tour:** Members, spouses and guests then split up into small groups and were led on an exceptionally interesting tour of the Red Oak Victory by docents.

***S Red Oak Victory*** is a 455ft WW II Victory ship preserved as a museum in Richmond. She was one of 534 Victories built during the war. The Red Oak was built in 87 days and was launched on November 9, 1944. She was named after Red Oak, a city in Iowa that suffered the highest number of wartime casualties, as a percentage of the population, of any city in the US. The ship saw service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and has the distinction of being the only ship operated by both military and civilian personnel during her career.

The SS Red Oak Victory carried 300,000 gal of bunker oil and had a range of 25,000 miles at her cruising speed of 15 knots. Power from her twin boiler 6000HP turbine engine went through a 200ft shaft tunnel to a single propeller rotating at 45rpm (at cruising speed). Launched on November 9, 1944 as the SS *Red Oak Victory* and commissioned in December, 1944, the *Red Oak Victory* is the only vessel built by the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond, California that is being restored. The ship saw service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and has the distinction of being the only Victory ship operated by both military and civilian personnel during her career.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Treasurer/Secretary Zia Ahari,

David Fullagar







Bridge



Nav. Station/RDF



One of 2 boilers



Engine Room Control Panel



200ft Propeller Shaft Tunnel



Bilge Pump