



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station September 1, 2010- San Francisco Yacht Club Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Ahari, J. Alderson, Bacigalupi, Baylis, Bekins, Cooper, Cochran, Cornelius, Darbee, Edinger, Finley, Fullagar, Forsythe, Fullagar, Harris, Harter, Hedin, Hunt, Hurst, Knecht, Le Roy, Mason, Olson, Parkman, J. Robinson, R. Robinson, Roe, J Rolien, J. Sanford, W. Sanford, Swain, Van Blaricom, and Warren.

1. Call to order:

R/C welcomed the members, prospective member Alex Mihan, and Mrs. Laila Messer, our only guest. He then thanked Jim Cornelius for arranging this meeting and the coming Christmas Party at the San Francisco Yacht Club.

R/C advised the group that past R/C Bob Allen is quite ill under Hospice care at home and suggested a call, or a visit after coordinating with Marlene.

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Zia Ahari reported that the bank balance was \$4,651.00.

4. Membership Report: Bob Van Blaricom reported that prospective new member Alexander Mihan's membership was due to be discussed at the next meeting of the national membership committee meeting next month. Membership documents for John McCartney were being prepared.

5. **Entertainment:** R/C Robinson announced that next month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday October 6th** in the Saint Francis Yacht Club. Liz Baylis will be the speaker of the month.

6. **Cruise Report:** The annual cruise to Tomales Bay is scheduled for September 24-26. Cruise Chair, Doug Finley with the help of Jerry Knecht had to steer a difficult course through tortuous administrative hurdles to reserve the Heart's Desire Park picnic area. **This accomplished, the BBQ will be held on Friday afternoon (3-7 PM), September 24 instead of the traditional Saturday.**

7. **Environment:** Bill Foss, who is leaving for Turkey on the 5th, asked that the station participate in the annual Coastal Clean-up Day Saturday September 25, which coincides with the CCA Tomales Bay Cruise. R/C Robinson, who had specific information on the "adopt a beach program", asked for a volunteer to lead a group on behalf of the CCA and encouraged participation of the members and their families in this effort.

8. **Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** John Sanford asked members to submit reports of their cruises and interesting photographs. The maximum number of photographs allowed him is only three, and he reminded members to be very selective in the photos they send to him. .

9. **Cruising We Do:**

Peter Darbee related his cruising experiences with a friend in Norway.

Liz Baylis talked about her experiences while participating together with Todd Hedin and Jim Antrim in this year's Pacific Cup race onboard "*California Condor*" a newly launched Antrim Class 40. After a rapid start and potential "first to finish" run, the gudgeons on first one and then the other of the boat's twin rudders failed on the fourth day . During the following days, by use of drogues, sail manipulation and manufacturing replacement gudgeons using the remains, they managed to ship one rudder and make Hawaii in 13 ½ days.

Bill Le Roy) described his experiences participating in the Bermuda race, onboard his Cal 40, "*Gone With the Wind*" which he'd shipped East. He described the impressive start and finish of the race with participation of close to 200 boats and countless number of boats sending them off.

Participants in the race consisted of all categories of boats from thoroughbred ultra light racers to ordinary family cruisers. The crew, including navigator Sally Honey, were compatible and happy enough to sign up for the race next year. "*Gone With the Wind*" finished 3rd in her class and 8th over all in this race.

Zia Ahari described the two-handed cruise with Bob Van Blaricom onboard "*Athesa*" a Hallberg Rassy 31 to Columbia River. The original plans were to go beyond Bonneville Dam and explore the upper reaches. However, due to unforeseen high levels of water and a steady strong current they could not sail beyond Beacon Rock and were beaten back by the strong currents. The cruise had its exciting moments especially in the areas where it was supposed to be dead easy and a "*cakewalk*" that proved not to be so. The weather was not helpful either; on the way back instead of having the prevalent north-westerlies and contrary to the weather reports predicting them, they had to face flat calms or south-westerlies. On the whole, he described the cruise a success and very enjoyable.

Wyman Harris reported on his Alaska cruise and the wonders of the magical landscape and wildlife. He has already sent the complete report of his adventures to a few of his friends in a series of E-mail reports. Parts of these reports are available on our website. David Fullagar, our webmaster promised to update and complete the series. Wyman recommended the cruise to Alaska and described it a doable project for all the members in their boats.

Steve Mason presented a report of his cruise to Southern California. In an otherwise uneventful cruise he had faced the consequences of a breakdown in one of the "*Sea Jay's*" plastic through hull fittings. He recommended regular inspection and replacement of defective through-hull fittings and also a sea trial of the boat in the dark for testing all the lights before departing for any major cruise

10. New Business:

Jim Cornelius told the audience about the Schooner Race that had taken place on Saturday September 28 at SFYC. Three station members, Alan Olson in "*Seaward*", Terry Klause in his Herreshoff 50, "*Brigadoon*" and Bob Vespa in his Schock 42, "*Scorpio*" had participated in the race. A few other members had also participated in the race as crew members. Jim

praised the work of John Swain and Jim Robinson, who had assisted in organizing and the difficult job of docking the boats under gusty winds and demanding circumstances.

Jerry Knecht suggested a donation to the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center and described the educational programs they are conducting. John Sanford endorsed the value of the Spaulding Center, and suggested individual members, rather than the station, should donate from their own resources in the name of the CCA/SAF station. Zia Ahari noted that the donating member would enjoy the tax deduction. Fritz Warren said he'd write a check for \$100.00 and asked others to match it – 10 hands went up. R/C asked Jerry if he would be the “Point Man” consolidating funds from those who wished to donate. Jerry agreed and will report the result at the next meeting. Members who wish to donate should make the checks payable to the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center and can either mail them to Jerry or give them to him at the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting: Will be at the St Francis Yacht Club on **Wednesday, October 6th**

12. Adjournment : Meeting was adjourned. At 1415 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Zia E. Ahari
Secretary/Treasurer

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

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