



## **Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Meeting Minutes San Francisco Yacht Club**

### **Members Present:**

Ahari, Antrim, Bacigalupi, Baylis, Bernheim, Carmine, Clendenin, Cochran, Cooper, Cornelius, Darbee, Dingan, Easom, Eaton, Finley, Hanelt, Harris, Harter, Hedin, Stan & Sally Honey, Hunt, Jessie, Klaus, Knecht, LeRoy, Mason, Mehran, Noonan, Parkman, Robby Robinson, Roe, Rolien, J. Sanford, W. Sanford, Van Blaricom Vespa and Warren.

### **Call to Order and Introduction of Guests:**

R.C. Robinson called the meeting to order and welcomed the members, their spouses and guests to the 65<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Dinner of the San Francisco Station of the Cruising Club of America. He especially welcomed Steve Taylor the Club Secretary who was on a visit to the Bay Area and was attending the meeting.

Then he thanked our member Jim Cornelius and Natalie Watson the head of SFYC Catering department for their efforts in arranging the party and member Terry Klause for arranging the entertainment provided by the Sons of the Sea (SOTS).

### **Additional comments by R/C Robby Robinson:**

The R/C then asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of members, past R/C's Bill Birdsey and Bob Allen and the two widows of our members Barbara Mills & Jeanne Milburn who passed on this year.

Robby further announced that together with Bob Van Blaricom will be going to the New York for the CCA Awards Dinner & Meeting. Bob has been awarded the Richard S. Nye Trophy for "... *bringing distinction to the Club by meritorious service, outstanding seamanship, outstanding performance in long distance cruising or racing, statesmanship in the affairs of international yachting or any combination of the above.*"

### **Entertainment by the Sons of the Sea, (SOTS):**

The group that is created by the members of Saint Francis Yacht Club and is well known for its performances throughout the country, performed a medley of popular Christmas carols which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

### **Announcements by R/C Robby Robinson:**

Following dinner R/C Robinson thanked the members of the team that had assisted him during the 2010 and introduced the new members and chairpersons of the various committees, mostly the same people;

Zia Ahari – Secretary Treasurer

**Committees:**

Membership – Bob Van Blaricom  
Cruise – Doug Finley  
Luncheon Program co-chairs – Jerry Eaton and Sally Honey  
Historian – John Sanford  
Environment of the Sea – Bill Foss  
Webmaster – Walter Sanford & Steve Hunt  
Nominating – Steve Hunt, Bob VanBlaricom & Jim Corneilus

He then announced creation of a new committee, the **National Cruise Siam 2013** co-chaired by Wyman Harris & Jerry Eaton. This committee will arrange and coordinate the national cruise to Phuket, Thailand. R/C then directed Zia Ahari, to introduce the new member Alexander Mehran and his spouse Maggie to the Club. After introduction Alex was presented with the traditional CCA tie, sticker and burgee. It was also announced that the membership of John McCartney has been approved and announced, however they are cruising the Mexican waters and were not able to attend.

**San Francisco Station “Cruiser of the Year” Award:**

This year Wyman and Gay Harris were awarded for their trip on board their Offshore 54, *Safari* to Alaska. They were commended for their seamanship, extraordinary performance and communication skills in keeping all their friends and members of the Club informed and up to date during their cruise. On accepting the award Wyman postulated that all his cruises would not have been possible without the valuable assistance of his wife Gay and the fact that the award should rightfully be shared by both of them.

**Announcements:**

R/C Robinson announced that the CCA commodore, Sheila McCurdy will be travelling to the Bay Area in February 2011 and will be attending the February monthly luncheon to be held on Thursday February 10, 2011 at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Members were recommended to mark their calendars and make sure to attend the luncheon.

It was further announced that member Charlie and his spouse Helen Baccigalupi will be honored by Sonoma County Wine Library for their **Achievements in Wine Industry** on February 16, 2011 at the Paradise Ridge Winery. Members were invited to attend.

**Next Meeting:**

Will be at held at Marin Yacht Club, Point San Pedro, on **Wednesday, 5 Jan 2011**, with member Clark Beek speaking about his trip to Antarctica.

High tide will be at 12:30 PM which should encourage attendance by boat.

Finally Rear Commodore, members, spouses and their guest thanked Jim Cornelius for lining up such a pleasant and enjoyable meeting, Natalie Watson and her staff at the San Francisco Yacht Club catering especially the chef and the waiting staff by a standing ovation.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Zia E. Ahari  
Secretary/Treasurer

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

For planning a cruise please visit:

<http://marine.geogarage.com/routes>

