



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station April 5, 2011- California Marine Academy Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Ahari, Bacigalupi, Barker, Bekins, Carmine, Cooper, Cornelius, Crowley Easom, Enersen, Finley, Forsythe, Foss. Hall, Hanelt, Harris, Sally Honey, Hunt, Hurst, Knecht, Le Roy, Mason, Munro, Mehran, Messer, Robby Robinson, J Rolien, J. Sanford, Sutter, Van Blaricom, and Warren.

1. **Call to order:** R.C. welcomed the members, their spouses and guests. He then thanked Sally Honey and Zia Ahari for arranging and running this meeting at the California Marine Academy and our hosts Charlie Army, officers and cadets who are stationed there. Charlie Army and Assistant Director Tom Dunworth talked about the history and activities of the CMA and the actual sailing activities of the cadets especially their achievements in the national sailing regattas and races.

2. **Introduction of Guests:** Members introduced their guests. R/C welcomed station member Christine Sutter who currently lives in Heidelberg Germany and was here for an annual visit. It was announced that 4 of station members, Carmine, Finley, and Hanlet are the alumni of the CMA and Tuuli Messer the daughter of Laila and Sid Messer is in amongst the teaching staff of the CMA.

"John Sanford introduced his guests, Past CCA R/C (NY Station) Hank Strauss and Jim Bryant. Hank Strauss, a member of the CCA since 1967 - is a WWII Navy Veteran who is a shipwreck survivor off Newfoundland. His story can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/hankstrauss>, There is a possibility that he may relocate out here, so we'll see him at our future luncheons.

Jim Bryant, a CMA graduate and former Chairman of the CMA Board is now responsible for the donated yacht program of CMA. It is through the CMA donated yacht program that our member Alex Mehran is chartering the former Felipe Kahn yacht *Pegasus*".

3. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Zia Ahari reported that at this moment the bank balance was \$3500.85
4. **Membership Report:** Bob Van Blaricom reported that Bill Le Roy had joined the station membership committee and reported on the progression of the prospective members through the National Membership Committee
5. **Entertainment:** It was reported that the next luncheon meeting will be held at the Encynal Yacht Club on THURSDAY MAY 5, and invited members to make this visit a mini cruise by sailing on Wednesday night and spending the night at the Marina of the club. R/C Robinson and Zia Ahari have already committed to sail to EYC on Wednesday May 4.
6. **Cruise Report:** The first cruise on the program is the Half Moon Bay Cruise that is being arranged by Doug Finley and Zia Ahari and is going to take place May 13-15. A flyer with the details will be sent out on April 14. The next cruise will take place in June 25-27 to the Solano YC, Suisun City.
7. **Environment:** Bill Foss presented and recommended reading of a newly published book, MOBY DUCK. It has won praise in the New York Times and is the true story of 28,800 bath toys lost at sea and of the beachcombers, oceanographers, environmentalists, and fools, including the author Donovan Hohn, who went in search of them /
8. **Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** No report.
9. **Cruising We Do:** Following members reported on their prospective sailing plans for the coming sailing season;
 - Dean and Kopi Carmine heading north to Columbia River
 - Bill and Sandy Edinger to Hawaii or Channel Islands
 - Doug and Anne Finley to Channel Islands
 - Steve Mason intends to sail north to BC and eventually to Alaska. Jim Cooper will be part of the crew.

- Bob Van Blaricom and Chris Parkman are crewing on a Pearson 37 off to Marquesas Islands, then Tahiti. Parkman will sail with the boat to New Zealand.
- Alex Mehran is completing his open 50 and will participate in the *Transpac Race*.

10. **National Cruise.** : Wyman Harris reported on the progress of arrangements for the national cruise to Thailand. The most pressing item in the agenda is confirmation of the mother-ship a 230'3 masted French sailing vessel which has capacity for 60 people. So far 31 people have shown interest for \$6,500.00/person. The deadline is April 28. If the optimum number is not reached by then the mother-ship project will have to be abandoned. There are still bare boats that are available for charter and have to be booked. For full detail please go to the CCA website by clicking below http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/calendar_2013_phuket.asp

11. **New Business.** : Bruce Munro reported being involved in creation of the National Sailing Hall of Fame. Bruce has been involved with the National Sailing Hall of Fame (NSHOF) now for over 2 years. It is based in Annapolis, MD but has a national scope. It operates out of Annapolis water front immediately adjacent to the US Naval Academy. It has a small facility and docks there now, but is engaged in a major fund raising project to build a proper Hall of Fame similar to those found in other sports.

The initial class of inductees will be selected this year and inductions will take place at the San Diego Yacht Club in October. Fifteen people will be inducted and nominations can be made at any time until June 1. Nominations can be made by the boating public by going to the NSHOF web site at www.nshof.org. The web site gives all necessary information about the Hall of Fame and has a registration system for people who want to nominate someone to the Hall. There is a button to click on the web site that tells you how to nominate a person. Nominations can be made in different categories such as racers, cruisers, designers, builders, sail makers, coaches, media, etc. Bruce was elected to the board of directors of NSHOF in 2009. More recently has been chosen as one of two members of the selection committee. The selection committee will make the final decision on who gets inducted and it consists of 12 individuals from around the country. He encouraged members to visit their website <http://www.nshof.org/> and vote.

12. **Next Meeting:** Will be at Encynal YC **Thursday, May 5th**.
Members are encouraged to sail to the club and spend the night at the Marina.

13. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Zia E. Ahari
Secretary/Treasurer

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