



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station June 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes On Board S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien

Members Present:

Ahari, Bacigalupi, Baylis, Bekins, Bernheim, Chamberlin, Cooper, Cornelius, Crose, Finley, Foss, Fullagar, Hedin, Hogg, Hurst, Jessie, Keegan, Klaus, Knecht, Mason, Munro, Parkman, Robby Robinson, Rolien, J. Sanford, and Van Blaricom.

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests:

R/C Robby Robinson welcomed all members, their spouses and guests. R/C then offered his special thanks to Sally Honey for her great efforts in arranging the meeting. Sally and Stan were absent due to Sally's sudden illness. She is in our thoughts and we pray for her speedy recovery.

Peter Hogg introduced his guests Murray Lister and his wife. Murray was the captain of the NZ container ship that rescued CCA member Richie Wilson when his trimarin *Great American* capsized off Cape Horn.

R/C then introduced our host Mark Shafer, Captain USNR and thanked him for the invitation. He then mentioned that he, Mark Shafer, Jon Rolien and Jim Hurst all belong to the SIRS (Sons In Retirement).

Captain Mark Shafer then talked about S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien (JOB) and the fact that she is one of the two remaining Liberty Ships still in service. In the absence of turbo engines the Liberty ships had to be built with engines not larger than 2,500 HP. However later during the war, as more turbo engines were produced and became available, Victory ships the successors of Liberty ships, were equipped with powerful 8,500 HP engines. JOB which is served by an all voluntary crew sailed in 1994 to participate in the 50th anniversary of the termination of WWII and was received with honors by the French in Normandy.

Todd Hedin asked Jim Cornelius for a report on John Scarborough and Hank Easom. They underwent surgery last month. Jim reported that both are out of the hospital and are making a smooth recovery. Jim was requested to deliver the customary membership packet of a Club tie, burgee, sticker, the latest edition of the CCA publication, Voyages and information on the station officers and activities to John Scarborough who due to illness had not been able to attend a meeting and receive it personally.

In the absence of Sally Honey the proposer, R/C asked Zia Ahari to introduce our new member Steve Chamberlin.

Zia Ahari proceeded to introduce Steve Chamberlin. Steve is a well known sailor in the bay area. Steve and his wife Susan started sailing in a 24 foot boat and after the purchase of their 37' boat they participated on many occasions in the Pacific Cup Races and won honors repeatedly. Steve is active in the Bay Area sailing life and generously donates his time in preparation and inspection of the participating boats in the Pacific Cup races. He also gives lectures on Safety at Sea. Steve and Susan have a Schumacher 46 and cruise the South Pacific. The Secretary then presented Steve Chamberlin with the customary membership packet.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: The secretary thanked Bill Foss for introduction of the book, Moby Duck by Donovan Hohn to the Club at the last meeting. The book is about the frightening aspects of the environmental damage done to the oceans, especially because of the liberal use of plastics. He encouraged the members to read the book. He then read a message from Peter Noonan who has moved his boat to Newport Rhode Island, asking the members who visit the area to call on him.

Finally he reported that at present the Station had a balance of \$3,582.96 in the bank.

Membership Report: Bob Van Blaricom reported progress in the procedures of membership of Cree Partridge, and Michael Moradzadeh.

Entertainment/Events: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 7 at the San Francisco Yacht Club.

Cruise Report: Jim Cornelius has taken over the responsibility of the cruise to Solano YC at Suisun City. The plans are to depart on Thursday June 23, tie up at Benicia or proceed and anchor for the night at Montazuma Slough, then proceed to Suisun City on Friday. CCA traditional BBQ will be held at the SYC. Members are invited to participate in the retirement celebrations to be held at the Yacht Club on Saturday night. The cruise will return home on Sunday June 26. A flier is being finalized and will be sent to the membership shortly.

Environment of the Sea: Bill Foss reported on his efforts to encourage the CCA membership for further participation to enhance the Stewardship of the Seas programs. He announced that June 8th has been proclaimed as World Ocean Day. Todd Hedin reported that the station has taken over the responsibility of Coastal Cleaning Day at the Heart's desire beach at Tomales Bay which coincides with the Club Cruise to Tomales Bay. Hedin, the Clean Up Captain, and Foss both encouraged members to get there by boat or car and get their families especially the younger ones involved in this effort.

Bill Foss also suggested that the station should keep up with its environmental activities and through contacts and statements at the national meetings strive to become a model for CCA in protection of the oceans.

GAM/Historian/Newsletter: John Sanford reported the death on April 28 of Elizabeth Flood, wife of our distinguished deceased member, Jim Flood. Jim Flood Elizabeth's husband passed away in 1990. John met Elizabeth when he first joined CCA in 1981. There are very few of members around that still remember Jim and Elizabeth Flood. It is interesting to note that Elizabeth Flood was a model.

Cruisings we do: The R/C encouraged the members who cruise during the summer to send reports or web addresses of their blogs to R/C and/or our webmaster Wally Sanford for publication on the station website. However he repeated a warning mentioned by Peter Darbee that while sailing in the pirate infested areas to avoid from giving their exact positions and detailed cruise plans as it is shown that the pirates monitor these blogs and may cause untoward hazards.

There being no new or old business the meeting was adjourned.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday September 7th at the San Francisco Yacht Clu.

Respectfully submitted,

Zia Ahari
Secretary/Treasurer

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