



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station
Meeting Minutes
September 7th, San Francisco Yacht Club

Members present: Ahari, Alderson, Baylis, Beek, Cornelius, Clendenin, Edinger, Finley, Forsythe, Fullager, Hall, Harter, Hedin, Hunt, Hurst, Keegan, Knecht, Klaus, Mason, McCartney, Olson, Parkman, Quanci, R. Robinson, Roe, Sanford, Scarborough, Van Blaricom, Warren.

1. **Call to order:** R/C Robinson called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming.

He commented on the costs of meeting luncheons. "As you know we've been welcomed by a number of yacht clubs in the area and have mostly focused on San Francisco and St Francis Yacht Clubs. During the two years of my tenure in office, the cost of luncheons has increased despite efforts by our liaisons, Jim Cornelius and Terry Klaus, to hold it down. We had a good mix of venues in the past and the remainder of the year is scheduled. However, suggestions for next year would be appreciated". There were a few suggestions from the audience including the use of Encinal Yacht Club.

R/C added that we have received an email from Tod White, CCA/ SOC station inviting us to join their cruise in October. The mail reads as follows:

" Our fall cruise begins at the LAYC Oct 16. We're meeting at a member's home in Montecito (Santa Barbara) Sunday the 23rd and some land based activities in Santa Barbara that weekend. Many of us are going to the Santa Cruz Island or San Miguel I on from there. If any of your members are in the neighborhood, they certainly are welcome to join us. Contact me for more details. "

He encouraged all interested to contact Tod White .

R/C added that the September issue of Sail Magazine had printed a great article written by Kimball Livingston about our station member Stan Honey. He suggested it was worth going to the library to read it.

R/C informed the present members that the station member Roger Swanson, who lives in Dunnell, Minnesota, has been diagnosed with cancer earlier this summer. Doug Finley has gotten a card for all of us to sign. He then asked the members who have sailed with Roger share their experiences.

Jim Cornelius who has been in contact with Roger described the nature of Roger's affliction. Bob Van Blaricom and Doug Finley each presented their memories of sailing with Roger. Then Jim Cornelius presented the R/C with copies of a detailed log entry

made by Roger during one of his cruises as an example of his competent and meticulous seamanship. The log entry will be scanned and mailed to the membership by the R/C.

Then R/C welcomed John McCartney who has been our member for the past year but is attending a luncheon meeting for the first time as he is cruising in Mexico. R/C presented John with the customary packet of information and CCA tie and burgee. John thanked the members for electing him to join them at the CCA and said that he has already been enjoying the privileges of the membership and has met a number of CCA members including David Fullagar while cruising in Mexico. John is returning to his boat "*Music*" in Mexico, after a shoulder surgery. He added that he plans to sail from Mexico to South Pacific next spring. John's blog is on the station website, and his progress may be followed there.

2. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Zia Ahari reported that the station had a balance of \$2,767.86 in the bank.

3. **Membership:** Bob Van Blaricom committee chair, reported that he will present three new candidates; Michael Moradzadeh, Cree Partidge and Ray W. Lotto at the fall meeting to be held in Seattle in October. Terry Klaus noted that he was proposer and Bruce Munro and Bill LeRoy were the seconders for Ray Lotto, a fact that had been omitted in the Posting Letter sent to the membership a few days earlier.

4. **Entertainment:** Our next meeting will be on held on **Wednesday, October 5th** at St Francis YC. Stan Honey will be our speaker.

5. **Cruise Report:** Doug Finley chair, reported, the Tomales Bay Cruise 17 September, will include a beach clean-up as part of the California Coastal Clean-up. Doug reported that so far 9 boats and 3 vehicles had registered for participation. The BBQ will start at 15:00.

Todd Hedin the area Coastal Clean-up Captain described the procedure that will start at 09:00 Saturday September 17 and besides Heart's Desire Beach the activity will include Indian Beach and Shell Beach both nearby. He encouraged that the participating members bring their own trash bags and work gloves. Todd mentioned that the minimum number of volunteers needed for the clean-up of each beach was 3. He mentioned that Bill Foss, chair of the Environment of the Sea at SAF station, also held the position of the Chair of the same committee at the national level.

7. **National Cruise:** Jim Quanci reported that so far there are 150 members who have shown interest and only 45 for sailing onboard the mothership. The deadline for mothership has been extended hoping there will be more participants. The minimum number is reckoned at 50 for the mothership group.

8. **Environment of the sea:** Please see under Cruise Report.

9. **Gam/Historian/Newsletter:** John Sanford reported that the next issue of the Voyages is being prepared. He also added that Hank Straus, an old CCA member and a distinguished sailor is moving to Mill Valley and shall be participating at our November

meeting. Hank is considering joining our station. As John will not be attending the November meeting; he recommended an appropriate reception of Hank when he attends the meeting.

10. Cruising We Do: Numerous members had done shorter or longer cruises during the summer and described their experiences;

Doug Finley sailed on board "*S/V Pursuit*" an "M" class 82' sloop, and described the experience as "Great Fun!!".

Chris Parkman spent an afternoon aboard the Arensen jet boat designed by Howard Arneson. See <http://www.howardarneson.com/articles/raceboat.asp> They touched 165 knots on San Pablo Bay. The boat is powered by a 6,000 H.P. Chinock helicopter engine. Chris described the experience as "exhilarating and frightening!!".

It was reported that Jerry and Karin Eaton have joined Gay and Wyman Harris, exploring lesser known niches and crannies of the Alaskan coastline that Wyman knows so well.

Bob Van Blaricom and his granddaughter Lacy went for a Delta cruise on board Bob's new boat.

Betsy and David Fullagar are continuing their Mexican cruise. David reported that they had been boarded by the Mexican Navy on repeated occasions, one of which was under rather distressing circumstances. Apparently the Mexican Navy has increased its presence in reaction to the activities of the narcotic gangs. He added that clearing procedures in Mexico have been eased where private enterprises take charge of the procedure for a fee. This is repeated only once while in Mexican waters. He also recommended certain software developed by Nobeltec called "ChartAid" that using Google Earth website downloads real-time photos of coast line or ports into the chartplotter or the onboard computer.

Stafford Keegan cruised the east coast. He described the comparison of the two coasts as "No Fog- No Wind" at the East Coast. He met a few CCA members and participated in a CCA Gam that in the beginning he was not aware of the meaning of the word. While there, he met Bob Roy and his wife, former members of this station. He witnessed a sail-by of a number of P-Class New York 50 sail boats at the head of a group of at least 100 other old wooden boats. He then passed around the photos that he had brought along.

Bill Edinger reported on his cruise to the Channel Islands of Southern California. He had found far fewer boats cruising the area, only a few boats anchored at the Pelican Harbor and Santa Barbara Harbor. He had experienced good winds both ways.

Clark Beek who was congratulated for his recent marriage, cruised the Delta going up as far as Knight's Landing, 40 river miles past Sacramento.

Steve and Ginger Mason had also cruised the Delta to test sail their boat "Sea Jay" that they are going to sail up the West Coast to PNW and eventually to Canada. He described a harrowing experience of being virtually swept away by a conglomeration of logs being carried by the current while lying at anchor for lunch. The sheer weight and force of the logs had resulted in their anchor dragging. They had received help from a neighboring boat to recover the anchor.

Finally Tom Hall reported on a river rafting in Alaska, with 5 boats and 25 people participating.

11. **New Business:** None

12. **Old Business:** Due to practical reasons the station's Annual Christmas Dinner Party at San Francisco Yacht Club has been moved to Wednesday December 7.

13. **Next Meeting:** will be held on Wednesday October 5th at St Francis YC.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 14:10.

Respectfully submitted

Zia E. Ahari

Secretary/Treasure

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