



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station January 4th, 2012 Meeting Minutes St Francis YC

First, a special comment from R/C Ahari:

Dear CCA members,

These are the minutes from the first meeting of 2012. It was great to see all of you that were able to attend. I believe the luncheon and presentation by Chuck Hawley was enjoyed by all! It is the attendance of meetings and our cruises that makes this a vibrant organization. I hope you take a few minutes to mark our upcoming meetings and events on your calendar. Your friends and shipmates look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you

Zia

Members Present:

Ahari, Barker, Baylis, Bekins, Bond, Cooper, Easom, Edinger, Enersen Finley, Forsythe, Foss, Fullager, Hall, Hanelt, Harris, Harter, Hawley, Hedin, Honey, Honey, Hunt, Jessie, Keegin, Klaus, Knecht, LeRoy, Mason, Messer, Parkman, Quanci, R. Robinson, J Robinson, J. Sanford, Strauss, Van Blaricom.

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: R/C Zia Ahari called the meeting to order and began by thanking Terry Klaus for arranging the excellent luncheon. Guests, Diane Morgan, Lynne Monroe, Maggie Clendenin, and Martha Robinson were welcomed. Then R/C offered condolences to Jim Jessie for the recent loss of his wife, Diana. Jim and Diana spent thirty years together and sailed over 120,000 miles together. A moment of silence was observed.

R/ C announced that there was another CCA veteran that was not mentioned during the last meeting. Roy Jennings served during WWII in the Asia Pacific theatre and was awarded two bronze stars .In Korea he was awarded the Air Medal.

An updated Roster with the station calendar and cruise schedule will be mailed to the membership this week.

Program Committee

Sally Honey and Bill LeRoy reported that they had completed the meeting program for the year and had speakers lined up for all but two meetings for 2012. It was decided by the committee that two meetings will reserved for the membership to discuss the cruising we do.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Edinger reported that the station was solvent with \$1355.48 in the bank. **2012 Station dues are payable now. Please mail Bill's attention, 20 Mariposa rd. San Rafael, Ca 94901. Make checks payable to CCA SF station.**

National Cruise Report:

Wyman Harris reported the progress on the National Cruise front. The Thailand cruise is planned for January 2013. Wyman reported that they were unable to fill the intended mother ship and had to cancel the reservation but has several alternatives lined up. There is still time to make reservations to join the cruise to this beautiful and fascinating area. Wyman, Jerry Eaton and several other members of his team will travel to Thailand in several weeks to map out the cruise course and line up the event venues.

This is hardship duty but someone has to do it!

Membership Report:

Bob Van Blaricom reported on progress of two good candidates, Ray Lotto and Doug Thorn and expects them to be posted soon.

Cruise Report:

The New Year's Eve cruise at Clipper Cove was attended by 5 boats and all had a delightful happy hour aboard Lynn and Bruce Monroe's "Princess".

Environment of the Sea: Bill Foss encouraged all members to consider what they can do to protect the ocean environment that we all love. Bill suggested any positive action no matter how small is helpful.

Gam/Historian/Newsletter:

John Sanford reported that Voyages will be published in around February or March. John also congratulated his old friend Hank Strauss who had a recent birthday. Hank just turned 97 and is looking for someone who could help refurbish the rigging on a model sailboat.

John also suggested that the Club should design a circumnavigator's pin that could distinguish our CCA members that have sailed around the world. The idea met with general approval so John was going to propose the concept to the club. John noted that we have 11 circumnavigators in our station alone.

The Cruising we do

Stan Honey gave us a brief rundown on his victorious race as navigator on the recent Sydney Hobart Race. Bob Van Blaricom reported that his former boat "Misty" had made it to its final destination, South Africa. Misty covered over 16,000 miles in about one year. David Fullagar reported having spent another 6 weeks of fine cruising in the Sea of Cortez and intends to go back as soon as the weather starts to warm up. Tom Hall told us about racing 12 meters in St Martin. Chris Parkman, Robby Robinson and Steve Mason are leaving this week to deliver Roger Swanson's old boat "Cloud Nine" from Mexico to San Diego.

Jim Robinson informed us that Dr. Ray Ashley of the San Diego station and the head of the San Diego maritime museum is going to be giving a presentation at both the St Francis and the San Francisco YC on January 18th, Entitled “Three voyages to paradise”. The talk is about James Cook, Herman Melville, and Paul Gauguin. In all three cases their voyages into the South Pacific didn’t end up as originally planned but all had a profound effect on the collective imaginations of humanity. All are invited.



Speaker of the month.

Station Member **Chuck Hawley** gave a fascinating presentation on three serious sailing accidents that occurred in 2011. The three events discussed were the death of 14-year-old Olivia Constants during a 420 capsize, the capsize of “Wingnuts” a Kiwi 35 during the Chicago- Mackinac race with the loss of two crew members and the Capsize of the 100 foot “Rambler” on the Fastnet. Fortunately there was no loss of life in the Rambler accident. Chuck was on the “Wingnuts” investigating panel along with John Rousmaniere, Ralph Naranjo and Sheila McCurdy all CCA members. After systematically analyzing the data and interviewing all the parties involved it was determined that the Kiwi 35 although well sailed and maintained was on the marginal edge for stability and most likely should not have been allowed to race in this venue. Chuck also discussed the lessons learned about the use and deployment of safety gear as well as having a good contingency plan in the event of an accident. Complete reports of the incidents may be downloaded at <http://home.ussailing.org/>

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Saint Francis Yacht club, Wednesday February 1st .

There being no further business R/C Ahari adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Edinger
Secretary /Treasurer

