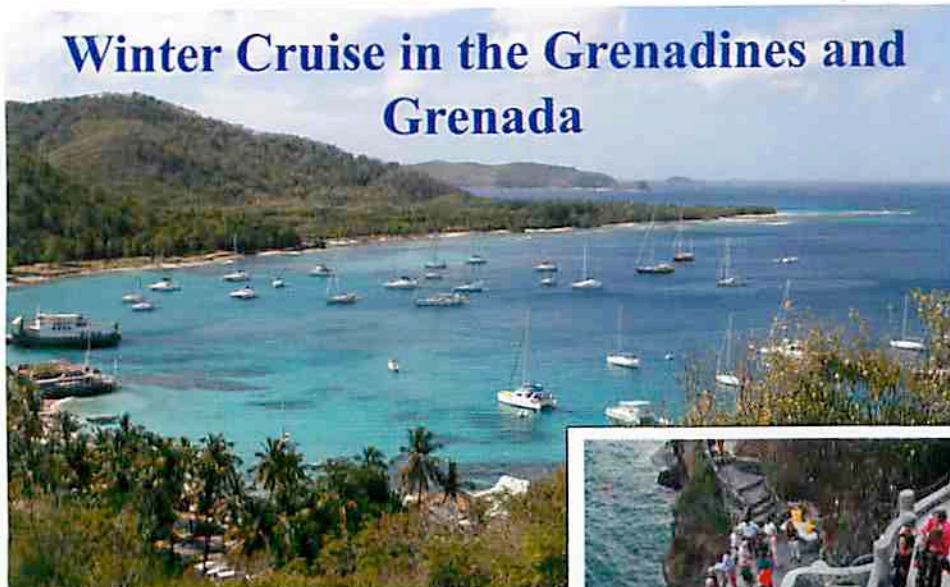


Winter Cruise in the Grenadines and Grenada



CCA Fleet at Britannia Bay, Mustique

FEATURING two nations, steady trades and pristine waters, the 2004 CCA Winter Cruise in the Grenadines and Grenada March 13-20 was a spectacular way to escape the Ides of March.

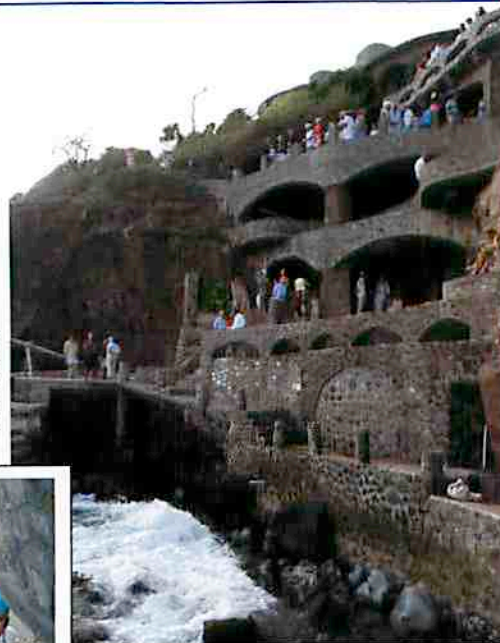
The dress code was casual and opportunities to hike, scuba dive and snorkel competed for time with afternoon naps, beach strolls and conversation. Prime ministers Dr. Ralph Gonsalves and Dr. Keith Mitchell welcomed the Club to their nations and joined in the festivities.

Commodore Truman Casner led a fleet of 21 yachts from the decks of *Kalikobass*, a sparkling Frers-designed 76-foot sloop, with his wife, Cinnie, past Commodore Jim and Ruth Harvie, past Commodore Jim and Mimi Pitney, and Vice Commodore Ned Rowland and Susie aboard. Fortunately, *Kalikobass* was a steady vessel with an able crew, and the Club leadership was never in jeopardy.

The rum punch began flowing generously the first night of the cruise



Joan Bekins



Dan Nerney

The Brewers' spectacular "Moonhole"

on the beach at Canouan Saturday. After a full day to explore an island (or several) of choice, the group reconvened in Admiralty Bay, Bequia, in time for the Commodore's cocktail party Monday evening at Ravine Landing, the winter home of Cornelia and Charles Brewer (ESS) located on Moonhole's south shore.

Many have sailed past these unique houses carved into the cliffs and open to the generous sea breezes. It was a real treat to walk the stone fisherman's path and arrive at the Brewers' retreat, which cascades over seven different levels, a fresh view of the ocean from each.

The group gathered again Wednesday at the low-key Carriacou Yacht Club in Tyrrel Bay. In honor of Saint Patrick's Day, green clothing and

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CCA Presents Annual Awards

At the CCA Winter Meeting and Dinner in New York, held at the New York Yacht Club on January 20, 2004, the following awards were presented:

Blue Water Medal

The Blue Water Medal for 2003 was awarded to **Tony Gooch** of Victoria, Canada for his well prepared and superbly executed singlehanded, nonstop voyage around the world.

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On the Inside
Meet the New Members



From the Commodore

Dear Fellow Members,

You will find in the pages of this issue of the *GAM* information about the 26 new members elected at the beginning of this year. The sailing credentials of this group are impressive and are a testament not only to the good work of the Membership Committee but also to the proposers, seconders and supporters who identified the candidates and made the effort to complete the membership proposal process for them. We appreciate the efforts of all those members who participate in the election of candidates. You are serving the Club well.

For as long as most of us can remember, the Club has limited its total membership to 1,200, not including honorary members. The membership total has been steadily climbing in recent years and now stands at 1,177. With a strong group of over 30 candidates being currently considered by the Membership Committee, the Gov-



Commodore Casner

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erning Board voted at its January meeting to increase the maximum number of members to 1,300. The Board did this with the explicit understanding that the high standards for membership would not be compromised in any way.

I encourage all members to participate in the proposal of qualified candidates. The initial step is to discuss a possible candidate with your Station Membership Chairman, who will help you develop a proposal form for candidates likely to meet the Club's high standards.

In Memoriam

- Horace P. Beck, ESS, July 1, 2003
- Shellman H. Brown, Jr., NYS, December 18, 2003
- Edward S. Carter, NYS, March 24, 2004
- William C. Crane, Jr., FLA, January 24, 2004
- William L. Glenn, NYS, December 9, 2003
- George E. Hall, MRSC, ESS, January 20, 2004
- Douglas Hanks, Jr., CHE, November 5, 2003
- Thomas Hume, NYS, November 3, 2003
- John H. Keefe, Jr., SAF, November 21, 2003
- Lloyd J. Milburn, MD, SAF, December 29, 2003
- James H. Moore, Jr., ESS, February 28, 2004
- Eugene B. Sydnor, CHE, November 5, 2003

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Coming Up .. Cruises and Meetings

Spring Meeting '04

Mystic, CT

May 13-15, 2004

Mystic Seaport Museum has opened its doors to our members for two days in May. Beginning with a dinner dance Friday night and ending with a New England lobster dinner we have sandwiched in inter-station dinghy races, behind the scenes tours as well as time to simply explore the area. *Chairman Bob Gunther, Jr.: 860-434-5616; JRGjr789@aol.com*

Bermuda Race

June 18, 2004

Summer Cruise '04

Kinsale to Glengarriff, Ireland

July 15-24

CCA members will be joining "in force" for the Irish Cruising Club's 75th Anniversary Cruise. At press time, the prospective CCA fleet consisted of 37 yachts: 22 skippers planning to sail their own boats or sail with friends, and CCA members planning to charter 15 yachts. *CCA Cruise Chair Bart Dunbar: 401-848-0975; bart@bowenswharf.com*

Annual Meeting '04

New York YC

November 16

This is the annual members-only reception and dinner, with election of officers and review of the year, which follows committee meetings during the day. *Entertainment Committee Chairman Owen Smith: 203-966-8741; owensmith@aol.com*

Winter Meeting '05

New York YC

January 18

Awards, including the Blue Water Medal, highlight this dinner meet-

ing, which follows committee and board sessions. Spouses & guests welcome. *Entertainment Committee Chairman Owen Smith: 203-966-8741; owensmith@aol.com*

Spring Meeting '05

Bermuda

April 21-24

Summer Cruise '05

Narragansett & Buzzards Bays

July 8-18

Early plans: Bristol, RI, Cuttyhunk, Padanaram, Marion, Hadleys Harbor, with time for cruising to Vineyard Sound, Martha's Vineyard or other favorite harbors. *Co-chairs Carrie Snyder: 617-864-0067; carriesnyder@comcast.net and Geoff Jenkins: 781-235-0504; ghjenkins@comcast.net*

National Cruise in Croatia

September 11-21, '05

Steady winds and sheltered waters, secluded bays and spectacular scenery will provide an unparalleled site for next year's CCA National Cruise. Whether exploring ancient towns or isolated islands, members will be captivated by the drama of the Dalmatian Coast.

Cruise Chairman Rob Kiley has been sailing the area in his boat *Twilight* and promises a wonderful event. After an opening cocktail party in historic Split, participants will enjoy a ten-day southeasterly cruise. From your own yacht, chartered boat, or from the decks of motor yacht *Callisto*, you will explore several picturesque islands, including Hvar, Korcula and Mijet.

Stepping ashore in the port of Dubrovnik, you will be fascinated by this treasured UNESCO World Heritage Site. The cruise will cul-

minate with a party at a Dubrovnik palace, a perfect venue for photos and sharing stories with friends.

Not surprisingly, initial response has been very strong. Although chartered boats are limited in number, there is an ideal opportunity for 34 passengers to participate in the comfort and luxury of *Callisto*.

For further information on *Callisto* visit: www.traveldynamic-sinternational.com

Annual Meeting '05

New York YC

November 15



M/V Callisto



View from *Callisto's* fantail



Gazing over the Adriatic from the walls of Dubrovnik



Cruising Intentions

Carter Bacon (BOS/BUZ), *Solution*: Bermuda Race & return; Maine.

Bob & Betsy Baillie (BDA), *Belair*, were reported in Puerto Vallarta by "roving reporter" John Sanford in January. *Belair* had left Vancouver last fall and was working her way down to Chile. The further plan was to winter there, before attempting a rounding of the Horn and sailing back home to Bermuda. *Belair's* voyage started several years ago in New Zealand, where the Bailies witnessed two America's Cup regattas.

Warren Brown (BDA): *War Baby* is currently in Cogolin, South of France; will leave mid-May for Gibraltar, crossing to Bermuda in late May/early June via the Azores or Madeira. On to Newport, then Mystic for an S&S 75th anniversary gathering July 9-11. If you are interested in partaking in any of the above, please contact Warren at wwarbaby@therock.bm

Truman Casner (BOS/BUZ), *Asstral*: Irish Cruise

Bill Cook (BOS/BUZ), *Resolution*: Nova Scotia, Sable Island

Les Crane (BDA): "We plan to take *Monterey* across the pond this summer, following the Bermuda Race, leaving Bermuda July 6 for the Azores. Plan to cruise there, then leave the Azores Aug. 2 for Ireland and Scotland. We are keen to cruise the Azores and so unfortunately will miss the Ireland rendezvous."

Bob and Mindy Drew (ESS), *Knight Hawk*: CT to Azores, then

Kinsale and Irish Cruise.

Garry Fischer (BOS/BUZ), *Diva*: Bass Harbor, ME to Newport (May 21); Bermuda, then Irish Cruise

Eric Forsyth (NYS): "The plan for *Fiona* is to leave Long Island in mid-June and join the Irish Cruise. From Ireland I hope to transit the Caledonian Canal, cruise the Baltic for a month, spend a month on the Thames at London before leaving for Portugal. Plans for the winter are still fluid, perhaps the Caribbean or South Atlantic. Some time in the spring I will be looking for crew: members' young offspring they might wish to be rid of for a few months. Any such crew should contact me."

Cameron & Marilyn Hinman (PNW): *Makali'i* will be cruising the Australian east coast. They were in Sydney at time of emailing.

Steve & Karyn James (FLA): *Threshold* is heading for the Irish Cruise from Ft. Lauderdale via Bermuda and the Azores. After the Irish Cruise, the Scottish Hebrides look inviting. "Winter plans are still hidden in the haze on the horizon, but Croatia in '05 is possible."

Henry Keene (BOS/BUZ), *Alida*: Maine.

Rob Kiley (BOS) plans to take *Twilight* from Croatia to Athens in May & June, then from Athens to Marmaris, Turkey in September and October.

Nancy McKelvy (BOS/BUZ), *Whizzbang*: Nova Scotia, Sable Island.

Andy Oldman (BOS), *Patience B. of St. Andrews*: mid-coast Maine, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick.

Paul Perkins (BOS/GMP), *Fling*: Maine coast.

Peter Plumb (BOS), *Boheme*: Maine, New Brunswick.

Sib Reppert (BOS/BUZ), *Catalyst*: Chesapeake Bay to Maine.

Alfred Sanford (BOS/BUZ): *Impala* expects to sail from Arnis, Germany (mid-June) through Denmark, up the Norwegian coast (July), and either on to Portugal (August-September) or remaining in Norway for more extensive cruising there.

Ross Sherbrooke (BOS), *Dulcinea*: Maine following S. Pacific and Irish Cruise w. others.

Steve Taylor (BOS/BUZ), *Meridian*: In June, Annapolis to Norfolk to Padanaram; in August to Maine.

Tom Walker (BOS), *Walkabout*: Lake Champlain, Hudson River, St. Lawrence.

Gillian West (PNW), *Khamsin*: "Nearing the end of my circumnavigation (begun in '91); in November plan to leave the Chesapeake, where *Khamsin* is on the hard in Deltaville. Will sail to Bermuda with crew, then to St. Martin. From there, island hop to Trinidad, then to Panama and north to western Costa Rica."

Eds. Note: Please send cruising plans outside your home waters (over 250 miles) for December '04-May '05. Purpose is to enable far-flung members to rendezvous.

Awards...continued from page 1

Tony Gooch's solo circumnavigation, the first from the Pacific Northwest, began on September 29, 2002, a sail of 24,400 miles in 177 days without stopping anywhere. His average speed was 137 miles per day.

His boat, *Taonui*, is a 42' aluminum, pilothouse sloop, built on traditional lines with a full, deep keel, designed for long, comfortable passages in high latitudes. Tony and his wife, Coryn, purchased *Taonui* in 1996 after 15 years and 59,000 miles sailing a 29' sloop to such distant places as the Aleutians, Cape Horn and Norway. In the new boat they sailed much of the world from Antarctica to Spitzbergen. Then, as a shakedown to a nonstop circumnavigation, Tony sailed her, mostly alone, around the world from 1998 to 2000, stopping six times.

The current trip, for which the medal is awarded, took Tony south from Victoria to Cape Horn. About 1000 miles north of Cape Horn, he experienced a severe storm and after suffering a 90 degree knockdown, he deployed a series drogue from the stern which *Taonui* lay to for 39 hours. Later he passed Cape Horn in moderate weather and sunshine, a sight he described as "awesome".

From Cape Horn he proceeded east and slightly north to cross the south Atlantic at a latitude he hoped would be more or less free of icebergs. Nevertheless, at times the bergs were so numerous that he had one or more on his radar screen at all times. The presence of so much ice caused the loss of a great deal of sleep.

After passing well south of the Cape of Good Hope, he continued his course roughly along 47 degrees south, just slightly north of



Coryn Gooch

Tony Gooch beginning his voyage

the path of most storm centers. On January 7 his first major gear failure occurred when the support for his wind generator snapped as a result of fatigue from the many weeks of sailing. By January 28 he had passed the southern tip of New Zealand and began to head north-east in the direction of Canada.

While slanting up the Pacific in the cyclone season, *Taonui* appeared to be on a collision course with cyclone Dovi, between New Zealand and the Cooks. This forced Tony to sail hard to the east to get out of the way, a tactic which was rough but successful. He continued northward, passing between Maui and Hawaii. As the boat neared the coast of Washington, it was struck by a violent squall and a huge wave which rolled the boat down until the boom was in the water, causing it to break at the vang. Tony repaired the boom with predrilled angle bar. Although there had been several periods where Tony had suffered from lack of sleep, the last part of the voyage as he closed in on Cape Flattery and the Strait of Juan De Fuca was especially tiring, due to the proximity of land and shipping. He was welcomed by his wife, Coryn, many people in Victoria and fellow members of

Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

The exemplary execution of this challenging and remarkable voyage we believe perfectly captures the goal of the Blue Water Medal - to recognize an example of meritorious seamanship and adventure upon the sea by an amateur sailor.

Nye Trophy

The Richard S. Nye Trophy was awarded to **Bob Knight**, a CCA member since 1987, a perennial Station Captain and stalwart of the Great Lakes Station, Chairman of the 2002 National Cruise on Lake Huron, 2003 Chicago Spring Meeting Chairman and participant in many National Cruises. He has owned a succession of boats over 45 years, has made two Atlantic crossings and has participated in many offshore and Great Lakes races. He has cruised the Great Lakes, the Atlantic seaboard from Nova Scotia to the Caribbean, as



Bob Knight

well as much of the Mediterranean. Through his efforts, the CCA's presence on the Great Lakes has grown over the years.



Bob Drew

Bruce & Jane Berriman with Bob Van Blaricom

Rod Stephens Trophy

The Rod Stephens Trophy for Seamanship was awarded to **Bruce and Jane Berriman** of Newport, Rhode Island for heroically saving the lives of two Norwegian sailors on the sailboat *Tuppus* from being sucked into the giant hydroelectric turbines near a lock on the Rhone River north of Avignon. As the Berrimans on their sailboat, *Tiger Moth*, exited the 60'-high lock, they observed that the Norwegians ahead of them were in some sort of trouble - engine failure - and were being set rapidly into the small bay in front of the turbine intake. They had dropped their anchor, but the bottom was concrete! In spite of the warning shouts of onlookers, a strong Mistral wind and a four-knot current behind them, the Berrimans headed into the intake bay. With superb boat maneuvering, good line handling and perhaps a bit of luck, they not only got a line on the *Tuppus* but managed a towing bridle to each quarter, enabling them to control *Tiger Moth* as they inched their way back out of harm's way. To the cheers of crews of the commercial barges along the bank, they

towed *Tuppus* to a safe anchorage behind an island.

Royal Cruising Club Trophy

The Royal Cruising Club Trophy for the most interesting cruise of moderate duration was awarded to **Bill Cook** for his cruise to Greenland aboard his 56' sloop *Resolution*. Careful planning allowed him to fit the cruise within the short cruising season when one can take a yacht into the ice-strewn waters of the Labrador and Greenland coasts. Additionally, he was able to plan a crew change at Aasiaat on Disko Bay, the upper end of his cruise itinerary, thus allowing both groups to enjoy the highly dramatic and exceptional variety of the Greenland coast. They were lucky with the weather, having few headwinds to contend with, a fair amount of calm which they were prepared for with drums of fuel on deck, and a three-day rollicking reach in 25- to 35-knot winds returning to Labrador from Greenland. Bill Cook's narration of the cruise, together with his dramatic photographs, provide us with a fine

description of a voyage undertaken with superb skill to a unique and challenging cruising ground.

Charles Vilas Award

The Charles H. Vilas Literary Award went to **Nick Newman** for creating and compiling "The Boats We Sail", a new section of the *Cruising Club News* that gives readers a close look, through descriptive text, photos, plans and specifications, at the boats of CCA members.



Bill Cook



Nick Newman

Circumnavigation Awards

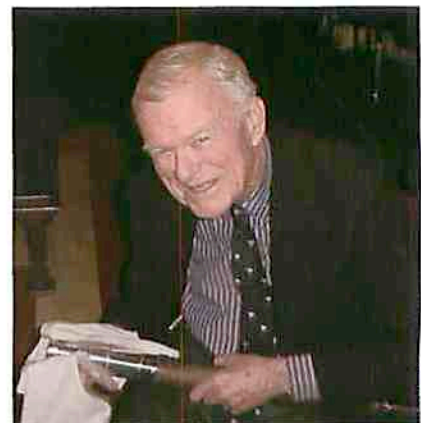
Warren Partridge - East to West, April 2003; from Panama via Polynesia, Australia, Malaysia, India, the Red Sea, Gibraltar, Madeira and the Virgin Islands in *Wireless*.

Eric Forsyth - West to East, September 2003; New York via Azores, Cape Town, Kerguelen Island, Tasmania, Cape Horn, South Georgia Island, Brazil, Barbados and Bermuda.

John Parkinson Memorial Trophy recipients were:

Bob Baillie - Transpacific: Alaska to New Zealand in *Belair*; **Tom Gochberg** (2nd award) - Transatlantic: Connecticut to Scotland in *Mistral*; **Max and Lynne Fletcher** (2nd award) - Transatlantic: Spain to Barbados in *Juanon*; **Evans Starzinger and Beth Leonard** (3rd award) - Transatlantic and Indian Oceans nonstop in *Hawk*; **Christine Sutter** - Transpacific: Mexico to French Polynesia in *Wild Spirit*; **Roger Swanson** (4th & 5th award) - Transatlantic: eastward and westward in *Cloud Nine*.

- **Bob Van Blaricom**, Chairman
Awards Committee



Bob Drew

Bob Erskine polishing awards



In the Spotlight



Frank Bohlen takes a sight

Frank Bohlen (ESS) is once again serving on the Newport Bermuda Race Organizing Committee, assisting with the delivery of weather and Gulf Stream information to racers. Frank is a professor of Marine Science, Physical Oceanography, at the University of Connecticut. His specialty is coastal sediment transport processes and their effect on the marine environment, human health, aquaculture and marine life. He has consulted from Chile to Spain and particularly Long Island Sound on pipelines, beach sand, and disposal sites for dredged material. His research work on the Sound has made him one of the true experts on the environmental challenges facing one of our favorite sailing areas.

He also serves as president of the Board of Trustees of Mystic Seaport Museum, and lectures at Safety at Sea Seminars.

Frank and Elizabeth Bohlen sail their Ohlson 38 *Tattler* out of Fishers Island, NY/Mystic, CT. Cruising involves frequent trips to

the Canadian Maritimes, including a circumnavigation of Newfoundland in 1999 during the Annual CCA Cruise.

Frank personally knows his way to Bermuda, having sailed a number of times – usually as navigator. He was presented the George Mixter Trophy for navigating Don Robinson's *Puritan* to a first overall (IMS) in the 1986 Bermuda Race. In 2000, he navigated Mystic Seaport's 61' schooner *Brilliant* for her transatlantic first-place finish in the race from Halifax to Plymouth.

Olin Stephens (BOS) was honored (once again!) by US SAILING as the recipient of the national W. Van Alan Clark, Jr. Sportsmanship Trophy, for his exemplary sportsmanship over a lifetime of

racing sailboats large and small. The award was announced at US SAILING's spring meeting in Mobile, AL, March 13.

Carol Cronin, daughter of **Nick and Kathy Newman** (BOS/BUZ), was named recently to the US Olympic Sailing Team that will sail for the gold in Athens this summer. Carol and her Yngling crew, Liz Filter and Nancy Haberland, say their average age of 40 is a plus, giving them more years out on the water, time in the boat. Go for the gold!

Warren Brown (BDA) and *War Baby* collected a stack of silver in a series of classic yacht regattas in the Med last fall. In events from Sardinia to Monaco to Cannes, *War Baby* took two seconds and the rest firsts, with an overall win in the Trophee Grimaldi Coupe Prada, a series of three races that link the various ports.



Warren Brown shows his silver

47th Annual Wirth Munroe Race Sailed in Light Air



Peter Bowker presents trophy to Steve James

The 47th Annual CCA Wirth Munroe Race was sailed on a shortened course from Ft. Lauderdale to Palm Beach by 19 boats ranging from 26 to 75 feet.

Three years ago, the start was moved from Miami to Lauderdale, thanks to Peter Grimm and Lauderdale Yacht Club. At the finish line was the race co-sponsor, the Sailfish Club, whose members and staff have done a superb job promoting and recruiting participants.

The race got off to a slow start—“postponed for 50 minutes, only to see things get worse instead of better,” said Charlie Munroe, son of Wirth Munroe. “A number of boats had a hard time drifting across the starting line, but the wind filled in from the SE and then the cold front came through about dusk and most of the fleet got rain and a fresh wind out of the northwest.”

Santana, with a corrected time of 6:20:51, was overall winner, and the 75' *Titan*, largest yacht in the race, was first to finish at 16:33:55.

Threshold, Steve James' new aluminum 54' Cantor-built sloop, was the only CCA yacht in the race. In addition to Steve and Karyn, the yacht was crewed by Bill Munroe

(son of Wirth Munroe) and three CCA circumnavigators representing four circumnavigations: Andy Wall, Scott Kuhner and Sennett Duttonhofer. The CCA Trophy for the first CCA boat to finish was presented to Steve and his

crew by Peter Bowker, chairman of the Race Committee. Congratulations to you all, as it was cold, rainy and not your kind of air.

Dick Jayson has lent his talents and yacht to committee boat work in more venues than we can name, and has always been generous with *Pride* for this race. This year's committee consisted of Peter Bowker, Peter and Nancy Grimm, and Charlie Munroe.

The after-race dinner took place again at the Sailfish Club, which does a super job handling the finish and putting on a tremendous awards seafood buffet.

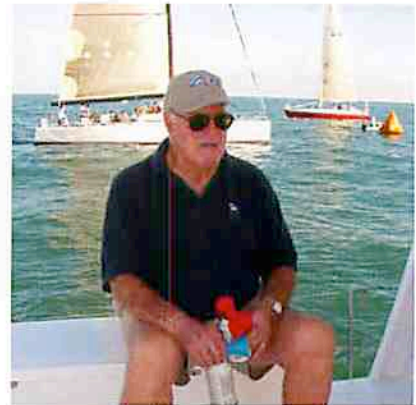
CCA support at the dinner was outstanding, with the following in attendance: Joe & Linda Lucas, Jim & Sue Chambers, Llwyd Ecclestone, Charlie Munroe, Skip & Connie Purcell, Dick & Celia Jayson, Chap Berry & Margo Cook, and Jim Gourd & Alida Liberty.

A very special thanks goes to Peter Bowker, Chairman of the CCA Florida Station Race Committee, for handling the start and then driving up to present the CCA First to Finish Trophy and the Wirth Munroe Trophy. He did all this after having arrived from Australia the day before.

All in all, we had a total of 17 members involved in this event, which I believe is a record. Perhaps next year we'll do even better in getting more boats on the start line.

- Jim Gourd

Photos by Charlie Munroe



Dick Jayson, chief horn honker and skipper of *Pride II*



Past R/C Peter Grimm



Chap Berry and Margo Cook at Sailfish Club Awards Dinner



Countdown to Bermuda - June 18, 2004



Dan Nerney

IMS Racing Class Start 2002

AS SPRING heads toward early summer, preparations are in high gear for the Bermuda Race start on June 18. Early interest points to a number of returning CCA skippers. There was a terrific turnout at the recent CCA-sponsored Safety at Sea Seminar in Newport at the beginning of March.

A faster finish?

With the increase in the upper size limit, the race will see yachts ranging from 33 to 98 feet. With some longer LOAs, the traditional Finishing Line Party may be moved to the Saturday night after the start, as the first finishers in 2002 finished on Sunday evening! Looks like this year could be Sunday morning!

Parties & other vital stats

All members coming to Bermuda are invited to attend the traditional Bermuda Station cocktail party to be held on Wednesday, June 23. Stay tuned for news and entry updates on the CCA and Bermuda Race websites.

- John Winder, Race Chairman

(NOTE: Pease go to www.bermudarace.com to read more about this year's entries.)



Dan Nerney

John Winder, Race Chairman

How many
CCA boats
will
compete in
this year's
race?



News from Stations & Posts

Boston & Buzzards Bay

Since our last report, we have held a most successful Fall Rendezvous, which has been moved the past few years to late September. The weather is noticeably warmer than on Columbus Weekend, and this has been found to result in a better turnout. This year we met in Quissett for a delightful dinner at SEA hosted by their president, Post/Buzzards Bay member John Bullard. The fleet with its increasing number of multihulls, power and sail, then moved to Tarpaulin Cove on Naushon for a fine afternoon picnic before dispersing to our winter berths.

The New Members' Dinner was held in October at Milton Academy's library, where several members were noticed looking for their initials on the tables or other pentimento of their youth. The annual meeting was conducted at the Dedham Country and Polo Club, the Station was deemed to be solvent, and the helm was passed from Brad Willauer to Garry Fischer for the next two years.

Those Station members who were disappointed at the cancellation of the Antarctic cruise put the hex on the New England weather, resulting in frozen bays and harbors up and down the coast. Ice boating has been mentioned as possible relief, but some are crawling under the winter covers knowing that spring is near.

- Bob Morris

Bras d'Or

We had a Winter Gathering at the Lunenburg Arms in Lunenburg, NS on January 24, with excellent attendance by present and new members, as well as a few guests. We dined on delicious food and

shared an evening of camaraderie.

It had been a relatively good winter till a mid-February storm hit the Province of Nova Scotia, with 95 centimetres in 24 hours - and the net result was that the entire province came to a stand-still for about three days.

It is a quiet time of year for us northern sailors!!!

The upcoming event of note in our world is the Route St. Pierre race (Halifax to St Pierre, with a stop in Louisburg for the cruising division). Several of our Station boats - *Akubara*, *Third Wave*, *Christina Grant* and *Carpe Diem 1* - have indicated that they will be "at the line". Any more CCA participants out there? Cruise in company if the race is not your thing?

The south coast of Newfoundland, followed by the Bras d'Or lakes, is something many want to complete!

Our Station calendar is:

April 7 - Spring business meeting:

The Galley, Chester

June 26 - Raft up: Location tba
(Contact Station Sec'y)

Sept. 11 - Raft up: Location tba

Oct. 6 - Fall business meeting

If any CCA members are in the area, please drop in.

- Denis Linton, with
Gretchen McCurdy



Bob Price, Steve Hiltabidle, Tad duPont & Nancy Hammond

Chesapeake

Our year began with the traditional Christmas Party in mid-December at Annapolis Yacht Club. Over 64 members and wives began the holiday season at this wonderful local CCA gathering.

Since then, winter has been upon the Chesapeake Station. Many of the migratory members remain south, while we have seen the most ice in 25 years. The Bay has been frozen over from late January to early February.

The planners and committees of the Fall National Cruise attended a fine party in January at the Queenstown home of past RC Bob Price. One of the honored guests was artist Nancy Hammond, who created the logo for the cruise.

Coming up:

● Our informal monthly luncheons at Annapolis Yacht Club continue to attract a group of nearly 20 new and old members each time.

● Our regular luncheon meetings will continue to be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

They will be at Annapolis Yacht Club, except for July (the Narrows Restaurant) and August (Gibson Island Club). The meeting time for each is at the crack of noon. The luncheons have been very well attended, with great food and lively discussions.

- The Philadelphia luncheon will be April 14 at Corinthian Yacht Club.

- Our annual Spring Cruise will be May 21-23. Event cochairs are Bob Johnson and Rob Cochran, assisted by Jon and Karen Wright.

- The Chesapeake Station Fall Cruise will return to our traditional format this year, October 7-11. Cruise and Entertainment Chairman Jon Wright will be the honcho. If you have suggestions for the Fall Cruise, please send Jon an email at baybrink@dmv.com.

- We are trying to set up an early-spring dinner event with entertainment. We will keep everyone informed as plans are made.

- Tom Closs, Jr. & John Hawkinson

Essex

Our cruise chairman, Paul Connor, outdid himself yet again, and organized a terrific fall cruise. We teamed up with the Dauntless Club of Essex and their fall cruise, since we have many overlapping memberships, and this seemed to work well. Friday night was spent in Selden Creek, where we had a raft-up of nine boats. RC Bob Gunther, Jr., with his wife, Sheila, on *Windward*, tied up to the cliff, as did Bob and Mindy Drew,



Essex Station raftup in Selden Creek

with Brin and Joy Ford aboard, on *Knight Hawk*. Also on the raft were Paul and Carol Connor on *Kite*, with their guests Carol and Mike McBee, Tony and Anne Cooper on *Makai*, Bob and Patti Edmands on *Ferien*, Denny and Rolyn Andrews on *Pampero*, Spencer and Lynn Leech on *Stormy Petrel* and your scribe with Dianne on *Meridian*. Chip Cooper and family, on their runabout, joined us for cocktails.

Despite dire forecasts, the weather cooperated, and Saturday was spent hiking the cliffs or exploring the upper reaches of Selden Creek. Some boats visited Essex before rafting up again in Hamburg Cove, with the addition of Dick Pendleton and Larry Iannotti on *Excelsior*. We had cocktails on

Windward in the outer cove, and greeted Reeves and Nancy Potts and their friends Paul and Patti Hamilton as they arrived aboard *Canvasback*, a recently restored 60' Herreshoff commuter boat built in 1909. She is 10' wide, and leaves no wake. Reeves ferried the group on *Canvasback* to Hamburg Cove Yacht Club on the inner cove, where we met up with the

land cruisers, and over 50 of us enjoyed a wonderful cookout. After a nice party, Reeves successfully threaded his way back to the outer cove in the dark, with the assistance of many enthusiastic navigators!

The raft broke up early Sunday morning, with a good time having been had by all.

- Jeb Embree

Florida

The Midwinter Rendezvous was sailed on the clear waters of Biscayne Bay and Card Sound in beautiful weather, January 23-25. Chairman Dick Howarth, his committee and Ruth Howarth, did a superb job. On Friday, 13 yachts with 57 sailors enjoyed dinner at



Florida Station at play

Jim Gourd

Key Biscayne YC. RC Joe Lucas welcomed everyone.

Saturday, the fleet cruised "down bay" to Key Largo Anglers' Club, leaving time to stroll the posh grounds. The dockmaster did an extraordinary job of securing the fleet. Several members who live nearby were most helpful: Rudy Schaefer, Muffie Thyrrre and Brad Noyes.

At 1800, 67 thirsty persons assembled for cocktails and dinner. Afterward, everyone joined in an impromptu musical "comedy hour" wherein the Club provides a combination of conventional and not-so conventional instruments. They made plenty of noise and, at times, there was even a recognizable melody line. It was hilarious.

Sunday was spent enjoying the facilities, including tennis, golf, croquet, swimming and biking, or a trip to Ocean Reef. Noteworthy was the presence of Dave and Susan Woolsey's new baby, Mary Logan.

The evening was special. The Station is famous for its Rum Keg party, but Sunday evening Brad and Gail Noyes enhanced it into a major event at their gracious Ocean Reef home. They served some 60 persons with an exceptional variety of delicious foods plus a complete bar.

Monday saw the fleet disperse for homeports. Many members reported this as one of the best midwinter events ever.

- *Wally Ross*

Gulf of Maine

The ice and sea smoke is in Maine! "Been a cold one, Chummy". For a view of the sea smoke at my office in January, visit (<http://pratt.smccme.edu/~dpratt/html0053/images/smoke.jpg>). I

put a heater to my computer to see if I could get this message out before deadline.

The Maine Post has been busy this fall and winter. Past and future events for our winter season:

Nov. 20 Post members met at Rockport Marine, where Taylor Allen gave us a great tour of the facility, including an 80' ketch that was completing a two-year rebuild. This was followed by lunch at the WaterFront in Camden.

Dec. 16 We met at the Damariscotta River Grill in a howling Nor'easter. Along with a great lunch, we had an informative talk by Dour Pope of Pope Sails and Rigging on "What's New in Sail Making." I don't think we started it, but that night the restaurant had a bad fire and has just reopened.

Jan. 16 Members gathered for our annual potluck dinner at Merle and Barbara Hallett's house in Falmouth. I can assure you that no one left hungry, and a grand time was had by the 35+ members who came.

Mar. 20 By the time you read this, we'll have had our annual very jolly Rum Punch at the Maine Boatbuilders Show. If you missed it this year, put it on your must-do list for '05.

Apr. 17 We will be given a tour of the Brooklin Boat Yard by yard owner and CCA member Steve White at 1100. Steve always has several interesting projects going on. Lunch at 1230 at the Brooklin Inn will follow. Please contact Blair Pyne by April 14 if you plan to attend.

Aug. 7 The Maine Post will hold a informal fenders-over-the-side Gam in Muscongus Bay on the north end of Benner Island @ L/L N43-52.76 W69-18.5. Weather permitting and time to be announced.

Sept. 11 Rendezvous and Dinner

at Tenants Harbor. We will organize an informal raft and BYOB cocktails, followed by dinner at the East Wind Inn. We hope as many of you as possible will come by boat. Those coming by car will be taken to and from the raft. Please contact Blair Pyne by Sept 8.

- *David Pratt*



RC Garry Fischer & PC Jim Harvie

New York

Winter is an excellent time of year to plan summer cruises, consider the value of new equipment, and escape to points south for a respite or extended adventure in the sun. Some of us are itching to peer under boat covers and sort through gear in storage lockers. Others are well on their way through the preparations and perturbations for the Bermuda Race. We have several members who are courtesy inspectors for the racing fleet, and other Station members who are speaking at the Safety at Sea Seminars in the Northeast. The Station has been well represented in Club activities on and off the water this winter.

In keeping with the snow drifts and ice dams of January, our entertainment chairman Harry Morgan scheduled two dinner presentations about Antarctica. Charles Starke's photographs of sea life and intriguing ice forms were set in stunning relief by the low polar sun. The images brought an intimacy to an overwhelming continent. Eric Forsythe followed with his video presentation of cruising in the Southern Ocean. (If he was "cruising", what would you call sailing in the Grenadines?) For the dyed-in-the-wool Yankees among us who appreciate winter, we added monthly lunches in Norwalk, CT. Only one had to be canceled due to harbor flooding and ice intrusion in the parking lot. We are all looking forward to the July clambake and September gam we have scheduled on Long Island Sound, when we can complain about the heat. The website will provide more details for anyone who will be in the area.

- Sheila McCurdy

Pacific Northwest

Solo circumnavigator Tony Gooch was our guest at the annual dinner at Seattle Yacht Club in November. Tony showed pictures and told stories about his 176-day nonstop solo circumnavigation aboard *Taonui*. The trip began and ended in Victoria, BC. There were nine circumnavigators in the audience.

The PNW station Spring Cruise will be May 20-24 and will cover the area around Port Ludlow, Port Townsend and Marrow-

stone Island. Contact Fred Bieker or Hugh Minor for details. Our Fall Cruise is scheduled for September 20-27 in the Canadian Gulf Island region. Guests from other stations are always welcome.

-Doug Cole

San Francisco

Coming up at this writing are: Crab Feed (March); John Sanford's presentation on his 10,000-mile voyage from Chicago to San Francisco, April 7; and Bill Edinger's workshop to see the manufacturing of his Spectra watermakers, May 5. Our first Station cruise will be to Montezuma Slough, May 14-16.

Cruising reports/plans from members: Tony Carter took *Coast Pilot* up to Tomales Bay in December and reported that he had the worst weather up there that he has seen in 20 years.

Doug Finley is leaving in mid-May on *Tuck-A-Roo* for the Northwest and the Queen Charlotte Islands. Jim Cooper is rumored to be planning a similar departure for *Pastime II*. Bob Van Blaricom has left *Misty* in Ketchikan, Alaska for the winter and plans to sail to

the Queen Charlottes before heading back to San Francisco by early September.

Roger Swanson has *Cloud Nine* in Trinidad and planned to meet up with Don Bekins in Grenada to join the CCA Grenadines Cruise in March. Also on that Cruise: three CCA members aboard a Moorings charter: Charlie Bacigalupi, Dick Leather and John Sanford.

Christina Sutter left *Wild Spirit* in Tahiti and spent the Christmas holidays in Germany. She expected



Don Bekins works in the bilge

John Sanford



PC Bill Whitney, right, congratulates Blue Water Medal winner Tony Gooch at the PNW dinner.

Doug Cole

to stop in SF on her way back to her yacht at the end of February.

Jim Cornelius and Steve Hunt made plans to charter a 46' catamaran in Belize in March. Along with their wives and another couple, they planned to make a leisurely eight-day passage.

- John Sanford



Committee News



John Sanford

The *Montara* CCA crew, on a sunny day in Belvedere, representing 324 years of experience: Chet Noyes, Wink Smith, Bob Alderson, Joe Alderson

Southern California

Baja Cruise plans:The SoCal Station is underway with preliminary planning for a National Spring Cruise in the Sea of Cortez in the spring of 2006. In March, Rear Commodore Len Baker, Larry Somers and Lou Scott will be aboard Chill's Baltic 55, *Allegra*, checking out harbors and shore facilities in the Sea of Cortez from La Paz to Loreto, Baja California. In 1993, the SoCal Station hosted a very successful national cruise to Baja for 200 members and guests, and the Station is looking forward to a repeat performance in April 2006.

SoCal Station Spring Cruise to San Clemente Island, May 20-24: Opening dinner in Newport Beach on the 20th with a run to Avalon (Catalina Island) on the 21st and on to anchorages at San Clemente Island on the 22nd and 23rd. All members are invited to participate. Call Lou Scott, cruise chair (480-471-3415) for details.

-Dick Lawrence

Chart Loan Service

For those people interested in borrowing charts from the CCA Chart Loan Service, do not wait until the last minute. Members Bill and Pam Kellett (w.kellett@worldnet.att.net), who coordinate the chart collection for northern Europe, depart May 1 for their own summer sailing. Sandy Weld (sandyweld@aol.com) has charts to loan for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, but don't call after June 1... *Windigo* is headed for northern Labrador this summer.

- Sandy Weld

Guest Moorings

Look for several new additions to the CCA guest-mooring list this spring, including the easternmost mooring in Oban, Scotland, courtesy of Les Crane of the Bermuda Station.

Two moorings have been added in the Maritimes: Murray

Harbour, Prince Edward Island, courtesy of Jim Evans (FLA) and Prospect Harbour, Nova Scotia, courtesy of Sam Rogers (BDO).

Further south and west at Cushing's Island, Casco Bay, Peter Plumb (BOS) reports the addition of a mooring at Cushing's Island, Casco Bay. And four CCA guest moorings have been designated at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Oyster Bay, thanks to the efforts of Woody Glenn (NYS).

The Guest Mooring Committee would like to thank all those stewards who were in touch regarding updates to moorings specs, positions, etc. Updates are encouraged by emailing Chan Reis, creis@ueonline.com or by calling (603-394-0101). We welcome the addition of Al Garnier (SOC) to our committee. Al brings the promise of helping the guest mooring efforts on the expansive west coast.

- Chan Reis



George and Mille Griffith's *Sarissa* (powerboat on left) anchored at Santa Cruz

Membership

Your Membership Committee met at the Annual Meeting on November 4 to review another fine list of candidates. Always remember that you too are a vital member of the committee, as without a continual flow of qualified new candidates, our organization will cease to exist. Only you can recommend an individual for membership. Special thanks to Gary Meisner and Rick Wood for their many years of service on the committee, and a hearty welcome to Brian O'Neill and Robby Robinson, who will be succeeding them.

Read on to learn more about our new members who have re-

cently become part of the CCA. Get to know these individuals and welcome them into our organization.

To our new members, our genuine congratulations. Start to become involved in the CCA; it will be the best investment you have ever made.

September 19 is the next deadline for submitting a new candidate's folder to your Station Membership Chairman. Contact him, and he'll be glad to guide you through the process.

- Jack Towle

Safety at Sea

Following a successful Safety at Sea seminar and Bermuda Race

prep session in early March, the Bermuda Race inspection process was set to shift into gear. These are two areas where the CCA certainly fulfills its objective to "stimulate interest in seamanship, navigation and handling of small vessels." I have been honored to head this committee for nearly four years. I am delighted that Peter "Rudi" Millard has agreed to take charge. He is a member of the US Sailing Safety at Sea Committee and a longtime Bermuda Race inspector; he is superb for this job. I will continue to work on seminars. We are pleased that Al Loomis has joined the committee.

- Sheila McCurdy

Your Membership Committee hard at work



From left: Peter Cooper (BDA); Frank Bohlen (ESS); Bob Darbee (NYS); Brad Avery (SOC); Gary Meisner (PNW); Jack Towle (Chairman); Bill Cook (BOS); Steve Hiltabidle (CHE); Ken Campia (GLS); Charles Westropp (BDO - for David Arenburg); Jim Gourd (FLA); Rick Wood (SAF).

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shamrock stickers clashed with the pink cruise hats and the Caribbean flowered shirts, but the fashion police were not in attendance. Much of the local media was,

however. Commodore Casner and Cruise Chairman Sib Reppert (BOS) were interviewed by representatives of the fourth estate from radio, print and television.

Thursday was race day. Though it was billed as a low-key cruising event (no spinnakers, extra time allowances for fish caught), the air was decidedly tense for the Le Mans start from the beach. At the stroke of 1000, outboard motors whirred and dinghies whisked sailors to their yachts, where anchors were weighed and sails hoisted at breakneck speeds.

The 37-mile race from Tyrrel Bay, Carriacou, down the leeward side of Grenada, was a broad reach until the final four miles after rounding Point Salines. The race rules were formulated - and protests and challenges handled - with diplomacy and in total secrecy over cocktails. Still, there was no doubt as to the winner: Peter Willauer's (BOS) J/42, *Eight Bells*, retained the Royal Thames Cruising Club perpetual trophy, awarded to the fastest CCA boat in the fleet during each winter cruise.

CCA boat *Calliope of Arne* was particularly well sailed that day by senior member George Brooks (NYS), and a group of Boston Station stalwarts led by Garry Fischer and George Lewis made an impressive finish with their Moorings catamaran, *Bellagarda*. *Synergy*, a big cat sailed by CCA guest Dave Penfield and the Taylor family, won line honors, and Paul Perkins took the award for the first Moorings boat, aboard *TinTin*. After two days of exploring the magnificent island of Grenada, by land or sea, the final gathering was held at True Blue Resort. The dance floor was full, and there was no shortage of praise for Sib Reppert, who, with the help of his wife, Chris Vezetinski, and a great committee, organized a flawless, fun and memorable cruise.

- M.E. Malone (Taylor)



M.E. Malone and Nick Brown



Max Taylor

Carol Willauer



Phyllis and Gordon Vineyard

Dan Nerney

Shots from the Winter Cruise from the Grenadines to Grenada



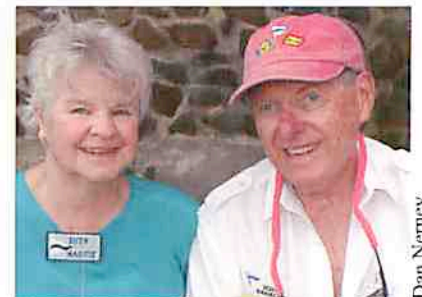
Joe Hoopes & Ed Kane locked in the dungeon

Dan Nerney



Race winners Peter and Carol Willauer

Dan Nerney



Ruthie Harvie and John Sanford

Dan Nerney



Dan Nerney

Garry Fischer, Jack Towle and Bill Saltonstall



Carol Willauer

PC Bill Whitney and Jim Chambers



Dan Nerney

Cruise Chairman Sib Reppert with his wife, Chris Vezetinski



Truman Casner

Vice Commodore Ned Rowland at the wheel



Carol Willauer

Dianna and Ben Emory



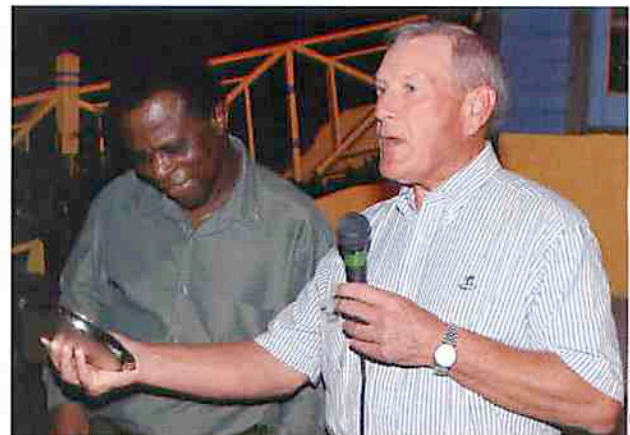
Joan Bekins

Party at the Brewers' in Moonhole Bay



Carol Willauer

Sue Chambers and Emmy Lewis



Dan Nerney

Grenadian Prime Minister receives CCA gift from Commodore Truman Casner



Welcome New Members

By Bill Wohlforth and Evans Wohlforth



Fred Allardyce

FREDERICK A. ALLARDYCE

Westerly, RI

Spouse: Roberta

Station: Essex

Yacht: J/40 *Misty*

Proposer: Warren F. Woodworth, M.D.

Around Watch Hill, RI, Fred Allardyce has long been known both for skillful handling of his Herreshoff WH 15 in local races and for his willing service to Watch Hill Yacht Club. For decades Fred and Bobbi cruised their boats (first a Tartan 34, then the J/40 *Misty*) down east, leading WHYC cruises over the years. Fred has crewed in many Off Soundings spring and fall races, earning a reputation as a good navigator and race strategist. In the 1990s he began campaigning *Misty*, sailing three Marblehead Halifax Races and three Bermuda Races between 1997 and 2002. Fred is a hands-on sailor who is deeply involved in the preparation

of his boat, with special attention to safety equipment and procedures. Given these qualities, as well as his fine seamanship and companionship, it is little wonder that *Misty* never wants for crew.

Fred is not only a talented skipper of boats large and small, he is happy to lend his formidable organizational skills and leadership acumen to the betterment of his community and our sport. As Commodore of Watch Hill Yacht Club (1995-96) and chair of its racing and cruising committees, Fred contributed directly to a major expansion of the Club's activities and an increase in overall member participation. He and Bobbi both have an infectious sense of humor and liven up any social gathering, not only with stories of their own adventures but also with keen appreciation of others' experiences. Members who make their acquaintance will appreciate Warren Woodworth's good judgment in proposing Fred Allardyce for membership in the CCA.

Memberships: Watch Hill Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club, Off Soundings Club

SEYMOUR BEEK

Balboa I., California

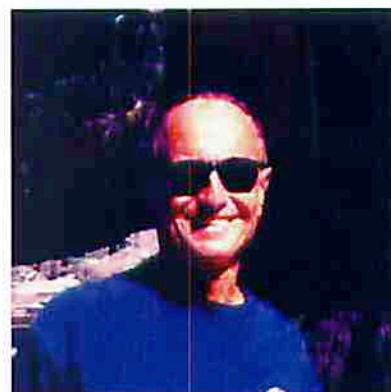
Spouse: Patricia

Station: Southern California

Yacht: 56' MV *Vamos*

Proposer: Morgan L. Morgan, M.D.

Seymour grew up on the waterfront in Newport Beach sailing dinghies, and there have been very few days since when he hasn't tasted at



Seymour Beek

least a little salt spray. As a lad he was deeply involved in Balboa Island Yacht Club, a youth sailing club founded by his parents in the 1920s. In later years he owned and raced extensively Stars and Etchells. While many cruising men are happy to recall such youthful pursuits, Seymour continues to race 12' Lehman dinghies and Harbor 20s. And he remains actively involved in the administration and support of Balboa Island Yacht Club.

While few know local southern California coastal waters more intimately than Seymour, his cruising and racing have taken him to distant seas over the past half century. On his own 1963 power yacht *Vamos* (56'), he has taken family cruises from Newport Beach to San Francisco, as well as to various Mexican destinations. A veteran of Trans Pacific Yacht Races (LA to Honolulu) as crew, Seymour also skippered chartered yachts in French Polynesia, other South Pacific Islands, the Virgin Islands and Costa Rica. Over the past five years, he has served as watch captain aboard son Clark's 40' ketch *Condesa* on trips from Newport Beach to La Paz, Mexico and thence to Playas del Coco, Costa

Rica in 1999, and then from Bora Bora to Tonga (2001) and Kerikeri to Whitianga, New Zealand.

In addition to his racing and cruising activities, Seymour is an active volunteer and participant. He is a past commodore of Newport Harbor Yacht Club and a member of the Harbor Commission for the City of Newport Beach. Morgan Morgan has done the CCA a service by helping to bring to our ranks this capable and experienced sailor. Membership: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

JONATHAN PAUL BREWIN

Hamilton Parish, Bermuda
Spouse: Elspeth
Station: Bermuda
Yacht: J/105 *Not Mine*
Proposer: Stephen W. Kempe

Jon Brewin brings extensive North Atlantic racing and cruising experience to the Cruising Club. He is a veteran of over 15 Newport Bermuda and Marion-Bermuda Races, many as skipper or watch captain aboard Colin Couper's *Babe* and *Vivace*. It is difficult to make that number of passages, including all the return deliveries, without encountering heavy conditions, and over the years Jon has earned his shipmates' respect not only as a fine all-round seaman but also as a cool hand under pressure and a leader who can organize and inspire a crew.

Jon began his racing career back in the 1980s on the other side of the pond. He crewed in many Fastnet Races and captained *Nick Nack 2* in the 1984 Cork to Lymington Race. Jon has always been equally devoted to cruising under sail. He cruised widely in the North Sea during those years, skippering

his boat on passages in the British Isles and the coast of France. Jon and Elspeth—also a keenly competitive sailor—continue their racing and cruising exploits on *Not Mine* from the enviable home port of Bermuda.

Stephen Kempe's proposal has brought to the CCA a couple with much more to offer than their considerable sailing talent and experience. Both Jon and Elspeth are also very active in sailing and community organizations to which they add their sociability and energy as well as nautical and organizational talents. It is a pleasure to welcome them both to the Cruising Club. Memberships: Royal Ocean Racing Club; Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club; Royal Bermuda Yacht Club; Bermuda Offshore Cruising Association



Franklin Beveridge

FRANKLIN BEVERIDGE

Pocasset, Massachusetts
Spouse: Dorothy
Station: Boston
Yacht: Cherubini 44' ketch
Wavelength
Proposer: Alexander B. Weld

Franklin Beveridge has many

uneventful bluewater passages to his credit — passages whose uneventful nature can be credited to Frank, who can diagnose and fix nearly any system on today's increasingly complex yachts and do so under the most trying conditions. An engineer by training, Frank has saved many a crew's bacon over the years by mending gear gone balky when it usually does, just as the weather kicks up. A notable example occurred last winter and spring on a transatlantic delivery of Nancy and John McKelvy's *Whizzbang*. With John's sad passing in December 2002, only weeks before their scheduled departure, Frank's mechanical acumen was critical in mastering *Whizzbang's* complex systems on the passage from the Canary Islands to St. Thomas and thence to Florida.

Frank's first boat, a Hinckley Pilot, was a rebuild project that he restored to perfection and sailed in Northeastern coastal waters in the 1970s and early 1980s. He purchased *Wavelength* in 1982 as a "sail away" shell and finished her himself. He and Dorothy have taken their ketch on many cruises Down East to Maine and Nova Scotia. Last fall they sailed down to the Chesapeake to join the CCA's Ten Rivers Cruise as guests. Frank has also voyaged extensively with Sandy Weld over the years, serving as chief engineer, watch captain and navigator on three transatlantic passages and cruises in the Baltic, Scotland, the Caribbean, Alaska and Labrador. Shipmates attest to Frank's all-round seamanship and companionability, as well as his engineering genius. Fellow members of Buzzards Bay Yacht Club appreciate his dedicated work on their sailing program and on maintaining the Club's fleet of old Widgeons and newer prams.

Membership: Buzzards Bay
Yacht Club
Military Service: United States
Navy, 1962-64



Art & Roberta Burke

ARTHUR D. BURKE, M.D.

South Dartmouth, MA
Spouse: Roberta
Station: Boston
Yachts: J/44 *Spice*; Repco 30
Lobster boat *Sea Robin*
Proposer: Daniel P. Dyer III

Having served as a medical officer aboard U.S. Navy riverboats in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam, Arthur Burke has mastered more than his share of shipboard challenges. These days, he is known as a talented racing skipper and helmsman as well as a dedicated cruising man. For 35 consecutive seasons, Art has cruised the New England and Canadian coasts on a Concordia 41, a Valiant 40 and now on his J/44, all named *Spice*. His cruising and overall boathandling skills are second to none, as demonstrated in the seamanlike way he secured his boat before Hurricane Gloria hit Padanaram in 1985. While over 75 vessels dragged ashore, *Spice* (Valiant 40), secured by mooring and multiple anchors, escaped with noth-

ing other than salt crust halfway up her mast. Art's racing talents are equally impressive. He sailed *Spice* to victory in two Monhegan Doublehanded races from Provincetown to Tenants Harbor and has campaigned her competitively in several Marblehead-Halifax and Marion-Bermuda Races. He has also crewed in many Newport Bermuda and Halifax races as watch captain or helmsman.

Art has earned the respect of his crews and competitors not only by sailing boats fast but also by building teamwork both afloat and ashore, as during his service as commodore of his yacht club, chair of its race committee and member of the Town of Dartmouth's Harbor Committee. He is joined in all these endeavors by Roberta, who is also an avid sailor. With their two young daughters, Lauren and Caroline, following the family's seagoing tradition, the Burkes' cruising horizons are set to expand. We are grateful to Dan Dyer for proposing Art for membership and look forward to making the acquaintance of all the Burkes at a CCA gathering soon.

Membership: New Bedford
Yacht Club
Military Service: General Medical Officer, United States Navy,
1968-70

CHARLES F.A. ("ALEX")
COOPER

Paget, Bermuda
Spouse: Sheelagh Ann
Station: Bermuda
Yacht: 50' cutter *Rainbow Runner II*
Proposer: E. Kirkland Cooper

Hailing from a storied Bermuda sailing family, Alex Cooper has



Alex Cooper

logged sailing miles that run the gamut from competitive one-design and ocean racing to a wide range of cruising exploits. He represented Bermuda as a member of cousin Kirk Cooper's Soling crew in the 1972 Olympic Games. He further honed his competitive racing skills as crew aboard the late Fenton Trimmingham's *Quest of Paget* in the Newport Bermuda Race and Onion Patch series in 1972 and 1974. Alex continues to keep his hand in ocean racing, crewing in a Marion-Bermuda Race and a Fiji to Vanuatu Race aboard Barnaby Blatch's *Queen of Hearts* in the 1990s.

Both Alex and Sheelagh are often to be found racing one-designs in Bermuda venues. Since purchasing their 50' cutter in 1983, they have also devoted themselves to cruising. They cruised *Rainbow Runner II* along the California coast in 1983 and extensively in the waters from Bermuda to Maine in the years since. Alex has also skippered chartered yachts widely through the Caribbean and along Canada's West Coast. He cruised extensively in the South Pacific aboard *Queen of Hearts* in the late 1990s. And in 2001 he and Sheelagh took *Rainbow Runner II* from Bermuda to the Maine Coast for an extensive cruise.

By all accounts, when you can

catch them in one place, Alex and Sheelagh make pleasant company afloat and at shoreside gatherings. Thanks to Kirk Cooper's proposal, they will be able to lend their experience and companionship to the activities of the Bermuda Station and our Club.



Peter Darbee

PETER A. DARBEE

Lafayette, California

Spouse: Melinda

Station: New York

Yacht: Alden 44' *Kismet*

Proposer: William L. Glenn

When discussion turns to the relative merits of East Coast versus West Coast sailing, Peter Darbee is likely to have something to say. A native Long Islander who relocated to San Francisco a decade ago, Peter continues to cruise extensively on both as an active member in yacht clubs in San Francisco and on Long Island.

As one of our correspondents put it, regarding his election to membership: "It's about time!" Peter grew up in a sailing family, skippering his own boats before the age of 10. He learned yacht construction and repair at a tender

age, while working at an Oyster Bay boatyard owned by family friends. A member of Dartmouth's sailing team, he represented the college at the McMillan Cup in Annapolis, running the foredeck on a Navy 44. Throughout the 1970s he was a regular aboard Frank McRoberts' *Black Mallard* in all the classic northeastern races, including Newport Bermuda, Marblehead Halifax, Vineyard and Block Island.

The boat repair skills Peter had mastered as a lad came to the fore on a 1977 transatlantic passage when *Black Mallard* struck a whale off the Azores in rough seas, damaging her rudder and steering gear. She made landfall at Horta under a jury rig Peter had fashioned from materials aboard. In the 1980s, Peter and Melinda were regulars on Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club cruises down east aboard their C&C 35 *Bathsheba*. Since moving west in the mid-1990s, the couple and their young children have participated with the same skill and enthusiasm in Encinal Yacht Club cruises aboard *Kismet* along California's northern coast. Yet affection for the old cruising grounds routinely brings him and his family back to the waters between Long Island Sound and Maine aboard chartered boats. Kudos to proposer Will Glenn for helping to bring this bi-coastal cruising family into the CCA community.

Memberships: Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club; Encinal Yacht Club

GEORGE DAY

Middletown, Rhode Island

Spouse: Rosa

Station: New York

Proposer: Scott Kuhner

To describe George Day as a "can do" guy is an understatement. In 1990-95 he took his family on a 40,000 mile, westabout circumnavigation via Panama and Suez aboard his Mason 43 *Clover*. He liked the ocean cruising life so much he decided to start a magazine devoted to it—*Blue Water Sailing*, of which he remains editor and publisher.

The circumnavigation on *Clover* followed three decades of "adventurous use of the sea" and a successful career as a marine journalist, including a stint as editor of *Cruising World*. George raced Beetle Cats and Wianno Seniors in the 1960s, and crewed in MORC regattas aboard the Tartan 27 *Duet* in the early 70s. Later years found him crewing in a wide variety of races, including Miami-Montego Bay, the BVI Regatta, Newport Bermuda, Antigua Race Week and others. In 1973, he joined CCA member John Kiley for the Jamaica to Tahiti leg of John's circumnavigation on his 30' Tahiti ketch *Joseph*. He met Rosa, a fellow avid sailor, in New Zealand and they were married the next year. Throughout the 1970s and 80s they cruised extensively in the waters between the Chesapeake and the Canadian Maritimes aboard their Alberg 30 *Sundance*. George has cruised widely and frequently in the Caribbean and Europe. Although he sold *Clover* to devote himself to his new magazine, George has continued to put in plenty of sea time both racing (Newport Bermuda in 1998 and Antigua Race Week in 1999) and cruising (Newport-Antigua in 2001; coastal Spain in 2002).

As of this writing, George is looking for a new boat. In his capacity as a marine journalist, he has sail tested dozens of boats of all sizes and types. Thanks to Scott Kuhner's initiative as proposer

(accomplished while out cruising aboard *Tamure*), our Club can now add George Day to its list of distinguished sailing writers and journalists who “promote and facilitate cruising by amateurs, ... encourage the development of suitable types of cruising craft [and] stimulate interest in seamanship”.

Memberships: Ida Lewis Yacht Club, Ocean Cruising Club



Denny Emory & Kathi Squires

DENNIS S. “DENNY” EMORY

Wilson, Wyoming

Station: Boston

Yacht: Sabre 30 *Spindrift*

Proposer: William K. Starkey

Denny Emory is an “all-rounder” in more ways than one. He’s an architect, a sculptor and a delivery captain. He lives in Wyoming but keeps *Spindrift* at Southwest Harbor, Maine. He’s an accomplished celestial navigator and coastwise pilot who is also a whiz with the latest electronic gadgetry. His sail handling skills are not to be second-guessed, but he’s also at home (if not comfortable) crouched over a balky diesel or repairing a blown transmission. Friends observe that he possesses the combination of sailing experience and easygoing social charm that so often distinguishes the best of shipmates.

In 1993-95, he circumnavigated aboard the Hinckley 42 *Marianne* (serving as captain on the 149-day New Zealand to Turkey leg). As captain or crew, he is a veteran of dozens of deliveries of boats of all sizes and types, north-south from Nova Scotia to the Caribbean or ports in between. In the 1990s, he crewed on two transatlantic passages, a cruise through the Greek Islands and a delivery from Dana Point, California to Seattle, Washington. He has also crewed in many offshore races, including the Pacific Cup and the Marion-Bermuda Race. All of his adventures and far-flung cruises notwithstanding, for most of the last quarter century, Denny has come back to Maine to cruise *Spindrift* in the fall shoulder of the season when it’s crisp and breezy. Members who get to sail those waters at this time are fortunate—and doubly so if they have the pleasure of a gam with Denny Emory. Hats off to William Starkey for proposing him.

Military Service: United States Army Reserve

WILLIAM R. FORSYTHE, M.D.

Piedmont, California

Spouse: Katherine

Station: San Francisco

Yacht: Endeavour 38 sloop

Trilogy

Proposer: H. James Cornelius, M.D.

Bill Forsythe comes to the Cruising Club with over a half-century’s cruising and racing experience that includes multiple ocean passages up and down the California coast from Bodega Bay to San Diego. He began racing in the 1960s, participating in such events as the Master Mariners Race. By the 1970s he

had traded up from his Islander Bahama 24 *Andiamo* (though not before co-founding and serving as president of the Islander Bahama Association) to a Ranger 37 One Ton, *Mille Failte*, with which he represented Richmond Yacht Club at the Lipton Cup in 1972. In the 1980s and 90s as owner-skipper of *Trilogy*, he sailed the San Francisco-Catalina Race and also crewed on the LA-Cabo San Lucas and the Pacific Cup.

Cruising has always been central to Bill’s seagoing activities, and after retirement in 1996 he was able to complete a thorough upgrading of *Trilogy*’s systems for offshore voyaging. From then on he has ranged widely along the Pacific Coast of North America, and the Sea of Cortez, including yearly crossings between Baja California and mainland Mexican ports such as La Paz and Puerto Vallarta. In addition to his explorations aboard *Trilogy*, he has chartered in the Caribbean and the Pacific Northwest and crewed on yachts heading south to Mexico.

Our correspondents stress that Bill is generous with his time and expertise, and their enthusiasm leaves no doubt that he will be an active member of the San Francisco Station and a participant in Club activities. Jim Cornelius has done the CCA a service by bringing Bill on board.

Military Service: United States Air Force (1960-62)

LUCY SEARBY MELVIN

Annapolis, Maryland

Station: Chesapeake

Yacht: 34’ MV *Hallie B*

Proposer: Charles R. Smith

Lucy Melvin is already well known to many members as an accom-



Lucy Melvin

plished cruising sailor who has voyaged over thousands of miles of blue water in small boats under her command. She took up sailing in her girlhood and ever since has seen to it that the shore-bound intervals never stretch out too long. Lucy had established herself as an experienced singlehander on long passages well before the advent of GPS relegated celestial navigation to backup status. In the late 1970s, she routinely soloed her Alberg 30 from her summer home in Maine down to the Bahamas. In 1985, she embarked on a seven-year Atlantic Great Circle voyage aboard her Hinckley Ocean Cruising 40 *Song*, completing both transoceanic legs as skipper. In between those passages, *Song* cruised England, France, and extensively in the Mediterranean. Illness in the family caused the sale of *Song* in 2000, but two years later Lucy purchased *Hallie B.* and cruised the Maine coast. She is overseeing a comprehensive refitting of her new command, on which she intends to continue cruising the waters from the Chesapeake Bay to the Maine coast.

Members will remember Lucy's husband, the late CCA member Judge Ridgley Melvin. Those who have had the good fortune to crew aboard *Song* during her Mediterranean odyssey will also recall Lucy's smooth command of all aspects of boat handling and navigation, her infectious wit, and

her ability effortlessly to transform a disparate gathering of sailors into real crew—having fun but also remaining ready for anything the sea might deliver. Thanks to Sunny Smith's proposal, when Lucy next ventures forth with *Hallie B* she will do so under the CCA burgee.

Memberships: Ocean Cruising Club; Sailing Club of the Chesapeake



Jerry & Marilyn Montgomery

JEROME ("JERRY") MONTGOMERY

Long Beach, California
Spouse: Marilyn
Station: Southern California Yacht
Yacht: Joubert/Nivelt 40 sloop *Patriot*
Proposer: Langdon Parrill

Jerry Montgomery has ranged widely over the Pacific Ocean, racing and cruising under sail. As crew he has sailed with some storied skippers (including CCA member Evan McLean) on fast, demanding yachts in many of the West Coast's most rigorous races. He has sailed in the last six LA-Honolulu Transpacific Races, and has participated in even more LA-Cabo San Lucas, Newport-Cabo San Lucas and LA-Puerta Vallarta races. In 1993, he skippered his *Patriot* to a class first in the Transpac, and four years later

he co-skippered the Santa Cruz 50 *Ralphie* to a first overall in the same race. Jerry's frequent ocean racing also gives him a chance to cruise, for he usually is to be found on the return delivery from the races in which he competes. Not only is Jerry a talented racing helmsman, navigator and weather forecaster, he is also often the organizational linchpin for the racing syndicates with which he sails.

Jerry's commitment to furthering our sport and stretching its boundaries stands out as much as his racing experience and skill. He has served as president of the Southern California Racing Association, Commodore of the Transpacific Yacht Club and Commodore of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Jerry is also president of the Pacific Coast Sailing Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports the US Sailing Center in Long Beach and its programs for high-school and college sailing, disabled sailors and youth at risk. We thank Langdon Parrill for proposing this new member, who has so freely expended his talent and hard work on and off the water.

Memberships: Alamitos Bay Yacht Club; Transpacific Yacht Club; Southern California Racing Association; Pacific Coast Sailing Foundation
Military Service: U.S. Army Medical Corps

RAY MOORE

Lake Stevens, Washington
Spouse: Junie
Station: Pacific Northwest Yacht
Yacht: 53' Rhodes *Valkay*
Proposer: R. Hugh Minor, M.D.

Some sailors court danger, others avoid it by staying close to port;

Ray Moore is the kind of cruising man who ventures far but stays safe owing to sound seamanship, skillful navigation, careful preparation and prudent decision making. Hugh Minor has acted in the highest traditions of the CCA in proposing him.

In 1979, Ray purchased *Valkay*, a 53-foot steel-hulled sloop designed by Phil Rhodes and built in New Zealand. After fitting her out for offshore passage making, he sailed her from Los Angeles to Everett, Washington in 1980. In the following two years, he completed a 5,000-mile round trip from Everett to Manzanillo, Mexico. The experience showed that *Valkay* was the right boat, and for the last quarter century Ray and Junie have cruised her extensively in Puget Sound, Desolation Sound and the west coast of Vancouver Island.

In addition, Ray has skippered chartered yachts in the Caribbean (Leeward Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, Bahamas, St. Martin-St. Barts), the South Pacific (Tonga Vava'u) and the Mediterranean (Greek Islands). Ray and Junie are known as consummate cruising sailors and as sociable people who are quick to respond when the call goes out for volunteers. Members of the Pacific Northwest station and eventually the national club will be glad to be able to welcome Ray as a member.

Memberships: Everett Yacht Club; Milltown Sailing Association; Starpath School of Navigation
Military Service: United States Army, 1954-56



Pike & Linda Noyes

B. PIKE NOYES

Marblehead, Massachusetts
Spouse: Linda
Station: Boston
Yacht: 42' S/V *Tioga*
Proposer: Frederick "Ted" Hood

At the age of five months, Pike Noyes was aboard his father's *Tioga* for a run from Marblehead to Florida. He has not looked back. Aboard his own *Tioga*, Pike and Linda and their children, Emily and Katie, have been putting miles under the keel, including two returns from Bermuda and a trip up the St. John River from Marblehead in the past three years.

Pike's father is long-time member Brad Noyes. After literally cutting his teeth aboard Brad's 62-foot *Tioga*, Pike started learning the ropes. He completed innumerable offshore passages in his father's and others' boats. He was aboard when the elder *Tioga* competed in the inaugural Marion-Bermuda race in 1977. After studying at the Landing Boatbuilding School, Pike started his own fine woodworking business. He is a pilot as well as a sailor and flies his own airplane.

Ted Hood deserves the CCA's thanks for bringing this representative of a fine sailing family into the fold. Linda too is said to have offshore sailing in the blood, and they are clearly bringing Emily and Katie up in the tradition. We

are happy to welcome Pike and his crew to the CCA.

Membership: Eastern Yacht Club



David & Lee Page

DAVID N. PAGE

Sunapee, New Hampshire
Spouse: Lee
Station: New York
Yacht: Tartan 37
Proposer: Lawrence S. Huntington

A relative newcomer to cruising, David Page has a list of off-shore racing accomplishments dating back 50 years with some 24,000 sea miles to his credit. The distinguished boats and famous offshore races he can count would provide fodder for many a gam. We thank Lawrence Huntington for proposing this very experienced sailor.

In the 1950s, David began racing aboard an 85-foot yawl in the North Sea, England to France and return. He was seventh in class to Bermuda aboard James Mullen's Block Island 40 *Southern Star*; and sailed also with Bill Snaith on *Figaro*. In the 1960s, he was on Dick Nye's *Carina* in the Transatlantic race, and in the Bermuda Race on Thor Ramsing's first-in-class Aage Neilsen sloop *Solution*.

In 1988, David spent 22 days cruising a Concordia yawl from Marion to Newfoundland, burning 300 pounds of anthracite coal

to keep warm. It speaks volumes about him that this experience apparently converted him to cruising. Since then, David and Lee have been up and down the East Coast in their Tartan 37, taking time in 1997 for another transatlantic aboard Joe Hoopes' *Palawan*. The CCA is happy to welcome so salty a sailor to its ranks.



Ray & Erika Peterson

RAYMOND S. PETERSON

Warren, Rhode Island
 Spouse: Erika
 Station: New York
 Yacht: Swan 46 *Cygne*
 Proposer: Charles Weiner

In Ray Peterson, we gain an accomplished offshore racer and an active contributor to organized sailing. Ray has completed, at last count, eight races to Bermuda and he is a regular at Block Island and Swan race weeks. He has served as chair of virtually every committee in the Corinthians organization, and has risen to the position of Master. He is active in the Swan Association and has served as its president for the past few years. With Erika, he has cruised the East Coast from Nova Scotia to the Caribbean.

From an honorable start on a raft on the Housatonic River, Ray has had a string of good-look-

ing and good-sailing boats – a Knutson Pilot which he restored, an Ohlson 38, a Swan 431 and his current Swan 46, *Cygne*. A celestial navigator, he competed in the no-electronics division of the 1999 Marion-Bermuda race. Offshore passages include a number of runs from New England to the Caribbean.

Ray has always involved his family in his sailing. He usually has a grandchild or two aboard *Cygne*. He is known and respected for his dedication to our sport, his competence and good fellowship. A vote of thanks to Charles Weiner for proposing him.

Memberships: New York Yacht Club; Corinthians; Storm Trysail Club; Bristol Yacht Club

DEREK F.P. RATTERAY

Smiths, Bermuda
 Spouse: Dr. Bente Lundh
 Station: Bermuda
 Yacht: Alden 50 *Alida*; J/105 *Passion*
 Proposer: Charles W. Kempe

Those of us who find our hands full keeping up with one boat will be impressed with Derek Ratteray's dedication to the sailing life in keeping two substantial boats. The J/105 *Passion* is for racing. His Alden 50 *Alida* cruises the Caribbean, Bermuda and the East Coast, with long offshore hops in between. Derek and Bente are already well known to CCA members of the Bermuda Station and are frequent guests at their social events.

Alida has done her share of racing miles, as well. She has sailed the Marion-Bermuda and Newport Bermuda races. Derek served on the Marion-Bermuda Race Com-

mittee for 1992-94. He is a veteran of several Etchells series, including the 1994 Worlds, Bermuda International Race Weeks, and a string of other offshore and coastal races. He remains an active racer in Bermuda under the aegis of the Royal Hamilton.

All our correspondents mention Derek's and Bente's cheerful and friendly competence around boats. He even has a reputation as a cook, making him the well-rounded shipmate. Thanks to Charles Kempe for proposing this skilled and respected sailor. Membership: Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club



Cat Reppert

CATHERINE A.B. "CAT" REPERT

Westport, Massachusetts
 Station: Boston
 Proposer: Stephen Taylor

One could not fairly introduce Cat Reppert to the CCA without mentioning her age – at 18 she may be the youngest person to have been elected to membership. Yet to focus on this fact is to overlook her

accomplishments as a sailor, which handily stand in their own right as remarkable.

She got her start on father Sib Reppert's *Victoria*, and did her first Bermuda trip in 1993. The family's offshore exploits since have been impressive and clearly laid the groundwork for Cat's accomplishments. She has been to the Canadian Maritimes twice. She has either raced or cruised to Bermuda five times, including, in 2000, the doublehanded spinnaker class with Sib. On two occasions, Cat skippered the family boat back to New England when Sib was called away. In 2001, the Repperts took delivery of *Catalyst* in Cape Town. Cat served as navigator and watch captain for the 5,700-mile delivery, part of which she did on celestial only.

Currently, Cat is a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, where she is rising through the offshore sailing program in the Academy's yawls and rowing on the varsity crew. We have no doubt that she will continue to impress with her sailing experience. The Club is pleased to have her under the CCA pennant, and thanks Steve Taylor for his proposal of her.



Wolfgang & Gemma Reuter

WOLFGANG REUTER

Annapolis, Maryland
Spouse: Gemma
Station: Chesapeake

Yacht: Bristol 45.5. *Ru'ah*
Proposer: Joe Lucas

The best way to get to know Wolfgang Reuter and his aft-cockpit Bristol 45.5 is by sea. They don't stay in one place long. From his base on Crab Creek, they have been to Maine, the Canadian Maritimes and Bermuda yearly for the past several years. From 1993 to 1995, Wolfgang took *Ru'ah* on an extended sojourn through Northern Europe as far as Finland, returning via the Canaries and the West Indies. The trip culminated with a solo, nonstop return passage from San Juan to Annapolis.

Wolfgang is well versed in the technical aspects of boats, being retired from a career as a naval architect of merchant ships and for the United States Navy. His boat prior to *Ru'ah* was a 42-foot steel schooner, on which he acted as owner, skipper, navigator, sailmaker and builder. Wolfgang's and Gemma's Crab Creek home is a welcome stop for north- or south-bound members of the Ocean Cruising Club, of which Wolfgang is a member.

With multiple ocean crossings and an obvious mastery of the practical aspects of boating, Wolfgang is a strong addition to the CCA family. Thanks to Joe Lucas for proposing him.

Membership: Ocean Cruising Club

WILLIAM E. "WILLY" RITCH-SMITH

Woolwich, Maine
Spouse: Margaret Gardiner
Station: Boston
Yacht: 60-foot Aluminum Sloop
Arabella
Proposer: Peter Passano



Willy Ritch-Smith

Willy Ritch-Smith and Maggie Gardiner have sailed as a team, lately joined by their daughters, Erin and Sally, aboard a series of progressively larger *Arabellas* for the past 14 years. Willy initially cut his cruising teeth with extensive summer cruises between St. John, New Brunswick and the Chesapeake. They have made two extended cruises down the East Coast to the Bahamas, Mexico and Guatemala and the eastern Caribbean. Erin and Sally have virtually grown up afloat (Sally was actually born on a cruise!). They are a true cruising family.

Most recently, *Arabella* went transatlantic to Barcelona and then through the Med to Greece. The girls were home schooled afloat, except for the winter in Barcelona. Maggie is a registered nurse. Willy was the popular host of a radio talk show on WGAN in Portland, Maine, before he elected to become a full-time cruising sailor.

We are happy to have Willy aboard the CCA. He is said to have the talent of finding a welcome in any port. He is a skilled writer and noted for his expertise in radio and

onboard computer technology. In short, Willy and his crew epitomize the values of this organization, and we thank Peter Passano for their introduction.



Sam Rogers & Suezan Aikins

SAMUEL S. ROGERS

Prospect, Nova Scotia
 Spouse: Suezan
 Station: Boston
 Yacht: Bristol 34 *Starling*
 Proposer: L. Blair Pyne

Since summers on Cape Cod and at Tabor Academy to his present home a stone's throw from the ocean in Prospect, Nova Scotia, Sam Rogers has been involved with boats and the sea. He knows the Nova Scotian coast like his own backyard and is its equal as a navigator, with or without electronics and despite its notorious fogs. He has sailed with many skippers familiar to the CCA, dating back to Charlie Leighton's *Madcaps* in the early seventies as crew and delivery skipper.

In the 1970s and 80s, Sam worked as a commercial fisherman out of Prospect. He also was cruising his own Tancook schooner at that time. In 1975, he refurbished a wooden, 52' ex-whale catcher and cruised her in Newfoundland. In 1992, Sam purchased *Starling*, and he has been cruising his home

waters regularly since. In addition, Sam has done a number of deliveries and offshore passages in the Caribbean. Lately, he has been sailing on Toby Tobin's *Froya*; they took first in class in the Marblehead Halifax race last year.

Sam is active in local community planning groups and conservation groups. He is a past president of the Nova Scotia Design Craft Council. All thanks to Blair Pyne for bringing Sam in. We are happy to welcome him aboard.

RICHARD K. "RIC" SANDERS

Lakewood, California
 Spouse: Monika
 Station: Southern California
 Yacht: Newport 30 *Ambivalence*²
 Proposer: Charles Cook

It is said that fortune favors the prepared mind. Ric Sanders not only had many opportunities to go to sea but he has seized them and made the most of them. He has amassed some 66,000 sea miles since the 1970s in a variety of assignments. Aboard *Ambivalence*², Ric and Monika are regulars in the cruising grounds of the Catalina Islands. With others he has ventured much farther afield.

Ric's significant West Coast passages are too numerous to detail. He has taken boats from California to Seattle and in the other direction, frequently to Mexico and as far as the Virgin Islands through the Panama Canal. Ric was on the 1981 Transpac, and also made cruising passages to Maui in 1993 and 1996.

Ric holds a Coast Guard Master's ticket. Our correspondents, as one, remark on his abilities as

a navigator and his sense of the weather and the sea. Ric has contributed to our sport as a member of the board of directors of Los Angeles Yacht Club and chairman of the NOOD Regatta, Los Angeles Harbor. Charles Cook deserves the thanks of the CCA for proposing this dedicated sailor.

Membership: Los Angeles Yacht Club



Jack & Pat Tyler

JACK STEPHEN TYLER

Green Cove Springs, Florida
 Spouse: Patricia
 Station: Florida
 Yacht: Pearson 424 *Whoosh*
 Proposer: Bill Gregg

Jack and Pat Tyler's sailing career has been a family adventure rooted in their several boats, two of which they finished or built themselves. They have been dedicated to the cruising life since at least 1978, when they finished a Flicka 24 from a bare boat and then lived aboard with their son, age four. The story was documented in a 1981 article in *Nautical Quarterly*. In all, Jack is a remarkably well-rounded and technically sophisticated sailor. He was in submarines in the United States Navy, qualified as Officer

of the Deck and Diving Officer. He is an instrument-rated, small airplane pilot and has been certified as an open-water scuba diver since 1973.

Yet Jack is most remarked for generosity with his skills. During a transatlantic passage aboard *Whoosh* in 2003, Jack and Pat assisted two vessels that had lost their engines. The first received weather relays and had assistance coordinated by Jack until they reached Bermuda. The second was helped along from their second day out from Bermuda all the way to Horta. Another member writes of meeting Jack and Pat when they gave him a 25-mile tow into Borqueron, Puerto Rico, and then many mornings spent with Jack's assistance trying to remedy the engine trouble.

The only trick is, you have to ask for his advice. Jack is not one to push his assistance or expertise uninvited. He is a frequent contributor to the Seven Seas Cruising Association's Bulletin and on-line Bulletin Board, and the Waterway Radio and Cruising Club's Scuttlebutt. Bill Gregg deserves a vote of thanks for bringing this valuable new member under the CCA burgee.

Memberships: Seven Seas Cruising Association; Waterway Radio & Cruising Club

WILLIAM R. "BILL" WATSON

St. Petersburg, Florida
 Spouse: Barbara
 Station: Florida
 Yacht: Pearson 40 *Strathspey*
 Proposer: Harry Keith

Bill Watson began cruising on the coasts of his native Scotland, elsewhere in the British Isles and in the North Sea. These are waters



Bill & Barbara Watson

where tides run fast and weather arrives quickly. Bill has sailed them extensively, and earned his spurs many times over. Barbara has been on board for it all, and is an accomplished sailor as well. Harry Keith has done the CCA a real service in proposing them.

In the 1980s, they removed to this side of the Pond, and have cruised the entire East Coast from Florida to the Bras d'Or, and to the Caribbean. Bill and Barbara have many CCA connections already, having been guests at a number of CCA functions and cruises, including the 60th and 75th anniversary cruises. You may remember the Scottish accent. In 1998, Bill raced aboard Peter Fairley's *Pinocchio VII* from Scotland to Stavanger, Norway, to break the course record in gale conditions. In '91, Bill cruised with Peter Bunting and CCA member Jennifer Guinness from Balboa to the Galapagos to the Marquesas.

Bill and Barbara became U.S. citizens in 2000, although they still maintain a residence in Scotland. Bill has been active in the several sailing organizations with which he is affiliated. He has been Honorary Racing Secretary of the Clyde Cruising Club, the Scottish representative to the RYA Cruiser/Racer Advisory Committee, and President of the Paisley Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Memberships: St. Petersburg

Yacht Club; Clyde Cruising Club; Irish Cruising Club; Ocean Cruising Club

Armed Forces: Royal Navy Reserve



Tod White

TOD WHITE

Balboa, California
 Spouse: Linda
 Station: Southern California
 Yacht: Pacific Seacraft 37 *Seascope*
 Proposer: Graham "BZ" Jones

Tod White can take considerable pride in the fact that he is that comparative rarity - a self-made sailor who has practiced our sport at its most demanding levels. Tod and Linda decided in mid-life that sailing was their calling. They pursued knowledge where they could find it, informally and through formal courses of study. Their rise through the ranks has been swift, and their offshore accomplishments now rank with those of the most salty.

Since purchasing *Seascope*, the Whites have cruised her extensively around the Newport area, Catalina and the Channel Islands. In 2001, they made a passage from Newport to Kauai, with stops at many other Hawaiian Islands. They have cruised to Mexico twice, along the Baja Peninsula and in the Sea of Cortez. All

of these trips were made with at most one other crewmember.

Plainly, Tod is just getting started. In 2002, Tod joined Brad Avery, BZ Jones and Robert Vaughan aboard the well-known sloop *Alaskan Eagle* for a passage from Ushuaia, Argentina to Antarctica and return. He is a member of Newport Harbor Yacht Club and chairs its cruising committee. BZ Jones is entitled to our thanks in introducing this talented and promising new member. Membership: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

RICHARD WILLIAM "DICK" YORK

Rowayton, Connecticut
Spouse: Linda
Station: New York
Yacht: *J/46 Aragorn*

Proposer: Peter Willauer

Dick York is a committed sailor with the stories and experiences that go with a lifetime of knocking around in boats. In earlier years, he raced extensively in one-designs, included a Shields that he owned, and on all of the major Long Island Sound races. In these years he participated in five Bermuda races in responsible positions and delivered a boat on the return from Bermuda as skipper.

In March of 2000, Dick and Linda took delivery of their new *J/46 Aragorn*. Since then they have pretty much been living aboard and have logged thousands of miles up and down the East Coast, including three passages from Norfolk to the Caribbean and return. Most of their cruising is done as a couple, with an extra crew person for the longer passages.

Dick and Linda's CCA con-

tacts are extensive. He has been foredeck boss and then watch captain for distance races with Ted Murphy on *Laughter*. In the winter of 2003, they sailed in tandem with Peter Willauer's *Eight Bells* from Bequia to the BVI, where they joined the CCA cruise of that year. Many other members will know Dick from his 33-year membership in Larchmont Yacht Club.

We won't be seeing too much of Dick in the next year or so, as he and Linda have recently embarked on a circumnavigation planned to last 20 months. We are proud to have them fly the CCA burgee in foreign ports and look forward to more sea yarns when they return. Thanks go to Peter Willauer for proposing this able and popular sailor for membership. Membership: Larchmont Yacht Club



Dan Nerney

Bolero beats to weather in 22 knots during the winter cruise.



Global Marine Distress and Safety System

GMDSS, sometimes called Digital Selective Calling (DSC), is an automatic system using both GPS and VHF or SSB radio for distress situations. Using the location determined by a GPS, this system can send distress messages and automatically receive distress information and warnings that could prevent a distress situation. It has been implemented by most merchant vessels on the high seas, with the exception of some US flagged vessels in domestic waters. The USCG plans to phase in their system, called Rescue 21, with full implementation by 2006.

With GMDSS, a vessel can initiate a distress signal by activating a switch or button on the VHF or SSB. An automated call is then broadcast on the DSC frequency, and other receivers within range pick up the signal automatically. The GMDSS signals include GPS coordinates. Voice response is made on the frequencies listed in the following table, which are the same international safety frequencies used by SSB and are simplex so everyone can hear.

DSC	ITU	Voice
VHF 70		
2187.5	0	2182.0
4207.5	450	4125.0
6312.0	650	6215.0
8414.5	850	8291.0
12577.0	1250	12290.0
16804.5	1650	16420.0

Every ship at sea is required to maintain a continuous DSC watch as appropriate to the sea area in which the ship is sailing. Watchkeeping shall be on 8414.5 kHz and one other HF frequency selected according to the time of day, the season and distance from appropriate coast stations.

Implementation in the US

DSC implementation is in a transition period. On February 1, 1999, most merchant vessels with DSC-equipped radios worldwide were allowed to stop watching 2182 kHz, though VHF 16 is still required. Because of problems with interoperability, the FCC delayed implementation in the US, although they require all marine radios sold in the US to have a DSC capability. This doesn't mean that your new radio has DSC but that it can be added if not part of the unit.

Caveat emptor

For DSC, two areas around the US have been defined. They are Sea Area A1 (VHF) and Sea Area A2 (MF/HF or SSB). The USCG program for VHF is called "Rescue 21" and is scheduled to be operational by 2006. Until this system is installed, the USCG cannot reliably receive DSC distress calls on VHF.

As for SSB (MF/HF), the CG is operating DSC offshore in Sea Area A2 on a trial basis. Signals received at Boston, Miami and New Orleans are sent to Camslant, Chesapeake and similarly, Honolulu into Pt Reyes. Kodiak is not remotod. All these locations are DSC-equipped shore stations for MF/HF. Although scheduled to be operational after October 1, 2002, the US has not yet declared the system operational.

Trial operations have revealed

DSC (VHF) Installation Schedule for the US

2003	2004	2005	2006
Atlantic City	Astoria	Boston	
Eastern Shore	Baltimore	Buffalo	Alaska
Mobile	Corpus Christi	Cape Hatteras	Caribbean
Port Angeles	Galveston	Charleston	Guam
Seattle	Gulf Coast	Detroit	Hawaii
St. Petersburg	Hampton Roads	Fort Macon	Milwaukee
	Key West	Grand Haven	Sault Ste. Marie
	Long Island Sound	Great Lakes	Western Rivers
	Mayport	Humboldt Bay	
	Miami	Los Angeles	
	Moriches	Long Beach	
	New Orleans	Portland	
	New York	San Diego	
	North Bend	San Francisco	
	Philadelphia	Southwest Harbor	
	Portland	Woods Hole	
	South West		

two major problems with DSC operations. The first is the failure of vessels to interconnect the GPS to the DSC-equipped radio. Without the GPS position, the CG can't know where to look. Second and *most significant* is the failure to follow up the DSC alarm with voice communications on one of the safety frequencies noted above. Note: These frequencies are the standard SSB safety frequencies and are **not** the same as the DSC frequencies.

- Walt Paul

IMS and Special Regs for 2004

Dan Nowlan, US SAILING's Off-shore Director, reports on IMS items of interest to those Bermuda-bound:

IMS for 2004 - The most significant change for 2004 is the first update to the upwind heeled drag model since its inception ten years ago. Recent towing-tank test results have led to removal of unwarranted rating advantage from some recent hull shapes. Improvements were made to the hull windage model, SailDrive drag and spinnaker and mainsail force coefficients. That net result is that all boats have been sped up. Enclosed with 2004 certificates is a comparison of the 2002 and 2003 fleet changes. These can also be viewed at <http://www.ussailing.org/ims/>.

Liferafts - The ISAF Special Regulations for Off-shore and Oceanic Racing specifications for liferafts announced the introduction of new standards in the 2002-2003 edition. This introduced some confusion and uncertainty into the

offshore racing community. The newly released 2004-2005 edition of the Special Regulations combined with the US Prescriptions clarifies the *three* types of liferafts that are acceptable for category 1 or 2 events (category 0 requires SOLAS rafts).

The Boats We Sail

One of the objects of the CCA is "to encourage the development of suitable types of cruising craft." As members we often have the opportunity to gam with others about their boats, and to visit on board. The information exchanged in this way is a valuable resource for everyone who messes about with cruising boats. One of the recent additions to the Cruising Club web site is "The Boats We Sail", a collection of pdf files which describe some of the boats in the CCA fleet. These articles are intended to illustrate the wide variety of boats suitable for cruising, and describe interesting or unique features of boats used for this purpose. Condensed articles with descriptions of each boat are included in the *Cruising Club News*. Members are encouraged to

submit descriptions of their own boats, so that a larger portion of the CCA fleet will be represented both in the *CC News* and on the web. Additions to the web site can be made throughout the year. These will be collected at the end of each year and published in condensed form in the *News*. Alternatively, submissions can be made directly to the *News*, following instructions in the current issue. The pdf files can be downloaded from the public section of the Club web site. Owners' names are not included there, but they are included in the *News*. Before articles are posted on the web, contributors will be asked to grant their permission to put the articles in the public domain. The pdf files for the web site are being compiled and edited by Nick Newman. Color photos, small plans and descriptive text should be sent as attached files to jnn@mit.edu, or by mail to 1 Bowditch Rd., Woods Hole, MA 02543. For guidance please click on "The Boats We Sail" at www.cruisingclub.org. Contact Nick if you have any questions or need assistance.



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2004

**May 13-15 Spring Meeting,
Mystic, CT**

May 13-17 SOC Spring Cruise,
Catalina Islands

May 14-16 SAF Cruise to
Montezuma Slough

May 20-24 SOC Spring Cruise
to San Clemente Island

May 20-24 PNW Spring Cruise,
Ports Ludlow & Townsend,
Marrowstone Island

May 21-23 CHE Spring Cruise

May 22-23 BUZ South of Cape
Spring Gam, Cuttyhunk

**June 18 Newport Bermuda
Race**

**July 15-24 Nat'l Summer
Cruise in Ireland**

Aug. 7 GMP Gam, Muscongus
Bay, Benner Island

Sept. 11 GMP Rendezvous &
Dinner, Tenants Harbor

Sept. 17-26 SOC Fall Cruise,
Channel Islands

Sept. 20-27 PNW Fall Cruise,
Canadian Gulf Island area

Oct. 7-11 CHE Fall Cruise

**Nov. 16 Annual Meeting, New
York, NY**

2005

**Jan. 18 Winter Meetings &
Dinner, New York, NY**

**July 8-18 Nat'l Summer Cruise,
Narragansett & Buzzards Bays**

**Sept. 11-22, Nat'l Cruise in
Croatia**

**Nov. 15 Annual Meeting, New
York, NY**

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a cruise to your area can join
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