

Two Nations Cruise



Spectacular islands, incredible food, lots of music, Twelve Meters large and small, and of course some of the world's best company.

THE CCA NATIONAL CRUISE was spectacular, with 69 boats cruising among the San Juan Islands (U.S) and Gulf Islands (Canada). One could spend months enjoying their beauty without visiting the same harbor twice.

The Cruise started September 10 in Anacortes, WA. Over a delicious buffet at the Fidalgo Bay Resort, friends greeted one another with great jollity as 250 people mingled. We were entertained by the Langley (BC) Ukulele Band, 20 teenagers who all played ukuleles and sang in pure, clear voices, music from different eras and many countries. The group's motto is "Enriching Lives Through Music," and their music certainly enriched our first evening together and set the tone for the entire cruise.

We sailed the following day with snow-capped Mt. Baker astern, bound for Friday Harbor. Other boats went in different directions between events.

Everyone gathered on Orcas Island for the Commodore's Reception.

On the large decks of the lodge, we were treated to a sumptuous king crab dinner, later singing to the accompaniment of piano, guitar and harmonica, until darkness fell and it was time to wend our way to boats and bunks.

The next day dawned cloudy and cool—a good day to clear Canadian Customs and make passage north to Ladysmith Harbor on Vancouver Island, where Twelve Meter races would be held. Two boats were waiting at the dock: the white *Dame Pattie* (the 1967 Australian Challenger) and the red *Geronimo* (ex-America II). This was a CCA challenge between West and East Coasts. There were to be three races, with teams trading boats between races. *Dame Pattie* had the cleaner bottom, and in very light wind she was faster by far. Hence, it was declared a tie after the first two races. It is hoped the Challenge for the CCA National Cup will be continued on the East Coast next year.

For those not involved in the rac-

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Record Fleet for Centennial Bermuda Race

IN A FITTING SALUTE to 100 years of racing to Bermuda, a record-breaking 265 boats came to the starting line for the Centennial Bermuda Race on June 16, 2006 in Newport, Rhode Island. This fleet stands as the largest ever for a true ocean race in the northern hemisphere. Race Chairman Bill Barton noted that The Cruising Club of America was well represented with 57 yachts captained by CCA members, the highest representation of any club in the race, a testament to the commitment of the club to the seamanship and competition of this grandest of ocean races.

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Photos by Bob Drew

They're off!



From the Commodore

Fellow Cruising Club Members,

How time flies. The *GAM* is going to press, and so much has happened since the Spring issue that it's hard to know where to start.

Certainly the 2006 Centennial Newport Bermuda Race was a huge success. Race Chairman Bill Barton orchestrated a first-class event, with over 50 boats racing under the CCA burgee. Between 100 and 150 members participated in the race, and well over 250 volunteers contributed to the effort and were responsible for helping Bill run the best race in 100 years.

September found 240 of us in the Pacific Northwest for the National Cruise. The PNW Station members did themselves proud by running a spectacular event in the San Juan and Gulf Islands. The weather gods smiled on us. Tad and Joyce Lhamon, Gil Middleton and the rest of the committee – which involved nearly every Station member - hosted a great cruise with wonderful venues and a chance for many of us to get to know members from other parts of the country. Every station in the club was represented; members from Ireland, Scotland and England joined us in what may have been the most populous cruise in our history.

A challenge by the West Coast Stations to race against the East Coast Stations in Twelve Meters was accepted and, after a



Commodore Rowland

day of very light air, ended in a tie. However, that competition is not over, and the beautiful trophy will be competed for in the future.

The 2006 Bermuda Race and PNW Cruise are just indications of the excellent health and vitality of the Cruising Club. Nothing is harder work or more fun than joining fellow members in volunteer efforts such as these. I want to thank each of you who helped make these events so special and to encourage others to join us on cruises, both local and national.

On a sadder note, several members sailed their last voyage since the Spring issue of this newsletter, among them Past Commodore Jim Pitney. I speak for the entire membership in saying he will be greatly missed.

Fair winds and good sailing,

Ned Rowland



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Coming Up ... Cruises and Meetings

Annual Meeting '06

New York YC

November 14

Please note revised format: Because of the Centennial Ball the previous night, for this year the usual committee meetings and Board meeting will be followed immediately by the Annual Meeting, which will take place by proxy. No reception/dinner will follow these meetings.

Winter Awards Dinner '07

New York YC

January 16

Awards, including the Blue Water Medal, highlight this dinner meeting, which follows committee and board sessions. Spouses & guests welcome. Entertainment Committee Chairman Jim Binch: 203-966-8941; jbinch@aol.com

Spring Meeting '07

Chesapeake Station

Host Club: Annapolis YC

MarriottWaterfront/Annapolis

April 19-21

Springtime in Annapolis is not to be missed! A welcoming reception at Annapolis YC Thursday will be followed Friday by walking tours of the historic State House and Governor's mansion, for those not in meetings. Following lunch at AYC, walking tours of historic homes can be arranged if interest is expressed, for those not in the Board meeting. In mid-afternoon a River Cruise will begin at AYC. Evening cocktails and dinner at AYC will end a full day. On Saturday, following the RCs/Membership Meeting, the group will be bussed to the US Naval Academy for lunch at the O Club and a tour of the museum, model shop and chapel. Bus back to the Marriott around 4. Con-

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Bluenose National Summer Cruise '07

South Shore of Nova Scotia

July 14-22

Starting in Halifax at the Royal

Nova Scotia

Yacht Squad-

ron, the cruise

will wend its way southwestward, with events at Chester, Lunenburg and the LaHave River, to a finale at Shelburne featuring a planked salmon dinner. Timing will allow boats racing in the Marblehead-Halifax to change crew and/or sails for the cruise. Watch for info and registration details in the members-only section of the CCA web site. For those without Internet access or who are sailing and want particulars mailed, please send a check for \$15 to Cochair/Sec't'y Charles Westropp, 6336 London Street, Halifax NS B31 1X3, Canada. 902-455-8970; cmdre@ns.sympatico.ca

Fall Cruise '07

Turkey

Oct. 27-Nov. 3

The 2007 Fall Cruise in Turkey will consist of the week-long cruise, plus a variety of options for acclimation and exploration before the cruise. The cruise itself will begin in Gocek on Oct. 27, and will end in Finike (near Antalya) on Nov. 3. Pre-cruise options include two days in Istanbul, starting Oct. 20, followed by two days each in Ephesus



Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

and Cappadocia. A fleet of bareboats (mono- and multihulls) has been lined up. Because of limited harbor sizes, there will be no large mother ship, but cabins are available on Turkish gulets (relatively large and commodious crewed vessels). If you need others to round out your crew, or would like to add your name to a list of those seeking opportunities, please contact Peter Chandler. Check the CCA website (www.cruisingclub.org) for additional details. Cruise cochairs are Peter and John Chandler, who led the very successful earlier Boston Station Cruise in Turkey. Contact John in Turkey (jchandler@rodcol.k12.tr) or Peter in the US (pchandler@bnnpcpa.com; 207-791-7162) if you have any questions.

*Deadline for
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Mindy Drew

Awards ceremony in Barrs Park with Bermuda Race fleet in the background

In Memoriam

L. Grant Baldwin, SOC, July 25, 2006
H. Edward Bilkey, NYS, August 1
E. Farnham Butler, BOS, April 25
Robert S. Carter, PNW, September 17
Hays Clark, NYS, June 18
Bennett Crain, Jr., FLA, September 3
Robert W. Downie, BDO, May 15
Robin B. Hayward, PNW, September 22
Frederick L. Jackson, ESS, May 27
Donald C. McGraw, Jr., BOS, June 11
PC James C. Pitney, NYS, August 27
John M. Robinson, BOS, July 9
William R. Ryan, FLA, April 3
William H. Shaw, BOS/BUZ, August 20
Frank V. Snyder, NYS, June 26
Richard M. Starns, Jr., FLA, October 7

Holiday Shopping *the easy way*



The supplier of **clothing and accessories** with the CCA burgee is **Stars Signatures**. They have a catalog on the CCA web site (www.cruisingclub.org), Members Only section, which one can go to at any time, and then place orders on line. Or call Atle at Stars: 888-627-8277. A large catalog is mailed to all members yearly.

The **Sail Bag Lady** is the supplier of CCA **burgees**. There is a separate page for them on the CCA web site: CCA Burgees – sailbaglady.com; or call Bettina (the sailbag lady herself) at: 203-245-8238.

The yearbook also includes these sources and how to contact them; check the contents page. Plus the information is periodically included in National mailings.

Suggestions or comments concerning these two sources, please contact the Fleet Captain: Sandy Weld, 211 Ash St., Weston, MA 02493 or sandyweld@aol.com



Past Commodore James Carrington Pitney 1926-2006



Dan Nerney

Past Commodore James Pitney died on Sunday, August 27. The week before, on August 21st, he celebrated his 80th birthday with his family in Camden, Maine. The next day he and Mimi, his wife of nearly 60 years, went out for a sail in his Alerion Express 28 in Camden Harbor. While tidying up the boat, Jim hit his head in a fall in the cockpit and, despite being brought to the hospital in Portland, never recovered.

Jim was a busy lawyer with the New Jersey firm of Pitney Hardin, but was also very generous with his volunteer time. He served on numerous boards. He was president of his Princeton University Class of 1948 from 1978 until 1983. While heading up fund raising for his class's gift for the 50th reunion, a record contribution was made to the university.

Jim was a special friend. Our friendship germinated from Cruising Club of America ties and activities. Jim was Rear Commodore of the New York Station from 1993-94. When he became Vice Commodore in 1996, he was the chair of our transatlantic cruise and the CCA part

of the Cruise in Company in Ireland with the Royal Cruising Club, the Clyde Cruising Club and our hosts the Irish Cruising Club. He and Mimi and I had quite the adventure when we traveled to Ireland to coordinate plans with the ICC and their Commodore Liam McGonagle. The Cruise in Company was to be a prelude to the CCA 75th anniversary events in 1997. As usual Jim did an outstanding job.

The summer of 1996 saw nine CCA boats cross the Atlantic with Jim Pitney and his Lyman Morse built and S&S designed Sequin 44 *First Light* leading the fleet. This was Jim's second transatlantic crossing with the same boat.

During his tenure as Vice Commodore, Jim planned a very successful cruise to Newfoundland in 1999, which would occur while he was Commodore. For some of us, including *First Light*, the cruise included a visit to Labrador and a circumnavigation of Newfoundland.

Among his other accomplishments as Commodore of the Cruising Club, he was instrumental in negotiating a new operating agreement with the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club in the running of the bi-annual Newport to Bermuda Race.

When the CCA decided to honor Olin Stephens, II with a room in his name at the G.W. Blunt White library at Mystic Seaport, it was Jim Pitney who raised a great deal of money to be used in the future expansion plans for the library.

As is custom, Jim became the President of the Bonnell Cove Foundation a year after stepping down as Commodore. His term as a board member would have expired this November.

Mindy and I are very glad that we were able to spend ten days with Jim and Mimi aboard *Knight Hawk* in Scotland in early July this year. We have special memories that we will hold forever

Jim Pitney was a gentleman who stood tall among us, a successful lawyer and ocean voyager. He was an accomplished woodworker and he was generous to a fault. Two years ago when we bought our Alerion 26, Jim gave us a nutshell dinghy that he had built years before with his grandson. Jim gave me a number of beautiful hand tools over the years, which will always remind me of my friend, Jim who has crossed the bar and slipped away.

-PC Bob Drew



Bob Drew

Mimi and Jim Pitney at Canna Island, Scotland
July 7, 2006

Contributions in Jim's memory can be made to
Bonnell Cove Foundation, 47 Fair Street
Guilford CT 06437, or
The Theodora S. Pitney Professorship
in Environmental Studies, Office of Gift Planning,
Princeton University, 330 Alexander Street, Princeton,
NJ 08540.

Bermuda Race from page 1

Narragansett Bay was alive with the 2,513 sailors on race boats and hundreds of spectator craft as the gun for the first of 16 classes sounded. The forecast suggested light winds for the 635-mile run to the finish line at St. David's Lighthouse, so an afternoon sea breeze that sprang up for the start was welcomed by all. The combination of the wind and outgoing tide quickly moved the boats out the bay and onto the race course.

Now it was decision time. The fleet split routes, some going east of rhumb to try and catch a favorable meander of the main Stream, while others headed west to ride the south-bound side of a large cold eddy. For the most part, wind looked light on both sides, but some forecasts suggested a bit more breeze to the east. As the fleet approached the Stream, the fair breezes became light. The hoped-for wind to the east of rhumb did not pan out and at the same time the edge of the cold eddy west of rhumb seemed to provide a bigger boost than anticipated. The result was that for the Centennial Race, the portion of the fleet that headed west seemed to fare a bit better. In the end, a light breeze filled in around Bermuda bringing the boats in to St. David's Light and the finish line.

Bella Mente took line honors over *Maximus*, the pre-race favorite. By the time all the boats had finished and the fleet gathered at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, corrected time winners under both ORR and IRC were saluted in all divisions: St. David's Lighthouse Division (for amateurs), Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division (for pros), Cruiser Division, Doublehanded Division and Demonstration Division.

The CCA was prominent on the stage at Prizegiving. Richie Shulman in *Temptress* took home a Lighthouse Trophy for his ORR

Awards Presented to CCA members by the Princess Royal, Princess Anne and Governor Sir John Vereker



Joe Harris



Rick Burnes



Richie Shulman



Rives Potts



Owen Smith



Henry Morgan

Photos by Barry Pickthall/PPL

win in the Gibbs Hill Division. Rich duMoulin sailed again in the 19-boat Doublehanded Division and won in *Lora Ann* on IRC corrected time. Joe Harris took first in the all-out Demonstration Division aboard his Open-50, *Gryphon Solo*. Among the CCA members taking first in their class were: Brad Wil-lauer – *Breezing Up*, Rives Potts – *Carina*, Rick Burnes – *Cybele*, Henry Morgan – *Dolphin*, Larry Huntington – *Snow Lion*.

Other notables would have to include Ed Gaynor, sailing his 23rd Newport Bermuda Race aboard *Emily*; it was the yacht's 15th run and she took 4th in class. CCA member Jeff Wisch sailed his first Newport Bermuda aboard *Wischbone* with his son, Alex, taking third in the Doublehanded Division. From CCA members returning for the Centennial Race to members new to the event, the turnout was memorable and magnificent.



*Dan & Mimi Dyer, VC Ross
Sherbrooke & Nick Dill*



Water taxi to the Dills'



*Bill Gunther, Chip Barber
& Kirk Cooper*



*RC Peter Cooper & Sheila
McCurdy*



Ann & Warren Brown



*Commodores Cox & Rowland
Photos by Bob Drew*

*A special highlight of a memorable arrival week in Bermuda was the elegant party hosted
for CCA members by Nick and Bitten Dill on their breathtaking waterfront lawn.*



*Brad & Ann Willauer with the
Essex Station trophy*



*Commodore Ned Rowland, Bob Darbee &
Bill Barton inspecting trophies*



*Back room guys -Murray Buttner,
Tom Hazlehurst & Bill Polleys*



Bob Darbee checks the results



*Rush Hambleton, John Mendez, Brin Ford,
Bill Langan & Bill Barton*



Bob Drew

Class 9 start



Barry Pickthall

Larry Huntington



Barry Pickthall

Rich du Moulin



Dan Nerney

Palawan's educational passage to Bermuda



How comfortable was your ride to Bermuda?

Some special spots in Maine greeted the Boston-hosted fleet

Down East Cruise



Bill Cook

TROPICAL STORM BERYL attempted to put a damper on the Down East Cruise, but the hearty sailors who prevailed arrived at Boston Station RC Nancy McKelvy's house in Southwest Harbor, Maine for the opening event on Sunday, July 23 - and weather cleared in time for participants to muster unhindered. Everyone assembled enjoyed a grand catered luncheon, reconnected with old friends and were entertained by Chris Page's outstanding boogie piano performance. The setting and weather were gorgeous, with the fleet anchored in Southwest Harbor and Hinckley launches taking the crews back and forth.

Next morning, Oli's Trolley transported a group to the Tren-

ton production facility of Morris Yachts, where they were treated to a guided tour by Tom Morris. Others went hiking to enjoy the beauty of Jordan Pond or a lunch at the Jordan Pond House. By afternoon fine sailing conditions tempted many to begin the trip to Roque Island, utilizing the excellent cruise guide compiled by Leslie and Garry Schneider.

Good sailing continued the following day, with many enjoying beam reaching in breezes approaching 30 knots and gathering at Trafton Island, the Mud Hole, the Cows Yard or Bunker Cove.

Throughout the cruise, three boats displayed the "RUM" signal and participants, upon rafting alongside, were offered

a glass of Mount Gay and one playing card. At the last event, the winning poker hand was to be played. The rules seemed slightly fuzzy - as did some of the players - and the grand prize was never discussed.

Thanks to the generous hospitality of the Roque Island Trustees, the cruise was invited to land on Roque and enjoy the unique white sand beach. Fortune smiled again and provided a beautiful day. The area was brimming with CCA burgees as the fleet anchored off the beach, with some hearty souls braving the cold Maine waters for a swim. Susi Homer, complete with a blue and white tent and with the assistance of her par-



RC Nancy McKelvy and Bill Cook



The fleet at Roque



Chowder fest at Roque Island

Photos by Bill Cook

ents, Rocky and Dick, hosted the event on the beach with a hearty chowder feed and the ubiquitous rum barrel. With no shoreside facilities available, the entire catered event was delivered by a vintage landing craft. As the fleet departed, the clean-up crew was hard at working returning the beach to its pristine condition in appreciation for this wonderful opportunity!

After a series of small games along the way, and some fantastic

sailing, the fleet arrived for the final event, hosted by Bob and Joan Roy in Billings Cove on Deer Isle. Viewing the lovely grounds at the Roys' house was a special treat, as they have skillfully managed to blend their delightful gardens into the rocky Maine coast.

During the day, Ron Trossbach conducted his excellent PIW (Person in the Water) recovery and equipment demonstration. Equally impressive

was the unique arrangement for mooring the dinghies from Gary Schneider's *Rising Wind*, which provided everyone with a ring-side seat for the demo.

Chairman Bill Cook selected a strong committee to put on this successful cruise and, in addition to those already mentioned, Max Fletcher, George Hartmann, Jim Harvie, Sib Reppert, Steve Taylor and Bob Zinn deserve thanks from everyone who participated.

- Jack Towle and Ross Santy



Committee News

Charts/Cruising Guides

For those who have recently cruised the Canadian Maritimes, please send in your findings: changes to existing entries, new harbor descriptions and other information of interest to cruising folk. The editors of each of the guides greatly appreciate hearing from you, and it is you, the users, who keep these guides current and a valuable tool to all who cruise these waters.

Each winter, usually in January, the past year's updates are compiled and posted on the Cruising Guide web site: www.pilot-press.com - right where you can download them and have your guide up to date for next summer's CCA cruising in Nova Scotia. Contact Sandy Weld (sandyweld@aol.com) for the bookstore nearest you to purchase a copy of the *Cruising Guide to the Nova Scotia Coast*, or the guide for Newfoundland or Labrador.

The chart loaning service is alive and well; charts continue to come in and go out. The most active are charts for the British Isles and the Scandinavian countries, but also for the Canadian Maritimes and Mediterranean.

For those interested in using this service, do not wait until the last minute. Remember your chart coordinators are themselves likely to be off sailing, often for months at a time. Check the CCA web site for the chart coordinator for the area - and happy sailing.

- Sandy Weld

Communications

Several papers have been updated on the CCA Website. They are:

1. USCG Watchkeeping Frequencies and the Emergency Cards for the Icom M700PRO and the M710

& M710RT SSB radios.

As part of the GMDSS implementation plan, the USCG in early 2005 revised watchkeeping frequencies to the 4, 6, 8, 12 and 16 MHz safety frequencies, which are all simplex. The old duplex frequencies used by the CG are being kept for working channels.

When we first posted these papers, four stations were not listed for the 8 MHz safety channel. This error has been corrected.

2. The "Appendix To The Offshore Communications Memorandum" has been renamed "Frequencies, Nets, WX Fax Schedules and Tables" to better reflect the contents.

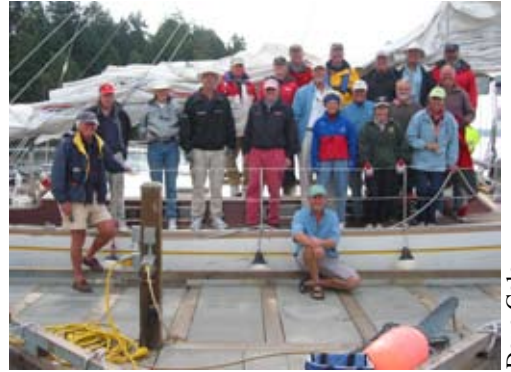
Included are revised schedules for weather facsimile broadcasts by the USCG and by Fleet Weather and Oceanographic Centre, Northwood, England, which has had extensive revision. Also updated are the German Weather Service's modified coordinates for the computer-generated forecasts broadcast several times a day via RTTY for Europe and the Med. A table of conversion factors has been added for the technically oriented.

3. "Sea Area Designations Used For Offshore Weather Forecasts" has been updated with revised Canadian Charts showing greater detail and clean chartlets of Italian and Greek waters.

4. Some Observations On "Cruising European Waters" have also been updated - Switzerland has been added to the Schengen Country List, Gibraltar is now subject to EU tax rules, the Greek tax for foreign owned boats is clarified (though we've heard to the contrary) and the new visiting yacht taxes at Sardinia have been added.

- Walt Paul

Random Shots



West Coast crew aboard Dame Pattie

Doug Cole



Jeannie Myer and Susie Rowland

Dan Nerney



Palawan's crew hiking to the max

Dan Nerney



Doug Cole's Concordia Irene

Dan Nerney



Bob Drew

Kirk Cooper

Kirk Cooper's roots in Bermuda are about as deep as it gets. His ancestor came to the colony in 1662, and the family business, A.S. Cooper & Sons—managed by Kirk's brother Peter, currently Rear Commodore of the CCA Bermuda Station - is a major player in the island's thriving retail industry.

Although it would have been natural to move directly into the business founded by his grandfather, Kirk Cooper's career took another turn. He became a chartered accountant, with a successful career as both an auditor and financial adviser, ultimately retiring as a managing partner of financial giant PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Like many Bermudians, Kirk is as much at home on the water as off, under sail or under power. Though sailing—and racing, in particular—is his first love, he has always owned powerboats, as well—a tradition he still maintains at his homes in both Bermuda and Nova Scotia.

But it is as a racing sailor that Kirk has made his real mark in the sailing world. The statistics are hard to comprehend. Since he began racing in dinghies as a boy, he has piled up a record unmatched in Bermuda history, both round the buoys and offshore. He has sailed in three Olympics - 1964, 1968 and 1972

- in two different classes, Dragons and Solings. He has long been a dominant force in local racing in virtually any class, no mean feat in an island that overflows with talented sailors.

As you would expect of a Bermuda native with a passion for sailing, Kirk has a long, deep involvement with ocean racing in general, and the Newport Bermuda Race in particular. His career in the Bermuda Race began in 1950 aboard *Dirigo*, and continues to this day. He is one of the elite group of CCA members who have sailed in more than 15 Newport Bermuda Races.

He has skippered his own boats in six Newport Bermuda Races and six Marion-Bermuda Races, and still holds the elapsed time record for the Marion race, set with his 61' McCurdy & Rhodes sloop *Alphida* in 1993.

In 2005, Kirk Cooper was elected to the Bermuda Sports Hall of Fame, the only sailor to have received that honor. He was also named an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) by Queen Elizabeth II, recognizing his years of service on behalf of the island nation.

Driving a racing sailboat—any racing sailboat—is as natural to Kirk as walking is to the rest of us. He remains an in-demand helmsman for both inshore and offshore racing, frequently driving fellow Bermudian Rob Mulderig's Farr 72 *Starr Trail* in international regattas. He and Mulderig also share ownership of *Crossfire*, a J/125 based in Bermuda.

At his summer home in

Nova Scotia, Cooper's sailing is at a slower tempo, daysailing with family and friends in his classic Herreshoff inspired Alerion.

When the Bermuda Post of the Cruising Club became a full station in the late 1990s, Kirk Cooper became its first Rear Commodore, a natural role for a man who is also a Past Commodore of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, and who has been a CCA member for more than 25 years.

Kirk and Helen - his wife of 51 years and constant companion on and off the water - live a life that is full of grandchildren and energy. "Retirement" is a relative term for this outgoing couple, who always manage to host a houseful of family and friends in both Bermuda and Nova Scotia.

The Coopers' gracious home in Bermuda is named Windfall, defined as "a sudden, unexpected piece of good fortune or personal gain." For Kirk Cooper, life has been one great windfall for more than 70 years.

- Nick Nicholson



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ing, the Holland Creek Trail Walk beckoned, where we followed well-tended trails under tall evergreens. Others enjoyed an historic tour of the town of Ladysmith. On street poles and in shop windows were “Welcome CCA” signs.

That evening our dinghies gathered for a rum barrel and chowder party. Each boat contributed chowder made from the same recipe to be combined in a large common pot.

In the open amphitheater, with views south down Stuart Channel, the PNW Station’s musicians’ ensemble led us in song. We sang, talked and laughed until “Good Night Ladies” announced time to return to boats.

With some free time before the next event, boats went their own ways. We stopped at the logging town of Chemainus down the Stuart Channel, where giant outside murals are expertly painted on walls, depicting the town’s history.

Most boats spent the night in Ganges, in order to visit the Annual Fair, with dog trials and farming demonstrations, artistic and garden competitions, home-made pies and more. Time is never sufficient when one is having such fun. We moved on to Montague, an hour to the northeast.

A dinghy raft-up party! From anchored boats the dinghies came, with passengers carrying drinks for themselves and snacks to share, to raft up with all the other dinghies in a big bunch, with a couple of outboards to move it around. This party was so much fun that it wouldn’t be surprising to find the practice repeated in other Stations around the country.

The following day the weather showed signs of deteriorating, so we opted to head straight for Victoria. Just before reaching Victoria, however, is Cadboro Bay, location of the Royal Victoria YC and the



Cruise Chairs Tad and Joyce Lhamon

Doug Cole



Ned Rowland in front of wild boar at Butchart Garden

Kathleen Sherbrooke



Race organizer Tom O'Brien

Doug Cole

mini Twelve Meters, which were to be rigged and ready to sail at 1400. Seventeen skippers sailed three windy races, with the winner being Gerry Maurer (PNW).

In Victoria, most boats tied below the famous Empress Hotel, convenient to the magnificent Royal BC Museum, shops and restaurants, and the Maritime Museum. Our closing dinner was held at the breathtaking Butchart Gardens, where many spent a good hour or two walking the gardens in gentle rain.

We were surprised to find royalty among us—Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (convincingly impersonated by a local actress). As guest speaker, she delighted us with amusing commentary, and with a great sword that had been somehow tucked into her bodice, she elegantly knighted both Commodore Ned Rowland and Past Commodore Bill Whitney.

Awards Chairman Doug Cole presented many awards with personal commentary—the awards being elegantly embossed paper plates. Cruise Chairs Tad and Joyce Lhamon concluded the event with their usual grace. This Cruise was superbly orchestrated. Events flowed flawlessly. The Cruise Book and Songbook are examples of excellent planning—the latter will be used again and again (as will the chowder recipe and the dinghy raft-up concept). The 37 Committee members are to be praised for the outstanding success of their efforts. There are too many to mention, but we know who you are, and you have STYLE.

A comment overheard during the cruise is worth repeating: Most clubs are comprised of members; the CCA is comprised of friends. How true.

- Nancy McKelvy



Dan Nerney

Cocktail party at the Butchart Gardens



Doug Cole

Stop! It's not chowder yet!



Dan Nerney

Geronimo & Dame Pattie as close as it gets



Dan Nerney

Crab feed at Camp Four Winds, Orcas Island



Mindy Drew

Dinghy raft up cocktail party



Dan Nerney

Langley (BC) Ukulele Band



Susan Corenman

PC Whitney and Commodore Rowland "knighted" by the "Queen"



News from Stations & Posts

Boston and Buzzards Bay

Spring Dinner - Roughly 106 people turned out for the Spring Dinner on a damp and dreary May evening in Marblehead at Eastern YC. Gone from recent years were the usual stunning sunset views across Marblehead harbor, but in their place we had a terrific speaker in Joe Harris, who livened up the evening with the story of *Gryphon Solo*, his multi-year campaign attempting to win the 2007/2008 Global Ocean Challenge Race (GOC).

Joe told us the story of his four major shorthanded or solo ocean races since 2004, which included two trans-Atlantic victories. And, a month after this exciting dinner presentation, he went out and won his class in the demonstration division of the Centennial Newport Bermuda race ... we obviously caught up with the *Gryphon Solo* project as it was in high gear.

Rear Commodore Nancy McKelvy presided over a convivial evening during which the Eastern YC dining room was abuzz with good cheer and fine food. The EYC staff did a nice job, bringing in reinforcements to support our large gathering.

Kudos and thanks should be



RC Nancy McKelvy, April Carleton, Sandy Weld & Russ Field



Bob Lawrence and Doug MacLeod

Dan Nerney

passed on to Rob Kiley, for organizing (as always) an elegant and well-drun evening, and to Don Watson III for suggesting that Joe Harris be our speaker.

Buzzards Bay Post Memorial Day

Rendezvous - On Saturday, May 27, the Kinsale Inn, in Mattapoisett, MA on Buzzards Bay was the host

watering hole for the annual Spring gam, and many of us had a fine sail down the bay to get there. About eight boats took moorings in the large harbor just across the street from the inn, which until recently had long been known as the Mattapoisett Inn. Quite a few other members and guests came by car to this first party of a two-event weekend. Messrs. Nerney and Howland had worked with the new owners of the Inn to put on an Irish comfort-food spread worthy of St. Patrick's Day in South Boston. It may be a while yet before the village of Mattapoisett rises to the culinary and cultural heights of the Inn's namesake town in County Cork, but surely nobody went hungry or thirsty on this holiday weekend, and a good time was had by all!

As is often the case, the good cheer was enhanced by Commodore Rowland's story that night - something about the Seventh Commandment helping the priest find his lost bicycle.

On Sunday, the fleet grew a little, as we were joined by several more boats in Tarpaulin Cove on Naushon Island. Sandy Weld's *Windigo* hosted the party, with quite a few dinghies tied astern. The weather cooperated, and a very pleasant time was had by all.

- Steve Taylor



Bud O'Brien & Charles Westropp

Bras d'Or

Our short summer season drew to a close up here in Nova Scotia, but some of the Bras d'Or Station members managed to put a lot of miles under the keel and were looking for more. You can find several on the other side of the Atlantic this winter and next.

Sam Rogers aboard *Medley* with his crew of three nephews, a niece and brother-in-law Greg Aikins made an excellent 12-day passage from St. John's, Newfoundland to Dingle Harbour, Ireland in July. As of this writing they were in Le



Fred Voegeli, Wilson Fitt, Thelma Cosstellio & Nancy Voegeli

Palais, Belle Isle, France waiting for weather to cross the Bay of Biscay. Look for *Medley* in Portugal and the Canaries over the fall and the Caribbean this winter, and keep track of their travels on their website www.medleyatsea.com.

Our intrepid Rear Commodore, Denis Linton, and *Carpe Diem 1* also did a transatlantic this summer, Halifax to the Azores in 16 days and the Azores to Ireland in 11 days. *Carpe Diem 1* is on the hard in Carrickfergus for the winter, but you can catch up to Denis in Ireland, Spain and Portugal next summer, the Canaries and Cape Verde in the fall, the Caribbean in the winter, and back home in Halifax two years after his departure.

Fred and Nancy Voegeli spent this summer with *Frisco* in Scandinavia and Scotland. They have stored the boat over there for another winter, and next summer they will be in Ireland and perhaps France or Spain. Fred thinks *Frisco* will be in Europe for another couple of years before returning home and is consoling himself on this side of the pond with *Gaffer*, his impressive new twin-engine Compton 33.

For those of us closer to home, a predictably foggy and wet spring raft-up drew only two boats, *Christina Grant* (Wilson Fitt and Thelma Costello) and *Surprise* (Syd and Sandy Dumaresq, with John Harries of the Bermuda Station as crew).

We were entertained and enlightened over an excellent meal by John's tales of Greenland and Norway.

A summer cruise to the LaHave Islands had a stronger turnout, including Phil Wash, just back from the Centennial Bermuda Race aboard the *Swan 56 Clover*, followed by a passage to

Sardinia via the Azores and Gibraltar. The fall raft-up on a bright blue September day attracted eight boats, including Charles and Jane Westropp, who have abandoned sail for power, a Mainship 34 called *Windfree*, and seemed more than a bit pleased about it.

We were especially happy to be joined by Fredric ("Bud") O'Brien, who at 92 could hop from boat to boat across the lifelines with the best. He regaled us with tales of sailing from New York to Reykjavik and back in 1936, a voyage that earned a Blue Water Medal for *Duckling* and her crew.

Will Apold flew the CCA burgee for the Bras d'Or Station in the Bermuda Race aboard *Excalibur*, and Hal Davies did the same with *Third Wave* in the Route Halifax-Saint Pierre race.

Coming up: The Bras D'Or Station Annual Meeting November 23, a winter social the third week of January 2007, and Spring Meeting the first week of April. Guests from other stations are, as always, very welcome.

The major event on the 2007 agenda is the Bluenose National Cruise along the South Shore of Nova Scotia. It will start in Halifax on July 14 following the Marblehead to Halifax Race and proceed to Chester, Lunenburg, Port Mouton, ending in Shelburne

on July 22. Charles Westropp and Gretchen McCurdy are busy settling all the details, shortly to be posted on the CCA website. Mark your calendars now for what is sure to be an excellent time!

- Wilson Fitt

Chesapeake

The Chesapeake Station continues to present timely speakers at the monthly luncheons at Annapolis Yacht Club. In April we had an enthusiastic update on the Naval Academy sailing program by Jahn Tihansky, Director of Navy Varsity Offshore Sailing. Jack Cummisky reviewed last year's transatlantic race at the April Station lunch at Philadelphia Corinthian Yacht Club.

Our Spring Cruise began with a raft party in Harness Creek off South River near Annapolis May 19. With Frank Tulloch as race committee, the first contest for the new Commodore's Bowl was a race from Annapolis to the Chester River. Winner was Thacher Brown in his Alden 48 *Seaquill*. Members and guests enjoyed a fine shore party at Fenny Johnson's home on the Chester River. Sunday we recrossed the Bay to Gibson Island for cocktails and a barbecue at the GIYS boathouse. We are indebted to Cruise & Entertainment Chairman John Melchner for organizing this fine occasion.

Following is a brief account of an extended Atlantic cruise by Wolfgang Reuter:

"In July Wolfgang Reuter and Gemma Nachbahr of the Chesapeake Station returned to the home pier of *RU'AH* on Crab Creek in Annapolis. This completed a one-year



John Melchner

Sunny Smith



John Hawkinson

Wolfgang Reuter



Wolfgang Reuter

Gemma Nachbahr

cruising circle through the Atlantic Islands. It was begun in June '05 by sailing to the Azores, leisurely visiting seven of the eight islands, then close-hauling the 800 miles from Santa Maria to Cape Finisterre. The Rias of the Atlantic Coast of NW Spain (Galicia) and of Portugal made for great fall cruising, turning into Lagos for Christmas 2005 and the winter. The return course was via Madeira and the Canary Islands and back across from La Gomera to Bermuda and Norfolk/Annapolis. The Azorean Islands are a surprisingly varied cruising ground. Anchoring is difficult on many islands, but most have newly built marinas. All the islands are volcanic, but climate and vegetation vary greatly, depending on elevation and availability of water. The larger islands of the Canaries especially, but also

the major Azorean Islands, are developed with huge condo silos for tourism. Almost all harbors, large and small, have been extended with EU funded breakwaters, but several new marinas have been built in overly exposed locations and recently some of these have been damaged severely by heavy weather. The most beautiful and hikable islands were Flores and Graciosa of the Azores, Madeira, and Graciosa and La Gomera of the Canaries, the latter two being largely state parks. All these islands are now well connected with high speed catamaran ferries. Please feel free to contact Wolfgang with any questions you may have when considering such an Atlantic island round trip. It may not be daringly adventurous, but it is a great fun cruise."

Our Station fall cruise was set for Oct. 6-11 along the Eastern



Carol Connor

Frank Bohlen, Tom Wadlow, Mindy & Bob Drew & RC Paul Connor

Shore, with events in St. Michaels and the Little Choptank.

- John Hawkinson

Essex

On April 11, the Essex Station held their Spring Dinner at the Dauntless Club in Essex, CT. Some 35 members enjoyed fine cuisine at one of the oldest houses in Essex. Built in 1762, the Dauntless Club house was originally part of the Hayden Shipyard, which in 1775 built and launched the 24-gun *Oliver Cromwell*, the first American warship. Everyone seemed to enjoy



Bob Drew

Bill Gunther's *Puritan*, Jeb Embree's *Meridian*, Dick Holliday's *Everbreeze*, Paul Connor's *Lilly*, Frank Bohlen's *Tattler* and Mindy Drew's *Benbow*

this different venue along with the rather loud 2-gauge Strong saluting cannon.

The weekend of June 2 we had our Spring Rendezvous. Unfortunately the weather gods were not very kind to us. As it had done for most of May, it rained the entire weekend and on Friday, for the fenders-over-the-side cocktail party at Duck Island, pea-soup fog was added to the mix. It was also cold. Nonetheless, our Rear Commodore, Paul Connor, arrived on their new East Bay 43, *Lilly*. On board were Carol with her brother, Wes Maxwell, and his wife, Maryanne. Our Cruise Chairman, Rives Potts, came out with Nancy on *Carina*. *Carina* looks like the day she came down the ways in 1970. The rest of us - Bill and Bob Gunther, Dianne and I - came out from Pilots Point with Nick, the launch driver. After libations on *Lilly*, we went back to the Boom restaurant, where we had a wonderful meal and a lot of laughs.

The next day we went to the Adamses' on Bear Island in the Thimble Islands. Former Commodore Bob Drew and Mindy arrived on their Alerion 26, *Benbow*, on which they spent the night, Rob and Stephanie Moore on *Quiloh* with their guests, Mark and Amy Rice, on their Alden 44, *Pilgrim*, and *Lilly* et al. There were 38 of us

in total to enjoy the most fantastic feast put on by our hosts, Lorie and Eddie Adams. They really outdid themselves. We did find out the true meaning of "wet bar" as it was set up on the porch, which on most days, we are told, looks out over the islands. A great time was had by all.

Our Annual Meeting is set for Dec. 5 at Essex Corinthian Yacht Club on Novelty Lane. Come and join us. And do not forget our third-Thursday-of-the-month lunches, also held at Essex Corinthian. They are well attended, and we usually have lots of guests from other stations. Look forward to seeing you there.

- Jeb Embree

Florida

Membership - Our station membership has reached a record high of 107, thanks to Jim Gourd's Membership Committee and member efforts. With four new members in the St. Petersburg area, we will combine our Annual Meeting Dinner in November at St. Pete Yacht Club with a "salute to new members."

Social - We try to provide speakers at all our Stuart luncheons and have averaged 40-50 attendees. Monthly luncheon participation on the West Coast has been on the increase, partially due to new members.

We held a successful St. Pete Gam in March featuring a DVD of the Rolex Transatlantic Race provided by Gary Jobson. The evening event drew over 100 people.



Skip Barlow & Pete Hoffman

Barbara Watson

Cruising - The Spring Cruise in March on Florida's West Coast set a record for attendance with 20+ boats and 60 participants. Pete Hoffman and Gerry Clapp made perfect arrangements for the entire event, including the weather. The cruise began with cocktails and dinner at St. Pete Yacht Club.

The fleet sailed south to an attractive anchorage in the Manatee River, where we were hosted by Barbara Watson, Gerry Clapp and Pat & Mat Bockh aboard their 78' trawler *NSS Pattam*. At Snead Island we had a tour through Snead Island Boat Works, one of the oldest yards in Florida. Nearby Long Boat Pass, one of the most picturesque spots on the coast, provided a perfect location for the entire fleet. It was then on to Sarasota in time for the special seafood buffet at Sarasota Yacht Club. After a day in Boca Grande, shallower draft boats used Jerry Kynet's handwritten chart to enter beautiful Pelican Bay and with Bud Hinckley's continual tender service a number of rafts formed up for cocktails.

The following day we arrived at Useppa Island, where Commodore Ned Rowland and Susie joined the cruise for the last two days. Charlie and Kay Chapin's beachfront home had to be completely rebuilt after last year's hurricane, but they made sure our last stop would be the highlight of the cruise. Charlie provided golf cart tours, Kay



Penny & Fred Bickley, Charlie & Maurine Morgan, Gerry Clapp, Barbara Watson

Barbara Watson

and the ladies readied mounds of shrimp and chicken, Skip Barlow, Jack Wills, Pete Hoffman, Paul Ives and the guys carted the supplies in preparation for the BBQ and Rum Keg party, while Jurgen Kok secretly prepared the keg. On the last day of the cruise, the Chapins overwhelmed us again with an impromptu luncheon and an organized race with five 15' catboats. Billy Johnson took line honors, with Fred Bickley close behind.

Coming events - This year marks the 50th anniversary of the annual Wirth Munroe Memorial Race from Ft. Lauderdale to Palm Beach. The Race, set for Dec. 1, is jointly sponsored by the Cruising Club and Sailfish Club of Florida (Palm Beach). Those interested should contact the Secretary of the Sailfish Club (561-844 0206). The CCA won several awards last year and hopes to have more participants in this year's event. The post-race dinner (open to racers and nonracers) is outstanding.

Station Midwinter RDV (Feb. 2-3): No. Palm Beach and Hobe Sound

Stuart, FL monthly luncheons: 2nd Tues., Dec.-Apr., Stuart Yacht & Country Club. Call Jack Wills (772-398-5525)

St. Pete monthly lunch gamas: 3rd Thurs., monthly, St. Pete Yacht Club. Call Gerry Clapp (727-345-5386)

Station Spring Cruise (Apr. 23-30): begins at Manatee Pocket, Stuart, ends in St. Augustine.

Members' activities and cruising intentions - Scott and Gill Piper cruised Syria, Lebanon and Israel this past summer on *Pipe Dream IX* and are headed to the Black Sea, where they will be joined by Charlie and Mimi Munroe (Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine). Then Scott will sail up the Danube, bringing his country tally to 112.

Longer-term plans call for Malta, Tunis and Libya before heading to the Suez Canal and back to the North Pacific.

Steve and Karyn James have been cruising the Eastern Med on a friend's boat and have now returned to *Threshold*, their 55' Chuck Paine sloop. They are currently cruising the North coast of Spain and anticipate spending the winter between Spain and Gibraltar.

Milt and Judy Baker aboard *Bluewater*, their Nordhavn 47, have returned from their shakedown cruise in Venezuela and are planning an early spring 2007 trip across the Pond for a long-term cruise in the Mediterranean.

Pam and Andy Wall had a rough trip to Bermuda on *Kandarik*, their Freya 39. Fortunately their 13-day passage to the Azores was "ideal". Although future plans are open, they hope to join up with *Threshold* in Portugal or Spain.

Jack and Pat Tyler crossed the Atlantic in 2002 on *Whoosh*, their Pearson 424, and have cruised the south coast of England, Dutch waterways, Scandinavia and more recently Spain Rias bordering Biscay and the Atlantic. According to their website, they were back in the Med on the west coast of Sardinia



Jack Moffly

Kitty Kuhner, Charles Starke, & Sheila McCurdy

and appeared to be heading toward Gib in September.

- Jim Chambers and Wally Ross

New York

In July we resumed our tradition of a summer rendezvous with a raft-up in Oyster Bay on the west side of Centre Island, attended by over a dozen boats, including on board some 40 members and guests, among them: Charles and Mary Starke; Bruce and Margo Kirby; Dick and Charity Nichols; Larry Glenn; Ian McCurdy and guests; Ginny and Skip Wickersham; Hank Strauss; Peter and Audrey Ward; Eric Freeman and guests; Joe and Trish Fontanella; Ginny Vought and Carol Heller; Scott and Kitty Kuhner; John and Martha Watts, David Abramoki, Jen Goodson and guests; Cora and Clarence Michalis; Julie and Brewster Righter; Bob Darbee and Peter; Susan Kline, Bill and Jean Croughwell; George and Harriet Wiswell; Ed and Betty Gaynor; Hoyt and Joyce Peckham.

We will have held our now-traditional fall clambake at Fairfield Beach Club in mid-September. Our Station Annual Meeting, and change of command, was set for Oct. 19, at a venue new to us, the Maritime Aquarium, at Norwalk, CT.

Our Station was saddened by the deaths of Ted Bilkey, Frank Snyder and then Jim Pitney just before Labor Day. As we all know,



Jack Moffly

Charlie Weiner & Dan Conron

Jim was National Commodore in 1998-99. Frank was a three-year commodore of the New York Yacht Club during its acquisition of Harbour Court and an officer of the Storm Trysail Club.

- Peter Ward

Pacific Northwest

Last fall we reported the departure of PNW members Trish and Kaspar Schibli aboard *Starfire*, their 53' wooden yawl. To update their progress, they arrived in Ensenada, Mexico on Christmas Day, just in time to witness the grounding of the APL ship *Panama*. Departing Acapulco in February, they had a nine-day passage to the Galapagos, where they stayed for ten days of touring. In early March they began a 3,800-mile upwind passage to Chile. They arrived in Puerto Montt after three weeks of rough, wet and windy sailing. *Starfire* wintered in Chile while the Schiblis returned home to British Columbia to enjoy the northern summer. In October they were to head south through the Chilean canals, where your reporter plans to join them for several weeks, then around Cape Horn to the Falklands and on to Portugal and a sea-



Starfire during her 3,800NM beat from the Galapagos to Puerto Montt, Chile

son of cruising in Europe.

PNW Jill and Rod Hearn aboard *Lookfar* spent part of this past season cruising in Panama. What follows is part of their report:

"The charts of the Panamanian coast east of 78 degrees 10 minutes read 'Unsurveyed'. We set sail in early February for this part of the Archipelago San Blas, also known as Kuna Yala, the area controlled by the Comarga Kuna Yala. This indigenous group rules these islands with nearly total control.

"After 26 hours at sea we entered the reef-strewn area around an island called Pinos. The Kuna man in the dugout canoe who greeted us collected a \$5 fee and gave us a receipt. Later we went into the island, met the chief and got permission to hike the island and visit the rivers to see birds. This same routine is followed on all the islands, and cruisers are welcome so long as the rules are respected and one does not go about unaccompanied.

"For the next two months we moved the boat only between 10 and 2, as the unmarked reefs are best visible then. We lost a little bottom paint in one lovely bay that shoaled unpredictably at the entrance.

"We went into the Chagres River behind Gatun Dam and spent three nights. Howler monkeys, toucans, parrots and sloths



The Hearn's' Lookfar cruising in Panama

were our companions. Navigating the bar at the entrance guarded by the 16th century Spanish fortress of San Lorenzo was a thrilling and white-knuckle sight with a clearance of nine-foot depth between reefs.

"We ended the trip this year at Bocas del Toro, where the land rush makes it seem like a Seattle condo development. It has its charms, but prices seem way too California. One uses pangas and speedboats to get everywhere among the islands. We have friends who are buying there, and we spent a day looking at the extravagantly planned communities. *Lookfar* is at a marina there, securely watched over by conscientious people. Lightning and mold are our likely enemies rather than hurricanes, as we are well south of the zone. It rains substantially, however. We had two buckets on deck that collected 12" of rain overnight!

"This year our travels have taken us from unsurveyed waters to oversurveyed land! Panama has much to recommend it as a retirement destination, and we look forward to our 2007 cruising, when we plan to sail on to Honduras and Guatemala."

- Doug Cole

San Francisco

It's time for the annual "What sailing did you do this year?" report.

Stan Honey wins the prize. He sailed around the world as navigator on the winning boat of Volvo Ocean Race, *ABN Amro I*. Second place goes to Jim Antrim, who crewed to Hawaii on an Antrim 27, *ET*, and came in first in fleet and second overall in the 2,000-mile, 43-boat race. Bob Bernheim on his 64' Grand Alaskan, *Soft Touch*, covered a very different 2,000 miles. With his wife, Sue, and various guests, Bob did a powerboat voyage that covered the Erie, Rideau and Trent-Severn Canals, Georgian Bay, the St. Lawrence Seaway, Lake Champlain and back to NYC in two and half months.

Jerry and Karen Eaton continued their fourth summer in Europe, traveling on *Blue Herron* from Croatia through the Corinth Canal on to the windy Greek Islands and finally to Turkey, where they will lay up their yacht for the winter. Wyman and Gay Harris joined the Eatons in Paros, where the meltemi winds blew so hard that they never left shore in a week. Jerry reports CCA cruising in company with Brad and Ann Willauer's *Breezing Up* from the Boston Station. Bill Foss cruised his *Détente* in Maine this summer and joined the Boston Station's cruise to Roque Island.

Hank Easom took ten days off from winning racing trophies, chartering a Moorings 36 in Tahiti at the end of July. He reports diesel costing \$12 a gallon on that trip. Tom Hall rented a 64' barge in Wales that was just 6'6" wide. Diesel in Wales went for about \$8 a gallon.

Jim Cooper brought his new Nordhavn 57 *Pastime* down from the Northwest in June and has enjoyed cruising in the Bay, includ-



Mimi Cornelius, Beth Leonard, Evans Starzinger, Jim Cornelius

ing Station cruises to Montezuma Slough and Tomales Bay. Jim plans to head to Mexico this winter. Wyman Harris' *Safari* has survived two hurricanes in La Paz. Wyman and Gay were looking forward to cruising Baja this fall and later along the Mexican mainland this winter. Another recent power boater, Dave Fullagar, circumnavigated Vancouver Island in five weeks on his new 53' steel trawler *Mystic*. Dave called it a good "shakedown" cruise.

Locally, Bill Edinger sailed his new 45' trimaran *Defiance* south to the Channel Islands for a month of cruising. The trip back was described as a "rough voyage." Lu Taylor went north to Seattle on his Nordic 48, *Pretty Lady*, early last summer with Bill Forsythe as one of the crew. Bob Van Blaricom took *Misty* up the Sonoma-Mendocino coast for a bit of exploring the "dog holes" that are infrequently visited. Unfortunately, Bob ran into a spell of heavy weather that made those anchorages untenable, and he cut his trip short after a week.

We have been honored by the recent visit of Evans Starzinger and Beth Leonard on *Hawk*, who spent a month in the San Francisco Bay area and made presentations of their travels at two local yacht clubs. Following them, legendary sailors Lin and Larry Pardey sailed in on *Taleisin* and shared sea tales with several members. *Taleisin* will winter in

Alameda, while the Pardeys fly home to New Zealand.

- John Sanford

Southern California

The Southern California Station started its spring cruise with a dinner at Newport Harbor Yacht Club May 19. Some 25 people enjoyed the get-together before the cruise to Catalina the next morning. Participating were: Mickey Beland's *Aikane*, Evan McLean's *Cipango*, Len Baker's *Georgetown*, Don Russell's *Mehtabel* and Don Gumpertz' *Ocean Fox*.

We all first went to Cherry Cove and had a quiet evening on the moorings there. Next morning we traveled east to Moonstone Landing. Here we planned a barbecue ashore until the weather stepped in. It started raining and blowing to the point that all wanted to stay and cook aboard. The evening was really wet with the dinghy bilge pumps keeping up with the rain.

Next day we traveled to Avalon with just great weather. We all went ashore for a fine dinner at Armstrong's Restaurant. The Catalina swordfish was excellent. The next morning the fleet broke up. Some of us went back to Cherry Cove, while the rest cruised home.

Our fall Station calendar includes our October meeting at San Diego Yacht Club, with luncheon followed by a tour of San Diego Bay aboard a replica of the 1847 revenue cutter *C.W. Lawrence*; a fall cruise beginning at Del Rey Yacht Club, continuing up the coast to Rick and Carol Hambleton's Ventura Harbor home, followed by a raft-up in Santa Barbara Harbor, then to the Channel Islands, Pelican Harbor, Forney's Cove, and home or to Catalina.

- Dick Lawrence



Welcome New Members

By Bill Wohlforth and Evans Wohlforth



ZIA W. AHARI, MD

San Rafael, California
Spouse: Farideh
Station: San Francisco
Yacht: Hallberg-Rassy 31 *Athesa*
Proposer: Donald M. Bekins

Zia Ahari arguably knows the Baltic Sea better than most cruising men. He took up sailing immediately after he emigrated to Sweden from his native Iran after the Shah's overthrow in 1979. In the 1980s and '90s, Zia took his family on numerous cruises in the Baltic between Sweden, Finland, Poland and Germany—which doubtless tested his knowledge of languages (he's fluent in four and can get by in several more) almost as much as his seamanship. In 1999, he singlehanded *Athesa* to Plymouth, England, proceeded doublehanded to the Canaries and thence in 2000 across the Atlantic, once again singlehanded. The fact that this crossing involved Force 7-9 gales, a broach, and several broken ribs did nothing to dampen Zia's ardor for blue-water passagemaking. Since his retirement and relocation to California, he has continued to go offshore. He currently plans to

purchase a new boat in Finland, sail her to the Black Sea, and then up the river waterways of Russia to the Caspian. We wish him (and his ribs) the best as he undertakes this voyage with the CCA burgee flying from the main truck of his new command.

Membership: Marin Yacht Club



THOMAS AMORY

Camden, Maine
Spouse: Mary
Station: Boston
Yacht: J/35 *Flash of Beauty*
Proposer: Scott Kuhner

Around Camden, *Flash of Beauty* is known as the "first in, last out" boat. No one who meets Tom Amory is surprised to find out that he's her owner. He grew up on the Maine coast, and, though his seafaring experience is global, few know the local waters better. A veteran of two transatlantic crossings (as watch captain), numerous passages to Bermuda (including both legs of the 2001 Newport-Bermuda 1-2 on

Flash), and a great many voyages between the Canadian Maritimes and the Caribbean, Tom breaks the usual yachtsman's mold. In the 1980s, he skippered a 60' mussel fishing boat for Great Eastern Mussel Farms (which he co-founded), and in the late 1970s he ran a 50' barge and crane involved in marine construction in Casco Bay. But former shipmates will tell you that the experience alone is not what makes Tom such a valuable addition to the Club. They emphasize the qualities of character that come through on a rough passage or one plagued by gear failures—challenges as likely on short, inshore trips as on trans-oceanic ones. Exemplifying those qualities, Tom and Mary also light up any gathering, whether in cabin or cockpit or ashore. It is a pleasure to welcome them to the CCA's ranks.

JOHN P. BOURKE

Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Ireland
Spouse: Margaret
Station: Boston
Yacht: Shipman 28 *Hobo VI*
Proposer: Nicholas Brown

An honorary CCA member for a decade, John Bourke has compiled an extraordinary record of sailing accomplishment and dedication to the sport. His offshore racing experience includes 14 Fastnet races, five Admiral's Cup and one Commodore's Cup competitions, eight Round Ireland races, three RORC Spanish races, two Trans-Atlantic races and one Sardinia Cup. He has cruised many thousands of miles in

virtually every sea, sometimes on his own boats, but often as the prized navigator and tactician on other, larger yachts. His distinguished record of service to the sport dates back to his presidency of the Irish Sailing Association and continues to his position as Commodore and now Admiral of the RORC. He has participated in many CCA events, and, given the enthusiastic reports of his matchless seamanship and infectious wit, it is not surprising to learn that invitations from this side of the pond continue to pour in. Members fortunate enough to make John's and Margaret's acquaintance will agree that John Bourke's full membership in the CCA is cause for celebration.
Memberships: Royal Ocean Racing Club; Irish Cruising Club



ERIC M. FREEDMAN

Huntington, New York
Spouse: Judy
Station: New York
Yacht: Amel 53 *Kimberlite IV*
Proposer: George C. Wiswell, Jr.

Eric Freedman's passion for blue-water cruising mirrors the CCA's oldest and best traditions. In the years since he caught the sailing

bug in 1962, he's owned four yachts and logged many tens of thousands of offshore miles. As owner-skipper of the last two *Kimberlites* alone, he sailed nearly 40,000 offshore miles, including many passages from New England to the Caribbean and Bermuda, as well as between Guernsey, England, and the Canary Islands via France and Portugal. He also shipped as mate or watch captain on two trans-Atlantic passages. As members know well, offshore passagemaking requires not only nautical but also mechanical prowess, and Eric's skills in that area are admirable—he rebuilt *Kimberlite III* (Tartan 37) from the hull up. When he's not on the water, he's often under it: he is an accomplished deep-sea diver who holds a cave diving record in his Explorers' Club organization. Our latest reports had Eric preparing *Kimberlite IV* for a circumnavigation of South America. It is a pleasure to wish him bon voyage as a member of the CCA.
Memberships: Huntington Yacht Club; Ocean Cruising Club



GARLAND WADDY GARRETT

Richmond, Virginia
Spouse: Connie
Station: Chesapeake

Yacht: J/46 *Running Tide*
Proposer: Karl von Schwarz

Though his interest in seamanship began with the Sea Scouts, Waddy really learned to sail at the United States Naval Academy. As a midshipman, he was a member of the Academy's offshore sailing team, then still in the famed Luders yawls. In the ten-year naval career that followed, Waddy attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander, serving on a diesel-electric and two nuclear submarines and qualifying as Senior Watch Officer and Engineering Officer. During those service years, when he was not under the water in a sub he was on top of it racing Lightnings and Cal 20s, as well as crewing on offshore passages on others' boats. After the Navy, he and Connie enjoyed racing and cruising around the Chesapeake, and each passing year saw their voyaging horizons expand. They have logged over 20,000 miles since acquiring *Running Tide* in 2000, spending three to four months a year aboard, with summers in Maine and the Canadian Maritimes, winters in South Carolina, Florida and the Bahamas. Along the way, they have gammed with many CCA members, who attest to the high standard of their seamanship and the great pleasure of their company. In proposing Waddy for membership, Karl von Schwarz has done the Cruising Club a real service.
Membership: Fishing Bay Yacht Club
Armed Services: Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy

MICHAEL H. GRAY

Seattle, Washington
Spouse: JoAnne
Station: Pacific Northwest



Yacht: Wauquiez Centurion 42
Destiny
 Proposer: Thomas O'Brien

Michael Gray is a true all-rounder with equally impressive accomplishments as coastal cruiser, coastal racer, offshore racer and bluewater cruising man. He began sailing in 1965 and had his first boat by 1972, after which he cruised Northwest waters—the San Juan Islands, Vancouver Island, Desolation Sound—annually. He compiled some 22 racing seasons on Puget Sound, while also finding time for offshore events like the Swiftsure and the Darwin to Bali Race. Michael's dedication to the furtherance of our sport also stands out. He has served as Commodore of the Shilshole Bay Yacht Club and as Seattle Yacht Club's Fleet Captain-Sail. As many members of the Pacific Northwest Station already know, when Michael and JoAnne (an avid and accomplished sailor in her own right) decide to do something, they do it right. Having resolved to sail *Destiny* on trans-oceanic passages, they first earned USCG 100-Ton Master's licenses, with sailing and towing endorsements, completed the Starpath Navigation School, took advanced first aid training, completed the Seattle Maritime Academy's Diesel Mechanics Course and the USCG Radar Certification Course, ob-

tained Ham General Class licenses, as well as other formal preparation. They then sailed *Destiny* from Seattle to Mexico and, in 2001, set out for New Zealand, with stops at the Marquesas, Tuamotus, Societies, Cooks and Tonga. Not surprisingly, the cruise has gone smoothly. A warm welcome to this competent and companionable cruising couple.
Memberships: Shilshole Bay Yacht Club; Seattle Yacht Club; Seven Seas Cruising Association



SEAN LEE GUINNESS

Port St. Lucie, Florida
 Spouse: Christine
 Station: Florida
 Yacht: *Atlantic Tiger Lily*
 Proposer: Gerald B. Clapp

Sean Guinness comes to the Cruising Club with an extraordinary range of racing and cruising experiences to his credit. Son of CCA member Tim Guinness, Sean grew up sailing aboard the family's 34' wooden cutter in the Chesapeake and Maine. He took to racing early, competing in Atlantics, Stars, International One Designs and Log Canoes on Chesapeake Bay. He campaigned in world championships in IODs and has raced his own Atlantic in the August Series for the past five

years. But cruising has remained equally central, with numerous passages between the Chesapeake and Maine and the Caribbean in family yachts in the 1980s and '90s, as well as two transatlantic passages as watch captain. Indeed, Sean is currently in the enviable position of having made cruising under power a career. As captain of the 126' Feadship *Sirenuse*, his job is to skipper the yacht to inviting locales, including most recently Belize, Guatemala and Costa Rica. He oversaw the purchase and complete refit of the vessel, and has prepared her for a forthcoming circumnavigation. He's also a seaplane pilot, a deep-sea diver, a firefighter, emergency medical technician, and mechanic. In all, a great addition to the CCA's ranks.
Memberships: Kollegewidgwock Yacht Club



FREDERICK HECKLINGER

Annapolis, Maryland
 Spouse: Barbara
 Station: Chesapeake
 Proposer: Ronald A. Jacks

Fred Hecklinger is a storied offshore sailor, an accomplished shipwright, a marine historian and ship modeler, and a surveyor with special expertise on wooden boats. His blue-water experience stretches back a half-century and includes

tens of thousands of miles in an unusually wide range of vessels, sometimes in a professional capacity but often as a Corinthian. He shipped as mate of the 105' gaff schooner *America* on a transatlantic passage and many other voyages, and skippered the 95' topsail schooner *Pride of Baltimore* on numerous long passages. In addition, Fred is widely regarded as an historical authority on commercial sailing vessels and has been deeply involved in the construction and rigging of several recreations of historic vessels, including *Pride of Baltimore*. Space precludes mentioning his many contributions to the sport of sailing and to the support and preservation of historic ships. Suffice to say that when it comes to classic Chesapeake Bay working vessels, Fred is the go-to guy—as when he conducted inspections of all the surviving oyster skipjacks at the Governor's request. Fred's knowledge, experience, and his willingness to volunteer his time—together with his legendary skills as wit and raconteur—will be assets to the Club. It is a pleasure to welcome him aboard.

Memberships: Eastport Yacht Club

Military Service: Quartermaster, United States Navy



SALLY LINDSAY HONEY

Palo Alto, California

Spouse: Stan

Station: San Francisco

Yacht: Cal 40 *Illusion*

Proposer: Skip Allan

Sally Honey's connections to the CCA and its traditions run deep. She grew up sailing with her family (her father, the late Charles C. Price, was a CCA member), and her first transoceanic passage was across the Atlantic in the family's NY 30 *Proton*. She raced 505s through college and beyond, was twice elected Yachswoman of the Year, won the 505 North American Championship in 1978 and competed in seven World Championships. More recently, Sally and her husband (and CCA member) Stan rescued and restored a vintage Cal 40 and have raced *Illusion* to Hawaii many times: twice in the West Marine Pacific Cup (doublehanded), winning overall in 1990, and twice in the Transpac, winning a class first in 2003. Sally skippered *Illusion* in the 2005 Transpac with an all-woman crew. Through all the decades of high-end racing, she has maintained a keen interest in cruising. In 2003, she and Stan returned from Hawaii via Alaska and spent the summer cruising that coast. Her volunteer contributions to the sport are many. In addition to serving as the President of the American Section of the 505 class, Sally has served on the Board of Pacific Yacht Club and has organized both Pacific Cup and Safety-at-Sea seminars for the local sailing community. She is also a member of the board and administrator of the Sailmail Association, the nonprofit group providing e-mail service to offshore sailors. The CCA can be proud to count Sally Honey among its membership.

HENRY R. (HANK) KEENE, JR

Marion, Massachusetts

Spouse: Andrea



Station: Boston

Yacht: Wilbur 34 *General Knox*;
Herreshoff 12 ½

Proposer: Alexander B. Weld

It is only a bit of a stretch to say that Hank is a man who not only has been around boats all his life but one whose life in many ways *is* boats. Anyone who has ever steered a yacht or pumped one dry is likely familiar with the products of Hank Keene's day job: he and his brother own and run the Edson Corporation. His cruising adventures began on the family's 26' trailerable Amphibi-con—built by his father (and CCA member) Henry R. Keene—and continued on larger boats (Pearson 35, Bristol 38.8) exploring the waters from Buzzards Bay to Maine. He attended Tabor Academy and met Andrea while operating the launch at Beverly Yacht Club. He, Andrea and their two daughters have spent nearly every vacation on the water, their cruising itinerary limited only by *General Knox's* 200-mile fuel capacity. Offshore passagemaking began in high school when he crewed on the 95' staysail schooner *Tabor Boy* on a passage from Florida to Marion, during which they encountered a gale and snowstorm off Cape Hatteras. Recent passages have included Cape Cod-Newfoundland with Sandy Weld on *Windigo*, Scotland-Spain on the McKelvys' *Whizzbang*, and a Bermuda-Marion return with Gordon Vineyard on *Hawke*. Whether on-, in- or offshore, shipmates

report, Hank is a thoroughgoing seaman, a reliable volunteer and an enjoyable companion. Given these qualities, and his long association with this Club and its membership, his election is as fitting as it is welcome.

Membership: Beverly Yacht Club



DONALD J. KRIPPENDORF, MD

St. Petersburg, Florida

Spouse: Peggy Ann

Station: Florida

Yacht: Irwin 52 *First Light*

Proposer: Charles E. Morgan, Jr.

Don Krippendorf knows how to make boats move fast. An avid sailor since boyhood, he has competed in nearly every racing venue from Antigua to Block Island, sailing everything from Optimists to Ted Irwin's Irwin 68 *Floridays* and compiling a list of achievements that would exceed our space constraints many times over. As many Florida sailors know well, his service to sailing organizations is equally commendable. Don has volunteered countless hours to the kind of organized groups that make so much of our sport possible, including the Florida Sailing Association, the Florida Ocean Racing Association, the Midget Ocean Racing Club, the International Star Class and especially St. Petersburg Yacht Club, which he currently serves as

Commodore. But shoreside responsibilities do not keep Don from the racing circuit or, increasingly, from distance cruising. Friends were impressed but not surprised to see *First Light* in the St. Petersburg-Isla Mujeres Race—the first SPYC Commodore to compete. Don helped prepare for the Florida West Coast Cruise of the CCA, which he and Peggy joined aboard *First Light*, and for the upcoming annual meeting of the Florida Station, to be held at the SPYC. Kudos go to Charley Morgan for proposing this talented sailor and energetic organizer. *Membership: St. Petersburg Yacht Club*



ANTHONY MURRAY LEIGH, JR.

Gibson Island, Maryland

Spouse: Neva

Station: Chesapeake

Proposer: LeRoy A. Wilbur, Jr.

Even though Murray Leigh's 20 year Navy career had him flying over water in a P-3 Orion, his lifelong connection to sailing never wavered. Back in the 1970s and '80s, he was to be found racing and cruising in the Chesapeake and beyond. He was active in Annapolis Yacht Club and the Gibson Island Junior Fleet. As a teen, he cruised from Gibson Island to Nantucket with proposer LeRoy Wilbur in '73, crewed in

an Annapolis Newport Race, and sailed the return from Bermuda to Gibson Island. On the inshore racing circuit, he was a regular on LeRoy Wilbur's *Sorceress* and later one of the regular crew and watch captain on the famous Pearson 30 *Gem* on which Ridgley Melvin won nearly everything on the Bay. For the past six years since his retirement from the Navy, Murray has sailed as watch captain with Henry Morgan aboard *Dolphin* in a succession of Annapolis-Newport and Newport Bermuda Races. Whether picked up during his Navy years or in his youthful experience on boats, Murray's calm command presence and knack for teamwork are prized by shipmates. It is a pleasure to welcome Murray to the Cruising Club. *Military Service: Commander (ret.), United States Navy*



JOHN C. McCARTY

Darien, Connecticut

Spouse: Judi

Station: New York

Proposer: Nigel S. MacEwan

Nigel MacEwan has done us all a service by proposing his friend and long-time sailing comrade John McCarty for membership. John is an accomplished skipper, but his most impressive credentials were earned as navigator on a series of major ocean passages. Typical of these was aboard the 112' *Anemos*

in the 2005 Rolex Transatlantic Challenge. He was aboard the maxi *Breakaway* the year it took second in the Grand Prix division of the Rolex Race Around the Isle of Wight and the 63' *Crusade of Dee* when it won its division at the America's Cup Jubilee. John's experience spans 50 years of our sport - he began sailing at the age of eight at Cedarhurst Yacht Club. In his youth he raced Lightnings, Comets, Thistles and Flying Dutchmen. Now he has three trans-Atlantics under his belt, numerous Bermuda passages and he has cruised the British Isles and the Med. John is an adept celestial navigator, who has kept his skill current. He is a kind mentor to younger sailors. He can play any song you care to name on the piano or accordion, and he probably knows the words, too. This is a sailor with stories to tell, and we look forward to hearing them at a Cruising Club gam. *Armed Services: U.S. Air Force*



DONAL McCLEMENT

Carrigaline, County Cork, Ireland
Station: Boston
Proposer: Bartlett S. Dunbar

Donal McClement has managed to organize his life in a way that allows him to devote most of his

time to sailing, cruising, racing and yacht club/race organization and management. He is the owner of McClement Yachts, the distributor for Ireland of Dufour Yachts, and he has run an active yacht brokerage. His sailing accomplishments have made him well known and widely respected in Irish and European sailing circles. To mention highlights only - Donal skippered the winner of the 1979 Fastnet, he has represented Ireland, the UK and Switzerland in Admiral's Cups in the 1970s, 80s and 90s. In 1982, Donal, as skipper, and his crew, were the first winners of the RORC seamanship trophy for bringing an Oyster 43 home after it was dismasted halfway through a trans-Atlantic passage. Organizationally, Donal has been a national judge, umpire and race officer and he helped found Cork Week, the largest cruiser/racer regatta in Europe. CCA members have encountered Donal in every cruising ground the Atlantic has to offer and speak of his competence and good fellowship. This new member from across the pond clearly adds depth along with geographic breadth, and we are in Bart Dunbar's debt for proposing him.

Military Service: Royal Air Force, Navigator

Memberships: Irish Cruising Club, Royal Cork (Honorary Member), Royal Ocean Cruising Club; Royal Air Force Yacht Club, West Mersey Yacht Club, Ocean Cruising Club

ALEXANDER (ALEX) C. MILLET

New York, New York
Station: Boston
Proposer: Daniel C. Burnes

We thank Dan Burnes for proposing Alex Millet, a lifelong sailor and scion of an active CCA

family. Alex grew up sailing with his father, David Millet, out of Biddeford Pool Yacht Club. He is cousin to Don Watson. Alex is an accomplished and experienced offshore racer, with numerous Newport Bermuda races, Halifax and Monhegan races to his credit. He has also skippered post-race deliveries back from each of these destinations many times and cruised extensively in Florida, the Bahamas and the Caribbean. He has raced in hundreds of buoy races at Downeast Race Week and Key West Race Week. He is an experienced and successful campaigner in a variety of smaller racing craft. Alex has relocated to New York to pursue a career in advertising, but manages to sail in New York Harbor when the opportunity arises, and he heads back to New England for major races and family cruising. Alex has been a valued member at the Biddeford Pool club, rebuilding their Laser fleet among other contributions. We look forward to his further exploits as a CCA member.

Membership: Biddeford Pool Yacht Club

CHARLES (CHARLIE) ARAM MILOT

Bristol, Rhode Island
Spouse: Maria
Station: Boston
Yacht: 49' Alubat Ovni 455 *Bigouden*
Proposer: Dorsey M. Beard

Dorsey Beard has had the good sense to propose her brother, Charlie Milot, to the CCA membership, for which we thank her. Charlie's early experience mirrors Dorsey's, with extensive New England cruising and culminating in an Atlantic Circle, Milot family adventure. Charlie skippered the

boat for a month on the coast of France when his father and Dorsey had to fly home. In 1985, Charlie purchased his first *Bigoudin*, on which he lived aboard most summers, cruised New England, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Another Atlantic Circle adventure, via the Faroe Islands and Norway, took three years to complete. Charlie's newest *Bigouden* is an aluminum centerboard sloop similar to the type cruised by Jimmy Cornell in high latitudes. He bought her in Europe and had her shipped to the States to prepare for her next offshore challenge. *Bigouden* was shaken down cruising locally, and Charlie now intends to sail her to France, his fourth trans-Atlantic, and to cruise her in Europe for several years. We are happy to have another member of this nautical family in the CCA.



**CHRISTOPHER HALL
PARKMAN**

San Rafael, California
Spouse: Joan McCane
Station: San Francisco
Yacht: Ranger 23
Proposer: Douglas D. Finley

The high latitudes call Chris Parkman, our new member. Chris was aboard Roger Swanson's *Cloud Nine* for their three-month attempt on the Northwest Passage. This 4,800-mile endeavor had them frozen in the ice in Larson Sound,

involved long periods of isolation, and it ended with a rough passage back to Norfolk, Virginia. In 2000, with Robby Robinson on *Rolling Stone*, Chris went trans-Atlantic and cruised Scotland's Hebrides. In 2002, they made a round trip from Scotland to Iceland and returned via the Faroe Islands. Chris has also transited the Caribbean, cruised from Greece to Dubrovnik and made numerous West Coast passages. Chris is sought after for these exploits not only for his competence and steady fellowship, but also because he is a marine mechanic. He is the harbormaster at Presidio Yacht Club. He rounds all this off by being a licensed pilot. Doug Finley deserves our thanks for bringing Chris into the Club, and we look forward to hearing of his next adventure.

GARY M. SCHWARZMAN

Falmouth, Massachusetts
Spouse: Beth
Station: Boston
Yacht: 43' Chuck Paine cutter
Anasazi
Proposer: J. Nicholas Newman

While all CCA members love the sea, in Gary and Beth Schwarzman the spark burns so brightly as to light others. They have brought up their children in the cruising life and been instrumental in introducing it to countless other young people. Gary is a regular volunteer with the Sea Scouts, and he helped found the Tall Ships for Girls program in California. He was a founding director of the Call of the Sea educational nonprofit that teaches sail training and the environment aboard a steel schooner based on San Francisco Bay. Gary has taught boatbuilding to juniors in Falmouth. Both Gary and Beth are published authors.

Gary was involved in the design and construction of *Anasazi*, built on a cold-molded hull with conservative scantlings. He has made three trans-Atlantic passages. Aboard *Anasazi*, the Schwarzmans spent a year exploring the Caribbean, crossed to Ireland and cruised Scotland, Scandinavia and the Baltic. Gary maintains his celestial skills and keeps his boat simple. We are in Nick Newman's debt for proposing him.
Memberships: American Sail Training Assoc., Ocean Cruising Club, Woods Hole Yacht Club



G. BARRETT (BARRY) SIMSON

Glastonbury, Connecticut
Station: Essex
Yacht: Tartan 37
Proposer: Daniel M. Rugg III

Dan Rugg has done the CCA a service in proposing Barry Simson, a lifelong sailor with extensive blue water experience. Barry has sailed since early childhood aboard father Hump Simson's *Kittiwakes*. He has sailed trans-Atlantic and on numerous Newport Bermuda and Marion-Bermuda races. The latter include the 1972 Newport Bermuda race, still remembered for its heavy weather. He is a SORC veteran. At home, Barry sails his own Tartan 37 out of Mystic, Connecticut with his daughters, both skilled sailors. They cruise regularly throughout

New England. His interest in sailing and the sea continue in the off-season - he is treasurer of the Southport Sailing Foundation. We are glad to welcome this experienced blue-water man on board.



CHARLES (CHUCK) STEWARD

Ellensburg, Washington
Spouse: Peggy
Station: Pacific Northwest
Yacht: Seguin 44 *Alert*
Proposer: Thomas O'Brien

Chuck Steward is an old Cal 40 hand, active in that fleet on the West Coast for many years. In his Cal 40 *Legend*, he won several Roaring Forties Trophies, raced from Victoria to Maui in 1980, and gained a reputation as a strong but fair competitor. As a boy, Chuck sailed C and E scows, X-boats and Snipes and crewed for his uncle aboard an 84' schooner in the Bahamas. He has crewed aboard the Coast Guard's tall ship, the *Eagle*. In 2002, Chuck helped Cabot Lyman sail his *Chewink* from Fiji to New Zealand. Thereafter, Chuck and Peggy purchased the Lyman Morse Seguin 44 *Alert*, which Cabot says is so well kept as to give her builder pleasure. After cruising her in New England, Chuck and Peggy had her shipped west and they now cruise her in the Puget Sound area. In addition to his many nautical accom-

plishments, Chuck may be the only rancher in our ranks. We look forward to hearing of Chuck's exploits at our next gam, and we thank Tom O'Brien for his excellent proposal.



MICHAEL B. STUBBS

New York, New York
Spouse: Veronica
Station: New York
Yacht: Custom 51' sloop *Fancy*
Proposer: C. Tanner Rose, Jr.

Michael cannot remember a time when he was not a cruising sailor - he started with his family sailing from Essex, Connecticut. He has been deep-water sailing since the 1960s, including multiple Bermuda races, Marblehead to Halifax, and deliveries back. His current boat, *Fancy*, shows his discerning eye. It is the prototype of the Magic class, inspired by *Alerion*. Michael is well known to many Cruising Club members. He was navigator aboard Tanner Rose's *Witch of Pungo* on the CCA-organized cruise-in-company passage from Newport to Kinsale, Ireland. Michael has made important contributions to the heritage of our sport through his service as trustee of Mystic Seaport for over 25 years. He is also former chairman of the Seaport's investment committee and former member of its nominating committee. He gives back to the

community as trustee and chairman of the Board of the Children's Storefront School, an independent school in Harlem. Tanner Rose deserves our praise for bringing this outstanding sailor and person into our ranks. *Memberships: New York Yacht Club; Bucks Harbor Yacht Club*



TIMOTHY (TIM) R. SURGENOR

Dover, Massachusetts
Spouse: Charlotte
Station: Boston
Yacht: Niagara 42 *Onward*
Proposer: David T. Pratt

David Pratt has brought to the Cruising Club a sailor of many accomplishments and an all-round seaman and popular shipmate. Much of Tim's experience was gleaned aboard Dan Gregory's *Lyra*, as Dan's right hand. Together over 15 years they made six Newport Bermuda races and innumerable offshore and coastwise passages, cruising extensively and delivering *Lyra* between Baltimore and Nova Scotia. Tim's ability as navigator and watch captain were augmented by a knack for a quiet word of help to less experienced shipmates. In 1987, Tim was present for the CCA's Newfoundland cruise. In 1991, Tim and Charlotte purchased *Onward*, on which they spend every available moment. They have

been cruising the New England coast and preparing *Onward* for further adventures offshore. We are glad they will be doing so with our burgee at the masthead.



was the only woman invited to helm an Eight-Meter at the 1950 Clyde Fortnight. Barbara holds the Royal Yachting Association's Yachtmaster Certificate. Barbara is a person of wide-ranging talents - she is a former competitive skier and swimmer, founded the Rolling Stones Curling Club of Glasgow, holds a private pilot's license and Advance Class Ham license, and is a prize-winning silversmith. We will watch her future exploits with interest, with thanks to Harry Keith for bringing Barbara into the fold. *Memberships: Ocean Cruising Club, Clyde Cruising Club, St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Waterways Radio, Irish Cruising Club*

News You Can Use

Crew Overboard Rescue Report Available

The final report of the landmark **Crew Overboard Rescue Symposium** is out and available at www.boatus.org/foundation. The CCA's Bonnell Cove Foundation helped fund this groundbreaking study, and a number of members took key roles, including John Rousmaniere, author of the report and a member of the organizing committee. You've read reports of the report; now you can download your own copy in a couple of different formats. Every sailing organization in the US should make its leaders and members familiar with the conclusions of this comprehensive in-water study of various rescue methods and pieces of gear.

BARBARA N. WATSON

South Pasadena, Florida
Station: Florida
Yacht: Pearson 40 *Strathspey*
Proposer: Harry Keith

CCA members will have known Barbara Watson as half of a team with her late husband, CCA member Bill Watson. They cruised extensively in Florida and neighboring waters. They also sailed extensively in the British Isles. These notoriously difficult waters involved them in tides of up to six knots, heavy shipping and, in one race, gale conditions for over 24 hours. They also made numerous offshore passages up and down the East Coast and in the Pacific, logging in total some 30,000 miles of water under the keel. Barbara has it in her blood. Her uncle was an Olympic six-meter champion, a cousin was an International Dragon Class Champion, and her mother



Eric Forsyth in Horta

Eric Forsyth sailed *Fiona* from Block Island to Flores in the Azores in 15 days with a crew of two. The weather was very mild. After cruising to five islands in the Azores, he sailed to Madeira and the Canaries. He planned to leave La Gomera

for the passage to Brazil and points south, hoping to arrive at Port Stanley for Christmas. If conditions seem appropriate he will make a try for Antarctica with a return via the coast of Chile and the Panama Canal.

Calendar of Events

2006

Nov. 13 Newport Bermuda Race Centennial Ball, University Club, New York

Nov. 14 Annual Meeting, New York, NYYC (see p. 3)

Nov. 18 PNW Annual Dinner

Nov. 23 BDO Annual Meeting, RNSYS, Halifax

Nov. 29 SOC Annual Dinner, Newport Harbor YC

Dec. 1 CCA/Sailfish Club

Wirth Munroe Race, Lauderdale-Palm Beach

Dec. 5 ESS Annual Meeting, Essex Corinthian YC

Dec. 15 BOS Christmas Lunch, Rats Club

2007

January 16 Winter Awards Dinner, New York, NYYC

Feb. 2-3 FLA Midwinter Rendezvous, N. Palm Beach to Hobe Sound

Apr. 19-21 Spring Meeting, Chesapeake Station, Annapolis YC

Apr. 23-30 FLA Spring Cruise, Stuart to St. Augustine

July 14-22 Bluenose National Summer Cruise, S. Shore Nova Scotia, Halifax to Shelburne

Oct. 27-Nov. 3 Fall Cruise in Turkey

Monthly Station Luncheons

BER: Held quarterly; Royal Bermuda YC

BOS: "Rats" 3rd Fri. Oct.-May

CHE: 2nd Tues., Annapolis YC, except July & Aug. (t.b.a., see web page)

ESS: 3rd Thurs. Sept.-June; Essex Corinthian YC

FLA: Stuart - 2nd Tues., Dec.-

Apr., Stuart Y&CC;

St. Pete - 3rd Thurs., every mo., St. Pete YC

NYS: 3rd Thurs. except July-Sept., NYYC

PNW: 2nd Mon. except July, Aug.; Seattle YC

SAF: 1st Wed. except July, Aug., Dec.; alt. btw. San Francisco YC & St. Francis YC

SOC: t.b.a. (see Station web page)

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