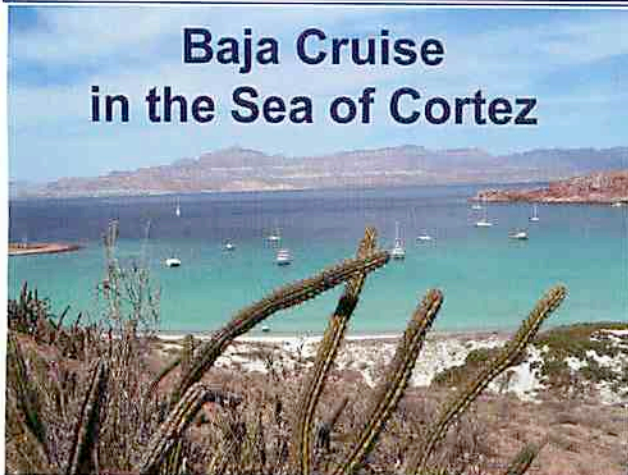




Baja Cruise in the Sea of Cortez



John Sanford

The fleet at Isla San Francisco

"WHERE IN THE WORLD can you go cruising in an area that is virtually unchanged from when it was first discovered?" Cochairman Lou Scott posed this question at our opening reception at Loreto. Over the next week, our group of 136 people from eight CCA Stations in 16 yachts and the cruise ship *Sea Bird* answered the question: We felt like the first discoverers of six uninhabited coves.

We learned that Hernando Cortez explored the area in May 1535 and that John Steinbeck cruised

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*Record Newport Bermuda fleet,
new Finisterre Trophy, Centennial Ball*
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CCA Presents Annual Awards

At the CCA Winter Meeting and Dinner in New York, held at the Yale Club on January 17, the following awards were presented:

Blue Water Medal

The CCA's most prestigious award, the Blue Water Medal for 2005 was awarded to **Jarlath Cunnane**, builder and skipper of the Irish yacht *Northabout*, which completed the first east-to-west polar circumnavigation in October 2005.

The four-year voyage began in Westport, County Mayo in June 2001 and took them through the Northwest Passage over the top of Canada and Alaska. In 2004 they sailed to Russia, wintering the yacht in Siberia



Bob Drew

Commodore Rowland & Jarlath Cunnane

when stopped by the ice. In 2005 they completed the Northeast Passage voyage via the Norwegian coast and the Caledonian Canal.

Construction of his 49' aluminum cutter began in Jarlath's workshop in April 2000. By February 2001 the hull was finished and five months later, with a crew of six aboard, they departed for Greenland. During the month of July they sailed up the icy coast

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*Northabout's east to west polar circumnavigation*



From the Commodore

Dear fellow CCA Members,

Since the fall issue of the CCA *GAM*, there are many things that your officers and others are working on that will be of interest to you over the next months and years. The two National Cruises are in place for 2006. Both reached the upper limit of participants and will be enjoyed by those who have signed up. We'll miss everyone else.

You will be reading here about the San Francisco Station's Spring Governors' Meeting, an enjoyable visit to the City on the Bay – as well as the much anticipated Baja/Sea of Cortez Cruise..

2007 cruises are on the schedule. We will cruise Nova Scotia, starting in Halifax in mid-July and ending in Shelburne. Charles Westropp has a great program for exploring that section of the Nova Scotia coast. And starting around October 20, John and Peter Chandler are organizing a spectacular cruise along the south coast of Turkey. This will be preceded by an optional land expedition to explore some of the ancient sites in that part of the world. I had a preliminary meeting with them and can report that plans are well underway as this publication goes to press.

Bill Barton and the Bermuda Race Committee have plans for a record fleet for this Centennial Race which will be augmented by a commemorative book *A Berth to Bermuda* by John Rousmaniere, a painting by Newport artist John MacGowan and a celebration in New York on November 13, 2006 with a screening of a film being made by Gary Jobson of the 2006 Race.

A new trophy for the Cruising Division of the Newport Bermuda Race has been presented to the club by CCA member Carleton



Commodore Rowland

Mitchell, winner of three consecutive races in '56, '58 and '60 and will be called the Carleton Mitchell Finisterre Trophy. We are all grateful to Mitch for his generosity and continue to marvel at that extraordinary accomplishment 50 years ago.

The 2005 edition of the *CC News* has reached all of us and serves to remind us of the cruising accomplishments around the globe of many of our members whose literary skills allow us to share their enjoyment of far horizons. A tip of the hat to T.L. and Harriet for this wonderful publication.

Finally, many Stations will have summer cruises that you might join if you were in their area. The Station websites are a good place to find information on cruises and other events, so check them out from time to time.

Enjoy your cruising this year wherever it takes you, and let us all hear about it through the *CC News* or on the CCA website.

Fair winds,

Ned Rowland



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Coming Up ... Cruises and Meetings

Newport Bermuda Race '06

100th Anniversary

June 16

For current entry list, see: www.bermudarace.com

Cocktail Party in Bermuda

Thursday, June 22

Particulars will be announced on the website and in a mailing before the Race.

Down East Cruise '06

July 23-30

The Boston Station Maine Cruise will start with lunch at RC Nancy McKelvy's in Southwest Harbor and work our way east, at least as far as Roque, where we'll have a picnic on the beach. All CCA members in the area are welcome to join; please do let us know ahead. There will be several lay days and informal games. *To receive mailings on this cruise, please send \$20 payable to CCA-Boston to cruise treasurer Max Fletcher, 96 Main St. #175, Brunswick, ME 04011; include your boat name and a guess at the number of people aboard. Contact Bill Cook with any questions: 508-771-8911 or cookyacht@cs.com*

Fall Cruise '06

Two Nations Cruise

San Juan and Gulf Islands

September 10-18

At press time several slots were still available for the Two Nations Fall Cruise in the San Juan and Gulf Islands. From Anacortes, WA to Victoria, BC, you'll see magnificent harbors, mountains, orca whales and bald eagles, towering forests and serene sunsets, and feast on salmon, Dungeness crab, local oysters, clams and mussels.

There will be an opportunity to match race vintage Twelve Meter yachts, race mini-Twelves, stroll the famous Butchart Gardens, and hike to lovely vantage points above the archipelago. *Contact host PNW registration chair Gil Middleton: 425-827-7263; gil.middleton@comcast.net; or cruise cochairs Joyce & Tad Lhamon: 206-842-4866; joylha@aol.com; 9276 NE Meigs Rd., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.*

Centennial Ball

New York, NY

November 13, 2006

In this year of the 100th Newport Bermuda Race, the CCA is hosting a Centennial Ball dinner dance to honor past and present winners of the Lighthouse Trophy, and to induct the initial members of the new Newport Bermuda Race Hall of Fame. CCA members and their spouses will be invited. Further particulars of this extraordinary evening will be announced on the CCA website and in mailings to the membership.

Annual Meeting '06

New York YC

November 14

Please note revised format: Because of the Centennial Ball the previous night, 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. Spouses & guests welcome. *Entertainment Committee Chairman Jim Binch: 203-739-1125; james_binch@memry.com*

Spring Meeting '07

Annapolis

April 19-21

Bluenose National Summer Cruise '07

South Shore of Nova Scotia

July 14-22

Starting in Halifax at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the cruise will wend its way south-westward, 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 for the cruise.

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 before the cruise. The cruise itself will begin in Goccek on Sat., Oct. 27, 2007, and will end in Finike (near Antalya) on Sat., Nov. 3. Pre-cruise options include two days in Istanbul, starting Oct. 20, followed by two days each in Ephesus and Capadocia. Our resourceful Turkish travel agent has lined up a fleet of bareboats (mono- and multihulls), as well as crewed vessels, and is setting up events at points of interest along the way. *Check the CCA website (www.cruisingclub.org) for additional details. Cruise cochairs are Peter and John Chandler.*

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of Greenland, then on July 29 they sailed to Lancaster Sound and entered the Northwest Passage. By good fortune the ice in the Passage had opened three weeks ahead of normal. Stopping only at three small settlements, in increasingly cold weather they rounded the western tip of Alaska and entered Nome, AK on Sept. 2, 2001.

The next two seasons were spent cruising in Alaska and British Columbia. On July 7, 2004, having accomplished the difficult task of obtaining the necessary permits, they departed Prince Rupert, BC for the Northeast Passage over the top of Russia with a crew of seven aboard. At Anadyr they were joined by Slava, the required Russian ice pilot. Within a few days after passing Bering Strait, they began to encounter pack ice. Approximately halfway through the Passage, they carried out a difficult and dangerous rescue of a disabled Dutch yacht by towing her 30 miles to safety. Then on September 7, with new ice forming they retreated up the Kheta River where the boat was secured aboard a barge for the winter.

In August 2005 following the breakup of the ice, they got out of the river and, with the help of an icebreaker, got to open water and rounded Cape Chelyuskin. After a four-day gale which forced them to seek shelter from the ice, they joined a convoy of ships led by two nuclear icebreakers and reached the mostly ice-free waters of the Kara Sea. By September 5 they had reached Murmansk and the end of the Northeast Passage. The final leg to Ireland was completed on October 12, 2005.

Far Horizons Award

The Far Horizons Award, a new, important trophy was presented for the first time. It was established by the Governing Board in April 2005 to recognize members of the Club for a particularly meritorious cruise or series of cruises exemplifying the objectives of the Club. The name of the award is derived from the title of volumes published by the Club containing accounts of cruising adventures by its members. The award is represented by a medal to be presented annually by vote of the Governing Board on recommendation of the Committee on Awards. The

recipient shall be a member of the Club at the time of such vote although the cruises being recognized may have been completed prior to the recipient becoming a member. Although in some respects similar to the Club's most coveted Blue Water Medal (which may be awarded to members or non-members), the



Evans Starzinger and Beth Leonard

Bob Drew

Far Horizons Award is designed to recognize cruises that serve as examples of the Club's broader objectives.

For 2005 the Far Horizons award was presented to **Evans Starzinger and Beth Leonard** for their circumnavigation in *Silk*, plus impressive, continuous high-latitude cruising over the past eight years in *Hawk*, which has taken them from as far north as Iceland to as far south as Cape Horn and has included a 9000-mile nonstop passage from Chile to Australia via the Southern Ocean and a 8500-mile transit of the Pacific Ocean from the South Island of New Zealand to British Columbia. Prior to their circumnavigation, they sailed *Silk*, a Shannon 37 ketch, on a one-year Atlantic circle from Newport, RI to the Azores and the Caribbean. Their westward circumnavigation in *Silk* was via the Panama Canal, South Pacific islands, Australia and South Africa, covering 30,000 miles.

Their voyages in *Hawk*, a 47' aluminum sloop, began in 1998 when they sailed the partially completed boat from Florida to the Chesapeake. The next year they sailed to Newfoundland, back to Long Island then to the Caribbean. In 2000 and 2001 they crossed the Atlantic to cruise Ireland, Scot-



Blue Water Medalists Jarlath Cunnane and Paddy Barry listen to Mike Brogan's fiddle at the NYYC

Bob Drew

land, the Faroes and Iceland. In the next two years, they sailed to the Chilean channels via the Canary Is., Uruguay, Argentina and Cape Horn. In 2003 they sailed directly from Chile to Australia, across two oceans in 59 days. Subsequently their voyages have taken them to Tasmania, New Zealand and French Polynesia via the southern Austral Island route. In 2005 they arrived in British Columbia with over 30,000 miles under *Hawk's* keel, involving a series of notable passages which included their double transit of the Chilean channels and their rounding of the five great capes of the Southern Ocean.

Richard S. Nye Trophy



Commodore Rowland & Mindy
Gunther Drew

The Richard S. Nye Trophy was presented to **Mindy Gunther Drew** for bringing distinction to the Club over many years of intensive but quiet service as: Organizer of the Club's 75th Anniversary Celebration at the US Naval Academy; co-editor and publisher of the *CC News* in the early '90s; board member and secretary of the Bonnell Cove Foundation; co-author of the handbook for the "Suddenly Alone" seminars; organizer of the 2004 Mystic Spring Meeting; designer/layout & photo editor of the

CCA *GAM*.

In addition to her active sailing and cruising – she sailed her first Newport Bermuda Race with her father at the age of 13 – she has spent hundreds of hours, year after year, on an extraordinary range of club programs, projects and events that have had superb outcomes because of her innovation, creativity and hard work.

Rod Stephens Trophy

The Rod Stephens Trophy was awarded to the **Sea Education Association (SEA)**, **Captain Steve Tarrant** and the crew of the brigantine *Corwith Cramer*, their sailing school vessel, which rescued 51 people in the Caribbean aboard a dismasted and disabled sailing boat. The 25' boat, carrying Haitian refugees toward Jamaica, had been at sea for five days, was without food and almost out of water. The refugees, which included 35 adults and 16 children as young as babies, were brought aboard and taken to safety at Port Antonio, Jamaica.

The rescue occurred on March 9, 2005 when the 134' brigantine crewed by 22 college students and a crew of 11, found the distressed boat while in the fifth of a six-week voyage that began in Key West on February 9, 2005, as part of the sea component of the Association's semester-long program, SEA Semester. At the time, the students were deploying oceanographic sampling equipment in clear weather with a moderate wind blowing.

After making radio calls to the U.S. Coast Guard and the SEA headquarters in Woods Hole, Captain Tarrant ordered the *Corwith Cramer's* rescue boat to be launched and sent to the boat with water and a French speaking stu-

dent, Anita Kasch, to assess the situation.

The USCG advised that since there was no other vessel in the area capable of making a rescue, they requested that the *Corwith Cramer* perform the rescue and offered to be a liaison with the Jamaican Defense Forces. The vessel was prepared to receive the Haitians, the boarding went smoothly and the following day the refugees were turned over to Jamaican authorities at Port Antonio.

Charles H. Vilas Literary Prize



Bob Van Blaricom with Eric Forsyth

The Charles H. Vilas Literary Prize was awarded to **Eric Forsyth** for numerous stories and photographs detailing his two circumnavigations in *Fiona*, his Westsail 42. With a wide variety of crews—seasoned and green, young and old, male and female—Eric has taken readers of the *CC News* around the globe in an entertaining and informative fashion. Eric's contributions to the *CC News* include: 1998 – "*Fiona* Circles the Globe in 800 Days"; 2000 – "*Fiona* in the Chilean Canals and Antarctica"; 2004 – "East-about with *Fiona*"; 2006 – "The Continuing Atlantic Adventures of

Fiona", and "Cruising Cleaner and Greener" (a novel proposal for doing without diesel).

Royal Cruising Club Trophy

The Royal Cruising Club Trophy was presented to **Cam Hinman** for his interesting passage from Australia to Vanuatu in his Valiant 42, *Makali'i*. The citation reads: "Not only is his description of the passage of special interest, but his merciful medical assistance to a young Melanesian girl and his resulting friendship with the island people makes a beautiful story. Cameron has presented his account in such a way that all readers will share his emotional rewards".



Bob Van Blaricom with Cam Hinman

Bob Drew

John Parkinson Memorial Trophy recipients for transoceanic passage were: **Garry Fischer**, MD (5th award), Transatlantic,

Diva; **Eric Forsyth** (7th & 8th awards), Transatlantic & Transatlantic, *Fiona*; **Joe Hoopes**, Transatlantic, *Pala- wan*; Scott Piper, MD (11th & 12th awards), Transatlantic & Transatlantic, *Pipe Dream IX*; **Skip & Ilze Sims**, Trans- pacific & Transpacific, *Scoots*; **Christine Sutter**, Transpacif- ic, *Wild Spirit*; **Fred Voegeli**, Transatlantic, *Frisco*; **Pe- ter Watts**, MD (2nd award), Transatlantic, *Ulidia*; **Dick York** (1st & 2nd awards), Trans- pacific & Indian Ocean, *Aragorn*.

No Circumnavigation Awards or Pennants were issued for 2005.

- Bob Van Blaricom

In Memoriam

John J. Abberley, NYS, March 8, 2006

George F. Baker, III, NYS, December 1, 2005

Richard J. Brignoli, NYS, February 6, 2006

Harry B. Elliott, ESS, 2005

Thurston Hartford, BOS, Mar. 24, 2005

John Paul Jones, SOC, November 16, 2005

C. William Lapworth, SOC, April 3, 2006

James M. Mertz, NYS, January 25, 2006

William N. Mills, SAF, April 13, 2006

Morgan Noble, SAF, November 23, 2005

John Parkinson III, NYS, December 25, 2005

J. Ross Pilling, Jr., CHE, January 31, 2006

Donald P. Robinson, ESS, December 10, 2005

W. Mason Shehan, FLA, February 20, 2006

William M. Stiger, NYS, March 26, 2006

Robert G. Stone, Jr., BOS, April 18, 2006

Frank Wheelock, MD, BOS, December 25, 2005

Peter J. Wilhite, SAF, December 31, 2005



In the Spotlight



Bill Lapworth (1919-2006)

(Eds. note: This profile was in place when the sad news came of Bill's death on April 3. The next CC News will carry an obituary.)

Bill Lapworth has been called one of the most innovative yacht designers of his time. Born in 1919, Bill started designing yachts in Southern California shortly after the end of WWII. His initial designs were for wooden boats, including the highly successful L-36

class, with over 70 hulls built. His unusual looking reverse sheer design, *Nalu II*, won the 1959 Transpac.

However, when he joined up with Jack Jensen, founder of Jensen Marine of Costa Mesa, Bill started innovating in fiberglass. Bill's most famous design was the Cal 40 that made its debut in the fall of 1963. Cal 40s won three successive Transpac victories starting in 1965 and won again in 1985. In 1966 a Cal 40 won both the SORC and the Bermuda Race. She has made a remarkable record for a stock boat that originally could be put in the water for under \$40,000, less than half the cost of custom boats of that time. In all, more than 155 Cal 40s were built.

Bill Robinson, in his book *Great American Yacht Designers*, wrote, "Perhaps the biggest eye opener of all, was how the [Cal-40] design exceeded all previous conceptions of what speeds a boat that size could attain and maintain

at sea. A 40-foot boat surfing along for hours on end at 14-16 knots, with wings of water arcing out from her hull like a water-skier's wake, was mind boggling to traditionalists, and virtually a new breed of sailors was created by this type of sailing. Young athletic crews who could stand the constant tension and exhilaration of rides like this drove Cal 40s as ocean racers had never been driven before."

Lapworth is more than a one-boat success story. The Cal 24 had a remarkable run, and more than 1,700 Cal 20s were built, with 30 fleets around the country.

Yet this innovative and practical designer was known to generations of crew as a low-key shipmate. He has been described as quietly efficient aboard a yacht, "seldom raising his voice." A young crew member who sailed with him in 1966 races on Tampa Bay when winds were "light, baffling and frustrating" marveled, "Bill has the patience of a saint."

His Cal 40 continues to endure way beyond any number of her generation. How satisfying must it have been to Bill Lapworth that 14 Cal 40s sailed the 2005 Transpac, in the 42nd year of this amazingly successful design.

- John Sanford

Where to get... CCA Clothing and Burgees

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, from which one can place orders. 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. Check the contents page.

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

Spring Meeting in San Francisco

- a splendid event in the City by the Bay

For three days in mid-April - the 19th-21st - some 165 people gathered for the Spring Meeting in San Francisco. Despite local talk of the 27 recent days of rain, these three days were blessed with fair weather, and the warm California sun *glittered on the* water of the Bay where kites and sails, ships and windsurfers entertained us. Most importantly there was pleasure to be found in renewing old friendships and making new.

Members and friends from across the country and Nova Scotia gathered Wednesday evening at the renowned St. Francis Yacht Club for registration, cocktails and a buffet dinner. Full information packets sported a marvelously whimsical logo combining the Golden Gate Bridge, CCA burgee and California hills. This logo epitomized the celebratory mood that prevailed.

On Thursday, meetings were held at St. Francis, where walls of glass overlooking the Bay made it challenging to focus on the business at hand. Those not involved in the meetings enjoyed a docent-led tour of the new de Young Art Museum with box lunch, while others opted to visit the Strictly Sail Pacific boat show.

After business for the day had been completed, the group was transported across the Golden Gate Bridge to Corinthian Island. There Bob and Susan Bernheim welcomed everyone to their beautiful home for cocktails and luscious hors d'oeuvres. On the waterfront, their home is built into the hillside, each floor offering an unobstructed view of the Bay from garden balconies.



Don Bekins

CCA party at the Bernheims

Here was the perfect venue to reunite with old friends and to meet new acquaintances.

Just down the hill within walking distance is the elegant Corinthian Yacht Club, where a delicious dinner featured the finest Sonoma County wines. Jim Cornelius, Rear Commodore of the San Francisco Station, graciously acknowledged all who gave time and effort to make this Spring Meeting a success, and between other announcements, Commodore Ned Rowland delighted us with a Maine story.

On Friday a breakfast meeting of Rear Commodores and the Membership Committee ended by 10:30, and then it was time again for entertainment. At noon, near the massive Giants' stadium on the waterfront, members and guests watched the handsome USS Potomac approach the dock, eager to board for a three-hour cruise—complete with open bar and box lunches.

Remembered as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "Floating White House", the 70-year old Potomac has been restored to her original condition; she provided the perfect setting for our final gathering.

The weather again was perfect and seas unusually calm for the Bay. Interesting narrative by docents, crew and CCA members provided stories of FDR, the Potomac, the Bay and sites of interest. With the docking of the ship in mid-afternoon, the memorable Spring Meeting of 2006 came to a close.

Everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you to the Organizing Committee for their warm hospitality and the thorough job each did to ensure all activities flowed seamlessly: Rear Commodore Jim Cornelius and Mimi; John Sanford and Judy; Jerry Knecht and Sue; Robby Robinson; Don and Joan Bekins; Bob Van Blaricom; and all others who helped in many ways.

- Nancy McKelvy



Don Bekins

*Gary & Marcia Meisner, David Arenburg,
Charles Westropp, Tad Lhamon, & Robby
Robinson*



Joan Linn Bekins

*Nat'l Sec'y Steve Taylor, VC Ross Sher-
brooke, Treas. Ross Santy & Comm. Ned
Rowland*



Joan Linn Bekins

Bob and Susan Bernheim



Joan Linn Bekins

*Bill Foss, Jane & Bob van Blaricom,
Steve & Marilyn Hunt*



Jerry Knecht

*Marilyn & Steve Hunt, Charlie Bacigalupi (in
FDR's chair), Lu Whitney & Rob Kiley*



Joan Linn Bekins

*Jim & Mimi Cornelius with Susie & Ned
Rowland*



Jim Chambers

*Joan Bekins, Dick & Chrissie Marshall
& Don Bekins*



Jerry Knecht

*Janie Forsythe, Susie Rowland, Elizabeth Bohlen, Carol
Connor, Nancy Eills, Audrey Ward, Suzanne Knecht,
Anne Smith, & Lisa von Schwarz*



CCA Boats Signed up for Centennial Race

unofficial list as of press time

Yacht Name	SailNo	Yacht Type	First Name	Last Name	Home Port
AFFINITY	USA50922	J 42	Peter E. Anthony W.	Driscoll Parker,	Mystic, CT
Alaeris	50064	Outbound 46	James and Ned	Binch & Brooks	Stamford, CT
Alliance	usa51688	Swan 45	Dominick	Porco	Newport, RI
Aphrodite	FRA16900	Swan 46	Christopher L	Otorowski	Port Madison, WA
Babe	USA 50936	Swan 46	Colin E	Couper, MD	Newport RI
Black Watch	US-71	Custom S&S 68	Joseph T.	Dockery	Newport, RI
Breezing Up	GBR4626R	J 46	Bradford	Willauer	PROUTS NECK, MAINE
Cybele	52045	IMX 45	Richard	Burnes	Boston
Cygne	USA 33813	Swan 46	Raymond S	Peterson	Warren, RI
Diva	USA 46746	Morris 46	Edwin G.	Fischer, MD	Newport, RI
Dolphin	USA50953	J 42	Henry S.	Morgan	Annapolis, MD
Emily	USA20621	Ctm 44	Edwin S	Gaynor	Southport, CT
Esmeralde	52386	Sabre 386	Bruce R.	Beard	Newport, RI
Excalibur	CDN54321	J 160	Will	Apold	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Finesse	USA50820	J 42	Newton P.S.	Merrill	St George, ME
*Gaylark	13194	Swan 38	Kaighn	Smith	Northeast Harbor, ME
Gold Digger	USA 49	J 44	James D.	Bishop	Jamestown, RI
Great American III	USA 38	Open 60	Richard B	Wilson	Marblehead, MA
Gryphon	USA51338	Aerodyne38	Walid	Abuhaidar	Boston, MA
Kinship	usa51333	Baltic 52	Tom	Selldorff	Padanaram, MA
Kodiak II	USA50705	S&S 82	E. Llwyd	Ecclestone, Jr.	Newport, RI
Lora Ann	40789	Express 37	Richard T.	du Moulin	Larchmont, NY
Mireille	USA50622	J 120	E. Hewitt	Gaynor	Southport, CT
Nicole	USA2021	Cal-40	T. Coleman	duPont	St. Michaels, MD
NOW	USA42707	Frers45	Allen L	Davies, MD	Georgetown, MD
Orion	USA43950	Taylor 41	Donald "Pat" H.	Patterson, Jr	Virginia Beach, VA
Palawan	BER550	Little Harbor 75	Joseph C	Hoopes	HAMILTON, BERMUDA
Peningo	USA 51549	Ctm 49	Sandy	Vietor	Newport
*Puritan	US30003	LH 38	William G.	Gunther	Guilford, CT
Runaway	USA444	J 44	Lawrence	Glenn	Oyster Bay, NY
Selkie	USA40808	Ctm38	Sheila	McCurdy	Oyster Bay, NY
Snow Lion	52599	Ker 50 C/R	Lawrence S.	Huntington	New York, NY
Solution	USA913	Ctm50	Carter S.	Bacon, Jr.	Hyannis Port, MA
Tango	50605	Aerodyne 43	Daniel C.	Burnes	Marblehead, MA
Temagami	KC84141	C&C 41	Arthur	English	Toronto Ontario
Temptress	USA 454016	IMX 45	Richard S	Shulman	Barrington, RI
Thistle	USA73147	Seguin 44	Bruce M	MacNeil	South Bristol, Maine
Tonic	43551	Swan 51	Mark A	Myers	Annapolis, MD
True	USA 52062	J 42	Howard B.	Hodgson, Jr.	Newport, RI
Upbeat	USA51122	J 42	Owen C.	Smith	Edgartown, MA
Upgrade	39531	Farr 395	Peter	Gibbons-Neff	Annapolis
Valkyrie	USA 52024	First 40.7	Bjorn R.	Johnson	Newport RI
Wildehyes	441	Ctm 40	Michael	Millard	Newport, RI
Windwalker	USA51104	custom 60	Craig W.	Cullen	Newport, RI
Wischbone	USA50238	Stevens 47	Jeffrey S.	Wisch, MD	Quissett, Mass
Zaraffa	USA16	Ctm 65	Huntington	Sheldon, MD	Newport, RI

* Previous Newport Bermuda Lighthouse Trophy winners

Centennial Newport Bermuda Race Set to Go!

Mark your calendars. You'll want to be off Castle Hill, Newport on June 16 for the start of the 100th anniversary of the ocean racing classic Newport Bermuda Race. One way or the other, either as participant or spectator, you will not want to miss this sailing spectacle. At press time Chairman Bill Barton's team had received no fewer than 293 entry applications for this historic event, which is shaping up to be sailed by a record fleet.

The first race was run in 1906 starting from Gravesend Bay, NY with three yachts crossing the line, and since 1926 the race has been held every other year, with a brief hiatus during WWII. The 2002 race drew a record 182 starters, a number that is more than likely to be eclipsed this year.

Race organizers, the CCA and RBYC, are being as inclusive as possible of yachts interested in the race by the use of both the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) and the IRC.

Honorary Chairman Gary Jobson had this to say: "The Bermuda Race is the preeminent distance race on the East Coast and has been for 100 years. It's a feather in every sailor's cap to have done the race. It's no small feat getting to Bermuda and the reward itself is being there on that friendly, subtropical island out in the Atlantic Ocean."

Many other sailors think of it as a "rite of passage." In this centennial year, our Club can take pride in the evolution and conduct of this enduring "Dash for the Patch".

- Tom Hazlehurst

New *Finisterre* Trophy



Tuna Wullschleger, Carleton Mitchell and RC Jim Chambers

For nearly half a century, all boats racing Newport to Bermuda have been chasing the legend of Carleton Mitchell's *Finisterre*. Not only did she win the race three times but those were three times in succession . . . 1956, '58 and '60 . . . a feat unlikely to be repeated.

Now, some of the fruit of that era is going to be immortalized in the 2006 Bermuda Race. The **Carleton Mitchell *Finisterre***

Trophy will be inaugurated on the 50th anniversary of the boat's first Bermuda win.

It will be awarded for the first time at the Government House Prizegiving as the Perpetual Trophy to the winner of the Cruising Division. The trophy itself has been given to the Race by Mitch and is a sterling silver cup originally awarded by Nassau Yacht Club to *Finisterre* for a 1956 victory.

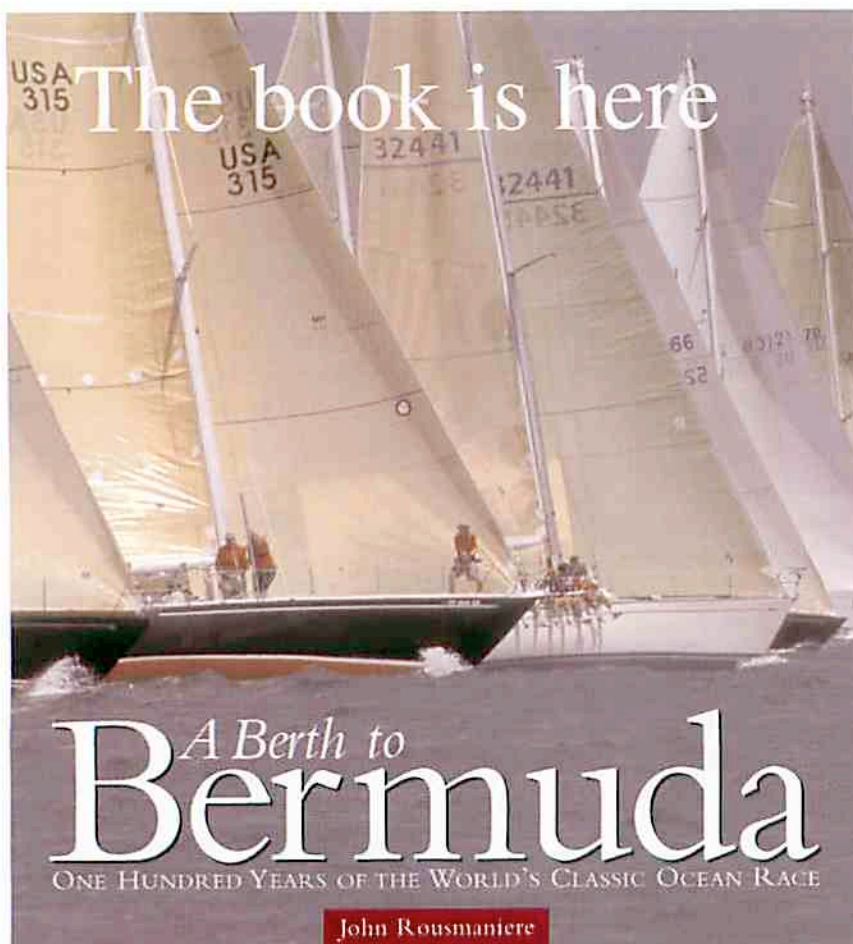
The Keeper for the trophy will be a mounted half-hull model of *Finisterre* accompanied by a plaque (to be delivered later) showing the current winner's lines and an inscription describing that yacht's accomplishment as the current winner of the trophy.

Many thanks to Carleton Mitchell for his generosity and members of the Florida Station for their assistance in arranging this gift.

- Bob Darbee, Awards Chair,
2006 Newport Bermuda Race



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A Berth to Bermuda: 100 Years of the World's Classic Ocean Race

When "the thrash to the Onion Patch" was first sailed amid loud controversy in 1906, the Bermuda Race created the new sport of ocean racing by amateur sailors in normal boats. In 44 races some 40,000 men and women have raced 4,200 boats over (and often through) more than 2,500,000 miles to Bermuda.

In the official centennial history of the race, John Rousmaniere, author of the classic *Fastnet*, *Force 10* and other books (and a Bermuda Race veteran), explains the race in his authoritative text and hundreds of photographs. He takes the reader on board dozens of boats – from wooden schooners to today's cut-

ting-edge carbon-fiber racers – to experience the quirks, miseries and joys of the oldest regularly scheduled ocean race.

While taking us on a berth to Bermuda in all 44 races, Rousmaniere tells of the race's figures and developments:

- Carleton Mitchell and *Finisterre* set one of the immortal records in sports
- The heroic *Jolie Brise* saves ten sailors from a burning schooner
- The evolution of knowledge about the Gulf Stream
- How navigation changed from a target shoot to a chess match
- How to win a Ber-

muda Race (and how to lose one, too)

- Bow-to-bow duels from start to finish – *Baruna* and *Bolero*, *Finisterre* and *Belmore*, *Boomerang* and *Pyewacket*

- The CCA's and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club's long history of painstaking efforts to make the race both fair and safe

- And, of course, there is beautiful, hospitable Bermuda. To quote Waldo Howland, "For a chance to enjoy such pleasures as Bermuda affords, who wouldn't race there, even if he were at heart a cruising man?"

John Rousmaniere's 22 books include *Fastnet*, *Force 10*, *In a Class by Herself: The Yawl Bolero and the Passion for Craftsmanship*, *After the Storm*, *The Annapolis Book of Seamanship*, and *Sleek*. He has sailed over 35,000 miles, including seven Newport Bermuda Races (twice in prize-winners), and is a member of the CCA. He lives in New York with his wife, Leah.

You can order the book online: www.mysticseaport.org or by phone (800-331-2665). 160 pages, 10x10; color and b&w photos; \$50.



John Rousmaniere

Steve Thing



News from Stations & Posts



Dan Nerney

Past RC Garry Fischer, RC Nancy McKelvy and past RC Brad Willauer

Boston and Buzzards Bay

The Boston Station upholds the Club's pledge to "refuse stoutly to accumulate an on-shore contingent" but let this not prevent us from gathering occasionally ashore in the off-season for drink, sustenance and friendship.

The season opener was the Annual Dinner at the Dedham Club, where a full dining room welcomed Nancy McKelvy as our new Rear Commodore. Outgoing RC Fischer and Past RC Willauer presented the new RC with the Station punch bowl, freshly re-silvered and flawlessly polished, and the RC immediately invited the Station - no, the Club - to Southwest Harbor for some rum punch and the start of a long awaited Station Cruise in Downeast Maine. More on that later.

While the Friday Rat's lunches got off to a late start, they were extremely well attended all winter.

The Bake House at the Squantum Club in East Providence was the site of the Buzzards Bay Post Annual Dinner in early February. Kin How-

land, Post Secretary/Treasurer, arranged the fete with decorations by his wife, Meredith, and entertainment by his old roommate Charley Welch and culinary review by Post Captain Dan Nerney. Charley showed slides of his voyage aboard Ned Cabot's *Cielita*, with Bob Quinlan as well, from Cape Breton

Island through Prins Christiansund at Greenland's southern tip to Iceland last summer. This passage inside Cape Farewell, impassable for ice most of the summer, is a Holy Grail of high latitude cruisers, and Charley showed us why. Like sailing through the Alps!

As this is written, we've recently received our *CC News*, and the lofty standards set by editors past have been raised to new heights by Harriet and TL Linskey in this terrific issue.

Bill Barton and his crew are out straight with plans for the hundredth running of the Bermuda Race. If you are not entered, there is probably still time to help with a committee or secure a berth down

or back from the Patch. This promises to be a race and a party not to be missed.

And if you are back in home waters by mid July, another "not-to-be missed" is the Boston Station Maine Cruise. We will start with a midday gathering at RC McKelvy's on July 23 and work our way east, at least as far as Roque, where we'll have a picnic on the beach. There will be several lay days and many attractive harbors in the area for those who wish to break off and catch up with old friends.

If you would like to receive mailings on this cruise, please send \$20 payable to CCA-Boston to cruise treasurer Max Fletcher at 96 Main St. #175, Brunswick, ME 04011; please include your boat name and a guess at the number of people aboard.

- Bob Morris

Bras d'Or

Nova Scotia was blessed with a mild winter this year, leaving a few of the Bras d'Or Station members standing wistfully on the shore on bright winter afternoons, thinking we should be out sailing.

Iain and Lesley Tulloch christened their graceful new boat *Riffle* into the fleet in late November.

Riffle, built by Iain to his own design, is a 15', 75-lb. rowing dinghy with a sliding seat and outriggers for the oars. It separates into three sections so the bow and stern fit in the middle section, making a package that is only 5'6" long and 3' wide. Sea trials went very smoothly, so we can expect to see them rocketing around the rest of the



Dan Nerney

Bob & Patsy Lawrence and Pepper & Jim McHutchison

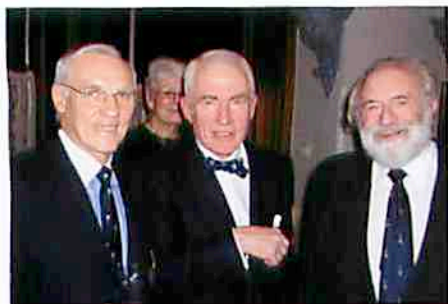


Riffle

fleet this summer.

The ever intrepid Syd Dumasq always keeps his little outboard powered commuter boat *Willet* in commission until after the New Year, so on the 8th of January, Syd and his son Alex invited me for the last run of the old season (or first of the new, depending on your perspective) across Mahone Bay. A very fine day with no ice; just the thing to keep the spirits up!

The Station is very pleased that our own Hal Davies has been awarded the Gerry Roufs Trophy by the Canadian Yachting Association. This award, established in 1998 by CYA to honour the memory of Gerry Roufs, the internationally renowned Canadian sailor and singlehanded offshore racer who was lost at sea in 1997, is presented to the person whose achievement in international offshore racing has had significant impact on the recognition of sailing in Canada.



Denis Linton, Rod Fraser & Hal Davies

Hal received the award on his birthday at the annual CYA banquet in Toronto.

Hans Himmelman made his fall pilgrimage south with his Swan 51, *Delawana*, departing Nova Scotia on November 4 en route to Tortola via Bermuda. The crew for the first leg included Station members Sandy MacMillan and Dave Arenburg, as well as Hans's 82 year old father, Capt. Doug Himmelman, as chef extraordinaire. The first leg to Bermuda was uneventful, but the rest of the trip to Tortola was quite rigorous, with winds 25-30 knots gusting to 40. Hans reports, "We filled the cockpit with water twice, and I now know the stereo cockpit speakers are not truly waterproof." We have three Station members planning transatlantic voyages this summer. In May our Rear Commodore, Denis Linton, will leave Halifax with *Carpe Diem I* for Kinsale via the Azores, then sail clockwise around Ireland and store the boat in Bangor for the winter. He'll close the loop in 2007/08 via Spain, the Canaries and the Caribbean.

In June, Sam Rogers will sail for Ireland via the northern route on the first stage of a one-year Atlantic circuit aboard *Medley*, along with his wife Suezan, his brother-in-law Greg Aikins, Greg's four teenage children and, we sincerely hope, a huge quantity of groceries.

The always-on-the-move Phil Wash will do the Newport Bermuda Race aboard the Swan 56 *Clover*, continue across and into the Med to sail the Swan Worlds in Sardinia in September, and return in the ARC Rally to St. Lucia in time to be home for

Christmas.

We've had a good year on the business and social front. The Station's Fall meeting, on October 5, with 15 members present, was both informed and entertained by a presentation on emergency first aid by one of our number, Dr. Alan Bishop. Al, recognizing the principal distinguishing characteristic of his audience, focused on some of the emergency issues that may affect aging male crew members when far from shore.

Our Rear Commodore, Denis Linton, attended the CCA annual meeting in November in New York and reported on its doings at the Station's annual general meeting later that month. We were very pleased to be joined at that meeting by John Harries of the Bermuda Station and sometime resident of Nova Scotia and doubly pleased to present the Millennium Bowl jointly to two of our Station's senior members, Gordon Mack and John Doull. This is a trophy donated by past Rear Commodore Doug Henshaw and awarded to recognize exemplary efforts and contributions to the Station.

January's winter social at the Blomiden Inn attracted a crowd of about 35 members and spouses for



Walter Flower on his 82nd birthday

a fine meal and a round of "Happy 82nd Birthday" to Walter Flower, a Station member since 1955.

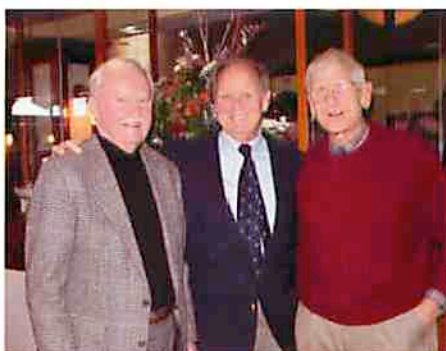
Upcoming Bras d'Or Station dates are summer raft-up and breaching of the rum barrel on the weekend of June 24, summer cruise first week of August, fall meeting October 5, fall social October 21 and annual general meeting November 23. Guests from other stations are encouraged and welcomed at any time.

As a closing note, Hal Davies received the Gerry Roufs Trophy in part for his leadership in establishing and promoting the biannual Route Halifax-Saint Pierre Ocean Race. The third RHSP will start from Halifax July 9 and finish in Saint Pierre to coincide with the French Fête Nationale and the festivities surrounding Bastille Day, July 14. This is an excellent jumping-off point for a cruise to Newfoundland or Labrador and a return through the beautiful Bras d'Or Lakes, birthplace of the CCA. We hope to see a strong CCA contingent in the race again this year!

- Wilson Fitt

Chesapeake

Averaging two dozen attendees, we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Annapolis Yacht Club. These wonderful luncheon sessions include a speaker, and are open to any visiting CCA members and their guests. In January Andrew Gantt reviewed his cruise in the Baltic, including Russian waters. At deadline time, we were looking forward to hearing about the war of 1812 and the Chesapeake



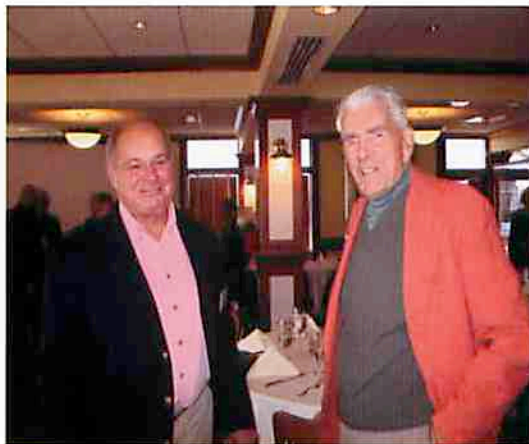
Jack Quinn, Steve Hiltabidle
and Ned Shuman

Marsie Hawkinson

apeake from Dr. Bill Dudley, and to a dinner party at the home of Steve and Mary Hiltabidle.

Our luncheon in the Philadelphia area in mid April traditionally takes place at Philadelphia Corinthian Yacht Club, the starting point for many of the 'Cruises Mainly In The Bay Of The Chesapeake' described by the Barrie brothers in their classic 1909 book of that name.

The Spring Cruise planned for May will start with a kick-off raft party in Harness Creek, South River. The first race for the new CCA Chesapeake Station Commodore's Cup will be held Saturday on the way to Fenny Johnson's home on the Chester River. Dinner and trophy presentation will be held ashore. Across the bay on Sunday, we will hold a barbecue at the Gib-



John Melchner and Bob McNitt

Marsie Hawkinson

son Island Yacht Squadron boat-house.

Wally and Molly Stone will again host the midsummer lobster feast July 15 at their home on Crab Creek off the South River in Annapolis. Continental breakfast with Bloody Marys will be the order of the day on Sunday the 16th.

As this is written, RC Sunny Smith sends his greetings from Costa Rica.

- John Hawkinson

Essex

The Essex Station had another successful sailing and partying season. The Fall Rendezvous was held at Mason's Island Yacht Club in Fishers Island Sound. We started out on Friday night in West Harbor with the usual cocktails and dinner. It was a nice evening, and the anchorage was peaceful. Saturday, after some beautiful Fishers Island Sound sailing, the fleet gathered at Mason's Island for a clambake, where we were met by 40 additional members and guests who arrived by land cruisers. The fleet consisted of Frank and Elizabeth Bohlen on *Tattler*, Rear Commodore Paul and Carol Connor on *Kite*, Rives and Nancy Potts on *Carina*, Tom and Dottie Wadlow on *Joyant*, and your scribe with Diane Embree on *Meridian*. It was a cool night, but everyone seemed to get enough inner warmth, supplied by Barnaby's entertainment committee, to make the evening a grand time. Our Cruise Committee chair, Rives Potts, outdid himself yet again and provided a splendid Sunday for us to sail back to our winter yards.

Our annual meeting was held at the usual spot, Essex Corinthian Yacht Club. The building may have changed its name, but



Essex Station dinner at the Boom Restaurant

the ESS has been meeting there since the Forties. There was only one change in the roster; Spencer Leech took over the reins of secretary from Tom Keogh. We want to thank Tom for doing such a great job for so many, many years in that post. The Bruce B. Edmonds Anchor Watch Memorial Trophy for meritorious seamanship, went this year to Dorothy DuPont; and the Vernon Merrit Memorial Trophy for the Station boat going the farthest East went to *Sirella Encore* and Charles-Henri Mangin for his

trip in the Mediterranean Sea.

Our Winter meeting was held at the Boom Restaurant at Pilot's Point Marina in Westbrook. The restaurant is closed for the season, but Rives opened it up for us and we had the place to ourselves. We pushed all the tables together to make a very large banquet, and the 25 of us had a grand time at our potluck dinner

On a sad note, I received this from Chris Wick: "My mother, Marguerite 'Greetie' Wick, died in her sleep. She was a long time advocate of the CCA, as wife of a member since 1946, mother of three members, and a long time sailor, racing frostbite dinghies, racing twice to Bermuda with my father, cruising the east coast on our motorsailer *Lucayo*. We will miss her smiling face and 'happy face in the morning' admonitions." The week before Chris wrote this, Greetie was with us at our monthly luncheon. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed.

Please do not forget our third-Thursday-of-the-month lunch at Essex Corinthian

Yacht Club on Novelty Lane in Essex. We have good local attendance, as well as many guests from other stations.

- Jeb Embree

Florida

Midwinter Rendezvous - Florida Station members and guests enjoyed three great days of fun in Ft. Lauderdale, all within a short distance from one event to another. There was a record turnout at the over-subscribed opening dinner at Lauderdale Yacht Club. Gary Jobson loaned us the use of his Rolex Transatlantic Challenge movie, which may have been the reason.

On Saturday evening we moved a short distance to Randy Fisher's beautiful home, which one can easily see from the Club. Set among the tall mansions on either side, Randy had a perfect setting - A front patio on the main harbor for cocktails where we could watch the huge liners head out the inlet, and a back patio on the canal where a fine dinner was served. The party included the Florida Station's patented rum-punch keg.

At noon on Sunday, just around the corner from the Yacht Club, Dick and Celia Jayson opened their house overlooking Lake Sylvia -



Dot duPont

Carrol Connor



Charles-Henri & Marguerite Mangin

Carrol Connor



Jerry Clapp, Jack Wills and David Mullock at spring cruise opening dinner

Barbara Watson



Cy Sweet, Steve James, Dick Jayson & Steve Heartt

starting with cocktails and then one of the Jaysons' famous buffets that they have prepared for us so many times. Dick and Celia sponsor this party on their own, and it is very special to all of us.

Member Cruising News - George Bahen is underway on Alfie Sanford's (BOS) 57' yawl *Impala*. They departed Madeira in February bound for Antigua and will continue on to Puerto Rico.

Milt and Judy Baker continue to cruise the NE coast of South America on *Blue Water*, their new Nordhavn 47. They will be heading NW late May via Bonaire, the Virgins and Bermuda to cruise Maine for the summer.

Wally Ross

Scott Piper left *Pipe Dream IX* in Turkey after the Croatia Cruise. He heads back this spring to cruise the Eastern Med to the

Black Sea including Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Crete, Bulgaria and Romania, which should increase his list of courtesy flags to 108. He currently holds ten Parkinsons awards.

Steve and Karyn James have returned to *Threshold* in La Rochelle. They will be doing the Eastern Med Rally on a friend's boat, then back to *Threshold* to cruise Spain and Portugal.

Pam and Andy Wall are planning a transatlantic crossing on *Kandarik* and hope to depart in June.

Spring Cruise - The Florida Station scheduled a Spring Cruise on the West Coast beginning at St.



Pam & Andy Wall, Jim Gourd & Peggy Smith

Wally Ross

Pete Yacht Club, ending at Useppa Island on April 2. RC Chambers planned to host a pre-cruise BBQ at their home at Manatee Pocket in Stuart for East coast participants.

- Wally Ross and Jim Chambers

New York

Station member Eric Forsyth received the Charles H. Vilas Literary Prize at the Awards Dinner in NY on January 17, for his writings and photographs of his two circumnavigations in *Fiona*, his Westsail 42. He was set to be our guest speaker at a brunch to be held at Norwalk (CT) Shore and Country Club, in late March, with a video of his voyage last year from Long Island to Ireland to the Baltic to London to the Falklands to Bermuda and return to Long Island. (This is now on our website).

Brand-new member Arthur ("Port") Draper has become co-chair of our Events Committee along with Susan Kline, who has been Chair of Events Afloat for a number of years.

Your scribe and wife, Audrey, are off for a week in the West Indies on a chartered sloop with CCA member Jim Clark and Ruth.

- Peter Ward



Barbara Watson

Florida Station tour of Snead Island Boat Works



Doug Cole

PNW Station prepares for the fall cruise

Pacific Northwest

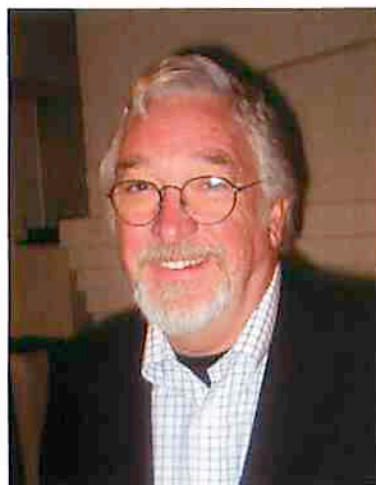
PNW Fleet Captain Dave Heaps announced plans for the annual spring cruise. Members will gather at Bellingham, WA on Sunday, May 21. Subsequent venues will be Sucia and Stuart Islands, with a catered dinner at San Juan Island Yacht Club on May 24 in Friday Harbor.

Monthly planning meetings continue for the 2006 Two Nations National Cruise. Cruise Chair-couple Tad and Joyce Lhamon are fine-tuning the itinerary and events. Beginning in Anacortes, WA on Sunday, September 10, the cruise will include a variety of locations in both the San Juan Islands and Gulf Islands in British Columbia. A highlight will be Twelve Meter racing, both full-size boats and "mini 12s."

PNW long distance cruisers Maxine and Larry Bailey are in New Zealand, where they have purchased a car in anticipation of several months of "land cruising." As of this writing, Kaspar and Trish Schibli aboard *Starfire* were preparing to depart Acapulco for the Galapagos. PNW member Cam Hinman is still cruising in the South Pacific. He was presented with the Royal Cruising Club Tro-

phy at the CCA annual awards dinner in January.

Cam and Marilyn Hinman, aboard *Makali'i*, after being in the South Pacific for the past six years



Doug Cole

Bob Perry

are planning to sail back closer to home. Their plan for 2006 is to island country hop from Brisbane, Australia to Hilo, Hawaii by way of Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands, and French Polynesia from May until October with vari-

ous friends as crew.

Seattle naval architect Bob Perry was the speaker at our February meeting. He has been called the "King of Cruisers." His first big hit was the Valiant 40, which he designed 32 years ago when he was 28 years old. "I try to draw for the client what they think will be the ideal cruising boat, but I refuse to go along with it if I think it will be ugly," Perry said. Perry commented on a sampling of his recent designs, including a 59' fast cruising sloop which weighed 38,000 pounds and was given a PHRF rating of -33, a Stevens 53' cutter and a 40' commuter yacht for an island hotel in Florida. Perhaps the most unusual boat was a 40' modern gaff schooner that is currently under construction at the Jespersen yard in Sidney, BC.

- Doug Cole

San Francisco

At the annual Christmas party in December, Christine Sutter was awarded the Station's Cruiser of the Year trophy to honor Christine's two-year voyage to Mexico and the South Pacific aboard her 36' sloop, *Wild Spirit*. The award had a very special meaning for Christine since her late husband, Peter Sutter, had



John Sanford

Christine Sutter with Bob Van Blaricom, RC Jim Cornelius looking on.



John Sanford

San Francisco plans the Spring Meeting

been a winner several years ago.

The 2006 National Spring Meeting planning consumed much of the Station's energy for the past year. Spearheaded by Rear Commodore Jim Cornelius, Co-Chairmen Jerry Knecht and John Sanford with committee members Don Bekins, Robby Robinson and Bob Van Blaricom and their wives put together a full program of San Francisco's nautical highlights, with many members of the Station assisting at various functions.

Cruisers' plans for the year include Bill Foss' Atlantic crossing on *Détente* in June with stops in the Azores, Portugal and Spain. Jim Atrim is heading the other way on a yet unnamed boat in the Pacific Cup to Hawaii. Jerry Eaton will be picking up *Blue Heron* in Croatia in May and continuing his fourth summer in Europe with travels to Greece and Turkey. Peter Darbee will be moving his Oyster 56, *Mystic Pearl*, from her winter cruising base in St. Maarten in the Caribbean to Oyster Bay, NY in May. Peter's wife, Melinda, will be first

mate and Jim Cornelius will join as crew. For a change of pace, Tom Hall will be chartering a barge to cruise the canals of Wales in June. David Fullagar spent last September in the canals of France near Dijon, and this summer he will be back on his own boat cruising the Pacific Northwest. Crossing the Atlantic from Lagos, Portugal to St. Barths was Rick Wood on Alfie Sanford's *Impala*. Cruising in Belize on a chartered catamaran this March were Don Bekins and Jerry Knecht.

Four members of our Station planned to be on the CCA Baja Cruise: Bob Hanelt, Bill Leroy and John Sanford will be guests on members' boats. Wyman Harris, who has spent the winter in Mexico on *Safari*, plans after the CCA Cruise to leave his boat in Nuevo Vallarta and return next fall to enjoy another winter season in Mexico

- John Sanford

Southern California

Twenty-six members and guests

attended our first 2006 meeting at Long Beach Yacht Club. Duffy Duffield was our guest entertainer with the history of his invention, the Duffy Electric Boat, and a recount of his 2005 Trans-Pacific Race aboard *Merlin*. Last spring we heard from a talented and well-respected designer and builder the attributes of the swing keel. So Duffy's experience and thoughts on *Merlin's* swing keel provided a rather contrary and amusing insight.

In February many of us viewed Richard and Sheri Crowe's cold-molded Farr 44, which they are building between cruises. The interior is about complete, and deck is now being laid. Richard is the captain of *Alaska Eagle* (ex-*Flyer of Whitbread* days) and on almost continual Pacific training and charter voyages. In their spare moments, Richard and Sheri delivered *Kialoa III* from Uruguay to Newport Beach, her new home at Orange Coast College School of Sailing and Seamanship.

Nine SOC boats departed with plenty of time to spare for the 1200-mile trip to Loreto, Baja Sur California to enjoy the CCA Baja and Sea of Cortez National Cruise.

In January we welcomed two new members - Don Russell of Newport Beach and Don Clothier of Honolulu.

- Andy Dossett

Deadline
for Fall GAM
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September 6



Committee News

Cruising Guides and Charts

In March 2006 a new edition of the *Cruising Guide to Labrador* was issued.

Last March new editions of both the *Cruising Guide to the Nova Scotia Coast* and the *Cruising Guide to Newfoundland* were issued.

For those who cruise 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 use them.

Each winter, usually in January, the last year's updates are compiled and posted on the Cruising Guide web site: www.pilot-press.com. (Why hide the information in some file cabinet for 4-5 years between new editions of the guide?)

A steady stream of charts continues to come and go. Last summer Dick Lobes contributed a substantial number of charts, primarily of the Canadian Maritimes, to the Chart Loaning Service. Also, the use of this service is alive and well, with charts out on loan for Scandinavia, the British Isles, the Mediterranean and Nova Scotia.

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 you're interested in - and happy sailing.

- Sandy Weld

Membership

Our membership continues to grow in strength and numbers. Read Evans and Bill Wohlforth's profiles on the following pages and learn more about our newest members. We'll all be looking forward to meeting them afloat and ashore.



*New membership chair -
Frank Bohlen*

Following our membership meeting on November 15, Frank Bohlen took over as the new National Membership Chairman. Frank, who was Rear Commodore of the Essex Station and has been membership chairman of the Essex Station for the past five years, will do an excellent job of maintaining our membership while upholding the high standards set forth in our bylaws. I know everyone will continue to give Frank, and your Station membership chairmen, your total support. And keep a look out for Frank and his wife Elizabeth on *Tattler* when you're on the water.

National Secretary Steve Taylor has compiled some interesting statistics. When the last posting process was concluded, 473 (al-

most 40%) of what will now be about 1,200 regular members will have been elected to membership in the last ten years! This not only indicates that our organization is vital but equally important, it indicates that you, the members, are working in conjunction with the Membership Committees to keep the CCA strong.

As Frank takes over, I would like to thank each of you for your help and cooperation. It has been a great honor to serve as your Membership Chairman for the past five years. This honor has given me the opportunity to meet many wonderful individuals within the CCA, each and every one always ready to help or contribute. The new members who have joined the CCA in the past years have all been individuals whom we hope will help perpetuate the spirit of the CCA.

Our membership guidelines, set forth many years ago, are still pertinent, and the burgee we fly is a banner of achievement to be flown proudly. It represents not only you and your boat, but all of the members within our great organization.

- Jack Towle, Past Chair

Offshore Communications

We recently posted to the CCA website a paper, "Sea Area Designations Used For Offshore Weather Forecasts".

The paper is mainly charts of named sea areas. The US charts include the east, south and west coasts, Hawaii, Alaska and the Caribbean. Canadian charts cover the east, north and west coasts. In Europe, the UK chart covers the wa-

ters from Iceland to Norway south to Spain. The French chart covers the Atlantic and Mediterranean as do the Spanish charts. Mediterranean charts also include Italian, Greek and Turkish waters. Pacific area charts for Australia and New Zealand waters are also included.

The German Weather Service broadcasts five-day shipping weather forecasts for the areas around Europe via RTTY. They can be received on SSB radios in conjunction with most computer weather fax programs.

This paper may be found under the sidebar "Offshore Communications and Electronics" on the CCA's website.

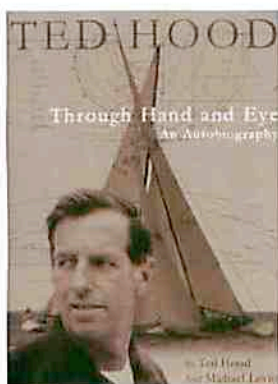
- Walt Paul

A new autobiography, *Through Hand and Eye*, has been written by Ted Hood (BOS/BUZ), with Michael Levitt. The many facets

of Ted's remarkable life to date are illustrated abundantly with photographs, as the past half century or more of our sport comes alive in the telling.

Mystic Seaport Museum is the publisher.

Two high-latitude films are included in a recent DVD produced by Gary Jobson (CHE): Expedition Antarctica and Expedition to the Arctic: 80 Degrees North. Gary's cinematic productions are well known and highly regarded, and these poles-apart films of dramatic footage are up to his usual standards.



In the News



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A member of the Boston Station/ Buzzards Bay Post and a Firstie at the Naval Academy, Midshipman Catherine Reppert recently was honored with the LTG Robert G. Taber/Capt. Robert D. McWethy Award. The award is made to a midshipman first class to recognize "unparalleled professional competency, expertise under sail, personal dedication, and excellence in seamanship and navigation."

The nomination by the Officer-in-Tactical Command describes

Cat as "an extremely confident and experienced skipper and offshore sailor. Throughout the underway phases of the training program," the citation continues, "she approached each seamanship evolution and situation with characteristic superior leadership, innovation, motivation and energy."

As Officer-in-Charge of NAS-2 *Courageous*, Midshipman Reppert "immediately assumed a leadership role throughout the squadron...Extremely proactive, at the morning OINC meeting, she was always the one prepared with daily meteorology data and a plan before the meeting commenced."

The award was established to recognize contributions of Bob Taber and Bob McWethy, both CCA members, in developing the midshipmen offshore cruise credit sail training program at the Naval Academy.

Congratulations, Cat, and three cheers on your imminent graduation from the Naval Academy!

The Eddy family raced their Cal 40 Callisto to Honolulu in the 2005 Transpac. They were part of a 14-boat Cal 40 class...amazing for a class built mainly in the '60s. Crewing: CCA member James Eddy III, CCA member Park Eddy, Steve Dair, CCA member Jim Eddy, cousin John Ewart. Park's son



Hunter is the boy. James and Park have participated in seven Transpacs, Jim in five.

We felt like the first discoverers . . .

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here in 1941 and based his popular book, *The Sea of Cortez*, on that trip. Without roads and with little fresh water, development has been minimal. In reference to the untimely cancellation of Aero California service from La Paz, we also learned that NAFTA could mean, "No Airlines Fly There Anymore."



John Sanford

Lou Scott and Jack Cahill

The committee - Len Baker, Jack Cahill, Lou Scott, Larry Somers - organized a superb opening cocktail party/dinner in Loreto and closing party in La Paz. Both were highlighted by Mexican music, and Lou Scott was seen leading Loreto dancers in a conga line. The

Sea Bird, with 63 aboard, was the focus for two beach parties.

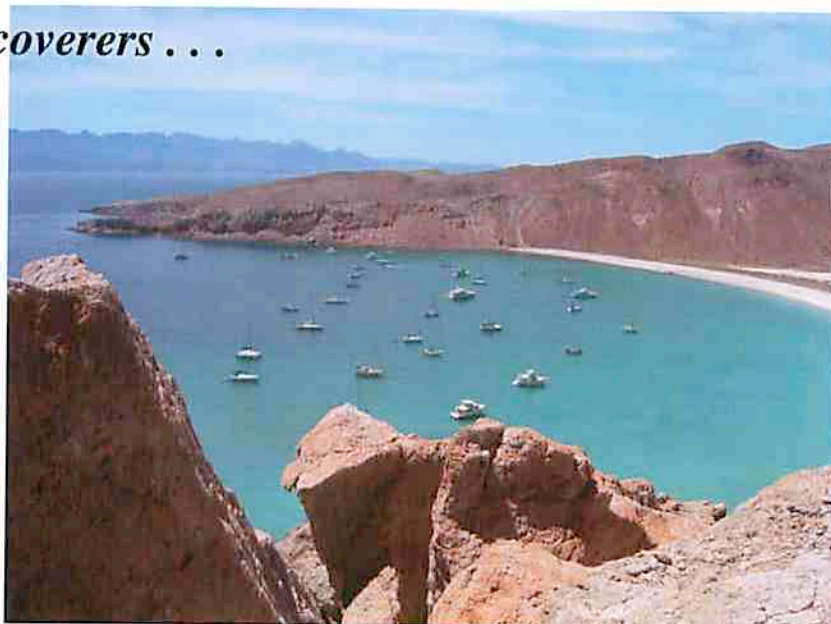
Getting to our Baja cruise area from Southern California involved a 2,000-mile round trip. Nevertheless, we had ten private yachts: Jack Cahill's *Allegra*, Andy Dossett's *Bonnie Doone*, Al Garnier's *Chez Nous*, Peter Noonan's *Defiance*, Don Ayres' *Drumbeat*, Rick Williams' *Festival*, Tom Corkett's *Just Once*, Wyman Harris' *Safari* (from San Francisco), Tod White's

Seascope and Vern Edler's *Viva*. Rounding out the fleet were six Moorings sailboats that had traveled 127 miles from La Paz.

Our first anchorage was Puerto Ballandra on Isla Carmen, just 16 nm from the fleet anchorage in Puerto Escondido. In Puerto Ballandra you felt you were sailing in Arizona - with stark, multi-layered mountains rising 5,800 feet on the Baja peninsula and the Isla Carmen hills dotted with cactus.

The next day we had a short voyage to a romantic anchorage, Honeymoon Cove, on Isla Danzante, a steep, barren and rocky island. Warm weather encouraged swimming and kayaking. We encountered surprisingly few other yachts, unlike most areas in the Caribbean and East Coast.

After the 17 nm passage to Bahia Agua Verde, we were ready to party. First there was swimming, snorkeling and kayaking in blue-green water. Later the *Sea Bird* crew set up a mini buffet and bar in a steep-sided cove with a very rocky beach, where our hearty group enjoyed



Chuck Cook

View of the fleet at Isla San Francisco



Larry Somers

Commodore's cocktail party on the beach at Isla San Francisco



Burt Zillgitt

Inauguration of the SOC rum keg



Larry Somers

PC Bill Whitney



Larry Somers

*Bob Lawrence
& Susie Rowland*



John Sanford

RC Andy Dossett



Larry Somers

*Vern Edler, Howard Wright
& Don Salisbury*



John Sanford

*Judy Sanford, Patsy Lawrence
& Wyman Harris*



John Sanford

Seabird at anchor

the spectacular sunset.

The next day we sailed 35 nm to Punta Evaristo. Again you had the feeling of looking up one wall of the Grand Canyon with steep, multi-layered rock telling of eons of volcanic eruptions, subsidence, then a huge cracking of the earth that both separated the Baja Peninsula from the mainland and tilted it to the west. You wished you were a geologist to fully understand the riddle of the rocks.

Friday found us at the pretty South Pacific-like Isla San Francisco, where white sand beaches welcomed us for another sunset cocktail/buffet party provided by

the *Sea Bird* crew.

After a restless night with a stiff onshore breeze, we headed for our final anchorage at Caleta Partida, next to Isla Espiritu Santo. The cove reminded one of spots in the Marquesas, and a guidebook referred to the well protected harbor as a sunken volcano with small openings on the east and west. This was our most beautiful anchorage, with white sand beaches, turquoise water, lagoons and dramatic volcanic formations.

Next morning, *Sea Bird* left to drop passengers in La Paz. The rest of the fleet followed and by late afternoon we assembled for our final

party at the glamorous Hotel Fiesta Inn. Mariachis serenaded us, preceding a lavish Mexican buffet.

Commodore Rowland thanked the hard working cruise committee and handed out gifts to each member. As a final gesture of graciousness, the photographer from *Sea Bird* showed a DVD of the trip. In addition to people shots, we saw a fin whale mother and calf along with bottlenose dolphins and common porpoises, California sea lions and most amusing of all, flipping rays. It doesn't get much better than that. Baja was a blast.

- John Sanford



Welcome New Members

By Bill Wohlforth and Evans Wohlforth



WILLIAM P. (BILL) ANDERSON

Sherborn, Massachusetts

Spouse: Sue

Station: Boston

Yacht: Alden Challenger 38 *Black Pearl*

Proposer: Gregory C. Carroll

Membership: Biddeford Pool Yacht Club

Bill Anderson is a life-long sailor with deep roots in our sport and Biddeford Pool Yacht Club. His father, William G., was a CCA member from the 1950s to his death a few years ago, and several members remember learning the ropes from him. He knows and sails classics. Bill has in recent years restored his Alden Challenger *Black Pearl*, and, previous to his current yacht, Bill sailed the Aage Nielsen double-ended sloop *Snow Star*. In 2004 and '05, Bill has logged sea miles as watch captain aboard Greg Carroll's *Thunderhead* trans-Atlantic and from Antigua to Maine via Bermuda. But he has been making offshore passages since boyhood,

including one at the age of 13 from the Caribbean to Maine aboard one of his father's *Windsongs*. The CCA is glad to welcome this very experienced cruising sailor, and we look forward to seeing *Black Pearl* in distant ports flying our burgee.



FREDERICK L. BICKLEY

St. Pete Beach, Florida

Spouse: Penny

Station: Florida

Yacht: Irwin 68' *Mango Latitudes*

Proposer: Charles E. Morgan, Jr.

Fred Bickley has devoted a lifetime to offshore racing and cruising throughout the Caribbean. Fred has served in virtually every position that exists at St. Petersburg Yacht Club. In 2007, he will become commodore. He intends to sail his yacht to the 2007 America's Cup as the flagship of SPYC and from there spend two years in the Med. Fred has sailed with such notables as Peter Bowker and Dennis Connor, and he was bowman aboard Charlie Morgan's 1970 America's Cup defense contender *Heritage*. He has raised a family in the sailing tradition. He and Penny devoted sub-

stantial time to the US Optimist Dinghy Association, and their children raced Optis extensively throughout the US and abroad. He has won the St. Petersburg to Isla Mujeres race more than once. But Fred is said to be as handy in the bilge as he is on deck and does most of the work on his boats himself. We are happy to welcome this accomplished sailor to the CCA.

Membership: St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Armed Services: Captain, U.S. Air Force

MICHAEL BROWN

Eastsound, Washington

Spouse: Lee

Station: Pacific Northwest

Yacht: Little Harbor 53 *Wings*

Proposer: Thomas D. O'Brien

Michael Brown is a sailor with a remarkably wide range of nautical experience. He has been a commercial fisherman and a charter skipper. He has singlehanded a San Juan 24 around Vancouver Island. These days Mike and Lee regularly double-hand their Little Harbor 53. They logged many West Coast miles from Seattle to Mexico before moving *Wings* to the East Coast. From Florida, they are headed for Maine via Bermuda and plan to cruise between there and the Caribbean. Mike is known as a good hand in a blow and always ready to help his fellow sailors. On a passage to San Diego from Puerto Vallarta with the wind on the nose, he turned back twice to help other yachts. Mike has had a prominent career: CFO of Mi-

crosoft and President of NASDAQ. He is active in organized yachting in the Orcas Island Yacht Club. The CCA is glad to have Mike among its ranks.

Membership: Orcas Island Yacht Club



Dale and Doug Bruce

DOUGLAS ANDREWS BRUCE

Camden, Maine

Spouse: Dale

Station: Boston

Yacht: Tayana 55 *Bluewater*

Proposer: Ross C. Santy

Memberships: Camden Yacht Club; American Yacht Club

Armed Services: Army National Guard

Doug and Dale bring some 40 years of experience on the water to the CCA. They sailed together in the youth sailing program at American Yacht Club, and were even married there prior to honeymooning on Dale's father's Hinckley Pilot. In 1994, they purchased their custom Tayana 55 *Bluewater* and spent the next five years exploring virtually all of the Caribbean. Beginning in 1999 they have been based in Camden, Maine, from whence they have made multiple 2000+ mile explorations of the Canadian Maritimes. Doug and Dale have raised three daughters in the sailing tradition, and they have cruised for

many years aboard family yachts. Doug has had articles published in *Blue Water Sailing*, *Points East* and *Flying Fish* (the publication of the Ocean Cruising Club), and he has been a contributor to the CCA's *Cruising Guide to Newfoundland*. We are happy to have this salty duo in our Cruising Club family and look forward to a gam with them in some out-of-the-way spot soon.



Don and Chris Clothier

DONALD A. CLOTHIER

Honolulu, Hawaii

Spouse: Chris

Station: Southern California

Yacht: 29' racer/cruiser *Rascal*

Proposer: Andrew J. Dossett

We are happy to welcome Don Clothier, our first member resident in the port of Honolulu. He has many deep-water miles, as one would expect of an Hawaiian sailor - nine West Coast to Hawaii passages and one trans-Atlantic. On his prior boat, the Lidgard 45' *Tower*, Don sailed 2,900 miles to Los Angeles and then 2,200 miles to Honolulu, with only one gear failure and a second place in the Transpac. Don and Chris are well known in West Coast sailing circles, from Don's coastal cruising since the 1940s, his Transpac adventures and their involvement in Los Angeles Yacht Club. In years past, he has cruised

extensively in the Caribbean and the Med. Get him to tell you about being wrecked on Horseshoe Reef, Anegada, and blasting a channel with TNT to rescue the ship. Don and Chris continue to actively campaign *Rascal* in Hawaiian waters as members of Waikiki Yacht Club.

Membership: Waikiki Yacht Club



Steve Corsano & his nephew Michael

STEPHEN A. (STEVE) CORSANO

Boston, Massachusetts

Station: New York

Yacht: Camper & Nicholson 36 *Greenfly*

Proposer: David P. Tunick

Steve Corsano is that unusual sailor whose sailing career is identified with a single, exceptional craft. He found the classic Nicholson 36 *Greenfly*, in Edinburgh, the victim of some 11 years of storage. He restored her himself, living in a boatyard on the Hamble. Today, *Greenfly* is well known in British yachting circles, voted one of the 200 top classic boats by readers of *Classic Boat* magazine. Steve has made many crossings of the Bay of Biscay, cruising Portugal to Ireland. He is an expert on the historian and CCA member Samuel Eliot Morison, and Steve intends to sail the route Morison took retrac-

ing the travels of Columbus while researching the Pulitzer-winning and timeless book *Admiral of the Ocean Sea*. He has single-handed from Miami to Boston, he has distinguished himself in heavy weather aboard Hoyt Peckham's 48' trawler, and spent last summer in France on the 12-meter *Emilia*. This is a sailor with a wide range of experiences and – no doubt – the yarns to go with them. We are happy that his next adventure will be as a CCA member.



**ARTHUR FOSTER (PORT)
DRAPER, JR.**

Norwalk, Connecticut

Spouse: Kathy

Station: New York

Yacht: C&C Redwing 30 *Kindred*

Proposer: John Eills

Port Draper has spent a lifetime around sailboats, starting out on family cruises with his father and long-time CCA member, Arthur Sr. Port's connections to our Club run deep – he crewed for Hobey Ford (twice CCA commodore) and with Dick McCurdy. He cut his teeth messing around in boats in the Goodwives River and Noroton on the Connecticut shore of Long Island Sound. Port is the epitome of the self-sufficient cruising sailor, doing all his own maintenance, commissioning and de-commissioning work without boatyard help.

He even repowered with minimal outside assistance. Port has cruised *Kindred* extensively throughout New England waters, to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. He has made two singlehanded passages from Norwalk to Bermuda. For many years, he owned a Peterson 44, *Earling*, which was the base for many longer family cruises. Port has contributed to organized sailing, holding officer positions in The Corinthians and serving as commodore and on all of the committees of Norwalk Yacht Club. The CCA is delighted to welcome this accomplished, amply experienced and self-sufficient sailor.

Membership: Norwalk Yacht Club



DAVID K. ELWELL, JR.

Newport, Rhode Island

Spouse: Christy

Station: Boston

Yacht: Farr 40 *Conspiracy*

Proposer: Edwin G. Fisher, MD

In David Elwell, the CCA gains a prominent and widely respected yachtsman. He has sailed numerous Newport Bermuda races, his first in 1974 as skipper of his father's Pearson 36. He also can claim two trans-Atlantic races, most recently aboard the 75' *Palawan* in the Ro-

lex trans-Atlantic Race, and two America's Cup campaigns, aboard *Intrepid* and *Valiant*. He is currently serving on the New York Yacht Club One Design Team developing an NYYC 42. Dave's America's Cup connection extends beyond crewing. In 1999, he was chairman of the America's Cup Challenge Association, which organized and ran the Louis Vuitton Cup. In 2002 he was the NYYC Challenge Representative for the *Stars & Stripes*/Dennis Connor Team. Dave has participated in innumerable offshore races. He has been a partner with CCA member and NYYC Commodore George Hinman in a series of racing sailboats named *Conspiracy*. Their Mumm 36 *Conspiracy* won the Latifa Challenge Cup in the '94 Newport Bermuda Race.

Memberships: Rear Commodore, New York Yacht Club; Past Commodore, American Yacht Club; past-Board Member, Storm Trysail Club



ANNE D. GLENN

Locust Valley, New York

Spouse: Larry

Station: New York

Yacht: J/44 *Runaway*

Proposer:

J. Randolph Bartholomew

Anne started messing about in boats at an early age and progressed quickly from her beginnings at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club. At 20, she had a notable win as skipper of her father's International One Design at Manhasset Bay Race Week. She is still recognized as a top notch small boat skipper. She made her first Bermuda passage returning from the Onion Patch after the 1970 race. Since, she has raced to Bermuda four times. She did the infamous 1999 Marblehead to Halifax race with easterlies on the nose reaching 40 knots for eight hours. She and Larry Glenn actively campaign their J/44 and will be making the running in the Centennial Newport Bermuda this year. Anne and Larry have raised three sailing children who are important parts of their cruising and racing crews. Together, they have cruised countless miles, including in Japan and Finland. She is said to be a congenial and handy shipmate - whether drifting in Long Island Sound waiting for the southwester or when the chips are down offshore. We are glad this life-long sailor has been elected to the membership and suggest only that it is about time.



Ted and Shelly Haffenreffer with George

THEODORE C. (TED) HAFFENREFFER

Cape Elizabeth, Maine
Spouse: Shelly
Station: Boston
Proposer: David T. Pratt

Ted Haffenreffer has been a member of the CCA family for years, and his election seems almost a formality by this point. He started out with David Pratt at the Prout's Neck Yacht Club in Maine, giving Peter Willauer his first gray hairs. He raced in numerous Sears Cups in his youth and was the Mallory Cup regional champion twice. He has done innumerable New England races and an impressive number of cruising deliveries. As an adult, his notable exploits include informal racing as helmsman aboard the Twelve Meters *Weatherly* and *American Eagle*, several New York Yacht Club cruises, several Newport Bermuda races and return deliveries. Ted is said to have salt water in his veins and to have seen more blue water than most have even read about. We are proud that he is now officially among our ranks.

LLOYD A. HAMILTON, MD

Grand View-on-Hudson, New York
Spouse: Pat
Station: New York
Yacht: Seguin 46 *River Gull*
Proposer: Edwin S. Gaynor

All deep water sailors have their stories - Lloyd just has more of them and of more varied experiences. He has been skippering his own boat since the early 50s, cruising yearly to Maine and the Canadian Maritimes with Pat, a capable and experienced mariner in her own right. Nor has senior-

ity meant resting on his laurels. If anything Lloyd's sailing schedule has intensified - he has completed four trans-Atlantic crossings in the last five years. They have also thoroughly explored the Caribbean in a series of charters. A remarkable number of Lloyd's exploits have been in the company of other CCA members. Lloyd was college roommates with Ed Gaynor, and sailed with him for years in their early days. He is a celestial navigator and ship's doctor, clearly an experienced and competent leader on deck and a good man at a gam below decks as well. We are glad Lloyd will finally be showing our burgee.

Membership: Pequot Yacht Club

WYMAN C. HARRIS



Belvedere, California
Spouse: Gay
Station: San Francisco
Yacht: Offshore 54 *MV Safari*
Proposer: John E. Sanford

Few can speak more authoritatively than Wyman Harris about the relative merits of sail vs. power or East vs. West coast cruising. He sailed his first command, the Bristol 38.8 *Wild Duck*, in New England coastal waters for several years before making the move to the San Francisco Bay in 1987. During

the move, he managed to work in a two-year sojourn in Texas, racing and cruising *Wild Duck* in Galveston Bay and local waters. For the last two decades, he and Gay have been regulars in the San Francisco Yacht Club racing and cruising scene. In 2001, they made the shift to power, and in the years since they've taken *Safari* on voyages to both Alaska and Mexico. Wyman was awarded SFYC's Cruising Trophy for a four-month voyage to the top of Vancouver Island, and the club elected Gay Yachtswoman of the Year in 2002. The CCA is fortunate to be able to welcome Wyman and Gay to its ranks.

Membership: San Francisco Yacht Club

Armed Services: U.S. Air Force

RODNEY L. (ROD) HEARNE

Seattle, Washington

Spouse: Jill

Station: Pacific Northwest

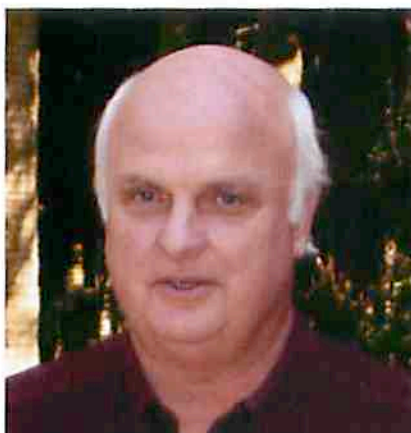
Yacht: Formosa 46 *Lookafar*

Proposer: Donald J. Roose

Most sailors have a soft spot for their first command, for many a well remembered pram or cat. In Rod Hearne's case, those memories are of his father's 108' fantail cruiser *Sobre Las Olas*, aboard which he crewed as a lad before eventually taking command as a young man. Maneuvering that direct drive, single screw vessel in close quarters would be enough to steel any skipper—you had to shut down, reverse the cams and air start just to go into reverse. A member of Seattle Yacht Club since 1967, Rod knows the west coast better than most cruising men. He and Jill have raced and cruised those waters and offshore, first aboard *Callisto*, a C&C 35 Mk II, and now with *Lookafar*, which they have taken down the coast and

through the Canal to cruise Central America. The latest reports had the Hearnese with *Lookafar* lying at Cartegena - destination "far horizons." Their sons Roddy and Harker are also fine sailors in the family tradition. It is a pleasure to be able to welcome Rod into the Cruising Club.

Membership: Seattle Yacht Club



CHARLES H. (CHARLIE) HODGES

Seabrook Island, South Carolina

Spouse: Sue

Station: Chesapeake

Yacht: Tayana 48 *Windspirit*

Proposer: Robert S. Cochran, Jr.

If you meet Charlie Hodges, be sure to ask him about his three attempts to salvage treasure from the wreck of the *Santiago*, which met her fate on the Bassas da India reef in the Mozambique Channel in 1585. Space constraints preclude offering any details on these Southern African voyages, other than that each one involved more than its share of harrowing natural and man-made challenges. Charlie, Sue and their children, Virginia and Jamie, have also done more than their share of more conventional voyaging, including two year-long cruises from the Chesapeake to the Caribbean

down to Venezuela. In 1995, Charlie and a crew of two made the return voyage from Venezuela, where he purchased *Windspirit*. He and Sue have continued active cruising between South Carolina and the Caribbean. They keep *Windspirit* in Bristol fashion, and, underneath the gloss and shine, her systems are properly maintained and ready for offshore challenges. Thanks to Rob Cochran's proposal, Charlie will henceforth be able to lend his experience and venturesome spirit to the CCA.



HOWARD R. HODGSON, JR.

Ipswich, Massachusetts

Spouse: Wendy

Station: Boston

Yacht: J/42 *True*

Proposer: Samuel W. Croll, III

Hailing from a yachting family, Howie is a thoroughgoing New England cruising man. He grew up sailing in Penobscot Bay, and in the years since has sailed everything from Beetle Cats to Bermuda 40s everywhere from Bermuda to Nova Scotia. He has crewed on numerous Newport- and Marion-Bermuda Races, including on Hump Simpson's *Kittywake* and Samuel Croll's Bermuda 40

Antigone. For the last seven years he has been a regular member of the crew aboard Samuel Croll's Eight Metre *Angelita*, racing and cruising throughout New England. Since the purchase of *True* in 2003, he and Wendy have logged many sea miles sailing from Manchester, MA to the family's summer home above the reversing falls on the St. John River in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Howie's interests in things nautical extend beyond boats and voyaging to include maritime art. He is a member of the Fine Arts Committee of the New York Yacht Club and a trustee of the Peabody Essex Museum. Shipmates praise his and Wendy's seamanship and companionability. Samuel Croll's proposal has ensured that the next time *True* ventures north by east to the Canadian Maritimes, it will be under the CCA burgee.

Memberships: New York Yacht Club; Royal Kennebecassis Yacht Club



DAVID J. PENFIELD, MD

Orleans, Massachusetts
Spouse: Carol
Station: Boston/Buzzards Bay
Yacht: 44' trimaran *Shearwater*
Proposer: Stephen E. Taylor

Sailing fast and far has been part of David Penfield's life since he raced Sunfish in the late 1960s (he took first in the 1967 junior championships), and in the years since he has raced more types of boats than many of us learn to identify. Thwarted only by President Carter's boycott of the 1980 Olympics from seeking gold as a member of the U.S. national team, he went on to distinguish himself as a grand prix racer. His offshore cruising credentials are equally impressive. Bermuda has been a frequent port of call, but he has also sailed throughout the Caribbean, Atlantic and South Atlantic and as far afield as Cape Town, South Africa and Australia. His skills as an emergency physician coupled with his keen sailing talent make him a popular crewmember, and his prudence and equipment savvy make him an even more desirable skipper. A member of Hyannis Yacht Club and a generous volunteer in the racing activities of that club and many other organizations, Dave also holds a 10-ton USCG master steam motor and sail license. If you can catch up to this speedy sailor, be sure to welcome him to the CCA.

Membership: Hyannis Yacht Club



Tom Post

THOMAS POST

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Spouse: Sarah
Station: Great Lakes
Proposer: Donald D. Tubbs

Son of CCA member Robert N. Post, Tom Post grew up sailing in Mantoloking, New Jersey, racing on Barnegat Bay and, as a young teenager, in the Bay Head Yacht Club Ocean Race. He honed his cruising skills on family voyages over the years, ranging along the eastern seaboard. Tom's love of boats took him into the business for a spell, and the mid-1980s found him on shakedown cruises and deliveries with Mitch Neff and Rod Stephens when he worked with Sparkman & Stephens. In addition to his extensive cruising experience, Tom has three Marion-Bermuda races to his credit, and, after his move to the Midwest, numerous Chicago Mackinac and Port Huron Mackinac Races, all in Bob Aikens' J/37 *Eyrie*. Crewmates testify to his seamanship and camaraderie. Members of the Little Traverse Yacht Club, of which he is currently commodore, appreciate his willingness to put time and energy back into the sport. A warm CCA welcome to this capable cruising and racing man.

Membership: Little Traverse Yacht Club

ROGER L. RUE

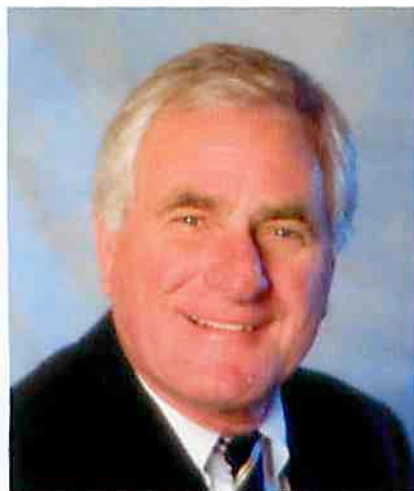
Tacoma, Washington
Spouse: Judy
Station: Pacific Northwest
Yacht: Hylas 44
Proposer: Thomas D. O'Brien

Roger Rue wrote the book on circumnavigating Vancouver Island—literally. His tome on the subject, based on his own extensive



Judy Smith & Roger Rue

experiences in small boats, was published in 1982. That work and his many other contributions to sailing publications offer a glimpse into Roger's extensive cruising experiences and an indication of the good cheer and salty competence many members of the Pacific Northwest Station already know. A veteran of numerous Victoria-Maui Races and countless club events hosted by Tacoma Yacht Club, Roger is also an experienced cruising man. Voyages have taken him from Tacoma to the Caribbean and on to Freeport, Texas, in the mid 1990s; south to Mexico in 2001, and, naturally, many cruises to Vancouver Island. He is a tireless organizer and volunteer at Tacoma Yacht Club (ask him about the "three sheets to the wind" group). Thanks to Tom O'Brien's auspicious proposal, henceforth these



Don Russell

qualities will enrich the CCA.
Membership: Tacoma Yacht Club
Armed Services: United States Navy, 1st Lieutenant

DONALD B. RUSSELL

Newport Beach, California
Spouse: Sherri
Station: Southern California
Yacht: Swan 65 *Mehetabel*
Proposer: Dennis Durgan

You can tell a lot about a sailor by his boat, and *Mehetabel* speaks volumes about Donald Russell. After her construction and outfitting in 1980, he sailed back from Finland (sometimes with professional crew, sometimes not), arriving in Newport Beach two years later. Soon thereafter, he cruised the sloop back through the Panama Canal, the Caribbean Sea, and along the entire U.S. eastern seaboard. Over the last two decades, he has voyaged extensively on the west coast of the U.S. and Mexico and in the Sea of Cortez. Along the way, he has made the acquaintance of many members of the Club, all of whom praise his seamanship, his companionability and *Mehetabel's* Bristol condition. As a past commodore of Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Don knows what it takes to make such an organization tick and he's known to be quick to respond when the call goes out for volunteers. Don Russell will be an asset to the CCA.

Membership: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

RICK SALSMAN

Halifax, Nova Scotia
Spouse: Bonnie
Station: Bras D'Or
Yacht: Slocum 43 *Aisling I*
Proposer: Hans F. Himmelman



Rick & Bonnie Salsman

Having learned to sail as a youngster in Halifax's Waegwoltic Club some four decades ago, Rick Salsman never stopped upgrading his skills. He qualified as an IFR rated pilot in 1978 and continued to study marine weather, celestial navigation, ham radio, and advanced seamanship and piloting over the next 20 years. All along, he and Bonnie were cruising and racing in a series of boats from a Mirage 24 to a C&C 29 to their present Slocum 43 *Aisling I*. Family cruises with their two children would take them along the Nova Scotia coast and up to Prince Edward Island and the Bras d'Or lakes. He and Bonnie completed a major refitting and upgrading of *Aisling I* after her purchase in 1999, and since then their cruising horizons have continued to expand, with trips SW to the Maine coast and NE to the Magdalen Isles. Rick has also shipped as navigator aboard Hans Himmelman's *Delawana* on voyages from Halifax to Bermuda and back. His and Bonnie's consummate seamanship and pleasant company have impressed many members of the Bras d'Or post—a group not known to be shy about heavy weather sailing. It is a pleasure to welcome Rick Salsman to the CCA's ranks.

Memberships: Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron; Dartmouth Yacht Club



RONNY ARTHUR SCHAPER

Coral Springs, Florida

Spouse: Andrea

Station: Florida

Proposer: D. Sennett Duttenhofer

Ron stems from a long line of commercial fishermen. His grandfather taught him the ropes early on aboard the sailing schooner *Ebenezer*, fishing Nantucket and the Long Island Sound, and in his teens he worked as a mate on offshore commercial fishing boats. In the years since, he has done just about everything: head instructor at the Fair Harbor Sailing School on Fire Island; delivery captain of sailing and motor vessels of all sizes; watch captain or mate on a series of storied racing vessels; captain of the 72' ketch *Golden Eagle* cruising between New England, Florida and the Caribbean, and too much else to

mention here. When not engaged in such exploits, Ron has also lived the somewhat more typical life of an active East Coast sailor: as owner of the Bristol 40 *Bagheera*, which he raced and cruised New England waters for a decade; as commodore of Bayberry Yacht Club and head of its youth program; as a keen crew member on boats actively campaigned in the Florida and SORC racing circuits, and much more. Ron is a true all-rounder whom the CCA will be proud to call one of its own.

Memberships: Storm Trysail Club; Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club

Web site redesign update

During this past winter, a small team has been working to redesign and reorganize the Club's web site. Our goals are to present information that is timely, up-to-date, accurate, and easy to find. Like the current CCA web site, the new site will have a public site with general information and resources such as the communications memos and the Fleet Surgeon's memo, and a members-only site that is password protected. On the members-only site will be the national calendar and cruise details, station information, committee work, and a broad spectrum of additional information about club business and activities.

The public portion of the new site is up and running, and we encourage you to have a visit at the same address as the old site, www.cruisingclub.org. The new Members Only site will be introduced later this spring, but meanwhile you

will be directed to the old Members Only site, which has not changed. If you have any difficulty logging on to the Members Only site, simply complete the form for a new or

revised password. Please send any comments or suggestions to webmaster@cruisingclub.org.

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Calendar of Events

2006

June 16 Newport Bermuda Race,
100th Anniversary

June 22 CCA Cocktail Party,
Bermuda

June 24 GMP Fenders over the Side
Gam, Pulpit Harbor

July 12-16 Invitational RCC High
Latitudes Dufferin Meet, Reykjavik,
Iceland

July 15-16 CHE Lobster Feast @ the
Stones'

July 15-19&28-Aug. 4 Invitational
NA/Royal Scandinavian YCs&NAS
Cruise in Scotland

July 23-30 BOS Down East Cruise,
SW Hbr.-Roque

Aug. 8 GMP Fenders Gam, Conners
Cove, west of Somes Sound

Sept. 10-18 National Fall Cruise,
San Juan & Gulf Islands

Sept. 16 GMP Rendezvous & Dinner,
Tenants Harbor

Oct. 6-11 CHE Fall Cruise
Oct. 14-19 SOC Fall Cruise (North)
Oct. 27 FLA Annual Meeting

Nov. 13 Centennial Ball, New York
Nov. 14 Annual Meeting, New
York, NYYC (see p. 3)

Nov. 29 SOC Annual Dinner, New-
port Harbor YC

Dec. 1 CCA/Sailfish Club Wirth
Munroe Race, Lauderdale-Palm
Beach

2007

January 16 Winter Awards Dinner,
New York, NYYC

Apr. 19-21 Spring Meeting, An-
napolis

July 14-22 "Bluenose" National
Summer Cruise, S. Shore Nova
Scotia

Oct. 27-Nov. 3 Fall Cruise in Tur-
key

Monthly Station Luncheons

BER: Held quarterly; Royal Bermuda
YC

BOS: "Rats" 3rd Fri. Oct.-May
CHE: 2nd Tues., Annapolis YC,
except July & Aug.

July 11: Gibson Island YC;

Aug. 8: Annie's, Kent Narrows

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: June 1, LAYC; Aug. 3, Balboa
YC; Oct. 11, San Diego YC

*Stations & Posts: Please email us your
on-water event dates for Nov. '06-May
'07 so members planning a cruise to
your area can join your rendezvous.
(Editors' email: fastrabbit1@cox.net)*

For the latest info, please check www.cruisingclub.