



New CCA Bibliography Project

The Club is undertaking a project to add to our website a nautical bibliography of published books written by CCA members and Blue Water Medalists, as well as books generated by the CCA, such as *Nowhere Is Too Far* and *A Berth to Bermuda*. The site will be structured as a database so that it may be searched for author, title, publisher, date published and key words. The first step in this process is to identify those CCA and Blue Water Medalist writers who have published such books. Listed below are the names that have been gathered to date. It is assumed that there are others, and we are asking for your help in completing the list. If you are aware of CCA members or Blue Water Medalists who have published books in the maritime field and their names are not listed below, please email their names to Tanner Rose at TROSE@STBLAW.COM or send a note

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CCA Presents Awards

AT THE CCA WINTER DINNER in New York, held at the New York Yacht Club on January 16, 2007, the following awards were presented:

Blue Water Medal

*Founded in 1923
– for the most meritorious example of seamanship from amateurs of all nations*

The Blue Water Medal for 2006 was awarded to **Minoru Saito**, who at the age of 71 completed his seventh singlehanded circumnavigation of the world in his 50' sloop, *Shuten-dohji II*. His 15-year-old boat first raced around the globe in the 1990-91 BOC and has been sailing almost continuously in solo world-circling races and voyages ever since. His latest voyage, which ended on June 6, 2005 in Japan, completed 215,000 miles at sea. He received an enthusiastic standing ovation as Commodore Rowland presented



*Blue Water Medalist Minoru Saito
with Bob Van Blaricom*

Bob Drew

him with the CCA's most prestigious award.

Minoru Saito began serious sailing in 1973 at the age of 39 by participating in races in Japan. Thirteen years later he purchased a 43' sailboat in Australia and entered several grueling races between Australia, New Zealand and Japan, including the Melbourne to Osaka Race, Around Australia Singlehanded Race (where he suffered a heart attack, forcing him to retire

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Commodore's Awards



Bob Drew

David Pratt, Brin Ford and Bob Darbee accepting their awards from Commodore Ned Rowland



From the Commodore

Fellow Cruising Club Members,

The Spring issue of the *GAM* is always the precursor of the sailing season here in New England. The Club has been busy since the last *GAM* issue - wrapping up the Centennial Bermuda Race with a wonderful black tie dinner dance in New York. Sheila McCurdy, Jim Binch and Susi Homer worked their usual magic to the benefit of the Bermudians, CCA folks and Race participants. John Rousmaniere and Gary Jobson each contributed their special skills, and the evening was all one could hope for.

The latest issue of the *CC News* is out, and the text and photographs are superb. T.L. and Harriet have done it again. There are so many great cruises being undertaken by our members, so if you are out there cruising the world, submit your story to the *News* (the editors encourage sending your story soon after your cruise, rather than waiting till deadline time). The variety and geographic spread represented in the 2007 issue points up how much cruising we are doing around the world. Also, there are some good articles about Bermuda Races past and present.

Planning for the summer cruise in Nova Scotia, with 40 boats signed up so far, and the cruise in Turkey, with 110 people to date, is going well. There is room for more participants at both events so if you're interested, check the website or contact Charles Westropp for Nova Scotia, Peter Chandler for Turkey, or me for either one. They promise to be first-class events. The Nova Scotia cruise starts three days after the end of the Halifax Race and is a perfect way to start back to westward. The two-part cruise in Turkey, land and water, is a unique opportunity



to see parts of the country that John Chandler knows so well. I really appreciate his efforts on our behalf - and so will you if you join us.

Vice Commodore Ross Sherbrooke has great plans for the 2008 and 2009 National Cruises; the sign-up for Antigua in March 2008 is already on the website. More about future cruises elsewhere in this issue.

As this issue goes to press, I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Annapolis or at future CCA get-togethers and cruises. One of the great things about being Commodore is the opportunity to meet so many CCA members and share experiences with them. This opportunity also exists through volunteering to help with the many events we run:

National and Station cruises, social functions, publications, and the 2008 Bermuda Race. None of these could exist without volunteer help. So put up your hand and join the fun.

Fair winds,

Ned Rowland



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Coming Up ... Cruises and Meetings

Bluenose National Summer Cruise '07

*South Shore of Nova Scotia
July 14-22*

The Cruise will kick off at Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron on Saturday, July 14, following registration, with a lobster dinner. The Marblehead Halifax Race prizegiving will be the 12th and Boston Yacht Club is arranging a trailer for CCA race entrants to have their cruising sails delivered to Halifax and racing sails returned to Boston.

Highlights of the cruise will be: 1 - the Commodore's Reception on Ted and Liz Brainard's island, Big Gooseberry; 2 - a visit to the World Heritage Town of Lunenburg and a traditional maritime dinner in the shed where *Bluenose* was built; 3 - a beach BBQ on Carter's Beach, Port Mouton, one of the finest in Nova Scotia. The finale will be in Shelburne, where an East v. West Regatta in Nova Scotia dories will precede a farewell planked salmon dinner at Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club (which is now downtown).

Cruise Co-Chair Charles Westropp advises, "At the winter dinner I promised that for this July fog would be banned from the South Shore of Nova Scotia; I have now had assurances from the Federal Department of the Environment that this will be so!" Co-Chairs Gretchen McCurdy and Westropp are keeping the "Members Only" CCA web page up to date and will be sending sign-up forms by email and snail mail (for those that have requested it) at the end of April. Contact *Charles Westropp, cmdre@ns.sympatico.ca; 902-455-8970*.

Boston Harbor Mini-Cruise in mid-September; all welcome. See Boston Station news.

Cruise in Turkey '07

*Southern Coast, Gocek to Fineke
October 27-Nov. 2*

There is still time to sign up for the Turkish Coast cruise. The cruise will cover the southern coast from Gocek to Fineke, beginning October 27, and ending with a final dinner at the ancient city of Phaselis on November 2.

Prior to the cruise, various guided tours of Istanbul, Cappadocia and Ephesus will be available. Additional features include (optional) hot air ballooning to view the extraordinary geological formations in Cappadocia, and a private dinner at the ruins of Ephesus, in front of the 2nd century Library of Celsus (complete with string quartet from the Izmir State Symphony Orchestra).

Bareboats should still be available, through our agents or by your own arrangements. We can also arrange cabin accommodations on crewed Turkish "gulets," featuring all meals and services. Any member wishing to join the cruise should contact *Peter Chandler immediately: 207-791-7162; pchandler@bnnepa.com*.

Annual Meeting '07 New York YC November 13

Winter Cruise '08

*Antigua
March 14-22*

Circumnavigate Antigua, with a likely trip to Barbuda; wonderful harbors, tradewind sailing, lively party spots. Check the CCA website or contact *Brad Willauer; bwilauer@headinvest.com*.

Spring Meeting '08

*St. Petersburg, FL
April 17-19*

Summer Cruise '08

*Lofoten Islands, Norway
July 12-24*

The Lofotens, about 100 miles above the Arctic Circle off the northwest coast of Norway, are washed by the Gulf Stream and enjoy a mostly moderate climate. The weather the last several summers has been generally sunny and warm during the day (60's and low 70's), with minimal rain; the wise mariner, however, comes prepared with longies, fleeces, & foul weather gear, since weather can turn wet and cold. In mid-July the sun will barely dip below the horizon, allowing for long days of coastal cruising and exploration afloat and ashore.

Sixteen sailboats are reserved – Jeanneaus, Dufours and Bavarias, some crewed - and there may be trawlers, as well. There will be 2-3 large coastal schooners that will accommodate 10-15 passengers each. After the cruise, there will be an optional stopover in Oslo. Alternatively, there may be a trip on the old mail boat up to the North Cape, near the Russian border. This will be a joint cruise with the North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian Yacht Clubs. Cruise Chair: *David Tunick, 212-570-0090; dtunick@tunickart.com*.

Thousand Islands Cruise '09

NOTE: This cruise is set for Sept. 11-19, **2009** (not 2008). Beautiful and unspoiled islands at the east end of Lake Ontario and the headwaters of the St. Lawrence. More info will be forthcoming. Chairs: *Jim Binch, jbinch@aol.com; Bob Medland, medland@sympatico.ca*.

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to him at 285 Orange Grove Road, Palm Beach, Florida 33480. Once the search for such authors has been exhausted, the known books and, if available, a brief description of the book's contents will be placed on the website, again with an appeal to our membership for additions, updated and missing content descriptions.

We think this is an exciting project and one that will not only provide a source of valuable information, but will also memorialize one of the unique aspects of our Club. Thanks go to Dorsey Beard, Dan and Mimi Dyer, Tanner Rose, John Rousmaniere and Ross Sherbrooke for putting this project in motion, with a special thanks to Tess Bogar, the New York Yacht Club librarian.

We hope that all interested members will contribute to this worthy project.

- Tanner Rose

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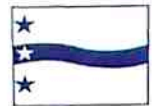
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In Memoriam

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Past Commodore John Lee Merrill, Jr. 1927-2007



David Pratt

Past Commodore John L. Merrill, Jr. of Little Cranberry Island, Maine, died on Sunday, January 7, age 79, in Portland after a long illness. Jack was born in Boston on June 18, 1927, son of John Lee Merrill and Katherine Langdon Hill Merrill. He grew up in Augusta, Maine in the house at 136 State Street built by his maternal grandfather, the late Governor John F. Hill.

After graduating from the Canterbury School in Connecticut in 1945, Jack enlisted in the Naval Reserve. Although WWII ended while he was still in training, he served in the Pacific aboard the *PC 1144* and later aboard the survey vessel *USS Bowditch*. He assisted in revising the charts of Bikini Atoll and witnessed the first atomic bomb test there. He would tell a story of

steering the 386' *USS Bowditch* through rough seas when he was only 18 and was commended by the Captain for his skill.

Jack graduated from Harvard College in 1950. He then did stock analysis and research in Boston at Keystone Custodian and Coffin and Burr, becoming self-employed in the 1960s as trustee for several private accounts. With his family, he lived in Westwood, Massachusetts, serving on several town committees, as treasurer of Dexter School and President of SEA Education Association of Woods Hole in its early years.

He lived in Franconia, New Hampshire for a few years, came back to Boston, and then moved to Charleston, South Carolina, and recently back to Maine to be

near his children. All his summers were spent on beautiful family land on Little Cranberry Island, Maine, which overlooked the water to Mt. Desert Island and Northeast Harbor.

From 1954 to 1992, Jack sailed in 20 consecutive Newport Bermuda Races as crew, captain or navigator. He skippered and navigated two of his own boats in several races – an Alden Caravelle, *Excalibur*, and a Jim McCurdy design, *Bellatrix*, finishing second in class twice. He also sailed in several Marblehead Halifax and Monhegan Island races.

Every year there was the annual cruise aboard *Bellatrix* or *Excalibur* from Newport or the Cape to Cranberry Island. On one such cruise, Jack calculated that it would only be 14 extra miles to stop in Boothbay to load up on a summer's supply of fudge. A necessary stop! Jack was a charter member and past commodore of Little Cranberry Island Yacht Club, where he and Helen enjoyed sailing and racing Mercurys and Bullseyes or just sailing off to find whales near Mt. Desert Rock.

Rosita and I had the pleasure of chartering with Helen and Jack in the Virgin Islands and Scotland and held Jack's friendship and all-around nautical capabilities in the utmost respect. I was in his crew twice to Bermuda and had the pleasure of beating him to Halifax once. He cared a great deal for the CCA and put a lot of effort into it as treasurer, vice commodore and commodore. He is missed by many friends and shipmates. Our admiration and affection go out to Helen, who showed so much courage and strength in caring for Jack these past many months.

- Don Watson

Cruising Notes

Les Crane's Monterey (BDA) has been in Lisbon for the winter with plans to head into the Western Med in May. Les and crew report having met **Steve and Karyn James (FLA)** on *Threshold* in La Corunna last August. The Jameses were planning to winter in Lagos with **Walt and Evelyn Paul (NYS)** on *Nefertari*.



Skip Novak & Eric Forsyth at Lockroy, Antarctica

Eric Forsyth (NYS) on *Fiona* arrived at northern Brazil in September, and after a crew change, worked down the coast to Uruguay. In Piriapolis he ran into CCAers **Betsy and Bob Baillie**, whose boat *Belair* was on the hard while they flew to Australia. After a brief stop in Argentina he arrived in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, in time for Christmas. From Port Stanley *Fiona* sailed to the South Shetlands. He inspected the penguins and seals and visited two international research bases at several anchorages before arriving at Port Lockroy, Antarctica to find another CCA yacht anchored there - *Pelagic Australis* with Skip Novak (GLS) aboard and a full load of charterers. He sailed through the spectacular LeMaire Strait and southwest to the Grandidier Channel. At 65°35' S they ran into fairly dense floating ice and, as *Fiona* is fiberglass, Eric thought it prudent

Have you seen this bird?

The Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, USGS and Canadian Wildlife Service are collaborating to develop focused boat-based and aerial surveys for **Red-necked Phalaropes** that stage in the Bay of Fundy. This is a project involving many researchers and agencies with the aim of addressing the bird's near total disappearance from migration stopovers in Maritimes Canada Bay of Fundy, where historically flocks totaling in the millions formerly staged in late summer. By 1990, the huge flocks had disappeared. They have not returned.

Their absence has led to concern over the population status of the species overall. Currently, there is not enough information to determine if phalaropes have altered their migration pathways in eastern North America, and the impact of the apparent loss of a migration stopover in this hemisphere is unknown.

Due to limitations inherent in research at sea, collaborative monitoring is the most promising approach to gathering information



Red-necked Phalarope

Robin Hunnewell

on Red-necked Phalaropes in the Fundy region. Therefore, we are seeking the assistance of offshore sailors who can provide valuable information on far-flung gatherings of phalaropes, while formal surveys are underway at areas of focus in the Bay of Fundy. Volunteers are eagerly requested to report in on the locations and numbers of Red-necked Phalaropes they encounter at sea. The added monitoring can help us to unravel the Fundy phalarope mystery!

If you would be interested to help, we will provide species identification and data gathering materials. For all questions and information, please contact Manomet project coordinator Robin Hunnewell: rhunne@mac.com. Thank you.

to backtrack into the open sea west of the Biscoe Islands. Apart from the occasional large iceberg, the sea was clear - and he was able to shape a course south to the Antarctic Circle, crossing 66°34' S at 69°W on January 15. They turned north and headed for the west coast of South America under full gale conditions with sleet and heavy seas. The strong winds did not last, and they

were bedeviled by light and fluky winds associated with a stationary high for much of the trip across the Drake Passage and up the coast of Chile. At 50°S in the Pacific, Eric figured they had rounded Cape Horn westabout, even though they anchored a few times on the way! *Fiona* arrived at Ancud, Chile, on January 31. For more details log onto www.yachtfiona.com

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from the race) and the Auckland-Fukuoka Race. Between races, while sailing from Japan to Sydney, he survived a typhoon, two cyclones and several knockdowns from gale-force winds.

In 1991 he acquired *Shuten-dohji II*, a solidly-built 50' blue-water cruiser from Australia which was modified for long-distance solo ocean racing. To qualify and participate in the third BOC round-the-world race, he sailed from Sydney to Newport, RI, then in the race itself. In 1994 he sailed from Japan to Charleston, SC to participate in the fourth BOC, then back to Japan via the Red Sea, thus completing two circumnavigations in one continuous trip. In 1997 he sailed from Japan to England via Australia then the Cape of Good Hope, in the Singlehanded Transatlantic race between Falmouth, England and Charleston, and then participated in the fifth BOC, renamed the Around Alone. On returning to Japan, via Cape Town and Tasmania, he had completed his sixth circumnavigation.

His latest voyage, dubbed "Challenge-7," began in Tokyo in October 2004, taking the form of an informal contest between him and Japanese singlehander Kenichi Horie. Saito completed the route without stopping 7½ months later,



Maxine and Larry Bailey



ABN AMRO II crew

on June 6, 2005, - a few days ahead of Horie - to notch up his seventh circumnavigation.

While seldom among the winners and sailing an aging boat, Minoru Saito has always sailed without sponsorship with a sparsely funded budget and with a long-running heart ailment. His persistence, cheerful attitude and indomitable spirit have been recognized and praised in yachting circles all over the world.

Far Horizons Award

To a member for a particularly meritorious cruise or series of cruises exemplifying the objectives of the Club

The Far Horizons Award was presented to **Larry and Maxine Bailey** for their adventurous, full time cruising aboard their 43' sloop, *Shingebiss II*, during the past 14 years, which began by sailing to Kiska Island in the Aleutians then on to a full circuit of the world including Cape Horn, cruises in the Mediterranean and the Baltic, around the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Leeuwin, then across the length of the Pacific and back to Kiska Island, in all a voyage of 93,000 miles.

Rod Stephens Trophy

The Rod Stephens Trophy for Outstanding Seamanship was awarded to the crew of **ABN AMRO II** for superb seamanship in carrying out the attempted rescue of an overboard crewmember at night in the North Atlantic during the Volvo Ocean Race, while sailing in 25-30 knots of wind. While ultimately unsuccessful in saving his life, the crew located his body by acting quickly, following good, previously rehearsed procedures and using excellent judgment in carrying out search tactics. Following recovery of the victim, who was not wearing a harness or PFD, strenuous and well-advised efforts were made to revive him but were ultimately in vain because of an apparent head injury which may have rendered him unconscious at the time he went overboard.

Richard S. Nye Trophy

To a member who has brought distinction to the Club by outstanding service, seamanship, performance in long-distance cruising or racing, statesmanship in international yachting, or any combination of these.



Commodore Rowland and Garry Fischer

The Richard S. Nye Trophy was awarded to **Garry Fischer** for service to the Club as RC of the Boston Station, years as the CCA Fleet Surgeon, and special service to the sport of sailing. His medical presentations to safety at sea seminars for the sailing community at large and for the Newport Bermuda Race and his ongoing medical studies researching head trauma and other sailing-related injuries, his recommendations to prevent and treat accidents while underway at sea have all directly enhanced the CCA's core mission in support of amateur sailing. In addition, his transoceanic passages and many other voyages make him a model CCA member, as do his continuous efforts to enhance our membership and support our club events.

Charles H. Vilas Literary Prize

To a member who makes an outstanding contribution to the CC News in the form of an article or articles, photographs or chronicle.

The Charles H. Vilas Literary Prize was awarded to **Bob and Betsy Baillie** for well documented articles in the *Cruising Club News* detailing their wide-ranging voyages in *Belair*, their 48' sloop. Their stories in the *CC News* include "Belair Heads to Glacier Country" (2002), "Cruising down the Pan American Highway" (2005), "Reflections on

Patagonia" (2006), and "Where Life Is Carnival" (2007).

Royal Cruising Club Trophy

To a member and skipper who has undertaken the most interesting cruise of singular merit and moderate duration (5 weeks +/-), an account of which has been sent to the CC News.

The Royal Cruising Club Trophy was awarded to **Rick and Bonnie Salsman** for a delightful account entitled, "How we enjoyed a Summer in France (Without Crossing the Pond)" of their cruise to Halifax, through the Bras d'Or Lakes and on to Newfoundland with a visit to France, also known as St. Pierre.



Rick and Bonnie Salsman

Commodore's Awards

This year we have three Commodore's Awards, which are presented from time to time by the Commodore for special service to the Club:

David Pratt - for service to the CCA, the Boston Station and the Gulf of Maine Post. He was instrumental in the growth of the GMP as secretary and post captain. His creative thinking made GMP members more active in Post and Station activities. He was in the forefront of the development of the CCA website. His role in the Club's introduction to cyberspace has been

enormous, and much of what we now take for granted is the result of his skill and hard work.

Brin Ford - for service to the CCA and the Newport Bermuda Race Committee. He played a vital role in early efforts to establish the Club's website and its data base management. His software and programming skills have been indispensable to the Race Committee in the area of measurement rules and race scoring.

Bob Darbee - for service to the CCA and the Newport Bermuda Race Committee. He has helped select, care for, and transport to Bermuda and return the awards and trophies for each race. His outstanding efforts and exemplary trophy management has contributed significantly toward successful prizegivings in Bermuda,

Special Recognition Award

A Special Recognition Award was presented to **Jim Corenman** (PNW) and **Stan Honey** (SAF) for significant service to the sailing community in developing the Airmail/Sailmail/Winlink high frequency radio systems. The systems they developed enable those at sea to send and receive emails as well as weather information, thereby contributing to safety at sea. Thousands of sailors are now utilizing these systems and benefiting from their efforts and accomplishments.



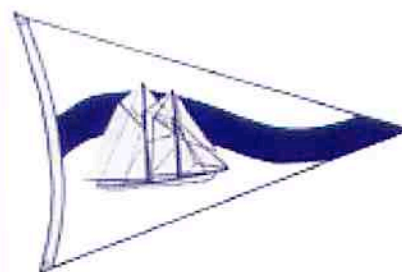
John Parkinson Memorial Trophy for Transoceanic Passage

Larry Bailey (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th awards), Transatlantic (W to E), Transatlantic (N to S), Indian Ocean (W to E), Transpacific (W to E & S to N), *Shingebiss II*



Stan Honey, Bob Van Blaricom, Jim Corenman and Commodore Rowland

Bob Drew



National Bluenose Cruise South Shore of Nova Scotia July 14-22

Registration at the RNSYS at
Halifax

Commodore's Reception Big
Gooseberry near Chester in
Mahone Bay

Traditional Bluenose feed in
Lunenburg

BBQ at Carter's Beach at **Port
Mouton**

Planked salmon dinner at the
**Shelburne Harbour Yacht
Club**

Please send an email to Gretchen
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ing info:

Boat name

Number of crew

Whether you need a berth or can
offer one.



Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

Wolfgang Reuter (1st &
2nd awards), Transatlantic (W to
E) Norfolk to Spain, & (E to W)
Portugal to Annapolis, *Ru'ah*

Evans Starzinger (4th award),
Transpacific (W to E) & (S to N)
New Zealand to Alaska, *Hawk*

Alfie Sanford, Transatlantic
(E to W) Portugal to Puerto Rico,
Impala

Peter Willauer, Transatlantic
(W to E) Tortola to Gibraltar, *Eight
Bells*

Tom Wadlow, Transatlantic (W
to E) Mystic to Ireland, *Joyant*

Ginny Vought, Transatlantic (E
to W) Azores to Martinique, *Ginny*

Denis Linton, Transatlantic
(W to E) Halifax to Ireland, *Carpe
Diem I*

Spencer Smith, Transatlantic
(W to E) Brooklin, ME to Portugal,
Nottoway

Joby Harris (1st & 2nd awards),
Transatlantic (E to W) England
to Boston, and Transatlantic (E
to W) France to Salvador, Brazil,
Gryphon.



Circumnavigation Award
Gillian West - E to W, April
2005. From Golfito, Costa Rica
via South Pacific Islands, Thailand,
India, Red Sea, Mediterranean,
canals to Paris, Portugal, Gambia,
W. Africa, W. Indies, E. Coast to
Canada, Bermuda, Caribbean,
Panama, *Kamsin*

Dick & Leslie York - E to W,
December 2006. Mamaroneck,
NY via W. Indies, Panama, S. Pa-
cific Islands, Australia, Indonesia,
Thailand, India, Djibouti, Suez,
Mediterranean, Gibraltar, Canaries,
Aragorn

Larry and Maxine Bailey - W
to E, October 2006. Seattle, WA via
Aleutians, Cape Horn, Antarctica,
S. Georgia, Mediterranean, Baltic,
Iceland, Greenland, Cuba, Cape of
Good Hope, Australia, Tasmania

15 Thrashes to the Onion Patch
Hewitt Gaynor - 2006,
Mireille

-Bob Van Blaricom



Committee News

Bermuda Race

Put a big, red star next to Friday, June 20, 2008 on your calendar. That's when the 2008 Newport Bermuda Race begins the second century of racing to Bermuda. Your Bermuda Race Organizing Committee has been hard at work with preparations for the 2008 race since the end of the centennial race last summer.

We may be hard-pressed to match the record fleet of more than 250 boats that raced to Bermuda last year, but Participation Chairman Richie Shulman and his crew have already contacted every skipper in the 2006 race, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. We have high expectations for 2008, and are preparing for another big fleet.

We are undertaking a major redesign of bermudarace.com, our website, but you'll find preliminary information on the 2008 race on the site.

For more information, email me at nick@bermudarace.com.

- Nick Nicholson, Chairman

Chart Loaning Service

The chart loaning service was established in 1991 to collect, store and distribute charts of European waters to be used by Cruising Club members who intend on sailing in those waters. In 2000 the service was expanded to include other parts of the world, in particular both coasts of Canada and the Caribbean. Currently the collection contains over 1000.

Check the CCA website to identify who is the chart coordinator for various countries and areas.

The charts are to be loaned, to be taken on board and used. They are to be returned as soon as practi-

cal, made ready for use by someone else. Should they be damaged during use, so be it. The collection will expand and be updated with contributions by users who fill in the gaps. Charts are available on a first-come basis.

The chart coordinators are cruisers themselves so don't wait until the last minute for they may be off cruising themselves.

If anyone has charts they would like to donate, please contact Sandy Weld (781-899-1062).

- Sandy Weld

Communications

Ham Radio Qualifications Revised

The big news in the world of Ham radio is that Morse code will no longer be required for Amateur radio licenses. The General Amateur Radio Class has always required the ability to receive and send Morse code.

The FCC announced intent to modify requirements on December 15. The plan was to rescind code requirements for General and Amateur Extra classes. The intent to change was posted in the Federal Register on January 24 and unless rescinded, the change was to become effective February 23. For more information, see the ARRL website at www.arrl.org.

Cell Phones - The USCG has asked cell phone providers to *discontinue* the key sequence "CG" used to request emergency assistance. The reason given was patchy service areas. This applies to all states except for Alaska.

DSC - Look to the Offshore Communications and Electronics section of www.cruisingclub.org for the latest Digital Selective Calling information.

- Walt Paul



Guest Moorings

Among the many fine attributes of the new CCA website is the ability to update guest mooring information in real time. This is an important development, because it means we can provide greater currency and accuracy of guest mooring information. The new website allows the committee to add, delete, edit and post guest mooring information in real time. That's a great feature for all the obvious reasons. It may provide the additional space needed for those who may have wanted to list a mooring in the past, but feared the restrictive nature of an annual "ever-green" listing in the yearbook.

We have 77 CCA guest moorings, located from Scotland to the San Juan Islands in the Pacific Northwest, most of them owned and maintained by CCA members. Our thanks to the member/stewards for this great resource. Thanks also to Dorsey Beard for her work at enhancing our web access. If you would like your mooring listed as a guest mooring, please email, write or fax all pertinent information (including limitations on use) to the Guest Mooring Committee: Chan Reis, Chair, P.O. Box 37, Hampton Falls, NH 03844 chanreis@comcast.net, Fax 603-929-6272

- Chan Reis



News from Stations & Posts



Boston Harbor

Boston & Buzzards Bay

The various tracings on our charts, chart plotters and automobile GPS's led to the Landfall Restaurant in Woods Hole for the South of Cape fall Gam in September. Some 30-plus enjoyed the rustic dining room for drinks and dinner on Saturday, September 30. The plan had been for a rendezvous on Sunday in Lake Tashmoo across the Sound, so boats arrived from Narragansett Bay, Osterville and various Buzzards Bay ports. Nick Brown and crew aboard *Rumba*, and Stan and Martie Livingston with their experienced boat hand Russ Field on *Manukai* - and it was great to see *Neptune*, owned years ago by past member George Whitely, author of *Northern Seas, Hardy Sailors* when Kin Howland and Henry Swan brought her through the old drawbridge into Eel Pond, where she had been kept when George prepared for some early trips around Newfoundland. But cruising plans are made only to be changed and - with the report of an approaching gale on Sunday - the fleet dispersed for safe havens. For some the ride home was a reach, and Nick Brown recounted his trip as "remarkable" - Woods Hole to Newport, average 8.5 kts, surges to 11 with seas running 8-10' entering Newport. Commodore Rowland reported a slow slog to Osterville with a beam sea breaking into the cockpit

upon entering the cut. Experience and local knowledge have their rewards, and Stan and Martie joined Nick and Kathie Newman and Alfie Sanford with his *Impala* in nearby Hadley's Harbor for a short gam to wrap up the final event afloat this season. Alfie left for home on Nantucket just as the southeaster really piped up and was no doubt ready to sit by the fire when he got in.

The crop of new members seems stronger (and to some of us, younger) each year, and so it was at the New Members Dinner held at Henderson House in October. A great event started by Bobby Lawrence and kept alive in fine fashion by our veteran entertainment chair, Rob Kiley.

The annual meeting of the Boston Station was held at The Country Club in Brookline in early November. No change of the guard this year, and RC Nancy McKelvy led a review of Station events and introduced a terrific slide show of a cruise in Newfoundland presented by new member Doug Bruce and his wife, Dale. Reports were made on the past summer's Bermuda Race, chaired by Bill Barton, which enjoyed a record number of participants, and saw CCA and especially our Station's boats faring well indeed. Special congrats to Brad Willauer, who got up the learning curve quickly with his new *Breezing Up* to take silver and to Jeff Wisch and his son Alex aboard *Wischbone*. Jeff and Alex took third in the doublehanded class, soundly thrashing your scribe, who with his son Ben dutifully patrolled offshore until nearly the whole fleet was safe in Hamilton.

We do our best to keep the tradition of Rat's lunches, occasionally held "out west" - not Denver, just Dedham - on the third Friday of



GMP Ski Weekend

David Pratt



David Pratt

winter months, while the Buzzards Bay Post continues to dine midday on the last Friday at Beverly YC. John Cunningham is now in charge of chowder and rum at the Rat's, and Dan Nerney has provided some interesting speakers as Post captain, Buzzards Bay. Of likely interest to those planning to join the Nova Scotia cruise in July would be *Weather Watching* (Cape Breton University Press), whose author, Bill Danielson, was introduced by Toby Baker and gave a most interesting and professional analysis of the weather many of us have enjoyed in the Maritimes. The book is quite attractive and is touted by Ted Brainard for its value in understanding the weather in that part of the world.

It took some convincing that the Buzzards Bay Post budget could handle an annual dinner in early February at the Hope Club in Providence, but Kin Howland prevailed - and Dan Nerney was retired in a style becoming a world class photographer. Vice Commodore Sherbrooke dusted off some films of an early '60s Sydney Hobart Race, aboard *Ondine*, and his whirling projector as well, to enthrall the 60 or so attendees with sailing memories that don't seem nearly 50 years old.

Please reply early if you can make it to lunch or are planning to attend a Gam or cruise. Your event planners will appreciate this. Events

just ahead are a spring Gam in Narragansett Bay on Memorial weekend and of course the Nova Scotia cruise in July. Check the calendar!

Also, a **Boston Harbor Mini-Cruise in mid-September** will combine some fun gatherings for any members in the area with the Station's annual meeting. Sept. 13: Gunk Hole in Hingham Harbor, drinks & dinner @ Jake's Seafood; Sept. 14: Rum Keg Race, Bumpkin Isl. to Constitution Marina, **Station Annual Dinner Meeting** under tent; Sept. 15: Spectacle Isl. Swizzle & Beach Party w/ steel drums (slips & moorings available); Sept. 16: Explore Thompson Isl. Outward Bound; fire & ice provided for parting lunch. Particulars from co-chairs Susi Homer (gmpsecretary@earthlink.com; 508-272-5862), Roger Merrill (rogermerrill3@aol.com; 617-320-8848).

- Bob Morris

Bras d'Or

The weather in Nova Scotia was unseasonably warm until early January, leaving Station members gazing at their boats, and wondering why said boats were "on the hard" and under cover. The winter season caught up with us, however, with weeks of extreme cold; the waters surrounding our fair province turned hard, too! Great for ice-boating, possibly, but not for cruising.

Plans are in full swing, though, for the Bluenose National Cruise, under the indefatigable chairmanship of Charles Westropp and Gretchen McCurdy, who have provided Cruise details elsewhere in this issue. Quite a number of BDO station members are planning to attend, so summer cruising plans for many are closer to home than they

might otherwise be, the compensation being that we look forward to meeting all the members from visiting stations.

A couple of BDO members will be enjoying their own cruises before meeting up with us all in Halifax. Ernest Hamilton will be singlehanded his ketch *Glooscap* from Saint John, New Brunswick to join the National Cruise, and upon his return to Saint John, plans to join the Manchester Yacht Club Cruise of the Saint John River. Jim Evans will also be part of the National cruise by sailing *Nellie Lamb* from Prince Edward Island. Denis Linton will be crew for Jim, and their wives Anna and Denise will be taking part from Jim's car.

Denis's *Carpe Diem 1* is in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland at present. He plans to complete a circuit of Ireland, beginning in May, and will leave her in Kinsale until September, at which time he will return to Ireland with a crew, and sail to the British Virgin Islands. Sounds like Denis is going to be very busy crossing the Atlantic this summer and fall!

Reg Goodday and family are flying to Greece in June to cruise the islands off Turkey. Although timing will prevent him from racing the Marblehead Halifax Race, he plans to participate in the CCA cruise with *Acubra*.

Glen Dexter is wintering *Odyssey* in Bermuda, having sailed her down in November - four days of broad reaching and running, for which he is sure he will have to pay sometime! He spent a week in Bermuda cruising into Castle Harbour and between St. George's and Hamilton, and planned to head back in late April. Sandy MacMillan was part of the crew going to Bermuda, and expected to also be on board in April.

Sam Rogers and his crew aboard *Medley* are now on their way back across the Atlantic. *Medley* left Halifax in June 2006, and has visited Ireland, England and France during the summer. They spent Christmas in Spain, some time in Portugal and the Canary and Cape Verde Islands before setting out for Barbados. They have sailed more than 10,000 km so far. Follow their adventures on their excellent website www.medleyatsea.com.

A number of members have nebulous plans for the summer, doubtless to be reported on in the fall edition of the *GAM*.

Approximately 35 members and spouses enjoyed an excellent meal and convivial company at the Winter Social held at the Blomidon Inn in Wolfville on January 20.

Station Officers for 2007 are: Rear Commodore, Hal Davies; Secretary-Treasurer, Wilson Fitt; Historian, Iain Tulloch; Membership Committee Chair, Sandy MacMillan; Cruise Committee Chair, Phil Wash; Fleet Surgeon, Doug Henshaw.

Dates for the year include the Spring Raft-Up on June 23, obviously the CCA National Bluenose Cruise, July 14-22, and September 8 is set for the Fall Raft-Up.

- Iain Tulloch

Chesapeake

Over 2.5 inches of rain and a strong northeaster initiated the Chesapeake Station 2006 Fall Cruise. Bill Brewer writes, "John Melchner and his committee did a splendid job despite the crazy weather pattern: for the first two days it blew a gale out of the northeast, very rare for our area, and for the rest it was perfect. Most of us from the western shore stayed put during the gale,

and were suitably reprimanded by the weather gods when we drove over the bridge to the party at Higgins Yacht Yard in St. Michaels - and ended up in a three-hour traffic jam on the Bay Bridge! I'll take a northeast gale to that any day."

Once the weather brightened, the fleet moved around to the Tred Avon for a fine gathering on the lawn hosted by RC Sunny Smith at his son Charlie Smith's home. With five boats competing in a very light northerly wind, *Grey Ghost*, a Nall 38 sailed by Phil Parish, won the Sunny Gibbons-Neff trophy. The race down started in Eastern Bay and finished in the middle of the Choptank River.

The Annual Meeting of the Station was at Miles River Yacht Club, followed by the dinner. The Fall Cruise this year was dedicated to Past RC Bill Brewer, who just became a 50-year member of the Cruising Club. Bill has been an inspiration to all of us and, as our Webmaster, keeps us up to speed on all of our upcoming events. Our Station has gained a lot in the past two years from the programs put together by outgoing RC Sunny Smith, and we look forward to the next years under our new RC, Peter Gibbons-Neff, and Fleet Captain Karl von Schwarz.

On December 3, the Chesapeake Station, the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake and the Storm Trysail Club jointly presented "An Evening with Gary Jobson" at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. John Melchner writes, "The purpose of



PC Truman Casner, Bill Brewer, Sunny Smith

Marsie Hawkinson

the event was to raise funds for the Annapolis Maritime Museum located at the former McNasby's Oyster House in Eastport. All proceeds went to the Museum. Chesapeake Station member Jobson entertained a capacity crowd of over 100 people by personally narrating two videos, which included many views never seen before. The first video covered the June 2006 Centennial Newport Bermuda Race with about an hour's coverage of the race as seen from the decks of the participants. The second video, also about an hour, covered the recently completed Volvo Ocean Race, with footage from several of the boats. The scenes from the Southern Ocean were 'awesome' and it was almost beyond belief that boats and crews could put up with



RC Peter Gibbons-Neff and Jeff Gibbons-Neff

Marsie Hawkinson



Sunny Smith with Commodore's Bowl

Marsie Hawkinson

the conditions they found there. If you get a chance to see this program, don't miss it." Arrangements for the event were made by Annapolis Maritime Museum Board members and CCA members Gary Jobson and Sunny Smith.

Nearly 60 members, spouses and guests attended our annual Christmas Luncheon in the Skipjack Room of Annapolis Yacht Club on December 12. Sunny Smith received the Rear Commodore's Flag in recognition of his term of office. The Steering Committee met that day and nailed down many of the plans for the 2007 Station calendar.

- John Hawkinson

Essex

On September 6, the Essex Station held its fall rendezvous. We rafted up in Selden Creek with Bill Gunther and his faithful four-footed companion Max on *Puritan*, RC Paul Connor with Carol on *Lilly*, also on board Tom and Dottie Wadlow (*Joyant* was in Scotland), Frank and Elizabeth Bohlen on *Tatler*, PC

Bob Drew and Mindy on *Benbow*, Dick and Ardis Holliday on *Everbreeze*, Rives and Nancy Potts on *Sammy*, and your scribe with Dianne on *Meridian*. We enjoyed a beautiful evening under clear skies with a fantastic sunset, followed by a full moon. The next day we went all the way to Hamburg Cove, where we rafted up on Bob Klimek's mooring. After walking around the Hamburg Cove area, we were joined again by Rives and Nancy Potts with Paul and Patty Hamilton on *Sammy*, and guests John and Wendy Richards on *Windermere*, as well as Dauntless Club member Ed Jeter on *Telesis*. After cocktails we headed to the inner cove to John Leonard's Cove Landing Marine, with its brand new clubhouse. Our cruise chairman, Rives Potts, put on a wonderful dinner, which was enjoyed by about 50 members and guests. It was good to see Sharlie Barringer and Angie Robinson. After dinner we made our way back to the raft in the outer cove and sat around the coal stove on *Sammy* reminiscing about boats, shipmates and voyages while the trusty "Briggs" finished his port.

Our Annual Meeting was held at Essex Corinthian Yacht Club on December 5. At this meeting RC Paul Connor handed the traditional belaying pin to Rives Potts as our new rear com-



Bob Drew

Essex fleet in Hamburg Cove

modore. Also elected were Tony Halsey as treasurer, Spencer Leech as secretary and myself, Jeb Embree, as historian. The Vernon Merritt *Talisman* trophy was awarded to Tom Wadlow's *Joyant* for their transatlantic crossing to Ireland and Scotland, and the B. Bruce Edmonds trophy went to Jack English for his many years of meritorious sailing and service to the CCA. Barnaby Blatch will continue with entertainment, Paul Hamilton will be our new cruise chairman, and Stanley Cooper will continue at membership. Paul Connor becomes the new head of the nominating committee.

On February 13 we gathered at the Boom Restaurant at Pilots Point for our second annual potluck dinner. Rives opened the restaurant, which is closed for the season, fired up the ovens and 30 of us enjoyed



Mindy Drew

RC Rives, Nancy and Walker Potts



Alex Murphy at 96

each other's dishes. We were proud to have Walker Potts with us. He has completed two tours in Iraq. As we finished dinner, we were treated to a slide show. Tom Wadlow's pictures and narration of *Joyant's* crossing the Atlantic, going around Ireland and the Outer Hebrides, and then to the Scottish mainland were just great. Thanks, Tom, for the terrific show.

Don't forget our third Thursday of the month (except July and August) lunch at Essex Corinthian YC on Novelty Lane in Essex. We encourage guests from other stations. The lunches are well attended and a lot of fun. See you all there!

- Jeb Embree

Florida

Social - The Florida Station Annual Meeting and Dinner were held on the west coast at St. Petersburg Yacht Club November 3. Over 60 attended the dinner and were entertained by Beth Leonard with slides and tales of her and Evans Starzinger's extended cruising adventures. Several of the west coast members had their yachts at the SPYC docks, so many east coast members were able to stay on board in close proximity to the Club.

The Mid-Winter Rendezvous

kicked off with a rum keg party at RC Skip Barlow's home on Hobe Sound. Once again over 60 attended, and seven couples came by boat. The fleet headed south, and the following evening over 40 met for cocktails and dinner at Old Port Cove Yacht Club.

The Stuart luncheons wrap in April, while the St Petersburg luncheons continue at 1130, 3rd Thursday of every month, St Petersburg YC (11 Central Ave.). Call Gerry Clapp (727-744-3055) or gbc143@verizon.com.

Racing - Friday, December 1, 2006 marked the 50th anniversary of the prestigious **Wirth M. Munroe Fort Lauderdale to Palm Beach Yacht Race** with 29 yachts competing in this historic point-to-point, 34-nautical mile race. Again this year the race was sponsored by the CCA and the Sailfish Club of Florida. Course records were set in all classes. The race started off Fort Lauderdale, with the first class start at 1000 hours and the first boat finishing in Palm Beach at 1248 hours. The best CCA yacht



Gerry Clapp, Bob & Teta Gunther, Jack Wills

to finish was Sennett Duttonhofer's *Man-O-War*. The Sailfish Club hosted a rum party, buffet and awards dinner afterward - this is always one of the great parties of the season.

Also attending the celebrations were Charlie Munroe and Bill Munroe, sons of Wirth M. Munroe, who founded the race 50 years ago as the Miami-Palm Beach Ocean Race. In 1956 the first race was sponsored by the Florida Station and was open to cruising yachts deemed seaworthy by the Race Committee; handicaps were taken from CCA Ratings. The basic objective for the race was to establish an event for the local boats on the East Coast of Florida rather than trying to add another event to the Southern Ocean Racing Conference.

Cruising - This past summer



Jack Towle, Jim Chambers, Milt & Judy Baker, RC Skip Barlow

Ross and Tanner Rose cruised *Witch of Pungo*, their Swan 48, up the west coast of Scotland, through the Caledonian Canal, up to the Shetland Islands and across the North Sea to Bergen. After a crew change, the cruise continued down the west coast and up the east coast of Norway. *Witch of Pungo* is wintering at the Walsted Yard in Svendborg, Denmark, where it awaits next summer's cruise up to the Stockholm archipelago and the Aland Islands.

Milt and Judy Baker were at the Mid-Winter Rendezvous and brought us all up to date. *Bluewater* is currently in Fort Lauderdale and preparing for crossing, in the company of at least 10, to Bermuda, Horta and ultimately Gibraltar in early summer, after which they plan to leisurely cruise the Mediterranean.

Steve and Karyn James's *Threshold* is now in Portugal. Karyn also made the Mid-Winter Rendezvous and tells us they plan to cruise north to the Arctic Circle this summer.

Andy Wall, *Kandarik*, plans to join *Threshold* this summer then he will rejoin Pam in the Azores and head for the Mediterranean to cruise there.

In February Jurgen Kok joined SKWB Bremen Club's *Bank von Bremen* from Martinique to St Maarten in her preparation for the HSH Nordbank Blue Race from New York to Hamburg in June.

In June Jim and Sue Chambers will join Scott Piper's *Pipe Dream IX* in Malta and cruise the coast of Tunisia, after which Scott's long range plan includes: the Red Sea, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Japan, Alaska, PNW to Panama and home to Florida.

Station Cruise - The upcoming Station cruise is on the east coast of Florida and starts April 24 at the

brand-new Moorings Club in Vero Beach. On to Eau Gallie YC for a cocktail reception and dinner, Titusville for a raft-up, Halifax River YC cocktail party and dinner, St Augustine Marina for a rum keg party, then a tour of the Mainship Factory and finale dinner party on April 30. Members in the area about to cruise north are welcome; contact Paul Ives (772-234-8308).

Web - Station webmaster Charlie Munroe reports that the Florida Station website is moving to the Cruising Club website, and our information may be found under FLORIDA, which is under the STATIONS heading within the MEMBERS ONLY section. The new CCA website www.cruisingclub.org is most certainly worth a visit if you have not seen it yet. You can update your information and see Steve Taylor's letters before they go out snail mail.

- Barbara Watson

New York

As you read this, the welcome odor of fresh varnish mingling with the ever-present blooms of forsythia should be ushering in our new sailing season. Or, we might still be shoveling a late snowfall. In either case, a fresh season will shortly be upon us. Since our last report, we have had our Annual Meeting dinner at the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium in October, a unique undertaking for us and well attended. Peter Ward, our leader for the past two years, passed the baton - or tiller - on to yours truly, even though I could not attend this event. Since then we have been very busy looking



Ginny Sanford and Jim Wickersham

into what our membership might most enjoy during the long winter months, and have come up with three marvelous speaker dinners, all of which will be held at the Norwalk Inn, in Norwalk, Connecticut and a joint lobster bake event with the North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian Cruising Club in early June.

Our event co-chairs, Port Draper and Ann Glenn, have with the help of others already held a wonderful evening with Brec and Sandy Morgan on February 16, at which Brec regaled us with his experiences as he sailed his 27' Pacific Seacraft around the globe. As luck would have it, his most fearsome experience was his first passage when, three days out and terribly short on experience at sea, he was hit with 60-knot winds and monster seas in the infamous Gulf Stream. Fortunately this was the worst storm he had to endure over the next five years. Wonderful slides, good humor and excellent



Hank Strauss, Ms Heering, RC Peter Ward

food marked a good beginning to our winter gatherings.

Next up on March 23 were scheduled Frank and Tari McCabe, volunteer organizers of the Eastern Med Rally, to regale us with the extraordinary sights, sounds and cultures of the Eastern Mediterranean. Many of us are joining the '07 Cruise in Turkey this fall, so this promised to be a very special evening. On April 20 we will hear from our very own intrepid Ginny Vought, as she describes her voyages on her Cal 39 *Ginny* from Southport to the Bahamas, on to the Azores and Portugal and returning via the Canary Islands to the Caribbean and at last home this past summer.

We are planning for two on-water rendezvous this season, at least one of which few if any of us have ever been to before... top secret to pique your interest when it is announced! Also in the works, some joint events with our neighbors to the east, the Essex Station. And in the late fall we hope to host a day-long seminar, likely at Ft. Schuyler Maritime, to better equip us to navigate safely with the newest technology while continuing to enhance our at-sea safety. All in all, we hope the juices are flowing deep in our seafaring veins, and that '07 allows all our members a chance to enjoy each other and the sea we love.

- Jim Binch

Pacific Northwest

After a 14-year, 89,796 mile circumnavigation, Larry and Maxine Bailey arrived home in Seattle in late September aboard *Shingebiss*. Imagine trying to summarize such a voyage with a 45-minute slide presentation, but this is what they did at the PNW annual dinner in November. In January they were



Larry Bailey

Larry & Maxine Bailey after their 14 year voyage

presented the Far Horizons Award by the CCA. They will be off again on April 22 for a summer of cruising in Alaska. Their plan is to rendezvous with PNW members Mike and Linda Duffy at Glacier Bay, then join the Station cruise in Desolation Sound in September.

Kaspar and Trish Schibli departed Puerto Montt in October aboard *Starfire* and cruised the Chilean *canales*, the Estrecho de Magellanes, rounded Cabo Horno and visited the Falkland Islands before heading across the Atlantic for Portugal in April. Your reporter spent several enjoyable weeks with them in December cruising the desolate and windy areas of southern Chile.

Cam Hinman's *Makali'i*, a Valiant 42, with 11 different crew members, traversed the Pacific from Brisbane to Hawaii, about 7600 miles. Instead of taking a direct route, Cam chose to country hop through Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands, Raiatea and Bora Bora and on to Hilo. This northern hemisphere

winter *Makali'i* is resting in Hawaii awaiting repairs and maintenance in the spring. Cam and wife Marilyn plan to explore some Hawaiian Island anchorages this summer and spend time visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, who live in Kailua-Kona.

The PNW Spring Cruise will begin in Olympia

May 19 and will visit a number of locations in south Puget Sound, ending in Tacoma May 24. The Fall "Freshwater Lake" Cruise will take place in Desolation Sound September 5-12. Contact fleet captain Dave Heaps for further details.

In early January, Fred Hayes and two friends cruised aboard *Annabelle* from Seattle to Princess Louisa Inlet, one of the Pacific Northwest's most beautiful marine settings. Here are excerpts from his report:

"Wednesday, the 10th opened sunny and calm. One short hour later fog and snow enclosed the boat. Jervis Inlet lay oily black and glassy calm. Snow covered the mountains from summit to sea.



Doug Cole

Kaspar Schibli off Cabo Froward in Magellan Straits

There was no color. Everything was a shade of white, black or gray. The scene was worthy of Poe.

Soft ice sheets appeared in Queen's Reach a few miles from the Princess Louisa entrance. They sounded like sandpaper when the boat pushed through

Princess Louisa Inlet was spectacular. Snow eighteen inches deep covered float and shore when, at 1530, we moored at the Park. Oppressive silence, save for a small hushed sound from Chatterbox Falls. Gloomy mountains climbed into the gathering darkness; falls frozen to cliffs. Our cabin was a warm refuge.

Sunday morning. Dark and quiet. The silence of fresh snow. Fourteen inches on deck and snowing. Shore to shore ice in the inlet. Temperature holding at 34°. If the temperature drops, what then? *Annabelle* idled down the Inlet leaving a black trail on the white surface. Once outside we saw that sheet ice completely covered Jervis Inlet. We pushed along on a slow bell when abruptly the engine overheated. Slush ice had plugged the raw water filter. We cleared it and proceeded. Half an hour later we were free. When we moored in Garden Bay

the temperature was a balmy 47°. Our snow blanket evaporated."

I prefer life afloat. Our week had its challenges. They paled, however, alongside Seattle's snow-slick commuter traffic when we arrived home.

- Doug Cole



John Stanford

Mimi Cornelius, Jane Van Blaricom, Robby Robinson, Jerry Knecht, Jim Cornelius, Bob Van Blaricom

San Francisco

Thanks to the hard work done in past two years under the able leadership of Past RC Jim Cornelius, the San Francisco Station is headed for another superb season. At our December Christmas Dinner, Bob Van Blaricom was installed as our new Rear Commodore. Bob will be assisted by Steve Hunt as Secretary-Treasurer with Robby Robinson continuing in the important role as Chairman of the Membership Committee. The Station is now at an all-time high with 78 members, including seven Circumnavigators and two Blue Water Medal winners.

Cruising plans for 2007 include Jerry Eaton on *Blue Heron* leaving Marmaris in Turkey in May and heading across the Med. Jerry plans to join the ARC Rally for an Atlantic crossing in November and spend next winter in the Caribbean. Wyman Harris spent this past winter on the west coast of Mexico on *Safari*, moving up to the Sea of Cortez in April. At the end of May, *Safari* will be moved to Sidney, BC for a summer of cruising in the Pacific Northwest.

At last report, Bill Chapman on *Bones VIII* was heading south to the Panama Canal and then sailing the Caribbean and maybe on to the east coast of South America.

With global warming clearing the ice, Roger and Gaynelle Swanson are talking about another attempt at a Northwest Passage on *Cloud Nine* in 2008.

Bob Bernheim has recently twice transited the center of Florida on a friend's 36' De Fever. Bob reported that lake water levels were low. After three years cruising the East Coast on his powerboat, *Soft Touch*, Bob is now ready for new horizons like the east coast of Mexico and Cancun. Crossing the Atlantic this June on a west to east route from Newport, RI will be Bill Foss on *Détente*. Bill plans to head to the Mediterranean after a stop in Madeira.

Stan Honey is acting as navigation advisor to the *Morning Light* team of young people sponsored by Roy E. Disney's Pacific High Productions. *Morning Light* will have the youngest crew ever to sail the 2,225-nm Transpacific Yacht Race from Los Angeles to Honolulu this July. Look for a documentary on this effort in theaters in early 2008.

At our February Station meeting, Billy Martinelli, the builder and owner of the 52' scow schooner, *Gas Light*, gave a presentation and a showing of his historic re-creation of a 19th century San Francisco Bay hay and brick barge. *Gas Light* has



RC Bob Van Blaricom

John Stanford



Corky Dossett, RC Andy Dossett, Lisa Laing, Larry Somers

a steel hull with a beautiful wood interior, draws only 3'4" with its board up and is used to take school kids on educational sails as well as chartering to adults. Although the ship was designed for the protected waters of the SF Bay, Billy has sailed *Gas Light* out in the Pacific to Santa Barbara.

SAF Station members are proud of Bob Van Blaricom's recently published nautical autobiography, *Time and Tide* (see John Rousmaniere's review elsewhere in this issue). Each chapter in the book is centered on a different sailboat in Bob's life. The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs and is available at www.lulu.com. Everyone who has read the book raves about the wonderful sailing stories.

Our first Station cruise will be to Half Moon Bay down the coast on May 26-28, Memorial Day weekend. Our summer cruise will be to Montezuma Slough in the Delta on July 6-8. September 14-16 will find us heading out into the ocean for a hard beat to windward past Pt. Reyes and then a watchful entrance over the dangerous bar into Tomales Bay. For those with nothing better to do on a cold winter night, there will be the traditional gam at Clipper

Cove off Treasure Island on New Year's Eve.

- John Sanford

Southern California

As is our custom, we ended our year with a fall cruise and a gala Christmas party. The dinner party was considered a huge success by the many members and guests who attended. It was held at Newport Harbor Yacht Club and emceed by member Tod White. Our speaker for the evening was Brad Avery, who presented photos from his latest voyage on *Galetea* to Alaska. RC Andy Dossett recounted our year's activities and again thanked all those Station members who contributed to our international Baja Cruise. He also highlighted the many other Station activities that took place in 2006.

Our Fall Cruise was described by Andy's report as follows: For our Station's Fall Cruise we sailed due west to California Yacht Club at Marina del Rey (adjacent to LAX),

where we spent October 13th night, after an astonishingly super Seafood Buffet attended by 25 members and guests. Then, westward again 50M to Ventura Keys, a delightful residential settlement with a yacht in front of every home, the first being Rick and Carol Hambleton's, where six of us cruisers Med-tied to their front yard dock. Sundowners were consumed in the yard of the authentic New England house and in due course a delicious meal was served up by Carol and Rick.

The next leg to the west was 20M, reaching Santa Barbara in time for lunch. Santa Barbara probably has the most attractive harbor in Southern California. Although it moors 1000 vessels, it seems a tight little harbor of refuge with commercial fishing boats lying next to goldplaters, circled by the steep Coastal Range not far distant. The Spanish architectural town is not far, and the shopping is the Western equivalent to Fifth Avenue.

Ed and Ann Brady drove 24 of us to their glorious home in Montecito, which is of the Mediterranean style nestled on the eucalyptus-covered hillside with Santa Cruz Island as their vista 25M on the horizon. A delightful meal of hors d'oeuvres such as rack of lamb and spinach and cheese in phyllo was passed around by lovely maidens from the nearby college, all accompanied



Bill Barsz, Janet & Jim Eddy, Lou Scott

Richard Lawrence

Richard Lawrence

by son John Brady's accordion and guitarist Larry Powell. A dreamy evening in a setting where anyone from anywhere would willingly migrate.

Eighteen miles southwest of Santa Barbara harbor lies Santa Cruz Island, one of the four Channel Islands, and the next day four of the fleet anchored in Pelican Cove. In the channel between the Coastal Range and this string of high islands usually funnels an afternoon wind that will average 22 knots and, though Pelican lies right on this channel, it is well enough protected from the prevailing westerlies. Except for several summer weekends, the many anchorages of these islands are rarely filled with more than a yacht or two. One would have to sail thousands of miles to find such seclusion and idyllic surroundings.

The cruise roster included *Aikane*, Mickey & Eleanor Beland; *Allegra*, Jack & Bev Cahill and Billy Graham; *Bel Ami*, Bill & Jeri Barsz and Baird Tewksbury; *Carina*, Bert & Bonnie Zillgitt and Andy & Corky Dossett; *Hallelujah*, Frank and Allan Trane and George & Millie Griffith; *Seascope*, Tod & Linda White and Don & Chris Clothier.

- Dick Lawrence



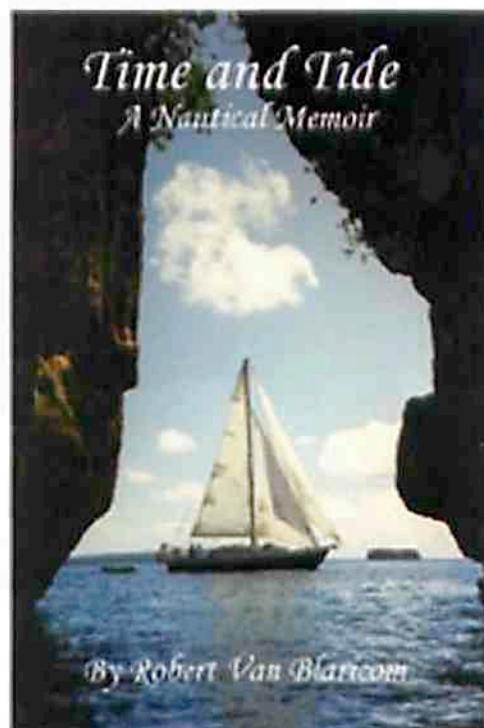
Dick and Robin Lawrence in Princess Louisa Inlet, BC

New Book by Bob Van Blaricom

Robert Van Blaricom, *Time and Tide: A Nautical Memoir*. 310 pages, illustrated. Available from www.lulu.com. \$25 paperback, \$13.82 download.

Toward the end of his engaging sailing autobiography, CCA member Bob Van Blaricom tells us his solution to the problem of creating a happy existence for oneself. First, go sailing with a purpose for two years. Then take a year off. Finally, head off again for another two years. You could have fooled me. If I have read his wonderful book correctly, there has been almost nonstop adventuring since a certain teenager just off the train from Idaho took a leaky skiff out into Raccoon Straits off Tiburon, California.

Time and Tide is the page-turner of a memoir by a spirited man who wants us to share his delight in sailing to and enjoying new places in interesting boats. The breadth of his experience is hinted at by the chapter titles, each the name of a boat. Chapter 1, *An Unnamed Skiff*, gets us started on the right (if damp) foot. *Ballerina* (chapter 5) is the reverse-sheer 23-footer in which Bob and Jane took their honeymoon and cruised the Delta. Three chapters later comes *Armored*, a hefty wooden cutter that carried them 11,000 miles from England to California. Something else entirely is *Sea Bear* (chapter 13), a steel cutter that Bob built and sailed to Australia and Alaska. Fifteen boats and 60 years on, we have *Cloud Nine*, the 57-footer in which owner Roger Swanson, Bob, and several other Californians made an unsuccessful



try at transiting the Northwest Passage in 2005.

In between come stories of a wondrous range of vessels that Bob worked or crewed on, owned, built, or otherwise enjoyed. Ocean races to Hawaii and Tahiti, Atlantic and Pacific crossings, East Coast and Great Lakes cruises, little voyages up California's rivers and canals, big ones to Alaska or Baja – all fine stories told very well, with attention paid equally to boats and people. Some cruising writers, alas, ignore the men and women they meet. Bob remembers temporary neighbors as clearly as he does tidal ranges and torn sails.

When we last see our author, he is 76 years old and on Baja California, happily hitchhiking to La Paz after being dropped off from a 30-footer that he has just helped sail, doublehanded, down from San Francisco. "It had," he writes, "been an interesting trip." One of dozens.

-John Rousmaniere

Update on the Olin Stephens Reading Room at Mystic Seaport

The CCA Archives are getting a new home at Mystic Seaport and the CCA/Olin Stephens Reading Room in the G.W. Blunt White Library is getting a makeover, thanks to donations from the CCA. Commodore Ned Rowland, Mystic Seaport Vice President Paul O'Pecko, Historian Bob Drew, and Archivist Tony Halsey have had a number of meetings to iron out the details.

In May of 2004 the CCA dedicated the CCA/Olin Stephens Reading Room in honor of long-

time member Olin J. Stephens II. At that time, much of the Reading Room had been refurbished, thanks to the generosity of numerous CCA members, whose names are listed on a plaque outside the room. The room will now contain books and magazines more relevant to members of the CCA, the yachting community and the general visitor looking for a quiet haven on the Museum grounds.

The secure glass cases in the room will display CCA memora-

bilia. Books in the CCA collection will carry a special CCA bookplate. The *CC News*, the *GAM* and CCA yearbooks will also be available for reference. Other books will range in topic from yachting history and cruising to naval architecture and navigation as well as a host of more general topics that will interest visiting yachtsmen as well as the general public. Computers will be available in the room for visitors' use.

-Bob Drew

What's new on our website?

www.cruisingclub.org offers new material all the time, and we update the CCA web site constantly. Here's what's new:

- Fleet Surgeon's Memorandum (on the public part of the website) has been updated by Fleet Surgeon Garry Fischer. He has added a review and tutorial for setting up a permanent boom preventer, and published results of all injuries and illness from the last five Newport Bermuda Races.
- *Norwegian Cruising Guide* by CCA member John Harries and Phyllis Nickel – we have a summary of and link to the newly published 3rd edition.
- Digital Selective Calling - Ron Trossbach has added a discussion about how it works and why it is important.
- Communications memoranda are updated by Walt Paul on a regular basis.
- The Members Only site is the best place to go for latest information about Club activities and events. Cruise chairs regularly feed information for posting, such as a reading list for anyone heading to Turkey (for the CCA cruise or

otherwise), the latest information on this summer's "Bluenose" Nova Scotia cruise, and new details about the next winter's cruise in Antigua. All official Club correspondence is posted on the site even before it goes in the mail, and is kept on-line for months. Club business can also be conducted on the web site, such as paying annual dues, updating your own membership information, and submitting boat photos for the Yearbook. There is an expanded interactive "Member Search" feature,

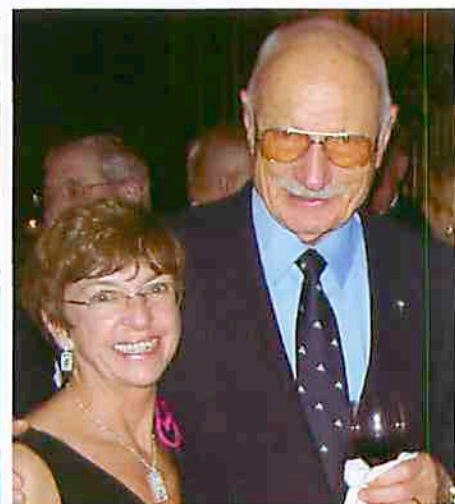
and of course a listing of all guest moorings.

- Final Voyages page (in Members Only – News) lists members who have sailed their last voyage. Names remain until the official listing is published in the *Cruising Club News* each year.

Please visit the site regularly, and let us know if you have any problems. E-mail comments and feedback to webmaster@cruisingclub.org.

-Dorsey Beard

The screenshot shows the 'Members Only' section of the The Cruising Club of America website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Members, News, Stations, Member Resources, Photo Galleries, Search, and Return to Public Site. Below this, the 'Members' section features a photo of four men in formal attire. To the right, a 'Members Only Home' section contains three featured items: 'PNW 2006 Historian's Report & Photo Gallery', 'Turkey Cruise 2007 - New Reading List', and 'Annapolis Spring Meeting Details & Registration'. On the left side of the 'Members' section, there's a 'Newly Posted Info' box and a 'Favorite Links' box with links to Member Proposal, Information, Member Search, Sailing Resources, Guest Meetings, Chart Loan Service, Offshore Communications, The Boats We Sail, CCA Cruise Books, and CCA Store.



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Newport Bermuda Race Centennial Gala November 13, 2006



Welcome New Members

By Evans Wohlforth and Bill Wohlforth



KEVIN PATRICK BLEE

Hamilton, Bermuda
Station: Bermuda
Proposer: Derek Ratteray

Kevin Blee is an accomplished Bermuda Race man whose prowess down below in the galley or on a yacht's computer equipment almost matches his on-deck seamanship. Kevin started sailing at age eight and sailed many one-design boats in his early years. He has sailed two Marion-Bermuda Races, one Newport Bermuda Race, four deliveries between Bermuda and Newport, six deliveries between Bermuda and Tortola, and one from Ft. Lauderdale to Bermuda, in addition to a number of shorter voyages. Kevin is also an accomplished dinghy racer, and in recent years he has caught the cruising bug, taking proposer Derek Ratteray's *Alida* to the Virgin Islands each winter. Kevin is always in demand as a cook; his offshore meals are said to be culinary masterpieces. He cheerfully contributes to the sailing community through his hard work for many club racing events, whether as mark boat in the Gold Cup Regatta or marshaling the Christmas Boat Parade. Kevin is a great addition to the Club's ranks.



Dean Carmine & Claudette Kopi

DEAN A. CARMINE

Tiburon, California
Spouse: Claudette (Kopi)
Station: San Francisco
Yacht: Monk 38' Motorsailer Ketch *Martha Rose*
Proposer: William J. Edinger

Any sailor stepping aboard *Martha Rose* will see immediately that she is maintained by a true seafarer who knows what boats are for. As one member put it, "She's not fancy, just *right*." Dean and Kopi are long-time liveaboards who practically raised a family aboard their motorsailer. Having cut his teeth racing dinghies on the Bay, Dean skippered his Islander 33 round the Pacific (San-Francisco-La Paz-Marquesas-Hawaii-San Francisco) in the 1970s. The 1980s and '90s found him and Kopi taking *Martha Rose* north to Alaska. Dean's seamanship extends beyond navigation and sailhandling to encompass all of a yacht's systems: He is a professional marine engineer who holds engineer's licenses from the United States Coast Guard, and has sailed on commercial vessels in many waters, including the Antarctic. He and Kopi are reported to be delightful company ashore or afloat, where they're most

likely to be found. It is a pleasure to welcome them to the CCA.



*Julia, Chase, Somers, Dede, Ellis,
Mackenzie Cooper*

P. SOMERS COOPER

Southampton, Bermuda
Spouse: Wendy (DeDe)
Station: Bermuda
Yachts: 26' J/80 *Lix*; Cape Dory 28' powerboat *Pelican*
Proposer: John S. Winder

Somers Cooper is a veteran of all facets of the Bermuda Race. He has not only done his share of racing and delivering boats between the Island and Marion or Newport, but has also done more than his share of organizing and running the race. The racing fraternity is in his debt for his work on the Newport Bermuda Race Committee for the 1998 and 2000 Races, when he was commodore of Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. Somers began sailing in RBYC's youth program as a lad of seven and proceeded to compile an impressive record of racing accomplishments—examples include representing Bermuda for the 1981 Tornado World Championships and, more recently, crewing aboard Dennis Connor's custom 50' *Stars & Stripes* in the 2002 and 2004 MEXORC. He serves as helmsman

on *Lix* (co-owned with Les Crane) and sometimes can be found taking it easy on *Pelican* (co-owned with Peter Cooper). The CCA is fortunate to have Somers Cooper as a member.

Memberships: Royal Bermuda Yacht Club; Bermuda Sailing Association; Bermuda Offshore Cruising Association; Imperial Poona Yacht Club



DAVID M. COX

Easton, Maryland

Spouse: Julie

Station: Chesapeake

Proposer: John A. Hawkinson, MD

David Cox knows how to make sailboats run fast and make sailing events run smoothly. He has sailed all his life, honing legendary dinghy-sailing skills on his beloved Penguins and deploying them on yachts of all sizes, most notably as a watch captain on Tad duPont's Cal 40 *Nicole* in numerous deliveries and a half dozen Newport Bermuda Races. His connections to our Club are broad, as he has sailed with many members, and Julie is niece and cousin of members of the CCA Gibbons-Neff clan. Currently commodore of both Tred Avon and Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs, David has been a key organizer of many sailing activities on Chesapeake Bay, not least of which is what one correspondent calls "one of

the largest and best Penguin events anywhere." Those who know him remark on his fine seamanship and deep commitment to the ethos and ethics of the sport. Those who have competed against him (inshore, offshore, or, for that matter, on the squash court) extol his winning combination of fearsome skill and fine good cheer. He will be an asset to the Cruising Club.

Memberships: Tred Avon Yacht Club; Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club; Philadelphia Corinthian Yacht Club; Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club



NEAL F. FINNEGAN

Cohasset, Massachusetts

Station: Boston

Yacht: Swan 56 *Clover III*

Proposer: Hans F. Himmelman

Since taking up the sport in 1985, Neal Finnegan has sailed over 30,000 miles of salt water, the vast majority of that in vessels under his command. A veteran of some half dozen Bermuda Races and several Marblehead Halifax Races, Neal has also cruised widely, including runs from New England to Florida and the Caribbean, and two transatlantic passages—the last one completed in 2006 in order to position *Clover III* for Fall sailing events in the Mediterranean. Shipmates on one

of those crossings report near-hurricane conditions, weathered handily in part owing to Neal's meticulous preparations of both yacht and crew. His attention to crew safety and serious training for potential heavy weather draw praise from shipmates, as do *Clover's* Bristol condition and Neal's outstanding seamanship. Neal is equally well known for his leadership and generosity in support of sailing, many important community causes, and his alma mater Northeastern University. The partial list of his club affiliations below attests to his devotion to sailing and the organizations that sustain its best traditions. His membership in our club is overdue, and welcome.

Memberships: Scituate Yacht Club; Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron; Chester Yacht Club; New York Yacht Club

WILLIAM (BILLY) GRAHAM

Malibu, California

Spouse: Janet

Station: Southern California

Yacht: Swan 44 *Alerion*

Proposer: John L. Cahill, MD

A proper introduction to a sailing life as varied and interesting as Billy Graham's needs more space (actually more time and rum) than the *GAM* allows. Suffice to say that there's something here to connect to nearly all our membership: learning to sail a gaff rigged Abeking and Rasumussen dinghy at Oyster Bay's Seawanhaka Yacht Club in the 1930s, with the CCA's Bill Apthorpe as instructor; junior cruises on Clinton Crane's *Gleam*, among other storied yachts; cruising New England waters in the 1950s in a 38' Atkin cutter; the '60s and '70s in California, sailing the 35' Arthur Robb design *Ariel* up and down

the west coast, to Mexico, and off to Hawaii; buying *Alerion* in the early 1980s, berthing her in various European ports and spending each summer cruising the Baltic, Finland, Norway, Ireland, Scotland, England, France and Spain. Sometimes, of course, Billy takes time off to crew for others—as on two recent roundings of Cape Horn and a 2006 transatlantic on Alfie Sanford's *Impala*. Billy Graham brings wisdom earned over tens of thousands of miles of cruising, as well as companionability and good cheer to the CCA.

JAMES D. GREGORY

Danville, California
Spouse: Debra
Station: San Francisco
Yacht: Schumacher Custom 52 *Morpheus*
Proposer: Harry Easom

Morpheus' shakedown cruise says a lot about Jim Gregory's style. He commissioned the Carl Schumacher designed sloop, had her built in New Zealand, and sailed her home with Debbie and their two teenage sons over 14 months. In addition to such wide-ranging cruising, Jim comes to the CCA with an extensive background in racing big and small boats. He's a veteran of four Newport Bermuda races as crew, and skippered *Morpheus* in two Transpacific Races and the San Diego-Puerto Vallarta and Los Angeles-Cabo San Lucas races. When *Morpheus* lies at the dock, Jim is often to be found out racing in the Etchells fleet. In addition to ocean-cruising and buoy-rounding savvy, Jim is also an enthusiastic volunteer, having worked with Sally Lindsay Honey organizing Safety at Sea Seminars, served on the board

of Pacific Yacht Club, and many other behind-the-scenes posts. His experience and skill make him an asset on any boat—as he will doubtless be to the CCA.

Memberships: Richmond Yacht Club; Pacific Yacht Club



A. JOHN GREGG

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Spouse: Laura
Station: Chesapeake
Yacht: Baltic 38DP *Spirit*
Proposer: Francis Hopkinson, Jr.

Jack Gregg has blended cruising and racing since he was in his single-digit years. He got his start as a lad sailing Beetle Cats, Wood Pussys, Lightnings and Comets around Shelter Island, NY, and Weekapaug, RI, where his family summered. Soon it was on to longer passages crewing aboard his great uncle's 52' Alden schooner *Windigo*. By the time he attended Cornell in the late 1960s, Jack was a member of the university's sailing team—and one of the winning Kennedy Cup crew in Annapolis on the Navy Luders 44 yawls. He's a veteran of several Bermuda Races, most recently skippering *Spirit* in the race's 2006 Centennial running. And *Spirit* is a regular in the Annapolis Newport race and many other local CBYRA events. With Laura and their children Steve and Katherine as top-notch crew, Jack also gets to cruise frequently both in Corinthian

Yacht Club of Philadelphia cruises and independently. Members of that club testify to Jack's voluntarism and organizational skills. It is a pleasure to welcome him to the CCA's ranks.

Membership: Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia

BRIAN A. HARRIS

Portland, Maine
Spouse: Alison
Station: Boston
Proposer: Gregory C. Carroll

The Cruising Club is built in part on the basis of close friendships formed on small boats during long passages. Brian Harris has accounted for a great many such friendships—few perhaps have approached election to the Club having already logged so many sea miles with members. It's partly just the law of averages: Brian has spent a lot of time at sea. He is one of those fortunate enough to pursue his love of sailing as a career. Having started out as bo'sn's mate of the 130' brigantine *Young America* back in the 1980s, he completed the design program at the Landing School. He has since worked as a professional boat preparer in major offshore racing programs, including the Open 60 *Gartmore* for the 2000 Vendee Globe and the 1998 and 2002 Around Alone Races, and *Hugo Boss* for the 2004 Vendee Globe. This career puts a premium on boat knowledge, while facilitating a great deal of blue water sailing in high-end boats. To be closer to Alison and their son Jackson, Brian curtailed his peripatetic ways somewhat in 2004, taking over the management of the newly established Maine Yacht Center in Portland. That has hardly kept Brian off the blue water, however, as he has since

sailed between New England and Bermuda on numerous occasions either racing or delivering boats, in addition to other recent passages. The CCA is fortunate to count this consummate seaman as a member.



Jack and Robyn Hamilton

JACK K. HAMILTON, JR.

Dana Point, California

Spouse: Robyn

Yacht: 46' Sequin *Scrimshaw*

Station: Southern California

Proposer: Richard C. Elliott

Jack "Aitch" Hamilton comes to the CCA with an impressive set of cruising and racing experiences. He has raced out of both Newports—to Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta in the west, as well as to Bermuda in the east. He's a veteran of Transpac races going back to 1967, as well as every sort of round-the-buoys event in local waters. In many dozens of voyages, Aitch has cruised extensively in the Caribbean as well as west coast waters from Puget Sound to Manzanillo. And he has cruised *Scrimshaw* double-handed with Robyn to far horizons, including a late 1990s voyage to New Zealand via the Marquesas, the Cook Islands and Tonga. Though the Sequin 46 can sometimes keep a large crew very busy indeed, correspondents

report an atmosphere of cheery competence aboard *Scrimshaw* in all conditions. As active as they are on the water, Aitch and Robyn are both known as energetic volunteers for NHYC activities and gracious hosts afloat and ashore. It is a pleasure to know that *Scrimshaw* will set forth for her next adventure with the CCA burgee at her truck.

Membership: Newport Harbor Yacht Club



WILLIAM JENKINS

Annapolis, Maryland

Spouse: Patty

Station: Chesapeake

Yachts: J/30 *Learning Curve*; Bertram 28 *Patty Wagon*

Proposer: Robert M. Thomson

Bill Jenkins has logged thousands of sea miles racing offshore with many CCA members aboard some legendary yachts, including George Collins's *Chessie Racing*. Bill's first Newport Bermuda Race, 1976, was aboard *Recluta*, followed by many SORCs and Bermudas with *Gem*. He did the 1991 Admiral's Cup and Fastnet on *Bravura*. More recently he has

sailed aboard *Rima* and *Bright Star* for Newport Bermuda Races and the Fastnet. As a youth Bill sailed at Noroton Yacht Club, where he began to forge a wide-ranging group of shipmates that continues to this day. Bill made the decision to join the marine industry and has been a respected yacht captain for many years; he is now a leader in the marine brokerage field. Look to see Bill and his wife, Patty, with their children, William and Annabelle, aboard their J/30 or Bertram 28 at gams on the Chesapeake. The CCA welcomes a skilled, experienced and respected offshore veteran in Bill, whether he is on the pointy end or driving.



JAMES F. LEISHMAN

San Clemente, California

Spouse: Sue

Station: Southern California

Proposer: James M. Sink

Jim Leishman lives to cruise, and in many ways has made cruising his life. Always fascinated with boats as a lad, Jim caught the bug for good at age 16 when he sailed as crew to Hawaii. In the years since, he has accumulated some 40,000 miles of offshore voyaging under

sail and power and has played an important role in our sport as one of the three founders and top managers of Pacific Asian Enterprises. This is the firm that built over 300 Mason yachts, including the accomplished world cruising Mason 43, and has popularized voyaging under power with the Nordhavn line of offshore passagemakers. Jim's knowledge of offshore cruising under sail and power is legendary, and, as anyone who has read his revision and updating of Capt. Robert Beebe's seminal *Voyaging Under Power* knows, he conveys it with the conviction of someone with cruising in the blood. Predictably, he has continued to rack up miles offshore in power yachts, including recent runs from Singapore to Athens and a transatlantic from Ft. Lauderdale to Gibraltar. Jim Leishman is a distinguished addition to the Club's membership.



ROBERT M. MATHEWS

Chestertown, Maryland
Spouse: Lindsay
Station: Chesapeake
Yacht: Eastbay 49 *Raven*
Proposer: T. Coleman duPont III

Bob Mathews has earned the respect and friendship of those who have raced against him, cruised alongside him or crewed with him. With over three decades of sailing

under his belt and a competent hand at nearly everything that needs doing on a boat, Bob is in high demand. A veteran of four Newport Bermuda Races and two Annapolis Newport Races as watch captain on Tad duPont's Cal 40 *Nicole*, Bob has also competed in nearly every racing event the Chesapeake has to offer. Whether it's a Chesapeake Bay log canoe, a J/24, or an offshore yacht, when it comes to sailhandling, foredeck work or navigation, shipmates report there's no one they'd rather have to rely on when things get bouncy. Cruising has also figured importantly in Bob's sailing life, with a transatlantic, a Florida-Maryland cruise, and two Caribbean 1500 Cruising Rallies to his credit. Lindsay (daughter of former RC George Johnson) is also an avid offshore sailor and capable log canoe sail trimmer. Together, they make a supremely capable cruising team and a welcome addition to the Cruising Club.

Membership: Tred Avon Yacht Club



Rick and Maureen Meslang

RICHARD F. MESLANG

Bainbridge Island, Washington
Spouse: Maureen
Station: Pacific Northwest
Yacht: Maple Leaf 48 *Nyad*;
Grady White 22 *Seafarer*
Proposer: Donald Roose

Rick Meslang is a once and present Pacific Northwest sailor, with an extended sojourn in California waters and farther horizons. He grew up sailing on Puget Sound in the family's Atkin-designed Eric Junior, which he continued to sail and maintain through college. In the '70s, Rick relocated to San Francisco and began racing on the Bay and adjacent waters, campaigning an International One Design in world championship regattas as far away as Scotland.

He returned north in the 1990s and purchased *Nyad*. Rick and Maureen have cruised throughout these challenging waters, as far as the Queen Charlotte Straits, Alaska, and the west coast of Vancouver Island and down to California. Rick has extensive offshore experience, including the Fastnet and as co-navigator aboard Chris Otorowski's Swan 46 *Aphrodite* for the recent centennial Bermuda Race. Rick and Maureen are well known and welcome at gams throughout the Pacific Northwest, and we welcome them into the CCA family.

Membership: Seattle Yacht Club
Armed Services: Army National Guard

ARTHUR C. MILOT

Jamestown, Rhode Island
Spouse: Martha
Station: Boston
Yacht: 40' Willard Trawler *Vide-Poches IV*
Proposer: Edwin G. Fischer, M.D.

Arthur Milot is the father of the salty Milot family of sailors, including our members Dorsey Milot Beard and Charlie Milot. He has owned a string of boats over the years— a Rhodes 27, a



Arthur and Martha Milot

42' junk-rigged steel schooner, a Cape Dory 36, and most recently the Willard trawler. Arthur started out in the 1940s in Mercurys and Herreshoff 15s at Tabor Academy, where Halsey Herreshoff was a schoolmate.

Dorsey notes in her father a stubborn appreciation for traditional and low-tech solutions. She learned her celestial from her father, and remembers his preference for a cedar bucket. In the late 1970s, Arthur built a 42' steel schooner and took his family transatlantic, using celestial navigation without sun. Arthur has always done his sailing his own way and in command of his own vessel, except when one or another of his children have wrested the helm away. He is still making sea miles with Martha on the trawler, gunk holing and exploring. We are proud to have such an experienced and respected skipper in the Cruising Club.

WILLIAM H. MORTON

Annapolis, Maryland

Spouse: Dawn

Station: Chesapeake

Proposer: Peter Gibbons-Neff

If you have been sailing the classic offshore races and passages for any length of time, you have been sailing with or against Bill Morton, though you may not have known it. Chances are he was on



Dawn & Bill Morton

board that boat whose transom you were looking at. He has acted as watch captain or navigator on countless passages, specializing in the Bermuda Race, with such notables as John Bonds on *Goldigger*, Herb Hild on *Endurance*, and, of course, Peter Gibbons-Neff on *Upgrade*. In 1966, Bill participated in the transatlantic Bermuda to Denmark race. Bill and Dawn have recently relocated from Rye, New York, where Bill was a frequent and welcome presence on American Yacht Club cruises, to Annapolis to be nearer grown children. Bill has amassed a long list of shipmates over the years, and all attest to his quiet skill and good fellowship on board. We look forward to sharing CCA events with Bill and Dawn.



Jim Quanci, Andrew, Stephan, Mary

JAMES K. QUANCI

San Francisco, California

Spouse: Mary

Station: San Francisco

Yacht: Cal 40 *Green Buffalo*

Proposer: James K. Antrim

Jim Quanci sails the classic West Coast race in a classic West Coast boat—a Cal 40 that he has carefully and successfully restored. Jim's race is the Pacific Cup, San Francisco to Oahu. He has completed ten of these races with several firsts in division, and first overall in 1992. He was involved at the inception of the race, and he has served on the Board of Pacific Cup Yacht Club, which meets nearly monthly to plan the event. Jim has made an exception in favor of several Transpacs (Long Beach to Oahu) as well as other West Coast races.

Jim is a family sailor, and Mary is highly skilled in her own right. In fact, both of them have served as commodore of Pacific Cup Yacht Club, and in 2006 Jim and Mary took their two teenage sons along on the Pacific Cup. They have bare-boated in Tonga and the BVI, and he plans a Pacific Northwest cruise in 2008.

We are glad to have Jim and his nautical family in the CCA, and we look forward to seeing them in far-flung anchorages flying our burgee.

Memberships: Richmond Yacht Club; Pacific Coast Yacht Club



MARK RICE

Wilton, Connecticut

Spouse: Amy

Station: Essex

Yacht: Alden 44 *Pilgrim*
Proposer: Robert S. Moore

Mark got his start as a youngster racing at Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, CT, and he crewed in the '60s and '70s on well-known, Connecticut-based yachts such as Sumner Long's *Ondine* and Dick Nye's *Carina*. In 1970, he made a passage from Newport to Cork. Mark sailed on *Ondine* in the 1972 Transatlantic Race to Bayona, Spain. He has done a great number of Bermuda races, most recently the 2005 Marion-Bermuda. Mark and Amy still sail as a family with their grown children, and they can be seen cruising New England waters from Connecticut to Maine. The Alden 44 is the latest *Pilgrim* and a larger one, intended to take them farther afield as Mark's retirement approaches. We look forward to their exploits under the CCA burgee.

Memberships: New York Yacht Club, Royal Rooster Yacht Club

MARJORIE MYERS ROBFOGEL



Jim & Margy Robfogel

Oxford, Maryland
Spouse: Jim
Station: Chesapeake
Yacht: Freedom 35
Proposer: John F. Quinn

Our Club does not often gain a new member with such broad-based

and thorough sea-going experiences as we have in Margy. She is a champion small boat sailor, still remembered on the Eastern Shore for her prowess as a junior sailor. She has been a finalist in the Adams and Sears Cups. Margy has sailed the classic, long-range Great Lakes races many times. She was navigator on the second elapsed time finisher in the 1983 Marion-Bermuda, sailing in the celestial division.

She has cruised extensively in Europe (Netherlands, Frisian Islands, German and Danish Baltic), the Mediterranean (Spain, Balearics, and from Corsica to Turkey), and in the Canadian Maritimes, Australia and Alaska. Margy has a Ham license, and has taken her own boat transatlantic. It is hard to come up with a category of sailing or cruising ground she has missed. On land and offshore, Margy and Jim are known as excellent company and skilled shipmates. It will be a pleasure to have them at Cruising Club events.

Memberships: Tred Avon Yacht Club; Rochester Yacht Club; Ocean Cruising Club



JOHN F. ROBINSON

Seattle, Washington
Spouse: K
Station: Pacific Northwest
Yacht: Valiant 40 *Halcyon*
Proposer: Gary L. Meisner

Some sailors change boats often, some stay put. John Robinson has been sailing his Valiant 40 *Halcyon* for almost 27 years. He clearly knows every immaculately kept inch of her. With K, John has called each of the major cruising grounds of the United States home—Santa Barbara in the '70s, Annapolis in the '80s and '90s, San Francisco until 2003, and now Seattle and the Pacific Northwest.

In 1981-82, they took a year and went transatlantic. From the Azores they cruised in England, then through the canals and rivers of Europe to the Med, and then home via the Canaries and Caribbean. John and K are now busy exploring their new stomping grounds - Puget Sound and the Canadian islands. John is active in Seattle Yacht Club and a skier in the off season. We have a widely experienced cruiser and contributor to our sport in this new member.

*Membership: Seattle Yacht Club
Armed Services: United States Air Force, Commissioned Officer*

JON A. ROLIEN

Corte Madera, California
Spouse: Jean
Station: San Francisco
Yacht: Islander 30
Proposer: Steven Hunt

Jon is a lifelong California sailor with many years of cruising experience along the coast and offshore. He has completed six transpacific passages to Hawaii. Jon is a sailor of renowned practical experience, particularly in his knowledge of what makes a successful cruising boat work. He earned the nickname "Spiderman" for his rigging skills on one Pacific Cup Race. In his youth Jon was a

Navy pilot, launching himself off aircraft carriers. Since retiring, Jon has bought, rehabilitated and sold a number of sailboats. An expert woodworker, he is also experienced with fiberglass and rigging; he has substantially rebuilt the boat he sails now, an Islander 30, and she looks like new. Jon is a past commodore of Presidio Yacht Club. His wife, Jean, is extremely able on a sailboat as well, and they have shared many exploits on salt water. We anticipate some good times with them among our ranks.

Armed Services: United States Navy, United States Naval Reserve



Sharon and Ed Sweo

EDWIN A. SWEQ

Belleville, Washington
Spouse: Sharon
Station: Pacific Northwest
Yacht: J/46 *Mystic Rose*
Proposer: Thomas D. O'Brien

Ed has an impressive sailing resume, amassed in a lifetime of west coast sailing adventures. He has cruised extensively, putting thousands of miles under the keel along the coasts of Mexico and California, and particularly in the Pacific Northwest. He capped this career off with a trip "back east" in 2004 when he purchased *Mystic Rose* and cruised her from Annapolis to Ft. Lauderdale in the spring of 2005. His offshore passages include a trip

from Honolulu to Seattle in 2002.

Ed is a long-term member of Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club and has been actively helping their junior sailing program. An electrical engineer by profession, he is generous with that skill set, always valuable afloat in aiding other yachtsmen in need. Sharon, who was Ed's college sweetheart, is a skilled and popular sailor as well. We are happy their further adventures will come flying the CCA burgee.

Membership: Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club



ALEXANDRA T. THORNE

Camden, Maine
Station: Boston
Yacht: Herreshoff 12½
Proposer: Anthony P. Halsey

Alix Thorne is a member of a special breed—an experienced tall ship, square-rigged, sailor. She has dedicated most of her life to maritime interests. She is the founder and president of the board of the Ocean Classroom Foundation, which teaches the traditions, adventures and values of maritime life to students and teachers. She is also a trustee of Mystic Seaport. Alix has made extended cruises in the Caribbean and the Azores aboard the topsail schooner *Bonnie Lynn*. She has spent two weeks each year sailing the barque *Elissa* out of Galveston, TX—for a time as a

licensed mate. In 2000 Alix made a passage in *Victory Chimes*, well known and beloved of down-east sailors, from Rockland, Maine, to Baltimore. She has made a number of passages as mate on board the replica 1757 frigate *HMS Rose*, sailing between the Caribbean and Nova Scotia. On many of these voyages, Alix has acted as a teacher and guide to the esoteric mysteries of square-rigged theory, and has supervised the training of crew.

On private sailing craft, Alix sailed for many years on a 59' Herreshoff ketch, a Tartan 30, and she still keeps up the Herreshoff 12½ she had as a youngster. We are proud to welcome her as a new member.



ROBERT E. VANDERLINDE, M.D.

Rochester, New York
Spouse: Barbara
Station: Great Lakes
Proposer: Nicholas Brown

Bob Vanderlinde may be one of the more accomplished members of the distinguished OPBYC (Other Peoples' Boat Yacht Club), having made a career of amateur boat deliveries as skipper, navigator or mate. He has logged nearly 30,000 blue-water miles in cruising sailboats over 37 years of passage making. Bob has sailed both coasts of the United States as well as Canada,

the Caribbean, Mediterranean and Baltic Seas, Scotland, England and France, and the Indian Ocean. He is an accomplished celestial navigator who enjoys turning off the electronics. Bob is also a member of La Trappe Creek Historical and Ecological Sailing Society, a group that meets annually to charter boats and cruise in company all over the world. In the 1970s Bob owned the 10-ton Tahiti ketch *Viking*, in which he sailed the Great Lakes, East Coast and the Caribbean, mostly single-handed. Members may remember Bob from two CCA National Cruises—in 2005 on Buzzards and Narragansett Bays, and on the 2006 Two Nations Cruise. He has been joined by Barbara for many of his sailing adventures. This interesting and skilled sailor will be an addition to our Club.



RICHARD WATERMAN

Barrington, Rhode Island
Spouse: Karen
Station: Boston
Yacht: Dragonfly 1000
Proposer: Steven K. Thurston

Dick Waterman had the early sailing career many sailors dream of. As a boy he was a Sea Ranger aboard the *Tabor Boy*. He captained the sailing team at the University of Delaware for two years, bringing it to national prominence in the Shields class and on Luders 44s. He

followed through on that promise as an adult. In 1986 he spent six months cruising from Annapolis to Tahiti on a Swan 43. In demand for offshore races and deliveries, Dick sailed the 2005 Marion-Bermuda and last year's Bermuda Centennial Races.

Dick has put in many miles with the CCA Warden family. In 1992, they made a passage from the Bras d'Or to Oxford, Maryland, and in 1994, Dick helped Bill Warden bring his *Minots Light* from the Bahamas up to Oxford. Dick has recently relocated his family to Barrington, Rhode Island. He is a valued contributor to our sport as an active member of Barrington Yacht Club. We look forward to his participation in the CCA.



Pete & Kareen Worrell

PETER R. WORRELL

New Castle, New Hampshire
Spouse: Kareen
Station: Boston
Yacht: Hinckley SW 42 *Patience*
Proposer: Ross C. Santy

With Peter Worrell, the CCA acquires a distinguished yachtsman, as well known for the shipshape quality of his boat as for his work on behalf of the maritime community. *Patience* is kept always ready for sea. Peter is a member of the board of trustees of the Landing School of Boatbuilding and Design. He is a

valued and active member of Portsmouth Yacht Club. Peter's exploits on the water have been varied, but have focused on extended cruising in the North Atlantic, Maine, the Canadian Maritimes and the British Isles. In 2005 Peter and Kareen cruised Ireland and England. In 2003, they enjoyed an extended trip from Maine to Newfoundland.

Peter's accomplishments are diverse. He is an experienced scuba diver with 100+ dives over 30 feet. He is acknowledged as a contributor to the classic *Cruising Guide to the New England Coast*. Kareen is a constant and skilled companion on Peter's waterborne adventures. We are happy that they will be sailing under our burgee.

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Calendar of Events

2007

Apr. 19-21 Spring Meeting,
Chesapeake Station, Annapolis YC
Apr. 23-30 FLA Spring Cruise,
Stuart to St. Augustine

May 10 BOS Spring Dinner
Mtg., Eastern YC, Marblehead,
MA

May 11-15 SOC Spring Cruise,
Catalina/San Clemente

May 18-21 CHE Spring Cruise

May 19-23 PNW Spring Cruise

May 26-27 BOS Memorial Day
Gam

June 1-2 ESS Spring Rendez-
vous, Thimble Isl's

June 23 GMP Summer Gam,
Pulpit Harbor, ME

June 23 BDO Raft-Up

July 14-22 Bluenose National
Summer Cruise, S. Shore Nova
Scotia, Halifax to Shelburne
July 14-15 CHE Midsummer
Lobster Feast

Aug. 4 GMP Gam, Orono Is., ME

Sept. 5-12 PNW Fall Cruise,
Desolation Sound

Sept. 8 BDO Raft-Up

Sept. 13-16 BOS Mini-Cruise,
Boston Hbr.

Sept. 14 BOS Annual Dinner,
Constitution Marina

Sept. 15 GMP Fall Gam, Horn-
barn Cove, Muscongus Bay, ME

Oct. 4 SOC Fall Cruise, Coro-
nado & Ensenada

Oct. 5-7 CHE Fall Cruise

Oct. 12-13 ESS Fall Rendezvous,
Block Isl.

Oct. 20 BDO Fall Social

Oct. 27-Nov. 2 Fall Cruise in
Turkey, south coast
Gocek to Fineke

Nov. 9 FLA Annual Meeting

Nov. 13 Annual Meeting, New
York YC

Nov. 17 PNW Annual Meeting
Dinner, Seattle YC

Nov. 21 BDO Annual Meeting,
RNSYS

Dec. 4 ESS Annual Dinner, Es-
sex Corinthian YC

Dec. 7 Wirth Munroe Memo-
rial Race, Ft. Lauderdale to
Palm Beach

2008

January 15 Winter Awards
Dinner, New York YC

March 14-22 Winter Cruise:
Antigua Circumnavigation

April 17-19 Spring Meeting:
Florida Station, St.
Petersburg

July 12-24 Summer Cruise in
Norway's Lofoten Islands

2009

Sept. 11-19 Fall Cruise: The
1000 Islands of the St.
Lawrence River

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