

Pacific Northwest Station of
The Cruising Club of America
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting February 7, 2024



The meeting was called to order by Rear Commodore Doug Adkins

In attendance: Doug Adkins, Paul Baker, Michael Brown, Carl Buchan, Elaine Cashar, Howard Conant, Suzette Connolly, Michael Gropp, Roddy Hearne, Rod Hearne, Rob Hurlow, Rick Meslang, Gary Nolan, Brent Peterson, Dan Schwartz, Susan Stillman, Roger Werner.

Guests: Barbara Cole, Stephanie Conant, Kathy Cuffel, Jill Hearne, Kathleen Hurlow, Maureen Meslang,

In Attendance via Zoom: Chuck Steward, Baird Tewksbury, Chris Otorowski, Doug Cole, Kirk Patterson, Steve Jacobsen, Wendy Hlnman

Treasurer's Report – Roddy Hearne, Secretary / Treasurer

Roddy explained that two dues are paid by members. One to the sometimes so called “national” organization although there are several countries represented and one to our station. Station Dues are \$40 for members or in the case where two members share an address the dues are \$50. Remit Station Dues to:

CCA-PNW
c/o Roddy Hearne
314 25th Ave S #B
Seattle, WA 98144

\$250 to the CCA website www.cruisingclub.org. After logging in, Dues can be found under “Manage Account” subheading under “Member links”

Cruise chair's report – Roger Werner, Cruise Chair

Exploring Possession Sound and Saratoga Passage: Everett, Coupeville, La Conner. Starting the second Monday in May.

Historian's Report—John Kennell, Historian

The story of Lake Union Drydock. Historian's report appended below

Safety Minute—Dan Schwartz hat-tip to Doug Cole

It turns out that the old standard procedure for an annual check of a dry powder fire extinguisher - rotating it upside down and whacking it with a rubber mallet to loosen up the powder agent - is exactly what the manufacturers now say not to do. Doing that can force loose powder into the very small nozzle aperture resulting in a blockage (that you'll learn about right when you need to put out a fire.). The newer versions of this type of extinguisher apparently use an agent that prevents caking in the bottom of the cylinder. Professional fire extinguisher service outfits will know the correct way to inspect and certify your fire extinguishers.

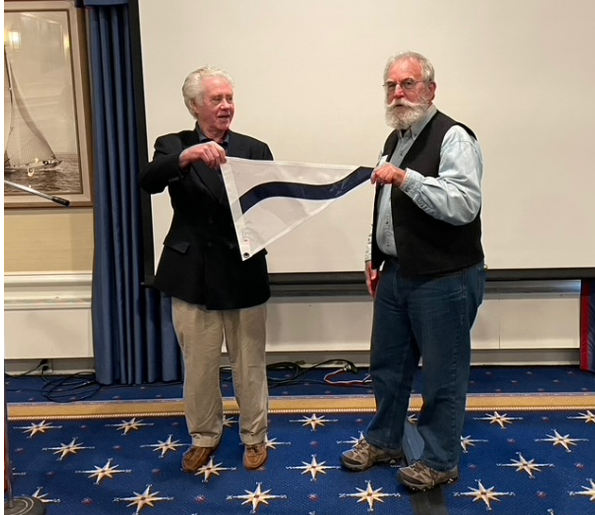
Safety and Seamanship

Upcoming safety training events:
March 23 at Seattle Yacht Club

Cruising in Japan—Suzette Connolly, Program Chair

Rob and Kathleen Hurlow shared their recent experiences cruising in Japan for the past several years on *Capaz*. They expounded on the joys and challenges of cruising with such a different culture and language, but in a society that supports and honors those traveling by sailboat.

Presenting New Member Jim Cole



Rear Commodore Doug Adkins presented new member Jim Cole with a burgee and tie. We welcome Jim and Barbara to the station and look forward to hearing about their travels aboard the sloop *Complexity* currently at Manoel Island in Malta. <https://cruisingclub.org/mo/profile/cole-james> (login to website first)

The next meeting will be at 1200 April 3, 2024 at the Seattle Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Roddy Hearne
CCA/PNW Secretary/ Treasurer