**Pacific Northwest Station of**

**The Cruising Club of America**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of February 2, 2022**

The February Monthly Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Station was called to order at 1208 hrs by Rear Commodore Dave Utley and the meeting was held via Zoom. RC Utley’s first order of business was to welcome guests.

**In Attendance Remotely:** Rear Commodore Dave Utley, Rick Meslang, Doug Cole, Joe Golberg, Steve Jacobsen, Chuck and Peggy Steward, Susan and Charlie Stillman, Bill and Kathi Cuffel, Mary Alice O’Neill, Mark Roye, Jill and Rod Hearne, Suzette Connolly and Paul Baker, Peter Brown, Tad and Joyce Lhamon, K Robinson, Kurt and PL Mondloch, John Pedlow, Mike O’Byrne, Elaine Cashar, Ginger and Peter Niemann, Doug Adkins, Tom and Barb White, Roger Wheelis, Roger and Lynne Warner, Phil Swigard, Baird Tewksbury, Cathy Sherwood, Brent Peterson, Gil Middleton, Steve Leonard, Ed and Sharon Sweo, Cindy and Dick Metler, Mike Brown, ZoeVanna PalmroseJon and Ann Bowman, John and Gail McCartney and **guests**—Jim and Barbara Cole, Ernie Gottshalk, Bob Medland.

**Monthly Committee Reports** were asked for and given as follows:

**Reports from Cruisers:** Suzette Connolly reported that Sonny and Margie Stolsig on *Hoptoad*are exploring the Sea of Cortes. Scott and Mary Malone on *Morningstar*are also leaving La Paz. Jill Hearne attended the meeting from the swanky Hearne hotel across from the boat yard in Malta.

**Membership**: PNW Membership Chairman Doug Adkins indicated that one proposal for membership in the Station is under review. New member proposals are encouraged. Next deadline is July 17.

**Finance:** Secretary/Treasurer Susan Stillman reported that the PNW Station is financially solvent.

 *$40 dues checks should be mailed to Susan Stillman at 1100 NW 134th St. Seattle, WA 98177*

**Historian’s Report:** No report this month

**Cruise Report:** Our Cruise Chairman Joe Golberg reminded us that the planning for a Spring Cruise to Barkley Sound is underway. It is expected to begin on May 23 at Turtle Bay in the Sound, dependent, of course, on Canada being open to foreign boats.

Joe added the following:

Arrival at Turtle Bay/Joes Bay is planned for the first night to be optional allowing

flexibility for cruisers to stop at Bamfield or take their time before our first official

gathering on 24/May for a beach gathering.

2) There are many interesting side trips and cruisers are encouraged to use lay days to

explore if they want. Some members have expressed an interest in going up

Pipestem Inlet.

3) Corbeau will be heading out early and plan on stopping at Sooke Harbor. In Port San Juan there is

also a new marina, Pacific Gateway Marina, with a breakwater and 200' of big boat

moorage that looks like a good stop too. Buddy boating up and

back is encouraged.

4)If you have an extra bunk and want company onboard or are looking for a boat to go

on we will endeavor to help.

 Hopefully Customs and Covid protocols will be more convenient by cruise time,

currently travelers by boat are required to have a negative PCR test within 72 hours

of arrival. Information entered before arrival makes the process fairly seamless.

Updates to follow as the situation evolves.

 ArriveCAN app (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/arrivecan.html>

**Bonnell Cove Foundation Report**: Joyce reported that the Spring grant deadline just passed with 14 applications. The committee needs help from local stations in finding new applicants. Please keep an eye out and let Joyce know of potential organizations.

**Environment of the Sea:** Charlie Stillman mentioned two articles in Waypoints, one on managing the Bermuda Race, specifically requiring an environmental steward to be appointed for each boat. Could be a good idea for cruises too.

Also in Waypoints, Behan Gifford wrote a fascinating article on reef safe sunscreens. Beware of false advertising and deception!

**2022 is the international year of the salmon**. You may have seen the article by Lynda Mapes in the Seattle Times on January 28th (<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/international-research-team-to-probe-salmon-mysteries-in-north-pacific/>).

It highlighted the research expedition into the North Pacific starting now, involving vessels from Canada, the US and Russia looking at where salmon go and how they fare in the North Pacific.

**Safety and Seamanship:** Mark Roye discussed the Safety Training opportunities offered right here in Seattle started by the fishermen of the North Pacific Fishing Vessel Owner’s Association. You do not need to be a fisher to attend. He explained the acronym RESCUE that they teach to make crews “rescue ready” all the time. File attached below.

**Program Committee:** Speaker Chair Suzette Connolly has secured Sheila McCurdy as the March speaker.

**Featured Speaker:** Suzette Connolly arranged for this month’s presentation and introduced Bill and Kathi Cuffel who discussed their adventures and frustrations of cruising in the Mediterranean Sea. Having started on the hard in Turkey, they progressed to Crete, found it too hot and took off for a land cruise around Ireland, stopping at Cork to join the festivities for their 300th anniversary celebration.

For those interested in viewing their talk and excellent photos here is the link.

**CCA 100th Anniversary**: Bob Medland reminded everyone interested in the September 11th 100th anniversary celebration to make hotel reservations in Newport.

Meeting Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/57qIUuW87DDAMc5ED-TEWoEASFfXtTVgQBeCb6q7Vbr9NmSBW3a1pyIrukUgzzuX._0XNsxK0w2dtA73A>

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**Closing:**

The meeting was adjoined at 1342 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Stillman

CCA/PNW Secretary/ Treasurer

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