

Pacific Northwest Station of
The Cruising Club of America
Minutes of the June 5, 2024 meeting



The meeting was called to order by Rear Commodore Doug Adkins

In attendance: Doug Adkins, Paul Baker, Suzette Connolly, Michael Brown, Bob & Molly Cadranell, Elaine Cashar, Doug Cole, Bob Eichler, Roddy Hearne, Rod & Jill Hearne, Bruce Johnston, John Kennell, Gary Meisner, Rick Meslang, Gary Nolan, Brent & Jill Peterson, Peter Powell, Kent Powley, John and K Robinson, Adam Seamans, Susan Stillman, Tom Walton, Roger & Lynne Werner, Tom White.

In Attendance via Zoom: Tad & Joyce Lhamon, John, Ann and Deveren Bowman.

Guests: Chris Phoenix, Meg Biegalski, Penelope Benz, Mark Long, Sally and Larry Cole, Lynne Thompson.

RC Adkins began the meeting by introducing guests. RC welcomes Bob and Molly Cadranell's return to the PNW station.

Membership Report: Susie Stillman

Member process works, but takes work. Now is the time to propose new candidates. Please talk to Susie about prospective candidates and she can walk you through the process.

Finance Report: Roddy Hearne

Money is socked away in preparation for the 2025 Fall Meeting to be hosted by our station. Dues collection has gone well this year.

Safety and Seamanship: John Robinson

Reported on Safety for Cruising Couples classes in Bellingham and Tacoma have gone well. We thank all the support from station members.

Cruise Report: Roger Werner

Spring Cruise went well. The cruise started with a lovely couple days in the Port of Everett. Swagmeister Joe Golberg designed and distributed cruise hats. Everett had excellent facilities and neighborhood amenities. Attendees enjoyed a hike on the Jetty Island. A couple of windy days endured in Penn Cove and La Conner. Attendees went ashore in Coupeville for ice cream and Happy Chowder Rum Barrell with thanks to Gail Lapetina and John McCartney on Chowder and Steve and Kathy Jacobsen on Rum Barrell. New Chowder and Rum Barrell chairs sought. Gary Nolan was nominated and accepted the Rummeister position. Chowder chair sought.

Fall Cruise: Southwest Gulf Islands. Saturday Sept 7-Wednesday Sept 11. Start in Saturday Genoa Bay, Sunday layday, Monday Sidney Spit Chowder and Rum Barrell, Tuesday morning PBMs (Pancakes and Bloody Marys) on the beach. Cruise to Cadboro Bay Tuesday afternoon for Host Boat night. Wednesday, Finale Dinner at Royal Victoria YC. See attached flyer!

Future Cruises:

Spring 2025. May. Vancouver and Howe Sound. Dates and details to follow. Soliciting ideas

Fall Cruise 2025, September. Bellingham and Gulf Islands. This will be done in advance of the Fall Meeting. We hope to attract participants from other stations in advance of the fall meeting. Charter boats available in Bellingham. This will be a big cruise! Committee is Stacy Wilson, Bruce Johnston, Tom White, Joe Golberg and John McCartney, Roddy Hearne, Treasurer.

Fall Meeting 2025,

Volunteers sought to fill roles for Fall Meeting. Roles include leading luncheon and dinners, check-in and swag. Please contact chairs Stacey Wilson and Bruce Johnston.

Historian's Report: John Kennell

The story of Charlie Frisbie, and his yachts *Tola* and *Alotola*. See attached Historian's Report



Tola and *Alotola*

Cruisers at Sea Report: Suzette Connolly

Cruise reports: Bill and Kathy Cuffel on *Jurana* Tunisia to Sicily and Sardinia, then Mallorca and Cartagena Spain. Scott Malone on *Morningstar* single-handed to Mexico to American Samoa. Jamie and Behan Gifford on *Totem* Baja California to Kona, HI. Margie and Sonny Stolsig on *Hoptoad* Isla Clarion to Kona, HI (see photo). Jim and Barbara Cole on *Complexity*, in Malta destined for Western Med and N. Africa. Also Kaspar and Trish Schibli on *Starfire* in Capetown, SA at the V&A Waterfront. Suzette and Paul are heading offshore soon, so a **new speaker chair is needed.**



Speaker: **Swiftsure Stories.** Roddy Hearne and the crew of *Jaded*, J-105.

Roddy started doing Swiftsures with Lon Robinson on his boat *Gamin*, later sailed with Michael Pearson on his J-105, *Bifrost 3*, and later with Chris Phoenix on *Jaded*, J-105. Roddy noted the general patterns of currents and winds, and how that affects the patterns for winning races. Roddy noted Swiftsures where CCA members have placed well. Hugh Minor, Gerry Maurer, Doug Fryer, Tom O'Brien all have first place finishes.

Gerry Meisner, Bruce Johnston, Doug Cole shared stories, Roger Werner shared about the navigational challenges of finding the lightship. Doug Adkins told the story of the sinking of *Zubenubi II* by *Dorade*, Mike Brown shared the story of being hit on the start line by mountaineer, Jim Whittaker. Chris Phoenix shared a stories about sailing with Bill Cuffel on *Bluefin* and some of *Jaded's* races. Bob Cadranel, shared a story about running aground at

Race Rocks. Doug Adkins shared his concerns about the fragility of the TP-52s struggled to race under the heavy weather conditions this year.

Next Meeting: October 2nd at Noon at SYC. Fall Cruise starts Sept 7th.