



Committee and Rear Commodores' Reports

Cruising Club of America

2021 Annual Meeting

Officer and other reports

Treasurer's Report - Peter Chandler

Quite obviously, very little of the Club's financial activity during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020 was anticipated when the 2020 Annual Meeting adjourned on March 6. At that moment, the Club was preoccupied with plans for the upcoming Newport Bermuda Race, two Club cruises, Fall meetings in Seattle, and a series of Safety at Sea programs. Within a few weeks, the impossibility of completing all of these events became apparent. Cancellations required the Treasurer to issue hundreds of checks and credit card credits to refund advance payments in March and April, as expectations of successful events faded into efforts to limit lost deposits. The Club has been following through on planned investments in Cruising Guides and books to commemorate our hundredth anniversary.

At the virtual Fall meetings, the Club authorized the retention of bookkeeping assistance to the Treasurer, which was initiated in November and December. This has required some education of the bookkeepers in the business and structure of the Club, which in turn has slowed the delivery of financial information. Despite these halting steps, the addition of bookkeeping support should complete our effort to reduce the Treasurer's workload to a level appropriate for a volunteer. In the same vein, I am grateful for Nick Kennedy's extraordinary efforts in monitoring and collecting members' unpaid dues, and Jeff Eberle's stewardship of the Bermuda Race finances.

As of March 1, work remains to be done to complete financial statements for the past fiscal year, as well as useful reports on the current year's operations relative to the budget adopted in October, 2020. The Financial Affairs Committee will review the preliminary statements for last year at its meeting on Saturday. The statements reflect the Club's strong financial position at October 31, 2020, with net income of approximately \$ 20,000, net current assets of \$383,000 and an investment portfolio valued at \$1.37 million.

For those interested in details, here is an abbreviated look at the expenses incurred in the last fiscal year:

<u>Major Expenditures</u>		Percentage of Recurring <u>Revenue</u>
Publications	\$ 117,763	33%
Administration	69,220	20%
March Meetings	26,498	7%
Station Events	47,106	13%
Committee Expenses	39,611	11%
Capitalized Publication Costs	40,899	12%
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 341,097</u>	<u>85%</u>

<u>Recurring Revenue</u>	
Membership	251,064
Publications & Royalties	8,920
SAS Programs	69,350
Investments	<u>24,471</u>
Total	<u>353,805</u>

Secretary's Report - Jay Gowell

The Secretary's job is an assortment of tasks, assignments and communications. Fortunately, members generally are able to update their data on the website which has obviated much of the traditional duties of Secretary. The membership continues to grow slowly, and presently stands at 1395, up from 1394 as of the Fall Meeting. 29 members sailing their final voyages in calendar year 2020, and there have been more than the usual number of resignations in 2020 and so far in 2021. We have lost 15 members since the Fall Meeting in October. Approximately 50 new member applications are handled by the Membership Committee each year which the Membership Chair will report on separately, although those numbers are lower this year due to the impacts of Covid-19.

We have the following member count by Station and Post:

[San Francisco](#) 105

[Bermuda](#) 33

[Bras d'Or](#) 40

[Boston](#) 468

[Chesapeake](#) 145

Essex 84

Florida 100

Great Lakes 41

New York 150

Pacific Northwest 124

Southern California 95

Post Count

Gulf of Maine 127

Buzzard's Bay 120

Narragansett Bay 60

Our oldest member was born in 1922. Our youngest joining was born in 1995. The average date of birth is 1950. We have at least 74 female members (gender identification on the rolls is not mandatory).

I continue to greatly appreciate the efforts of Larry Somers maintaining the mailing list, Michael Morazadeh for his untiring efforts in our website and data maintenance, Maggie Salter who carries the somber job of tracking final voyages, and Vice Commodore Chris Otorowski for his continuing guidance

Historian's Report

Fleet Captain's Report - Paul Hamilton

The Covid 19 pandemic has severely curtailed club activities. As a result, there is very little to report other than the Team 1 relationship. The relationship with our supplier Team 1 Newport continues to run smoothly.

Fleet Surgeon's Report - Jeffrey S Wisch, MD

I will keep my remarks brief and refer everyone to the recent issue of Waypoints for more details on COVID-19. Since the pandemic, the fleet surgeon has been involved in advising the Commodore and chairs of various committees regarding COVID-19 updates and recommendations with respect to upcoming CCA events.

Needless to say, the pandemic continues to curtail all of our activities of daily living. After the recent decline in Covid 19 case reports and deaths, the numbers have plateaued for unclear

reasons. There is concern however that it may have to do with the new highly infectious and virulent mutant variants of the virus. Vaccination has proven to be safe and effective in preventing serious illness resulting in hospitalizations and deaths. The new mutant variants may however have an impact on the degree of effectiveness. This is a bit of a wildcard which bears close monitoring.

In the interim the only clear path to herd immunity with the hope of normalizing our lives depends more than ever on the need to roll out vaccines and encourage vaccinations in everyone as soon as possible with any of the three currently available vaccines. It is also critical that we do not develop “COVID fatigue” and continue to follow CDC guidelines and precautions. Continued masking is considered to be critical in the battle to herd immunity which is a realistic and obtainable goal.

In view of the above information the Fleet Surgeon continues to recommend that there not be any organized in-person gathering that would violate the CDC recommendations until such time as we have herd immunity and/or have a better idea of the behavior of mutant variants and their ability to transmit the virus in the vaccinated state. Regardless, at this time it appears that this upcoming sailing season will be similar in many respects to last season. The good news is that I believe we are well on our way with the current vaccines and precautions to end this pandemic.

This is a fluid situation and the Fleet Surgeon will continue to advise the Commodore and leadership of the CCA on an ongoing basis. Before ending I would also like to stress my gratitude for the extraordinary and dedicated leadership of this organization.

Committee Reports

Membership - Ernie Godshalk

As of 23 February, the Membership Committee has 16 new member proposals to review and present, if approved at the Club Membership Committee meeting on March 3, to the Board. This number is down from 36 in October 2020, likely due to the effects of COVID. Of the 16, one is female, three are Next Watch (<55), with an overall average age of 61 years (vs 55 for the previous “class” in October, ’20).

Also, the Membership Chair will update the Club on the progress of several initiatives that are part of the ongoing effort to improve the membership process and experience. These include:

1. Updated Membership Qualifications Guidelines, including a ‘vision statement’ regarding diversity, equity and inclusion, approved by the Governing Board and [posted on the website under the Propose a Member tab](#).
2. The Proposal Assistance process, to assist Proposers in finding Letter Writers in other Stations.
3. Activities regarding welcoming and engaging new members and encouraging involvement; needs involvement of all members.

The Club has seen an increase in resignations so far this year compared with this time last year; resigning members mentioned the dues increase and effects of COVID.

The Membership Committee urges all members to propose qualified candidates.

Awards - Stephen James

Summary:

The Awards for 2020 will be presented virtually via Zoom meeting due to the cancelation of the New York dinner. The 2021 awards review and selection is underway and will be challenging due to the international border closings of 2020. Bill Cook is retiring.

Details:

The Awards Committee, especially the Chairs, have been busy and challenged creating the *virtual* Awards Presentation for 2020. The entire committee is involved and extremely helpful whenever possible. Final preparations are underway, and we remain optimistic for a quality presentation.

The complete list of 2020 Awardees:

Blue Water Medal – Randall Reeves, USA, SFO
Far Horizons Award – Stephen Brown, UK, BOS
Richard S. Nye Award – Peter Chandler, USA, BOS
Rod Stephens Trophy for Outstanding Seamanship – Christian Charalambous, Australia
Young Voyager Award – Calypso Romero and Adrien Kollar, France
Royal Cruising Club Trophy – Simon and Sally Currin, UK, BOS
Charles H. Vilas Literary Prize – Alan Forsythe, USA, PNW
Special Recognition Award – Hank George, Salty Dawg Sailing Association, USA
Commodores Award – John R. Gowell, USA, BOS/NBP
Commodores Award – Jeffery S. Wisch, M.D., USA, BOS
Circumnavigation Award – Stephen Stelmaszyk, USA, BDO
Parkinson Memorial Trophy 3rd and 4th – Hans Himmelman, Canada, BDO
Parkinson Memorial Trophy 1st and 2nd – Marc Gounard, USA, SFO
Parkinson Memoria Trophy 2nd – William Jacobson, USA, BOS

The inventory of blank awards has been replenished at some expense. This inventory will supply our needs for a number of years and carried on the books as pre-paid.

The committee is presently involved in the search for our 2021 Awardees. A few are presenting themselves but difficulty in finding fully qualified awardees is anticipated due to the border closings and limited sailing worldwide during 2020. The intent is to maintain our history of the highest standards possible.

Chairman Bill Cook will be retiring from this committee after five dedicated years at the helm. His guidance and leadership were invaluable to the Club and this committee throughout his tenure and especially in this year of unique awards preparation and presentation. It is difficult to express enough appreciation in this format.

Bermuda Race Foundation - W. Bradford Willauer

The Newport Bermuda Race Foundation (“NRBF”) is well underway in changing its legal status from a private foundation to a public charity to make contributions more attractive, among other things.

With heavy lifting from many in Bermuda and US and with special assistance from Jay Gowell, Secretary CCA, a new entity, Bermuda Race Foundation (“BRF”) has been formed in the State of Rhode Island, a Board of Directors has been appointed, officers have been elected, and By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, Governance Policies, Board resolutions, and other documents related to the new BRF have been drafted and adopted.

We have insisted from the beginning that this effort be done correctly and to everyone’s agreement. To that end, Jay has been assisted by Peter Chandler and Jeff Eberle, and outside legal and tax counsel at reasonable cost. I wish to thank Jay for leading the effort, taking many, many professional hours, all pro bono.

BROC - Somers Kempe

The BROC continues work in anticipation of inviting entries a year in advance of the race date in 2022, and with this in mind there remains two areas of concern.

The first continues to be COVID and impact this will have on the race operations both in the USA and Bermuda. Dr. Jeff Wisch is leading a small working group looking at the medical safety requirements we will require for entry to allow the race to be safe and successful in the face of continued COVID uncertainty. With the vaccination program gaining speed, we remain optimistic that the race will not be negatively impacted by the recovery from the COVID pandemic.

Sponsorship and funding of the race remains an active focus. With the plan to offer some sort of financial relief to competitors affected by the cancellation in 2020 puts pressure on the budget, and sponsorship is an area of focus to help alleviate the pressure. We remain positive that the race is seen as an attractive prospect for targeted sponsorship partnerships, and Will Passano is leading a team in the USA and Bermuda focused on this subject. It is hopeful that the level of sponsorship success will exceed years prior.

A small working group led by P/C Brad Willauer, assisted by Immediate Past Chairman Jay Gowell, have diligently worked towards creating a new RI legal entity - Bermuda Race Foundation Inc., designed to insulate the two clubs from financial and legal challenges the race can raise, while also providing a stable platform to fiscally support the race into the future. I thank them for their continued diligence in this area.

I would like to thank all the volunteers of the BROOC for their continued contribution and the wider CCA membership for their support. I welcome advice and assistance in support of a holding successful race in 2022.

***Voyages*– Zdenka and Jack Griswold**

We are pleased to submit this, our last, *Voyages* committee report for the 63rd issue. Ami and Bob Green will take over as editors for the 64th edition. We are grateful to them and confident that they will do an excellent job. We have already been in substantial contact via Zoom and will continue to be available to help in any way we can. Maggie Salter has graciously agreed to stay on as editor of Final Voyages.

With fewer people out cruising this year due to the pandemic, we expected fewer articles to be submitted. That turned out not to be the case and we have quite a thick edition with 19 articles, several dealing with COVID, and five book reviews. We also included a higher ratio of images to enhance the magazine.

This year's print run totaled 1,950 copies. In addition to the membership mailing, 77 were sent to yacht clubs with a cover letter from Commodore Medland; 50 to Chris Otorowski for new members; a few extras to the commodore and each rear commodore; and 80 to Cindy Crofts-Wisch for "miscellaneous" distribution as needed. We also continued our practice of sending a copy to Sail magazine and WindCheck, who regularly pick up articles for publication (with the authors' permission) in return for favorable mention of the CCA.

Waypoints - Chris Otorowski

Dev Barker retired with the December 2020 issue of Waypoints and turned it over to myself, at least for a while. Dev and Michael were very helpful in the transitioning, agreeing to several Zoom sessions for tutorials in the mailing program, Mailchimp. I think I know where the name came from; when you are trying to learn the nuances of the program, you start feeling like a chimpanzee leaping from one vine to the next hoping you don't fall in the digital jungle! In any event, it has been a learning process and we are looking forward to being a quality communications vehicle for all things CCA building on what Dev has accomplished. To that end, submissions, suggestions, links are all welcome as there is a large capacity for information to be communicated. Some events are announced with not much notice simply because it is a monthly publication. Should demand or needs increase that would warrant special issues or some more frequent mailings, that is under consideration.

Yearbook - Murray Beach

The Yearbook Committee, consisting of Michael Moradzadeh, Tony Will, Larry Somers and myself, has started to work on preparing for the publication of the 2021 Yearbook. Having been on a steep learning curve last year, I am hoping to streamline the gathering of information, formatting of the material, editing and proofing of the material, and then upgrading the actual publishing as compared to last year. Our objective is to get the book to the printers in the first

week of May. We have taken a hard look at the lessons learned from last year, and are addressing technical, procedural and logistical problems.

I believe that streamlining the collection, formatting and editing of the material in the Yearbook can be improved substantially. In the past, there has been a disconnect between some of the key information collection and data used on in the Yearbook and what was available in the database. One of the main objectives going forward is to make sure that all data/information is first in the database for the Website. It is edited accurately there, and only then is it downloaded for publication in the yearbook. Instead of sending information to both the Yearbook and the Website, we want to make sure there is only one entry that is consistent between both locations.

We have three objectives. First that we have accurate, consistent and up to date information in both locations where Members go for updates. Second, by focusing on a central repository for all the data and information required for the Yearbook, we can address streamlining the editing and formatting process. Third, recognizing that the Yearbook starts to go out of date the moment we send it to the printer, in the future we will have an accessible and compatible updating mechanism online for all the content in the Yearbook throughout the year.

Our eventual goals are:

1. To better coordinate the Yearbook with the Website.
2. To have both the Website and the Yearbook support Members supplying and getting information to the same database.
3. To provide a source for the latest available information to the Members that is easier for all Members to use.
4. To reduce the cost of producing the Yearbook.
5. To provide the information in the Yearbook to Members in a variety of formats of their choosing.
6. To provide better service and support to Members

Website - Michael Moradzadeh

A modest set of changes since the October report. Principal efforts:

- Refining our new commerce system and expanding it to other stations
- Updating and using system for sending targeted mailings to stations, committees and all CCA, including billing statements
- Significant cosmetic changes to the Safety and Seamanship assets. Articles are now presented in a topical list, with "related articles" in the margin. Classes are consolidated on the SAS.cruisingclub.org page.
 - To do: double check. Some articles did not get migrated, it turns out. Some of them are outdated and need to be refreshed or archived. Others will be brought out.
- New features in development:
 - CCA Authors. For active authors who are members of CCA, we're collecting references to their works. eg. [Wendy Hinman](#), [Charles Starke](#).

- Geotagged articles Various articles, particularly *Voyages*, relate to geographic areas. Marking these on a chart would be way cool. And way cool is what we are about. This may also be useful for our growing race guide assets.

Safety and Seamanship - John Robinson

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to severely limit the traditional activities of the Safety & Seamanship Committee. Safety at Sea hands on training courses have been cancelled through the end of 2021. We expect to re-start those courses in 2022, but that depends on the course of vaccinations and the pandemic and we will continue to work closely with the Fleet Surgeon to be ready for 2022. We are planning to conduct as many sessions as are necessary to accommodate demand for the Newport-Bermuda Race. In the meantime, we have been encouraging CCA members to take advantage of US Sailing online courses, which include 5 new modules that have been developed with support from CCA and others. These new modules will be required for certification for the international offshore training.

The Safety for Cruising Couples program has also been affected by the pandemic, although we are continuing to sell the new Workbooks to interested parties. The Kady Krogen owners group held a virtual rendezvous in October and included an abbreviated 2 hour summary of the program in conjunction with the use of the Workbooks by their members. And, the International Nonsuch Association is planning to do a similar program in Canada at their mid-summer rendezvous. We are exploring new options for broader distribution of our Workbooks among CCA members.

The Station Safety Officers are continuing to share Safety Moment ideas and we're starting to see some new material submitted to the website, but it's still a work in progress.

We are also considering a new Marine Weather and Sea State Seminar targeted at tropical weather, but will need to see interest in hosting such an event by one of our southern Stations.

Archives - Mark Ellis

The Archives Committee is continuing on its project to establish digital archives with Mystic Seaport. The intent is to have an agreement whereby MSM would accept CCA digital material and maintain it along with their archives updating programs and storage such that the archives would be accessible and readable in perpetuity. Mark Grosby (BOS/NBP) has kindly stepped forward to lead the archives belated entry into the digital age. There is a great deal of CCA digital material extant that needs to be centralized and cataloged through one portal. Also, a substantial volume of hard copy material exists and should be scanned into digital files. The committee is in need of qualified volunteers to accomplish this task.

Bonnell Cove Foundation - Joyce Lhamon

It continues to be an unusual and challenging time since our last virtual meeting. Fortunately, our Foundation has been able to navigate through the changes and to generate interest in safety at sea and marine environmental issues. As President of the Bonnell Cove Foundation, I would like to thank all, especially our generous CCA members, who responded to our Fall 2020

newsletter which was delayed in the USPS for more than 1 ½ months in some geographic area. We are hoping to have a more timely delivery this spring.

A special thanks you to Frank Bohlen and Paul Rogers who have both devoted many hours over the course of the last 6 months working to keep us functioning smoothly and to Commodore Bob Medland for his appreciated efforts in continuing support about BCF concerns.

This spring we received 12 grant applications for \$93,719.32 from NY, CHE, HI and PNW. We approved 10 grants for \$52,000. These grants supported projects involving youth boating and marine stewardship, innovative environmental protection devices and safety at sea equipment. As always, we urge each station to encourage non-profits in their scope of influence to apply for grants benefiting safety at sea projects and improving the marine environment. Our online survey helps Bonnell Cove award grants that are relevant to CCA members' interests. Look for continued news in the Gam, Waypoints, and BCF Spring newsletter for specific grant information. Thank you for your efforts.

Bonnell Cove Foundation relies on donations from the members of CCA to continue to give significant grants to small nonprofits. Since our fall meeting we received \$32,000 in donations. I am glad to report that many of our CCA members are now using PayPal to simplify contributing. Without your donations the grants given would be smaller and fewer. Thank you for your past generosity and continued support.

Financial Affairs Committee - Kathleen O'Donnell

In accordance with the process approved by the Governing Board at the 2020 Annual Meeting, the Financial Affairs Committee (FAC) presented a Fiscal 2020 budget to the Governing Board at the Fall Meeting, which budget was approved. The Treasurer then set to work with our newly engaged bookkeeping service to reconcile past practices with new accounting methods. As you would expect, this process was very complicated. Therefore we did not have the ability to make the Club's records available to our reviewing accounting firm as has been done in the past. We expect that we will be able to present this independent review at the Fall Meeting.

The FAC will begin the task of preparing the budget for our anniversary year by sending a request in June to the Officers and the Committee Chairs for anticipated revenue and expenses for Fiscal 2022.

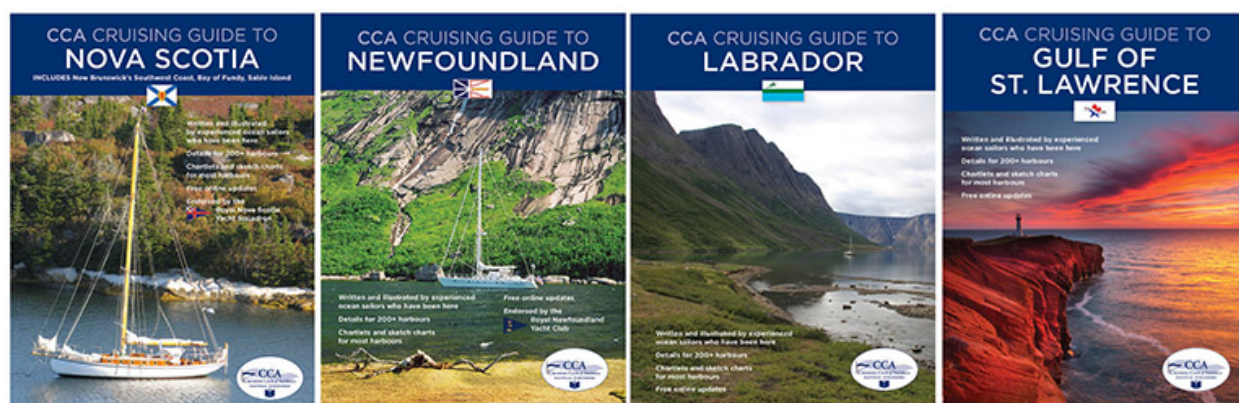
The FAC has an internal deadline of September 30th for the preparation of a preliminary budget based on the financial performance of 2020 and 2021 and the budget requests submitted by the various Officers and Chairs. The guiding principle shall be that the Club will operate on a breakeven basis, although the FAC understands that 2022 will be a special year.

Prior to the Fall meeting, a draft of a balanced budget will be circulated to the Officers and Committee Chairs for comment. The revised budget shall then be submitted to the Governing Board for a vote.

The FAC has received the final financial statement for Fiscal 2020 and the Chair will present any comments on its review to the membership as a supplement to this report.

The FAC thanks our Treasurer, Peter Chandler, for completing the difficult transition to a new process and a new computer program. It also thanks all the Committee Chairs for their cooperation in adapting to this new framework for financial operations.

Cruising Guides and Charts - Doug Bruce



CCA-branded editions of our four Canadian Maritime guides were created and published by year-end 2019. Guide sales in the first few months were robust before the pandemic lockdowns and then dropped off after that. We end our first fiscal year on Oct 31 with total unit sales of 696 books versus a goal based on a historic high of 425, a 64 percent increase. Royalty income on these sales amounted to nearly \$4K, which was slightly below expectations due to high discounted sales to CCA members.

The Guides Committee has expanded to 40 members, including 13 regular members and 27 consultants, while the Charts Committee comprises five members. We hope to add more members, especially “Next Watch” participants, to expand our involvement with new guides and digital versions in the coming years.

An Adobe InDesign graphics template was created to upgrade the appearance and organizational structure of our existing books. We are starting to execute improved and updated editions over the coming months and expect to launch them next winter.

A new book, an “Essentials Passage Planning Guide for the Viking Route,” is well underway, with several chapters already drafted thanks to an all-star team of co-editors. Included are Bill Strassberg, Dick Stevenson, Frank Bohlen, Mark Royce, Steve Brown, Simon & Sally Currin, Atle Moe, and Kristina Thyre.

With substantial help from Max Fletcher, planning for our first original digital cruising guide is moving forward after considerable time spent reviewing a variety of design concepts and consultations with Michael Moradzadeh. An overview will be considered at the Guides Committee online session at 12:30 PM this Saturday. Please join our open meeting.

Additional long-range guide projects are in varying degrees of development. The chart loaning service remains intact, although virtually unused this past year. It is available on the club website at <https://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/charts-guides>.

Guest Moorings - Gene Gardner

The Guest Mooring program has made significant strides in keeping the mooring listing up to date and now much more user friendly. There are currently 65 individual moorings that Club members can access. There are also several private docks in the listing and also a few yacht clubs that will make moorings or dock space available to our members. On the Guest Mooring web page there are now links to download the complete list in either csv or gpx formats. There is also a link to access a map that shows the location of all the guest moorings, private docks, and yacht clubs. This tool is intended to make route planning between these resources very straight forward. In addition, each of the mooring listings has its own map that can be zoomed down to the gps location of the mooring.

We are thrilled to welcome Liz Baylis as a new committee member. She has been a major contributor to the new enhancements on the Guest Mooring web page.

Events Committee - Anne Kolker

The Events committee is looking forward to a time when quarantine and vaccinations will all be a memory. In the meantime, the Fall 2021 meeting planned for Lunenburg is most likely to be held by Zoom. As life returns to some sort of normal, we hope to be able to have events that are in person. The 100th Anniversary Event in Newport 2022 is being planned. It is sure to be a great celebration.

100th Anniversary - Chris and Shawn Otorowski

Save the Date! The club's 100th Anniversary will be upon us in September, 2022. **Festivities will be held in Newport, RI, Sept. 11-16, 2022.**

Plans include feeder gams ending in Newport, rum keg reception, a gala dinner, member presentations, a tour of the Naval War College, reception at the new Sailing Museum opening in 2022, tour of the Herreshoff Marine Museum, member seminars and, of course, the famous Newport Mansions. There is no shortage of things to see and do in Newport where it is all about sailing! We have secured a hotel (Newport Harbor Hotel) on the water in downtown Newport that also has moorage available for 35 boats and is within walking distance of most of Newport.

Two books are in the works to celebrate our 100th. The Fall Meeting, hosted by the Essex Station, will be held as part of the Centennial celebration. There is much to learn about our rich history and the storied blue water sailors who have contributed so much to our sport over the past decades. Volunteers are welcome and needed. Please contact Vice Commodore [Chris Otorowski](#) to learn how you can be part of the Centennial Crew. More details including reservation schedules will be published in upcoming Waypoints. Reservations are set to open April 15 but not before.

Environment of the Sea

Investment Committee -Tom Post

We have had good returns over the last 12 months despite the global pandemic. Here is a synopsis of results through 1/31/21:

Fund	1 Year	3 year	5 year	10 year
CCA	13.74%	8.51%	11.37%	8.97%
Bonnell Cove	11.95%	7.20%	10.20%	8.39%
S&P 500	17.25%	11.70%	16.16%	13.50%
MSCI ACWI ex USA (International Stocks)	14.12%	3.25%	10.71%	4.99%
Barclay's Agg Bond Index	4.72%	5.49%	4.00%	3.75%
65/35 Benchmark *	14.06%	10.12%	12.17%	10.34%

* 65% S&P 500 / 35% Barclay's Agg

Returns longer than one year are annualized

We remain close to our allocation targets and don't anticipate making any dramatic changes to the portfolios. We endeavor to keep our costs as low as possible. Expenses for the Bonnell Cove portfolio are 0.09% annually and for the CCA portfolio, they are 0.07% annually.

Technical - Jim Binch

Our Committee has been quiet since the fall meeting, although several members have been working on behalf of the Club, the Newport Bermuda Race, and other organizations in trying to strike a new long- term agreement between the Offshore Racing Association – owner of the ORR rule -- and US Sailing.

As most members may know, US Sailing abruptly terminated its Executive Director in mid-November, which effectively stalled ongoing dialogue. Mr. Henry Brauer, incoming Commodore of Eastern Yacht Club and US Sailing Board member, was asked by Cory Sertl, President, to oversee all Offshore Committee and US Sailing Offshore Office affairs until such time as the new Executive Director was hired and on board.

During this same period, the ORA itself made a major change in its leadership, nominating Sheila McCurdy as its new Chair, along with a new Executive Committee comprised of John Winder, Brian Geraghty, Dick Hampikian and Jim Binch. This too has allowed a fresh and constructive approach to be pursued.

As of this update, US Sailing and the Offshore Office have reaffirmed its commitment to support the ORR rule for all offshore events in 2021, and in doing so, the Offshore Racing Association. This week in fact, the ORA has begun processing the first 24 ORR certs for the 2021 Ensenada

Race out of San Diego, the first time the ORA has itself processed, quality control checked, and processed ORR certificates, the model going forward. The Chair and the undersigned (ed. note: Jim Binch) remain optimistic that the ORA and US Sailing will have a sound, equitable and financially viable, long-term agreement in the coming months. In the meantime, they continue to operate in the new mode, with a far more equitable split in revenues with a brief written agreement between the parties. The ORR rule will continue to be the system of choice for NBR, Marion, Marblehead-Halifax, PacCup, TransPac, Rolex Big boat and many others!

Ski Gam - Johnny & Po Martin

With 2020 becoming a fading memory we are looking forward to hosting the 2022 Ski Gam again in Park City, Utah. Traditionally we have scheduled it to fall between Sundance Film Festival and Presidents Week. Sundance has yet to announce their dates, therefore All Seasons Resorts have not set their rates and are not yet taking bookings. We hope to have a better understanding by the middle of April. So please stay tuned.

Communications - Chris Otorowski

Communications have continued to flow throughout the CCA over this past year and since our last meeting at the Fall Meeting in October. Haley Lhamon has taken over the GAM from Wendy Hinman and produced her first issue; well organized, complete and a full 48 pages plus the 4 page history section by John Rousmaniere. Charts and Guides have moved mightily along with Doug Bruce at the helm with new partnering arrangements for publication of our four Canadian Maritime Guides. Roel Hoekstra has been managing social media. Michael Moradzadeh has done his usual stellar job with the website. Zdenka and Jack Griswold produced another stellar Voyages issue; Amelia and Bob Green will become the new editors with this next issue. Dennis Powers continues to oversee general marketing and awareness strategies with the professional assistance of John Burnham. Dev Barker took a stage bow after 5 years of editing Waypoints and turned it reluctantly over to Chris Otorowski who now has 3 issues under his belt. Murray Beach is, once again, finalizing the Yearbook, a very complicated and detailed responsibility. Roddy Hearne has been involved from the Young Members Standpoint and Drew Plominski has now assumed the chair of the committee now called "Next Watch". John Robinson, as chair of SAS, continues to have communication of SAS issues at the forefront of his committee. Importantly, each Station and Post has stepped up into the Zoom world holding lunches, cocktail hours, dinners and programs by members on a regular basis. I would also add that our Fleet Surgeon, is now a de facto member of the Communications Committee by issuing timely medical advice over this past year of Covid. Lastly Ernie Godshalk has been regularly meeting with membership chairs from the stations with a focus on communicating encouragement to all members to bring qualified prospective members to the club and to keep an eye towards diversity in our new members. Thanks to all of their efforts over this past difficult 12 months and with an interesting remainder of this year as vaccinations begin our march toward herd immunity.

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Nominating Committee - Jim Binch

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS:

Commodore:	J.W. Robert Medland
Vice Commodore:	Christopher L. Otorowski
Secretary:	John R. Gowell
Treasurer:	Peter L. Chandler
Historian:	John P. Rousmaniere

GOVERNORS:

Terms expiring in 2024:	Molly Barnes (BOS)
	Rowena Carlson (SFO)
	Hans Himmelman (BDO)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2021:

W. Bradford Willauer (Chair)
James G. Binch
Frederic T. Lhamon
Ernest Godshalk
Gretchen McCurdy

Respectfully submitted:

CCA Nominating Committee
James G Binch – Chair
Frederic T Lhamon
W. Bradford Willauer
Earnest Godshalk
Douglas P. Bruce

Cruise Reports - Steven James

Station and Post Reports

Bermuda - Les Crane

Bermuda was doing very well on containing Covid through early autumn. Active cases on our island of 65k had declined to less than 10, with most coming off incoming flights. Bermuda led much of the world in adopting travel regulations requiring pre-flight, arrival and follow up testing of all visitors. Using a strict protocol, we successfully hosted the Bermuda Gold Cup Match Racing in October with 16 international teams.

On October 16, while maintaining mask and separation protocols, we were able to hold a live luncheon attending by more than half our membership. Member candidate Terry Pimentel was introduced. Terry was about to return to his 2019 Boreal 47 in the Canaries to join the Viking Rally to Grenada in December.

Two island events in late October turned into superspreaders. Active cases suddenly jumped to peak at 250 in December. The government re-introduced tight restaurant regulations and a curfew. The action was successful. By February, active cases were less than a dozen, with only one hospitalization.

Thanks to a supply of vaccine from the UK, we now have one-quarter of the population with at least their first jab. While everyone is masked up, social distancing measures are in force, and most are working from home, we are slowly resuming some normalcy. The vaccination program gave us the confidence to resume meeting in person. We held our first luncheon of 2021 on February 12. I am pleased to report that all 16 in attendance reported vaccinations and that Terry's passage to Grenada was successful.

We are optimistic of continued improvement. Bermuda will be home to about 200 visiting sailors in April practising for the Sail GP calendar's first event. Plans are ongoing for the Marion Bermuda Race in June. Other international events are scheduled in the fall. The Bermuda Station has scheduled a member raft up for May 16.

Bras D'Or - Bernard Prevost

The challenges of coping with the COVID pandemic and a very active hurricane season has made the past season very interesting 2020 for the Bras d'Or station members. While the pandemic swirled around us the "Atlantic Bubble" held throughout the summer and fall and taking full advantage the station was able to hold a short coastal cruise and a fall raft-up. Members were very diligent with "social distancing", wearing masks and using lots of hand sanitizer.

The station held its AGM on zoom in January and a zoom social with guest speaker in February...more zoom socials are in the works for the coming months.

The overactive Atlantic Hurricane season was challenging, but did not discourage Hans Himmelman and his crew, including 2 station members sailing from Nova Scotia to Turkey on October 15th after stops in Portugal and Gibraltar arrived November 17th. Once in Turkey Delawana met up with fellow Bras d'Or member Phil Wash who was spending several weeks exploring Greece and Turkey on a friend's boat.

Boston - James Phyfe

The Boston Station (BOS) along with its three Posts (Narragansett Bay, Buzzards Bay and Gulf of Maine) has maintained a busy schedule throughout the winter, including a virtual Annual Meeting in November and biweekly web Gams thereafter. We have enjoyed wonderful presentations by many members regarding all manner of topics – from Maine’s Ocean Economy to photography of the Antarctic. It has been truly inspiring to have so many members step up with such amazing stories, each outdoing the one before it.

Next on the schedule (and open to all Club members) is a presentation on the mystery of Sable Island on March 19th and an update on the RI Marine Trades Association’s fiberglass recycling initiative April 2nd.

Although anticipation of this summer is riddled with uncertainty, Post Captains Dick Waterman, Paul Bushueff and Dale Bruce have come up with a wonderful way to ensure we can be together, even if from afar. In addition to our traditional Memorial Day and Fall Gams hosted by Sailing Committee co-chairs, Ray Cullum and Joe McDonough, each Post has committed to hosting some type of rendezvous in a local harbor at least once a month from June to September. Modeled after a very successful Fall Gam we had in Cuttyhunk last October, these event will allow members the opportunity to gather by boat and at least share in camaraderie from a distance. Of course, if the state of the pandemic allows, we will also gather alongside and ashore in person.

As always, I am incredibly grateful for the patient efforts of all of our Station and Post officers who have worked very hard during this unusual time. Particular appreciation goes to Secretary Nick Orem and Membership Committee Chair Jeff Wisch who have had to adapt to the changing circumstances at many junctures and have done so with much grace.

Buzzard’s Bay - Paul Bushueff

The Buzzards Bay Post held its first zoom session on 11-19-20. This was intended as a winter planning meeting. What might the Post do to keep people together over the long winter given current COVID restrictions. The primary solution is Zoom sessions.

The Buzzards Bay Post has hosted 3 Zoom sessions in coordination with the Boston Station, Gulf of Maine Post and Narragansett Bay Post. There have been interesting topics at least every other week.

Buzzards Bay Post hosted the following topics:

Marine Surveying with Jeff Gonsalves

Jeff Gonsalves has performed over 120 marine surveys this crazy Covid year. He is pulling himself away from survey write-ups to put together some photos showing examples of usual or potential issues on cruising sailboats.

Self- Isolating in Tahiti, with Nick Brown,

Nick, in spite of technical difficulties requiring a restart, did an excellent job describing his travels in the Tahiti Archipelago. It was enjoyed by all.

Saphira's travels , and update with Peter and Jennifer Francis

This presentation provided an update on the first three years of Saphira's travels. This unusual Chris White 70' catamaran has two fully rotating (180 degrees each way), free-standing masts and only the two sails. It has the weight, beam and sail area of a performance 55' cat with the long narrow hulls.

The 4th scheduled zoom will be on the **Beetlecat 100th anniversary with Bill Womack**, on April 30,2021

As a final note the BBP will be coordinating with the other Posts on a series of informal “mini-gams” for the summer, per covid guidelines.

Gulf of Maine – Dale Bruce

The GMP has a membership of 150, and we maintain an email list of an additional 151 CCA members and spouses from other Stations that visit Maine, or moor their boats in Maine. Dale Bruce serves as our Post Captain, Buell Heminway as Post Secretary and Paul Rogers as Treasurer. Garry and Leslie Schneider continue to serve as our Safety Officers.

Since the report for the Fall 2020 Meeting:

We have hosted 10 zoom meetings on our “Fridays at Five” platform.

Mark Lenci & Jeff Wisch, Phin Sprague, Charles Starke, Peter Plumb, Peter Chandler, Bill Strassberg, Alex Agnew, Bob Lux, and Kirsten Neuschafer have been our presenters. We held one ‘social’ zoom gathering the day after Christmas. All presenters are CCA members with the exception of Kirsten Neuschafer who is planning to participate in the 2022 Golden Globe Race.

We have three more “Friday at Five” events scheduled in the months ahead: Steve Brown, Alec Brainerd and Nigel Calder are to be our presenters, all are CCA Members.

Narragansett Bay - Dick Waterman

The Narragansett Bay Post (NBP), like many other Stations and Posts has mostly met virtually. The Post grew over the year and now has 60 active members and an additional 40 “friends” interested in participating in Post events.

In the spring of 2020, we started a short series of Zoom Gams, which have been a fun way to “see” each other. Starting in the fall, the three Posts associated with the Boston Station have coordinated a steady schedule of Zoom Gams. The Narragansett Bay Post hosted the following Zoom Gams:

- On October 29, Steve McInnis and George Day gave a very entertaining presentation on their 2018 transatlantic voyage on Steve’s boat *Maverick*. As a bonus, Steve gave a whirlwind overview of *Maverick*’s adventures through Scandinavia and sailing in the Baltic.
- Before Christmas on December 18, Brian Guck, the Boston Station Safety Officer, along with Mike Keyworth, the Narragansett Bay Post Safety Officer gave a very informative overview of various safety initiatives going on in the club. They also highlighted through personal tales important safety lessons not only when sailing but when working on your boat at the dock!
- On February 5, Henry DiPietro gave a highly entertaining presentation on the radio controlled DF95 fleet sailing in Newport. Janet Garnier provided wonderful pictures and videos too and everyone was impressed and excited to see the fun this fleet has sailing.

As we move into spring, on April 2 we’ll have a presentation on the fiberglass boat recycling initiative in Rhode Island and on May 14, Sheila McCurdy will provide a fun presentation profiling interesting CCA members from the club’s history. Moving into summer, we plan on having a series of “Mini Gams” called “Follow the Wave” the second weekend of each month from June through September. These will be weekend events held in local waters where we can informally gather at an anchorage. Of course, we will need to follow whatever guidance/restrictions are in place at the time and plan accordingly. All CCA members who may be in the area are invited to join us!

Great Lakes - Tom Post

The GLS report will be short and sweet. Because of the pandemic we did not gather, but we all avidly sailed in a social distant manner. We did have a wonderful Zoom presentation by Jim & Jean Foley in October presenting their extensive cruising experiences in New Zealand. We are having a GLS Zoom Meeting on Saturday, March 20th at 4pm.

Chesapeake - Mark Myers

In an effort to continue ongoing activities here in the Chesapeake and following on past R/C Robfogel’s well attended Fall Cruise in October, we did proceed with our annual Holiday Luncheon. While attendance was well below years past, we had 27 stalwarts arrive on December 8 at the Annapolis Yacht Club for some well needed cheer. It was in many ways a relief to see fellow members in person and in a distanced and safe setting to both reminisce and also make plans. Based on further discussion and input from members we have restarted our monthly winter luncheons that were necessarily canceled last year. With great interest and turn out, Peter Gibbons-Neff was our first presenter and spoke in detail on February 9 about his entry and preparations for the Mini Transat this coming fall. For March 9 Mick Price will provide a

program on his design and construction, now nearing completion, of the first Log Canoe built in over 50 years. On April 10 Gary Jobson is scheduled to speak regarding the Americas Cup and the state of racing and on May 11 Bob Franz will discuss “Interesting Situations” from his circumnavigation. All of these will be on zoom and are also to be recorded for later viewing as well. Our Spring Cruise is scheduled to begin on May 13 near the mouth of the Potomac River. For the Summer, many members are planning on cruises to New England and Maine. And... we are already hearing inquiries for the dates for our Fall Cruise. There is clearly a desire to get back on the water here in the Chesapeake Station and we always welcome all members who would like to participate.

Essex - Dennis Powers

The Essex Station had a change of watch at its Annual Meeting on December 2, 2020 approving the following slate of officers:

- Rear Commodore – Dennis W. Powers
- Secretary – Mark Kondracky
- Treasurer – Frederick W. Deichmann
- Historian - Jeb N. Embree

The Steering Committee met on December 17th to develop the 2021 station calendar. Current plans include:

- 10 virtual Thursday lunches at noon until conditions allow us to meet in person
- Spring dinner at Essex YC – May 11 (assuming club open for guests)
- Spring cruise to Watch Hill – June 25 – 27 with dinner at WHYC on the 26th
- Summer cruise to North East Harbor, Maine – August 6 – 12
- Fall cruise to Block Island – September 24 – 26
- End of Virus In-person Dinner – date TBA
- Annual Meeting and dinner – ECYC – December 8
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Virtual luncheon meetings were held on January 21 with 22 attending and on February 18 with 13 attending.

We have added a speaker series this year under the leadership of Frank Bohlen.

- On February 4th Peter Malinowski, who grew up on Fisher’s Island, gave a fascinating talk on The Billion Oyster Project – Oyster Restoration in NY Harbor. Peter provided information on oyster ecology and history as well as secondary school education – STEM directed at inner City kids.
- On February 23rd Rich Wilson spoke to 50 of us about his experiences in the Vendee Globe, which this year attracted a record fleet of 33 boats; but no Americans. Rich has led the effort to establish the Collegiate Offshore Sailing Circuit (COSC) to prepare collegiate sailors for offshore sailing aboard a fleet of Figaro 2 - 33 foot offshore capable boats. To date 12 boats have been acquired, 10 donated by CCA members.
- A presentation on the Gulf Stream featuring Frank Bohlen and 2 scientists from Woods Hole is next up on March 9th followed by Randall Reeves (SF – our latest Blue Water Medal Winner), on March 23rd talking about his 39,000 nm voyage creating a “figure 8” track around the world, keeping the Americas to port and Antarctica to starboard.

Florida - Pat Montgomery

Since April 2020, COVID-19 protocol has precluded in-person social activities. Planned luncheons, Club Cruise (Useppa Island), Rum Keg Party, and Annual Meeting were cancelled and replaced with virtual presentations and events. To date, we have successfully completed five Zoom presentations and one virtual Annual Meeting and Rum Keg Social. Monthly Zoom presentations are scheduled until our summer hiatus May – September.

The Florida Station of the CCA has the oldest population (average 78 years) and has great geographic dispersion with members residing from the Panhandle in the NW to Miami in the South. Both age and geographic dispersion have had positive impacts from the covid situation. While our population is the most vulnerable to the virus, our state has been actively vaccinating the 65yr and older population since late December -93% of our Florida membership has had the opportunity to be vaccinated. The Geographic dispersion has also benefitted, as those who could not travel to various luncheon locations could conveniently participate by Zoom. This aspect of social participation will likely continue in our social mix as a means of extending reach to our membership base.

From an organization perspective, our membership has been negatively impacted by a combination of age, finances, and relevance. We have lost 13 members (7 resignations/6 final voyages) and gained 4 members (2 new/2 transfers) for a net decrease of 9 and a current count of 100 members. Additionally, we have two vacant positions in the organization chart – Cruise Chair and West Coast Safety Co-Chair and have added the position of Fleet Surgeon (Charles Starke, M.D.) to our Leadership Team. Both membership attrition and organizational vacancies are not sustainable propositions. Our immediate management focus will be to articulate twelve-month goals in the areas of Organization, Membership, Communications, and Activities. As the newly elected Rear Commodore of the Florida Station, I wish to begin here by soliciting best practices from our fellow stations.

New York - David Tunick

The New York Station's activities since the 2020 fall meeting and going forward:

Nov. 10, 2020: From Nuclear Attack Sub Commander to Yacht Cruiser/Racer. A NYS Zoom presentation by CCA member Mark Lenci. We opened IT to the CCA membership-at-large. An audience of c. 175+ attended.

Dec. 15, 2020: Christmas party on Zoom. Introduced our new members; each described his/her sailing background. Peter Becker spoke on the Vendée Globe race, and our Secretary Spencer Kuhner addressed us from his boat in Bermuda enroute to the Caribbean. The party ended with Christmas carols by Sta. Lucia singers from the Swedish Church in NY. About 75 attended.

Feb. 20, 2021: Don't Give up the Ship! A seminar on damage control. A NYS Zoom presentation which we opened to the CCA membership-at-large and for which we crossed burgees with the Storm Trysail Club and the North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian

Yacht Clubs. Our NYS member Rich du Moulin was the principal speaker and led with a PowerPoint. Five panelists, including CCA member Les Crane, described their own disasters at sea – dismasting, flooding, sinking, and fire. David Tunick moderated. About 450 attended, including guests from the Irish Cruising Club and the Bluewater Sailing Club.

March 27, 2021: Advances in MOB Recovery – new & better. A Zoom crossed burgee event with the New York Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club. Led by NYS member Dick York with NYS member Rich du Moulin, David Tunick moderator.

NB: All in-person events are canceled while we wait out the pandemic. This includes the annual clambake on Shippan Point in Stamford, Conn., held on the first Saturday of every June, and the NYS weekend cruise to NYC that had been planned for late September, 2021.

Pacific Northwest - Rick Meslang

The PNW Station has conducted Zoom meetings of its' membership on each of our normal luncheon meeting scheduled dates, i.e. the second Monday of each month. All of our meetings have been well attended and in fact a generally greater number of attendees than our luncheons generate. We have delayed the start of our meetings to 1500 hours Pacific time and had attendees from England, France, Mexico, Australia and Singapore as well as throughout the U.S.. Each meeting has included a social period and a guest speaker as well as our normal committee reports.

The Station conducted its' normal Annual Dinner on the scheduled date with a social cocktail hour and out side speaker. This was an off year for elections for our various offices so there was little or no business to conduct. The meeting lasted about two hours with most wearing appropriate dress and I believe having a very pleasant evening. All members were looking forward to a return to normal Station activities in the coming year.

San Francisco - Jim Quanci

As you might expect

As with many Stations, San Francisco has continued to hold monthly general membership meetings virtually. This includes a quite entertaining, good cheer, and well attended Christmas party.

Covid learning that is here to stay

Most Station meetings pre Covid were Wednesday luncheons. As we have been pursuing a "younger" demographic, which find it difficult to impossible to make luncheon meetings, we "tested" a few evening meetings. With Covid, we have now moved (the monthly membership) meetings to Wednesday's at 5pm – starting with a bit of chat at 430pm.

This approach has been a big success with dramatically increased meeting attendance with the attendee growth being people with jobs that don't allow for middle of the day meetings – and members out cruising around the world. The overseas member participation has proven to be great fun for all – for the “travelers” to touch base with “old friends at home” and the membership hearing interesting, educational, and great fun “sailing stories from afar”.

Idea

Should many/most Stations that have virtual membership meetings (ie Zoom) publish their meeting schedule and agenda (on the CCA National calendar) - especially “guest speakers” – so all CCA members around the world can join, learn and enjoy all the interesting guest speakers? I know I have had great fun this last few months hearing guest speakers at New York and Gulf of Maine Station membership meetings. This gets a bit more complicated when we go back to F2F meetings – but a technical challenge I believe most of us can meet (hybrid meetings with some attendees in person and others virtual).

This Summer

Transpac and Singlehanded Transpacific races are “still on the books” and looking increasingly likely to happen – taking several of our members to Hawaii and back in July. With international travel being a bit more “uncertain”, most of the rest of the membership is “keeping it local”.

Southern California - Steve Calhoun

As expected, station activities have been limited due to the COVID 19 pandemic. However, we have continued to hold regular Zoom meetings as well as regular email communications to our membership. Based on the feedback from our members, the frequency of communications and Zoom meetings has been sufficient. However, everyone is looking forward to the return to physical meetings and local cruises.

Our station continues to focus on increasing membership with quality yachtsmen and yachtswomen that have the skill level and character to benefit our club. Our current membership number is around 102, after the recent passing of two long time members, Frank Trane and Leonard Baker. Both were enthusiastic members of our station, and will be sorely missed. As rear commodore, I continue to emphasize participation in club activities (both locally and nationally) when the pandemic is behind us, and am encouraging a good turnout from our station members at the 100th Anniversary Celebration in September, 2022.