



## CCA's 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration



**To: CCA Governing Board**  
**From: Chris Otorowski**  
**Date: September 23, 2021**  
**Re: 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

We are now off and running with moving forward to celebrate our Centennial in September, 2022, one year from now.

### **A. Hotel Reservations**

We have a formal contract with the Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina and 85 rooms are now reserved by members. We have 40 moorage requests. We are hoping to fill the hotel (133 rooms) and marina facility.

We have a special room rate of \$199 per night from Sunday night September 11<sup>th</sup> through to checking out on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. While the main part of the celebration and Fall Meeting will occur between Sunday night the 11<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>, because the boat show is slated to be Sept. 15-18, many are expected to stay over and see the boat show or other Newport sites.

We have all of the meeting rooms currently reserved in the hotel. Our contract with the hotel includes certain monetary thresholds as is typical in convention bookings. Planned lunches, receptions and dinners are all counted to fulfill that obligation.

There is one parking space at the hotel allotted for each room rented. Others who are driving and not staying at the hotel can park for \$10 per day during that week.

If you are planning to attend, and have not yet signed on the interest form on the website, please go to the website [here](#).

If you have not booked your room with the Newport Harbor Hotel, please go to [newporthotel.com](http://newporthotel.com) and reserve your room. Use the code 2022CCA911 for your reservation. The hotel tel. # is 401-847-9000.

## **B. Fall Meeting**

The Fall Meeting part of the week is being hosted by Essex. Dennis Powers, as R/C of ESS, is heading up the Fall Meeting efforts along with Mindy Gunther. The Fall Meeting will include a rum keg reception on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>, committee and board meetings, luncheons, and dinners at the Hotel which will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

## **C. Gala Dinner**

We are planning a gala dinner under the tent at Fort Adams in Newport for Thursday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. The max capacity of the ballroom at our hotel is 250 people and we expect to exceed that number by perhaps 100. Efforts are being made to have some Blue Water Medal winners in attendance.

## **D. Programs**

The Committee, over the past several years, has kept in mind the idea of having lectures/seminars/entertaining stories during the week presented by members and perhaps some outside speakers. A large focus of this special week is history, history, history! The two books which are in progress focus on our illustrious history and noteworthy boats.

## **E. Books**

Two hardback books are in process. One with a working title of “Boats We Sail” contains various stories of members and noteworthy boats over the years. Tim Murphy from Jamestown is just completing this book and it is in the layout phase. We are looking at a press run of about 3,000.

The second book has a working title of “History of the CCA” being written by Sheila McCurdy with editing by Tim Murphy. This book is well along and will focus on highlight events and stories through the years. This book is set for publication likely in August 2022. We are looking at a press run of about 2,000.

Book patrons and preorders will be accepted soon and will defray some of the initial outlay for the books. Prices have not yet been set.

#### **F. Reprint of the GAM History Section**

About 10 years ago, with the tremendous efforts of Jack Towle and now John Rousmaniere, there has been a 4 page history section in each issue of the GAM.

These pages will be collated electronically to produce an e-book of just shy of 100 pages and will offer yet more interesting historical vignettes. This will be posted on the website and available for downloading.

#### **G. The Sailing Museum**

The new Sailing Museum will open in May 22 in the old Armory Building on Thames St. The CCA will have a presence there and we will have a reception there one night that week, likely Tuesday or Wednesday.

#### **H. Newport Tours**

There will be organized and self-tours of the War College, Herreshoff Museum, the new Sailing Museum, International School of Trades, Newport History Museum, some of the fabulous mansions and perhaps some marine trades businesses in the Newport area. And of course there is the simple pleasure of walking the docks!

#### **I. On the Water Events**

An inshore regatta is being considered and perhaps some 12 meter or other charters for an afternoon on the water.

#### **J. Feeder GAMs**

As part of the celebration, nearby stations and posts of GMP, BOS, BUZZ, NBP, ESS, NYS and CHE are all encouraged to join in a feeder GAM ending in Newport on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **K. Bermuda Race 2022**

Since the Bermuda Race next year will be in our centennial year, we are wanting to have each station and post enter at least one yacht in the Race. Special trophies are being planned.

#### **L. Station involvement and observations by Stations of significant Centennial dates.**

Our September celebration actually falls after the founding historical events of the CCA. We want to have each Station and Post do something in observation of these events near to these calendar dates.

1. **February 9-** original founding meeting at Beefsteak Johns, Greenwich Village, NYC
2. **March 22-** original Club rules circulated at the Harvard Club, NYC
3. **May 15-** Club officially commissioned with a burgee (same as today) and 36 charter members.

**M. Invitation and interaction with sister cruising clubs.**

We may have some visiting dignitaries from Europe, possibly even with their boats.

**N. 100<sup>th</sup> Subcommittees**

<b>Subcommittee Areas</b>
Gala Dinner
Apparel
Badges
Bermuda Race participation
Boating: 12 Meter Charters
Boating: Feeder Gams
Boating: Inshore regatta
Boating: Schooner <i>Bowdoin</i>
Boating: HMS Oriole
Books
Brass plaques for boats and home
Burgee/Flag (commemorative)
CCA boats owned by original charter members- <i>Surprise</i> and <i>Elsie</i>
Centennial Program brochure
Dockmaster
Enamel pins
Finance/bookkeeping
GAM
Reception: Sailing Museum
Information gathering for sightseeing opportunities
Invitation to sister yacht clubs and invited yacht clubs
Invite Blue Water Medal Winners
Invite CCA major award winners
Invited Speakers/Programs
Mailings
Promotion/Publicity
Registration help

Reprint Blue Water Medal book (electronically?)
Special trophies for Bermuda Race in 2022
Sponsorship
Tour of Harbor- Charter
Tour of Herreshoff Museum in Bristol
Tour of IYRS (International Yacht Restoration School)
Tour of Mystic Seaport
Tour of Naval War College
Tour of Historical Newport Info.
Tour of Sailing Museum
Yearbook- special edition- red
VIP coordination
Voyages
Waypoints
Web site

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