1, Call to Order

2. Quorum

3. Commodore's Welcome

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Report of the Commodore

6. Report of the Vice Commodore

7. Report of the Treasurer



Kathleen M. O'Donnell, Treasurer

October 23, 2026

I. Account balances as of October 5, 2026 are as follows:
   a. $ 105,969.62 - Bank of America Business Checking
   b. $ 50,407.72 - Bank of America Business Savings
   c. $ 103,781.16 - Charles Schwab
   d. $2,559,441.48 - Charles Schwab (formerly Fidelity account)

II. The Financial Affairs Committee and the Treasurer have begun the process of drafting the 2027 budget. Committee chairs have been asked to supply the Treasurer with anticipated expenses for the coming year. This budget will be presented to the Board of Governors in December.

III. The dues collection efforts have been completed, and the Secretary has a short list of members that will be dropped from the rolls. The Secretary and the Treasurer will be working with the Webmaster and Nick Kennedy on ways to streamline the dues collection process with the potential of establishing automatic renewals.

IV. The Treasurer and the Secretary are also looking at ways to centralize the administration of Club activities at IYRS rather than using individual members' addresses. The Club now has two contracts with IYRS; the first for the trophy display case on the fourth floor at the rate of $1,000 per year and the second for receipt and review of mailing and other administrative services at the rate of $1200 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. O'Donnell

8. Report of the Secretary

Since being elected as Secretary in March of 2026 I have worked to make an efficient transition from my talented and capable predecessor, Pat Montgomery. In addition to handling the notifications, minutes and reports for the Governing Board and the semi-annual meetings of the Club's Members, the secretary works with the Membership Chair, Treasurer, Final Voyages and the webmaster to maintain the membership list. I have also worked this year with the Commodore and Vice Commodore to maintain the list CCA members who hold leadership positions and to develop plans for the Fall meeting with the Events team.

I would encourage all members to make certain that the information about them (and their boats) in the member database is accurate and up-to-date so that they can receive emails and regular mail from the Club from time to time and so that information in the Yearbook will be accurate. If changes are needed I am happy to help. I would also encourage members to pay their dues promptly when asked so that other members, who are all volunteers, don't have to chase after you.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Surgenor, Secretary

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9. Report of the Historian

Time and history march on and this is year five of the current Historian's term. The work is researching and writing and is relatively solitary. But that can be satisfying too. As Katherine Hepburn once observed, " You know……. alone, cold-stone sober, I find myself absolutely fascinating!"

The tasks are unchanged. The Historian's Log in the Yearbook has continued since the very earliest years of the Club, inaugurated by our first Historian W.P. Stephens. *The Gam* includes a four-page section devoted to historical topics entitled *History of the CCA.* That effort was inaugurated by Historian Jack Towle and continues. Finally, this Historian has added the burden of a monthly column in our on-line publication *Waypoints* entitled *Lore from the Lazarette* and approximately 60 of those columns have been produced. Occasional historical questions arise from the membership, and it is important to try to field them. Coordination with the Archives Committee and encouraging Station and Post Historians is also important. This year our history has been grandly captured in Sheila McCurdy's recently released *High Seas and Home Waters, The Centennial History of the Cruising Club of America* which follows the great example set by Jack Parkinson with his writing of *Nowhere is Too Far.* The Cruising Club has always sone a good job in telling of our adventures. The work continues.

May the march continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Adkins

10. Report of the Fleet Surgeon

CCA Fleet Surgeon and Medical Advisory Committee Report Fall Meeting October 23, 2026

The Fleet Surgeon advised the Club leadership, Stations and SAS regarding medical issues as needed. In addition, the Feet Surgeon serves on the BROC as Medical Chair, is a committee member on the Safety and Seamanship Committee as well as advises the Cruise Resources Committee. A special memo was developed for the recent New England Islands Cruise 2026 which focused on the extreme risk of Tick-Borne Diseases as well as access to local medical facilities in the event of a medical emergency.

The Fleet surgeon in his advisory role to the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee was responsible for organizing medical coverage for the Newport to Bermuda Race. For the **2026** race, the Newport Bermuda Race introduced 24/7 medical advisory support for all competing yachts as a new feature, provided through a partnership with George Washington Maritime Medical Access (GWMMA). The group consists of US board-certified emergency medicine physicians with experience in the maritime industry. Services were made available by the NBR as part of the entry fee from the start of the Race through July 18 to include returning yachts. This extended coverage was new for the 2026 Race. Emergency physicians were available 24/7 to provide consultation, assessment, and recommendations for treatment. GWMMA also coordinated with FCO (Fleet Communications) plus authorities if evacuation were determined to be required. Overall, I am pleased to report that this was a very positive and value-added experience for the NBR.

As part of the collaboration, we tailored the recommended medication and supply list specifically for the potential needs of the NBR. GWMMA provided detailed protocols for assessing illness and injuries to help expedite communications in the event of an emergency. Communications offshore were by satellite as required by the NBR. Additional relationships between the CCA and GWMMA are also being explored.

On April 13, 2026, a live YouTube webinar was arranged with GWMMA to discuss the new protocols and provide practical insights on preparing for medical situations offshore. This was well received. In addition, vendors were provided by GWMMA to assist in providing medical supplies for registered yachts.

https://www.youtube.com/live/Yg8tybWRZEI

The website and yearbook continue to be updated regarding the Fleet Surgeon Memo.

Ther Medical Advisory Committee continues to communicate regularly regarding relevant medical issues. Updates on infectious diseases such as Covid and Tick/Mosquito borne diseases which could impact our cruisers was reviewed as needed. Pertinent information has been published in Waypoints.

Covid 19 continues to be active. The new Covid 19 vaccinations have been approved by the FDA. High risk individuals should consider vaccination this fall season along with flu immunization.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S Wisch, MD

Fleet Surgeon CCA

Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee

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11. Report of the Fleet Captain

Report of the Fleet Captain to the 2026 Fall Meeting

Cruises since the Annual Meeting:

The 2026 Bermuda Cruise included a dozen boats and 40 sailors and was very successful. The New England Islands Cruise was also very well planned and, despite extensive rescheduling necessitated by a strong Nor'easter, very successful with over 40 boats and 120 sailors.

Future planned cruises include the 2027 Virgin Islands and Bras D'Or Lakes Cruises; the 2028 Bahamas, Bermuda, and North Channel (Lake Huron) Cruises; and the 2029 Irish Cruising Club Centenary being planned by WES. Other venues under consideration include Brazil, the Pacific, Newfoundland, and Alaska.

All members are invited to attend, in person or via Zoom, the Cruise Resources Committee meeting on Friday, Oct 23 at 1030-1200 hours PDT.

Ernie Godshalk

12. Reports of the Rear Commodores and Post Captains

12.a Bermuda Station Report:

The Bermuda Station and its members had a busy summer with the Bermuda Race taking place in June, quickly followed by the Post-Newport Bermuda Cruise.

During the week of the Newport Bermuda Race festivities the traditional CCA cocktail party took place on a sultry Thursday evening. Hosted this time by member Nicholas Weare and his wife Susan - a new location enjoyed by all and the party turned out to be very popular and enjoyable.

The Bermuda Cruise Chair James Watlington reports that the CCA 2026 Post-Newport Bermuda Race Cruise around Bermuda was a success, with fourteen boats and over forty participants. He noted the superb contribution made by Chef Nicholas Weare and mate Susan, who produced an excellent dinner for the starting party on Watling Island. The cruise differed from the itinerary for the 2024 Cruise. A dinner evening at Somerset Boat Club featured a film on wreck-diving in Bermuda by Conservationist JP Rouja. Poor weather on the Tuesday morning resulted in CCA member Lawrence Trimingham leading the fleet down-channel, around St. George's to Castle Harbour. The keynote dinner at Tom Moore's Tavern was attended by 59 members.

On the Wednesday, attendees toured St. George's with guide Alison Outerbridge and in the evening, there was a harbourside cocktail party hosted by member Captain Mark Soares. On Thursday, attendees had a boat tour of Harrington Sound and a tour of the Bermuda Aquarium & Zoo. On the Friday evening, the Cruise ended with an excellent final dinner at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

Another cruise is in the works, and CCA members considering doing the 2028 Newport Bermuda Race should take note to plan to stay.

Somers Kempe

12.b Bras d'Or Station Report
Fall 2026

I am honored to provide this short report on behalf of the Bras d'Or Station of the CCA.

As the only station with an entirely Canadian geographic footprint, our footprint is unique. We encompass roughly 40 members residing across all four Atlantic Provinces, as well as several US-domiciled members who choose to spend most of their sailing adventures in our magnificent waters. While the core of our membership resides between Halifax and the South Shore of Nova Scotia, a relatively high percentage is dispersed widely throughout the Atlantic region. This geographic spread can make regular participation in physical station activities a bit of a logistical challenge.

Despite our small size, our ranks are highly active, with a remarkable number of members engaging in adventurous blue-water sailing. To highlight just a few recent endeavors:

- One of our members sailed his boat as far north as **Nunavut** in Canada's Arctic.
- Another is actively engaged in high-level scientific **whale research**.
- A member recently completed an extensive exploration of the **Adriatic Sea**.

- One of our Newfoundland members successfully skippered her new boat from the **UK back to Newfoundland**.

On the membership front, our aggressive growth strategy has hit a few recent setbacks. In the past, our main hurdle was simply finding qualified candidates. Today, we are successfully identifying highly qualified mariners who feel honored by the invitation to join the CCA, yet ultimately choose to pass on the opportunity for a variety of personal or professional reasons.

To counter this, a primary objective for the Station executive is maximizing active participation among our existing roster. We have adopted a strategy of hosting fewer, higher-impact events that capture broader interest. Our dependable annual slate includes Spring and Fall dinner meetings, Spring and Fall raft-ups, a summer cruise, and our traditional January winter hike and social. We also regularly feature engaging presentations from members or guest speakers at our dinners.

We pride ourselves on staying agile. If we see that registration for an event isn't meeting expectations, we pivot quickly. For example, when expected participation for our planned Eastern Shore cruise fell short this past summer, the executive quickly shifted gears to a more localized itinerary. We organized a short Mahone Bay day cruise, culminating in a station dinner at the **Lunenburg Yacht Club**. It turned out to be a massive success, with 38 people enjoying a beautiful alfresco dinner on the LYC deck.

Looking ahead, the undisputed highlight of **2027** will be our upcoming **Bras d'Or Lakes Cruise**. We are incredibly excited about it and look forward to welcoming many of you to our home waters next summer!

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin Wanderer
Rear Commodore, Bras d'Or Station
Cruising Club of America

12.c CCA Boston Station

Fall Meeting Report

2026

The Boston Station has almost 500 members organized into three Posts (Narragansett Bay Post, Buzzards Bay Post, Gulf of Maine Post). Our cruising territory ranges from Rhode Island to the Canadian border.

The 2026 season was an active one for the Station and its Posts.

Boston Station

· Three Wharf Rats Club Lunches in Boston. There will be two more Rats lunches and an Annual Meeting & New Members Dinner before the year is out.

· Boston Station members helped organize and run the following CCA Events

Safety at Sea Hands on Training sessions in Bristol, RI

Newport to Bermuda Race

CCA New England Islands Cruise

Safety for Cruising Couples at the Jubilee YC

Buzzards Bay Post

- Three lunches with speakers
- One shoreside GAM
- One on the water GAM
- One dinner meeting with speaker

Narragansett Bay Post

- One lunch meeting with speaker
- One dinner event

Gulf of Maine Post

- Three on the water GAM's
- Three lunches with speakers
- One dinner with speaker

Notable Cruises by Station Members

- Two different members cruised the West coast of Norway this season
- One member cruised the Canadian Maritimes out to Newfoundland
- One member is halfway around the world participating in the World ARC
- Other members cruised the coast of Nova Scotia
- Many other members had enjoyable cruises in Maine and other New England waters.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hall Guck

Rear Commodore, Boston Station

Cruising Club of America

12.d Buzzards Bay Post

The Buzzards Bay Post has hosted one luncheon, one dinner and one rendezvous since March 2026. The luncheon was held in March at the New Bedford Yacht Club (NBYC) with 31 in attendance. Richard Armstrong gave a presentation on the history, career and restoration of the vessel William G Underwood followed by a tour of the boat at the NBYC dock. In April the Post hosted a dinner at the NBYC with 42 in attendance. The dinner was followed by a presentation by Past Commodore Sheila McCurdy on her new book High Seas and Home Waters: the

Centennial History of the Cruising Club of America. The Post hosted a joint rendezvous with the Narragansett Bay Post in June. There was an informal gathering at Hadley's Harbor on Friday evening followed by a pot luck gathering on Cuttyhunk island on Saturday. Saturday's potluck was held at the Cuttyhunk Historical Society with 12 boats participating.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Van Keuren, Post Captain

Buzzards Bay Post

12.e Gulf of Maine Post

The Gulf of Maine Post report highlights events that bring the Maine membership and friends together. If you are not on the post mailing list, but would like to keep apprised of Maine activities, send an email to the GMP post secretary: howard@maine.rr.com.

On April 12, at Shipyard Brewing in Portland, Ronnie Simpson entertained a crowd of 6o people with stories of his first Global Solo Challenge (2023-2024) and his preparations for the second in 2027/2028. Ronnie is a Marine Corps veteran with the unique skillset of advocacy, planning and friendship that has enabled him to reach the top tier of international sailing. He is dedicated to promoting the sport of sailing at all levels with young people, fellow veterans, colleagues and educators. Ronnie is a San Francisco Post CCA member who now resides in Portland Maine with his partner Marissa and an Open 40 Koloa Maoli. You can follow Ronnie at https://www.ronniesimpsonracing.com. He also has a podcast "Cape Horn to Port" where he interviews sailing mentors and reports on the offshore racing scene,

Two (2) Fenders Over the Side/GAM events on Penobscot Bay drew a flock of CCA Burgees to Seal Bay on Vinalhaven and to Pulpit Harbor on North Haven.

On 13 June, nine (9) boats navigated through early fog for the Vinalhaven event and anchored around Hay Island. Unfortunately, the organizers, GMP Post Captain Barney and Caroline Baker, were disabled during transit and absconded with the rum keg. However, all rallied with Vice Commodore Brian Guck hosting the attendees on Atle Moe and Kristina Thyrre's vessel Summer Star. The group was blessed with perfect early spring weather after the fog had burned off and enjoyed a beautiful star filled sky that night reflected in the mirror like water of Seal Bay.

On July 28th, Pulpit Harbor was blessed with 40+ CCA members, families and friends. The multi-boat raft-up was centered by Maggie Salter and Al Hickeys Sweet Dreams. The revelers were led by Commodore Chace Anderson and former Commodore Brad Willauer. It was a perfect Maine afternoon with warm sunshine, a light cool breeze, tasty food and a Rum Keg that kept pace with the conversation until the evening golden hour.

This Fall we have scheduled two signature events and have more in the planning stages for 2027. Post members and friends are notified as these events approach, and they are listed on the EVENTS page of the CCA website.

- Saturday, October 24: Maine Ocean Farms Sustainability Oyster Farming at The Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland, Maine.

- Saturday December 12: GMP Annual Gathering; Features Sheila McCurdy's presentation of her book; "High Seas and Home Waters- A History of the Cruising Club of America", at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. Maine.

We also want to promote the local upcoming event.

- Thursday, November 5, (5:00 PM - 8:30 PM) screening of the nationally acclaimed film 'Mighty Mary', which tells the remarkable story of the only all-women's sailing team to compete for the America's Cup at USM Hannaford Hall; 88 Bedford St.; Portland, ME 04104. Signup here: https://web.portlandregion.com/events/Mighty-Mary-Screening-and-Panel-Discussion-9254/details

The GMP leadership is always on the lookout for events and venues to get Post members together and welcomes all CCA members to Maine waters. Please contact us when you visit!

Barney Baker
Gulf of Maine Post Captain

12.f CCA Narragansett Bay Post

Fall Meeting Report

The spring season kicked off to a great start with a luncheon hosted at Newport's Seamans Church Institute in mid-March. Adam Cove shared his story of the Race to Alaska, solo in a Marshall Cat built in Padanaram MA. A thrilling race adventure, Adam's description and enthusiasm makes it even more interesting. A wonderful event and lunch organized by Annie Lannigan, NBP Secretary/Treasurer.

On May 30 at Conanicut YC in Jamestown we hosted Anderson Reggio presenting a fascinating look into professional distance race preparation focusing on navigation strategies, performance data collection and analysis and how this might be applied to the 2026 Newport to Bermuda Race. Anderson is a dynamic professional sailor concentrating on coaching and performance. A thoroughly interesting presentation, and while complex, Anderson does a nice job connecting his types of sailing and projects to our CCA group.

The Post hosted a joint rendezvous with the Buzzards Bay Post in June. There was an informal gathering at Hadley Harbor on Friday evening followed by a pot luck gathering on Cuttyhunk island on Saturday. Saturday's pot luck was held at the Cuttyhunk Historical Society. This is a marvelous hosting spot with room for all and wonderful views. A donation the CHS was made for their hospitality.

NBP Secretary/Treasurer Annie Lannigan is stepping down from her post this fall, and will ably be replaced by William Gammell of East Greenwich RI. We will miss you Annie, and welcome aboard Will!

Ned Jones

Narragansett Bay Post Captain

12.g Chesapeake Station Submission to the 2026 Fall Meeting

The Chesapeake Station has had a busy Spring and Summer and members are looking forward to fall plans. Since the Annual Meeting, the station has held well attended Monthly Luncheons through June, taking a break in July and August. In May, a Spring Cruise in the mid-Bay was held. 32 participants kicked off the cruise at a Gibson Island rendezvous for Rum Keg, drinks and dinner ashore. The Goldsborough Henry Race was cancelled on Day 2 as the fleet headed for Cackaway Island in Langford Creek for a BYO raft up. The final day provided a wonderful sail back across the Bay to Meredith Creek off Whitehall Bay. The station posted seven CHE skippered boats in the Newport Bermuda Race. CHE member Tom Cambell took the St. David's Lighthouse Trophy honors with 3 other CHE members aboard. Monthly Lunches were held in August and September.

An October lunch is planned, featuring Sheila McCurdy providing a taste of the CCA's History as chronicled in High Seas and Home Waters. A lunch is planned for November, and the always memorable Holiday Lunch will be held at Annapolis Yacht Club on December 8th. The CHE Fall Cruise kicks off on October 15th and includes the Station Annual Meeting, Dinner and Awards where a new leadership slate will be installed.

The Station's 2026 goal for new members is 10 for 6.5% growth. The first 2 rounds of submissions has resulted in 10 new members being approved. Six of the ten are Next watch Members. We have four prospects in process for possible submission for the December Governing Board approval.

John Devlin

12.h 2026 Essex Station Fall Report

As reported previously, the activities of the Essex Station continue to be very well attended with lunches averaging over 40 participants and special dinner events averaging over 60. The relatively high participation by our members is related, in large part, to our use of the facilities at Pilots Point Marina (part of the Safe Harbor organization) for our lunches at no cost so that our nominal charge of $15 per person goes directly to covering the cost of food and drink. In addition, one Essex member has donated the use of his events venue for our annual pot luck dinner, and our other dinners are held at the Essex Yacht Club at a reasonable cost. For special dinner events we typically have a guest speaker and so far in 2026, our speakers were: Mark Kondracky, who spoke about sailing across the Atlantic in a boat that was not ready for primetime and the solutions that needed to keep the boat going, and Stan and Barb White who spoke about their recent trip to the Galapagos. We also typically have in attendance at our lunches or dinners, guests from other stations as well as potential candidates for membership in the organization.

The Essex Station had seven boats in the 2026 Newport Bermuda Race, six in the St. David's Lighthouse Division and one in the Finisterre Division. Five of the boats were in the top 15 finishers of the St David's Lighthouse Division.

To date, the Essex Station has brought in four new members during the 2026 calendar year and we have an additional two candidates to be considered before the year's end.

Prior to the fall CCA Southern New England Islands Cruise, Essex is having a mini feeder cruise which will kick off with a dinner at the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club on September 21st.

As outlined in our March 2026 update, our 2026 calendar of events includes 10 monthly lunches (including December's "Festive Lunch"), our Spring Pot Luck dinner which was held on March 31, a formal Spring dinner held April 30, and our Annual Meeting and Dinner scheduled for December 1. With the Fall Annual meeting in Newport Beach, CA 2026 will close out as an active and successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Biemesderfer, RC

12.i Florida Station – Rear Commodore's Report

The Florida Station of the Cruising Club of America is pleased to report on its current status and activities. Overall it has been a quiet summer.

While our station is widely spread geographically and has the oldest age profile in the CCA, we maintain close connection and communication through regularly scheduled luncheons in three metro areas: Vero Beach, St. Petersburg, and Miami.

Membership recruitment is constantly on our radar with new ideas in the works to find younger blue water sailors within our communities.

There are efforts to organize a Station Cruise, and although these did not come to fruition this season, we have laid the groundwork for next year.

Clinton G. Bush, Rear Commodore, Florida Station

12.j Great Lakes Station – Rear Commodore's Report

The Great Lakes Station began a new watch following the February Annual Meeting, with a transition in leadership in March. I was honoured to take on the role of Rear Commodore, and on behalf of the Station would like to thank Peter Balasubramanian for his stewardship during his watch, along with the officers and committee leaders whose terms concluded. We also welcomed a new group of officers and committee chairs and look forward to building on the strong foundation established by the previous leadership. Since the Annual Meeting, we have welcomed Philip O'Neil as a new member. Philip and Sharon O'Neil also enjoyed an exceptional Great Lakes racing season aboard *Natalie J*, winning Class A and the overall trophy in the 2026 Bayview Mackinac Race, after also winning the Queen's Cup and finishing second in division and third overall in the Chicago–Mackinac Race. The Station was also delighted to welcome home Brian, Melissa, Oliver, and Elliot Hill following their four-year global cruise, and we have closely followed fellow member Melodie Schaffer's round-the-world racing campaign. Members also gathered in Michigan this year, providing another opportunity to strengthen connections across our geographically broad Station.

Looking ahead, our next Great Lakes Station meeting will be held in Toronto in November, bringing members together as we continue to build engagement and plan the year ahead. There is also considerable enthusiasm for the upcoming CCA North Channel Cruise, a Club cruise that will showcase one of the finest cruising grounds in the Great Lakes. At the same time, planning is underway for the 2027 CCA Fall Meeting, which will be hosted by the Great Lakes Station in Toronto. This will become an increasingly important focus for the Station over the coming year, and we look forward to welcoming members from across the Club and showcasing both our Station and the Great Lakes sailing community.

Robert Emery

Rear Commodore

Great Lakes Station

12. k CCA New York Station Report – 10/2026

The NY Station will hold its annual meeting on November 14, 2026, at the American Yacht Club. The meeting will be the conclusion of the three-year term of Peter Becker as Rear Commodore. The nominating committee has put forth Anne Kolker as the nominee for the RC. Assuming a successful vote, we will conduct the formalities of passing the RC pin and flag. Traditions are important and this will be a fun time.

Also, at the meeting Sheila McCurdy will present her new book, High Seas and Home Waters: A History of the Cruising Club of America. Who would have known that one of our former station leaders would become such a prolific writer who we are so proud and appreciative of.

The station's membership Chairman Hiroshi Nakajima and his committee continue to work to bring forward membership candidates that comport with the CCA's ethos and those that can add to our community of CCA sailors. The pipeline is reportedly strong, and the station looks forward to new members.

I want to express my appreciation to the many CCA members who put such enormous passion and commitment into our club and club activities. There is something very special about the CCA that we should work hard to preserve long into the future.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Becker, RC

12.l 2026 Fall Meeting Report CCA Pacific Northwest Station

The Pacific Northwest Station conducted two cruises under the capable guidance of Howard and Stephanie Conant. In May the Spring Cruise fleet visited south Puget Sound, stopping at Tacoma to see several museums and guided tour of the Seaport Museum at the marina. The fleet then convened in Gig Harbor for potluck appies, Longbranch in Filucy Bay for the rum barrel and Men's appetizer contest, visited Penrose Point State Park and Olympia for a fascinating tour of the historic Washington state Capitol building. The Fall Cruise took us into Canada's Gulf Islands starting with rum barrel and potluck dinner at Telegraph Harbor. We had a terrific turnout of 41 members and guests in 18 boats. We sailed to Montague Harbor on Galiano Island for a delightful evening at the Hummingbird Pub, then back to Long Harbor on the southwest side of Saltspring Island for a host boat night. The last stop was at Genoa Bay on Vancouver Island where participants gathered in dinghies at Charlie Guildner's boat to share in the Guildner family's ceremonial scattering of Chuck Guildner's ashes in the sea. That evening we had a dock party with appetizers. Howard and Stephanie organized land transport in the longest limousine ever seen by most of us for a trip to Maple Bay where the Hand of Man Museum's remarkable collection of indigenous artifacts enthralled many participants. Our final dinner was conveniently provided at the Genoa Bay marina restaurant.

The station holds meetings at Seattle Yacht Club. Mary Alice O'Neill chairs the speakers committee.This year we had 3 meetings. February's speaker was Schmidt Ocean Institute's Eric King who explained the mission of the Institute and talked about methods of exploration and date collection. In April Harry Anderson shared his slides covering his solo flights to 7 continents followed by sailing solo to 7 continents singlehanded! June speakers Joy Archer and Harry Pattison provided us with an engaging and informative presentation titled " Sailing to New Zealand and Back in Five Easy Steps." To start off the fall MV Starr voyagers and PNW members Don Stabbert with crew Sam Landsman and Margaret Pommert, shared adventures from the Stabbarts' world voyages.

Sadly the station lost three members and one spouse in 2026.

Susan Stillman

12.m San Francisco Station

The CCA San Francisco Station 2026 Fall Meeting report

We have had an active year at the San Francisco Station. Several new members joined us In our last class. The Membership Committee proved to be very efficient, headed by Moe Roddy

Wieneke. In addition, the members eagerly proposed qualified and wrote recommendations. Moe has stepped down as Membership Chair. Sylvia Seaberg will be taking her place. We thank Dick Enersen for his diligence on the Membership Committee.

Our SAF Grand Cruise around the Delta headed by Steve and Ginger Souder Mason attracted some of the members to join them. They showed us a map of their adventures.

The SAF station has a calendar with monthly meetings from September to June. In addition to interesting speakers, we enjoy Chuck Hawley's safety moments and Rowena Carlson's environmental moments.

Several members of the SAF will be attending the Fall Meeting.

Sincerely,

Mary Lovely

Rear Commodore

San Francisco Station

Cruising Club of America

12. n Southern California

12. o Western Europe

13. Reports of the Committees

13. a Archives

13.b Awards Committee Report

Cruising Club of America

Fall Meeting, October, 2026

To: Flags and Membership of The Cruising Club of America

In 2026, a few members crossed oceans cruising so qualified for Parkinson Memorial Trophies. In addition, a few members crossed oceans as part of a race qualifying for the Transoceanic pennant including the Pacific Cup. These awards and pennants are either already delivered or will be delivered in the next several months. That said there have been some delays due to a change in award suppliers.

Our long time Awards Supplier "Tomart" is fading away to be replaced by a new supplier. This is being coordinated with the Newport-Bermuda Race Committee through Bob Darbee (special thanks to Bob!). There is still a bit of uncertainty to this transition given a new supplier after many many years with Tomart. There are a few long lead time items such as where castings are used and produced with custom molds through a forge – including the 50-year membership medallion and the Blue Water Medal. We are still sorting out what castings we have in stock – so how many more we might need by the Spring meeting. This is a big year for 50-year membership medallions with 7+ members reaching that grand 50-year mark between Marech 2026 and March 2027 (compared to last year just 1 member reaching 50 years).

We are well along selecting 2026 award winners to be presented at our Spring meeting at NYYC. Recommendations for award winners will be provided to the CCA board before the Fall meeting in Newport Harbor for review and voting/acceptance.

We added a new member to the Awards Committee this year – Simon Currin (WES) – giving the committee better visibility into adventurous sailing and sailors from the other side of the pond.

Our Awards Committee of six members continues to work remotely and independently while coordinating with our Treasurer knowing that we are entrusted with a large but limited budget. Award Committee Members currently include:

Ellen Massey (BOS)

Maxwell "Max" Fletcher (BOS/GMP)

Stephen "Steve" James (FLA)

Douglas "Doug" Adkins (PNW)

Simon Currin (WES)

Jim Quanci (SAF)

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Quanci

Awards Committee Chairman

13.c BERMUDA RACE FOUNDATION

Report to the Fall Meeting of the CCA, October, 2026

It is important we remember our mission is to promote national and international amateur sports competition, to serve as the Organizing Authority of the Newport Bermuda Race, to provide vessel safety inspections, and educational services and training for offshore sailing and Safety at Sea. In addition to organizing and conducting Safety at Sea training under the auspices of US Sailing and World Sailing, through the volunteers on its Bermuda Race Organizing Committee (BROC), the Foundation screens potential vessel and crew participants, conducts pre-race vessel safety inspections, organizes and runs all aspects of the race, and to repeat, is the Organizing Authority for the Newport Bermuda Race. All of this is done by CCA volunteers.

Thanks to extensive efforts by many and especially Treasurer Jeff Eberle, the Foundation has received several gifts to enlarge its's treasury from individuals using credit cards, checks, gifts of securities and Donor Advised Funds. The Bermuda Race Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) public charity. Our sincere thanks to the many individuals who made gifts to the foundation since we met in March.

We are pleased to report campaign contributions to date are slightly more than $2,000,000 encouraging us to announce at a Donor Appreciation event held at the Museum of Sailing in June that our goal is $5,000,000, which we hope to complete before the next race in June 2028. My thanks to the committee members who have given their own treasure and solicited same from others. It's no surprise to me that the bulk of gifts received are from CCA members. Our Annual Report as of December 31, 2025 was sent to all donors and is available online, listing all donors as of that date.

Now that summer racing and cruising are fond memories, solicitations will resume with enthusiasm. We extend our sincere thanks to the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee (BROC) - with more than 40 volunteers, both in Bermuda and Newport as well as all the CCA members who produced a record number of Safety at Sea graduates, myself included. When you see one of them, thank them for their many hours volunteering. The Race would not happen without them

Respectfully submitted,

W. Bradford Willauer, President

13.d BERMUDA RACE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Report to CCA @ CCA Fall Meeting 2026

Meeting No. 1

October23, 2026: 10:30 – 12:00

Newport Harbor Yacht Club

As we begin planning for 2028, I want to first recognize our foundation – a remarkable international ocean race, a dedicated volunteer community, passionate sailors, and supportive partners.

Overview - NBR 2026

Successes: Just about all areas showed improvement and growth. Highlights include --

- Race promotion, media impressions, spectator engagement had significant growth
    - The Live Show now coupled with the Gulf Stream Daily brought the race to spectators and fans throughout the race.
- Starting Line Festival – the concept has now been proven with a huge turnout and will continue to benefit from further refinement
- Race administration and logistics operated efficiently and smoothly
- RBYC Bermuda engagement from docking to socials definitely delivered

To put this in perspective, the event involves approximately 1,500 competitors, 150+ volunteers supported by a significant budget funded by entry fees and sponsorship support.

Scoring anomaly: This unfortunately anomaly must be acknowledged but should not detract from the other success points. After much due diligence, we determined the error occurred due to human error. This was confounded by the re-scoring of the race leading to inevitable consternation among a small portion of the fleet. This is an error that can easily be controlled in the future. The full explanation can be found in the F-TCF Error Report: https://docs.google.com/document/d/13c0qF-d8EMcqJ5cByNT4XPlwrSLU4ImV/edit

Thank you to Andrew Kallfelz for his diligence in putting this together.

Take Aways

- Participation: 143 entries crossed the starting line, the smallest fleet since 1996. This broader decline is not unique to the Newport Bermuda Race or North America and warrants further study. While the survey was completed by ~30% of Skippers, it identified areas for improvement:
    - Inspection Process: Streamline the process, make it less onerous/burdensome while maintaining safety standards.

        - Rating and Scoring – Demonstrate objectively why F-TCF and ORR are used
        - Qualifications: Determine if and how the process may hinder participation. Structure to encourage experienced offshore racers to enter.
        - Other sensitivity factors include overall cost of participation and insurance challenges
- Sponsorship: Our largest sponsors are PBMY, Orsted and Helly Hansen. The team has diligently and successfully maintained, if not expanded, their support. While we have experienced attrition, the team has added new partners which we look to growing. As a biannual race, it is not an easy sell, and we continue to search for two to three more significant sponsors.

NBR 2028 Preliminary Planning

- BROC Roster is largely complete with a continued focus on succession planning
    - New to the Committee – please join me in welcoming:
        - Race Operations Coordinator – Matt Gimple. This role was created to bring together the various operational aspects of the race.
        - Sponsorship – Will is passing the mantle to Steve and Angela Richards, with Trixie Wadson continuing as an integral member of this team.
        - Participation – Deanna Polizzo
    - Resignation – please join me in thanking Chan Reis for his many years of support and his work in ensuring we are a Platinum level event.
- Continue to refine the Starting Line Festival with a focus on the "best use" for the VIP event.
- Sponsorship refinement and delineation.
- Demonstrate leadership in rating / scoring innovation for offshore events.
- Dedicated focus on areas for improvement stated above

The BROC is a collection of about 50 knowledgeable and dedicated volunteers from the CCA and RBYC. Their generosity is unparalleled. I thank each of them for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the BROC

Patricia Young, Chair

BROC roster can be found here:

https://bermudarace.com/race/organizing-committee/

13.e Bonnell Cove Foundation

Cruising Club of America

Fall Meeting, Newport Harbor Yacht Club

Newport Beach, CA

October 22 - 23, 2026

Bonnell Cove Foundation

The Bonnell Cove Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is deeply grateful for the generous support of its donors. The grant recipients and Foundation Board extend their sincere appreciation.

BCF needs continued support from existing donors and contributions from new ones. Earlier this year, thirty-six (2025 - twenty-five) qualified not-for-profit organizations requested roughly $316,000 (2025 - $198,000) in grants. The Foundation was able to award approximately $75,000 (2025 - $64,000) to seventeen (2025 - fifteen) applicants. 100% of your donations goes to awards each year to make these awards possible.

On October 14, 2026, the Bonnell Cove Foundation Board will consider thirty-one grant applications from qualified not-for-profit organizations requesting approximately $221,000. Meeting this demand will be challenging because only about $52,000 is available under current protocols.

Historically, Foundation grants have covered only one-third of the total amount requested. Both the number of applications and the value of requests have increased from the prior years, leaving the Foundation able to meet only about 25 percent of current demand.

Over the years, the Bonnell Cove Foundation has funded essential components of youth programs at schools and museums, environmental and medical research, habitat restoration, search-and-rescue products, overboard rescue techniques, and boating education. More donors and larger gifts are needed to cover the increasing cost of this work and support the growing number of qualified not-for-profit organizations working to protect the marine environment and advance safety-at-sea activities and research.

CCA members are also encouraged to invite eligible organizations to apply for a Bonnell Cove Foundation grant. Details are available under “Apply for a Grant” on the Foundation’s website: https://www.bonnellcove.org/apply.

CCA members are invited to support the Bonnell Cove Foundation’s work. We are counting on you to support these efforts which directly complement the Club’s mission and its visibility.

Bob Medland, President

Bonnell Cove Foundation

13.f CCA CRUISING GUIDES COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE 2026 FALL MEETING

The CCA's print and online cruising guides continue to provide positive exposure for the Club by sharing the wide-ranging knowledge of its members who sail close to home and in challenging waters further afield.

The free on-line Cruising Guide to Maine has about 28,000 users each year plus 2,400 subscribers to its quarterly newsletters. About 80% of the newsletter subscribers are non-CCA members, indicating the extent of the public exposure these two initiatives provide for the Club.

In the first six months of 2026, 342 copies of our printed cruising guides were sold. These guides cover Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador, Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the Viking Route. This resulted in $3,886 paid to the CCA by the printer/distributor.

We are now in a position to move forward with creating and marketing digital versions of the printed guides and expect to make the Nova Scotia volume available for the 2027 sailing season.

Respectfully submitted.

Wilson Fitt (BDO)

Chair, Cruising Guides Committee

13.g Communications Committee – 2026 Fall Meeting Report

The Communications Committee continues to support the great work of all of our volunteer editors and creators across the various communications channels. We coordinate internal and external communications efforts to align with CCA strategic goals of engaging members, expanding the CCA brand, and attracting qualified prospective members. The Comms Committee orchestrates paid advertising in Scuttlebutt and Cruising Compass, and externally-facing social media posts, aligning topics with timely events and content that supports CCA strategic goals. Most recently, the Comms Committee is working with the Safety and Seamanship Committee to build a comms plan to share the Yacht to Yacht Crew Rescue Report with the sailing community globally.

The CCA Brand Kit is available and being used regularly by members for style guidance, templates, and graphics files. The kit includes files for high resolution CCA graphics and logos, templates for emails and presentations, and guidance on fonts, colors, apparel, etc. The Brand Kit can be found here or visiting the CCA website: log in -> Member Links -> Member Resources -> CCA Graphics and Brand Kit. We are looking for feedback from members and suggestions for additional tools the Brand Kit is missing.

We are actively soliciting interested members to get involved with the Communications Committee. The Club takes great pride in and relies on our digital and print communications

channels as critical means of sharing information with our membership and with the sailing community at large.

Julie Kallfelz

CCA | SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT – Kate Somers

Fall 2026 Communications Committee • Facebook + Instagram • January–September comparison

THE STORY IN BRIEF

The Cruising Club of America maintains an active social media presence by extending the life and reach of content already produced by the Club. Posts draw on cruisingclub.org, Waypoints, Voyages, the Maine Cruising Guide, member achievements and timely opportunities to cross-promote the Newport Bermuda Race.

Publishing volume was essentially flat year over year, yet reported daily reach, profile views and conversation increased. The opportunity is not to create a larger calendar—it is to make more of the Club's stories and photographs available for sharing.

2025 vs. 2026 | January 1–September 30

Measure	2025	2026	Change
Published posts	156	157	+0.6%
Facebook / Instagram posts	79 / 77	70 / 87	More Instagram
Post reactions	1,614	1,719	+6.5%
Post comments	73	123	+68.5%
Post shares	131	90	−31.3%
Sum of daily reach	64,205	94,601	+47.3%
Sum of daily profile views	72,547	90,947	+25.4%
Followers, September	2,267	2,934	+29.4%

Data notes: Source: Buffer Facebook and Instagram exports. Daily reach is summed across days, not deduplicated unique people. Post totals reflect the published-post export; follower counts are September 30 snapshots. Shares declined, and Buffer's full-period engagement-rate summary also declined; results should not be characterized as universal improvement.

What we publish

- Member recognition, leadership news and cruising achievements
- Practical cruising knowledge and destination resources from the Maine Cruising Guide
- Stories and photography from Voyages, Waypoints and cruisingclub.org
- Relevant cross-promotion with the Newport Bermuda Race

THE CONTENT BEHIND THE NUMBERS

Examples of posts that connected with the audience

Member-centered storytelling has been especially effective. Notable 2026 examples include Peter Willauer's Diana Russell Award recognition, the CCA leadership announcement, and Behan and Jamie Gifford's cruising award. Maine cruising and seamanship posts also provide evergreen material with continuing relevance.

The Bermuda Race connection

The 2026 Newport Bermuda Race generated more than 4 million social media views across Meta platforms. This is the Bermuda Race's performance—not CCA-owned channel reach—and illustrates the scale possible when CCA-connected sailing stories are amplified through complementary channels.

How we work

Our approach is intentionally resource-conscious: identify strong existing Club content, adapt it into accessible social posts, share it on Facebook and Instagram, and cross-promote timely events when relevant. The older communications dashboard and editorial calendar remain useful working references, but they are not the best format for committee oversight. A periodic results snapshot is clearer.

Practical priorities for 2027

1. Keep a consistent, manageable publishing rhythm focused on quality over quantity.
2. Establish a simple pipeline for members and committees to submit photographs, voyage stories, awards, and noteworthy news.

3. Continue promoting enduring Club resources and selectively cross-promoting Bermuda Race content.
4. Report a compact set of metrics twice a year: publishing volume, audience size, reach, interactions and top-performing stories.

What we need from the committee

Help us tell the CCA story. Send compelling member photographs, cruising accomplishments, voyages, and timely Club news—with appropriate permissions and context—so these stories can reach beyond existing readers and members.

Bottom line

With essentially the same number of posts, CCA social channels generated 47% more summed daily reach and 68% more comments through September 2026. The next step is better access to content, not a more elaborate reporting system.

13.h Cruise Resources (included above with Fleet Captain Report)

13.i Environment of the Sea

13.j CCA Events Report

Governing Board Meeting

October 2026

The Club has had a robust year so far in 2026.

The Grenadines Cruise at the end of January was well attended and followed by the Annual Meeting, which had a capacity crowd – and we'll discuss the Annual Meeting more below.

We did not do a pre-race or post-race membership event for the Newport Bermuda Race this year, but the Race had 147 competing boats this year.

The Cruise Committee can report on the Bermuda Cruise and the New England Islands Fall Cruise

We are looking forward to the 2927 Annual Meeting to be held at NYYC on the first weekend in March. Followed by the 2027 Fall Meeting hosted by the Great Lakes Station.

At the Fall Meeting in Newport Beach this year we plan to discuss the following items:

- Selecting a host station for the 2028 Fall Meeting
- Discussing the guidelines and resources for Fall Meetings
- Events and format for future Annual and Fall Meetings to encourage more social time and attendance of members
- Membership events surrounding larger west coast events
- Structure and members of the Events Committee
- Other

Deanna Polizzo

13.k 2026 Fall Meeting Financial Affairs Committee Report

The Committee is supporting the Treasurer with preparation of the 2027 Budget for Governing Board approval in December.

A very special thanks to Peter Grffith who has stepped down as The Committee Chair. Peter led the budgeting process development and implementation over the last few years . He also chaired the development of formal financial approval policies. These developments are a big step forward in the Club's financial management and controls.

On the horizon, the Committee is working on implementing some accounting policy changes dealing with Cruises and Safety at Sea to recognize the incomes and expenses in the year of the events. The Committee will also be looking at alternative payment options that can lower credit card expenses and advising on any issues from the Commodore and/or Treasurer.

John Devlin

13.l GAM Report

2026 Fall Meeting

9/26/26

As the new editor of *The GAM,* succeeding Phil Dickey, who served as Editor in Chief for more than five years, I would like to begin by thanking Phil for his dedicated service to the CCA and for his generous mentorship as I take the helm.

The Fall 2025 issue of *The GAM* was 55 pages, and the Spring 2026 issue was 66 pages. Since the publication of our last issue, the CCA has selected a new printer for *The GAM*. We are transitioning from Sound Business Forms, which served us for 18 years, to RR Donnelley.

We are also in the process of reviewing bids for pre-press services. The move to RR Donnelley is expected to reduce the cost of producing *The GAM*, while also improving our workflow and helping us achieve more timely delivery of this important publication of the CCA.

Rob Stephan, GAM Editor in Chief

13.m Guest Moorings **Liz Baylis**

The Committee continues to receive compliments on how great it is to have guest moorings available for use while out cruising so we will continue our efforts to build the program. Updates are being made to the information for the current guest mooring listings as new information is received, working with the webmaster and yearbook editor, on the web page and in the yearbook. Outreach to members via articles in Waypoints and in person connections on and off the water seem to be our most effective way to gain additional listings and we will continue those efforts. Keeping the existing data up to date relies on getting information from the mooring stewards and we will continue working with them to keep the listings accurate. Additionally, CCA members out cruising have been sharing information as they use the moorings which is helpful. The Committee membership is Liz Baylis as Chair with Tom Babbitt, Ted Clucas and Chris Cunningham as members.

13.n Report from the CCA Investment Committee to the 2026 Fall Meeting



2026 has been another good year for the stock markets. Our long-term returns remain very good.

Here is a synopsis of results through **8/31/26**:

Fund	1 Year	3 years	5 years	10 years
CCA Account	15.8%	16.8%	10.0%	11.3%
Bonnell Cove Endowment	13.0%	14.0%	7.9%	9.4%
Bermuda Race Foundation Endowment	15.0%	15.6%	N/A	N/A
65/35 Benchmark *	13.9%	15.1%	8.3%	10.6%
S&P 500	20.4%	21.0%	12.8%	15.4%
Russell 3000 - US Total Stock Market	20.1%	20.6%	11.8%	14.8%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Net (International Stocks)	27.3%	20.25	9.4%	9.6%
Bloomberg Agg Bond Index	1.9%	4.1%	-0.3%	1.4%

* 65% S&P 500 / 35% Bloomberg Aggregate

Periods 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 0.05% annually and for the CCA portfolio, they are 0.03% annually. For the Bermuda Race Foundation Endowment portfolio, the expenses are 0.04% annually.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas C. Post - CCA Investment Committee Chairman

13.o Interclub Relations

13.p Long Range Planning Committee

The Final Report of the Long Range Planning Committee was issued in 2024 and contained a set of "Steady as she Goes" recommendations including:

- Continue to focus on building an active and engaged community of accomplished offshore sailors committed to adventurous use of the sea.
- While maintaining high standards, return to a pattern of slow membership growth including increasing the percentage of women and young members.
- Increase efforts to make members of the blue water sailing community aware of the CCA, what its activities are and the level of seamanship required for membership.

These priorities continue to be meaningful for the Club and the committee has shifted into a support role as various initiatives have been undertaken to implement them. We expect to start working on a new cycle of planning in a couple of years.

We are always interested in learning about CCA members who have participated in long range planning efforts with other clubs or non-profits, and in collecting long range plans from other clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Surgenor, Chair

13.q Medical Advisory (Incuded above with Fleet Surgeon)

13.r Membership Committee Report

Fall Meeting – 23 October, 2026

Since the Annual Meeting in New York, the Membership Committee has elected 25 candidates to membership ranging in age from 35 to 83, with eleven being eligible for Next Watch (under <55 y.o.) and an average age of 56. Four are women.

We have seen a number of changes in leadership at the Station Membership Committees. Gretchen Biemesderfer has replaced Mindy Gunther in Essex. Roddy Hearne assumed the chairmanship of the Pacific Northwest Station from Susan Stillman. Kevin Horsford replaced Brian Billings in Bermuda, and in San Francisco, Sylvia Seaburg replaced Moe Roddy. Rob Childs is the chair of the committee in the newly formed Western Europe Station. I am excited to have this new group aboard and incredibly grateful to our departing volunteers for their hard work.

The next deadline for proposals will be November 13th, 2026. Our target continues to be 1-2% membership growth per year, which remains a realistic pace given activity of the past few classes.

James Phyfe

13.s CCA Annual Meeting 10/22/2026 – Membership Cultivation Committee Report

The Membership Cultivation Committee (MCC) is a new body that was formally created in September 2026. Its mission is to support CCA's stations in identifying quality candidates for membership, and facilitating their way through the membership process.

The committee will have an introductory meeting on October 8, to review current membership trends, and to consider/brainstorm future actions.

There will be a subsequent meeting at the October 23 Fall Meeting, to establish specific actions more firmly, and to present those actions to the membership.

Peter Stoops

13.t Nominating Committee

13.u Next Watch

13.v PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

CRUISING CLUB OF AMERICA

From: Publications Committee

Date: October 2026

High Seas, Home Waters

With High Seas, Home Waters printed and in inventory, the Committee has shifted from production to a focused marketing and membership-outreach effort. The plan includes a dedicated Waypoints mailing, books for sale and signing by Sheila McCurdy at the Fall Meeting, a coordinated series of Station and yacht-club appearances, and targeted outreach to sailing publications, podcasts, museums, yacht clubs and specialty booksellers. A reusable electronic press package is also planned to support reviews, interviews and speaking opportunities.

Yearbook

Ray Cullum and the Yearbook Committee are reviewing the annual distribution process and exploring the transfer of Yearbook fulfillment from Team1 Newport to PSSC. PSSC already distributes Adventurous Use of the Sea and High Seas, Home Waters. Consolidating Yearbook fulfillment with PSSC is expected to produce considerable savings in shipping and handling while further simplifying CCA publication distribution.

Gam

Mike McBee has continued the Committee's review of recurring production costs and vendor relationships. The printing of Gam has been moved to RR Donnelley, producing significant printing savings. In addition, Mike engaged a freelance graphic designer with Simon & Schuster experience, reducing Gam graphic-design costs by approximately $5,000.

Overall

The Committee continues to focus on maintaining the quality and character of CCA publications while bringing greater coordination and business discipline to printing, design, distribution, fulfillment and marketing. The Yearbook and Gam initiatives are the latest examples of the savings and efficiencies that can be achieved by periodically reviewing longstanding practices and vendor relationships.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Casner, Chairman Publications Committee

13.w QUARTERMASTER REPORT

Bermuda Race trophies made it to RBYC and back to IYRS this summer. Although a few new faces and procedures made these maneuvers successful, we are in a debt of gratitude to Linda Wells who confidently led us to simply execute her guidance.

Nicole Butterworth & Carter Holliday also deserve recognition for their efforts "on the front lines" in Bermuda.

Dexter Hoag and Paul Grimes did not hesitate to help re-loading our case adjacent to the Edward W. Kane and James Gubelmann Maritime Library @ northmost IYRS building. Come see.

Andy Dickinson

13.x Safety and Seamanship Committee Report

October 2026

I would like to begin by thanking Bill Strassberg for his leadership of the Safety and Seamanship Committee and his generous assistance during this transition. Bill's experience, dedication, and commitment to safety have served the CCA and the wider sailing community well. I appreciate the foundation he has built and the guidance he has shared as I take on this role.

I would also like to thank Chace Anderson for his confidence in appointing me to chair the committee. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the CCA in this role and look forward to working with him and the committee.

Doug Bruce is also moving on, and I want to thank him for his time, contributions, and commitment to the committee's work. The cruising guides he wrote are very popular and remain an important resource for the CCA and the cruising community. We are grateful for his service and the lasting value of his work.

At this point, I am in listening mode, learning who does what, understanding the work already underway, and finding out who would like to continue in their current role. I want to hear members' perspectives, recognize their contributions, and understand where additional support or new participation would be helpful before setting our direction together.

Committee Communication and Participation

I plan to establish quarterly Zoom meetings to maintain communication and momentum between the Annual and Fall meetings. These will provide an opportunity for subcommittee chairs to report on progress, discuss challenges, and identify areas where we can support one another. They will also give us time to consider new ideas and agree on practical next steps.

I would like each member to have a clear understanding of their role and how their work contributes to our shared goals. Appointing a committee secretary will help us document decisions, track action items, and maintain continuity.

Priorities for the Coming Year

As these conversations continue, areas I would like us to consider include:

- Supporting Safety for Cruising Couples, POYOB, YTYCR, and our other safety education initiatives.
- Encouraging effective use of DSC-equipped VHF radios, including proper MMSI registration and familiarity with emergency procedures.
- Strengthening communication with station safety officers and sharing useful local programs and ideas.
- Exploring closer coordination with other sailing and safety organizations.
- Improving public access to our educational materials through a clear, accessible online home.
- Increasing awareness of our work through Waypoints, sailing media, club communications, and other appropriate outlets.

A stronger public presence can extend the reach of our programs, demonstrate the value of CCA membership, and introduce the club to sailors who share our commitment to safe and capable seamanship.

Looking Ahead

For the Fall Meeting, I am requesting brief reports from subcommittee chairs outlining accomplishments, current work, and any decisions or support needed. These will help us

recognize the substantial volunteer effort already underway and set realistic priorities for the coming year.

My aim is to build on the committee's experience while encouraging active participation, clear communication, and measurable results. I look forward to working with everyone to make our collective knowledge more accessible and useful to the sailing community.

Moe Roddy

Practice on Your Own Boat 2026

9/20/26

Highlights

- Integration of PIYOB program into the 2026 Newport Bermuda Race training program including a complete enhanced redesign of course marketing materials.

  Thank you, NBR committee, for all of your support and web assistance.



- Integration of POYOB materials into the Bristol Yacht Club safety training for cruising couples delivered on July 26th. This included the use of the CCA OSCAR rescue dummy.
- Updated CCA website with current POYOB training materials during 2nd Qtr 2026.

Opportunities:

- Gain clarity from CCA on mission and support of safety programming including budget support.
- Upgrade the CCA POYOB web presentation to more engaging across the multiple target user groups.
- Move web presentation to a more flexible, easily editable software system.
- Gather web activity to gage participation to help drive future initiatives and public rollout.

Respectfully submitted
Galen Todd
Gulf of Maine Post Safety Officer



Report to the Safety and Seamanship Committee and
Report to the Communications Committee

Chuck Hawley

10/15/26

1. **Overview**
    a. My role for the last five years has been as a liaison between the Safety and Seamanship Committee and the Communications Committee, with a goal of increasing the quality of and quantity of safety and seamanship content for the benefit of our members and non-members.
    b. This report is presented to both the Communications Committee and the Safety and Seamanship Committee.
    c. In addition to helping CCA members get their articles published online, I manage the Safety Officers who "reside" at the station level.
2. **Progress against objectives for 2025**
    a. We had modest growth in the number of articles on the Safety and Seamanship pages of the CCA website. In one year, the number of articles rose 5%. The fastest growing category was Safety Moments with 9 new articles or 9.6%.

13.y Safety at Sea Report

October 2026

The CCA's Safety at Sea team conducted 5 sessions training 224 students over the 2025-2026 season. Two sessions were cancelled due to weather. These trainings would not be possible without the deep knowledge, experience and commitment of our CCA volunteer team of instructors and those volunteers who are able to jump in to help make sure the day goes smoothly. Dan Coit joined our team of instructors and we also had invaluable help from Ben Sprague, Tim Leary and Adam Cove. While I will not list each of our volunteers individually we offer heartfelt thanks to each volunteer who gave his/her time to make sure these sessions went smoothly.

Last June we worked closely with BROC to ensure racers had appropriate certification and we hope to assist MBR this year.

We continue to revamp our curriculum in damage control, leak training and emergency communications as new information, equipment and input emerges. We also plan to incorporate training and lessons learned suggestions from recent Yacht To Yacht Rescue Report .

My understanding is the online training and book that we use are currently being updated which would be a good thing.

This year, with it not being a NBR year, we plan to hold 4 sessions.

We encourage and look forward to any suggestions that members of this committee have for updating and improving our training.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Noble-Kiley, SAS Team members Will Rogers, Ray DeLeo, Paul Bushueff,Ted Rice, Dan Coit, Becca Hurd, David Doody and CCA volunteers like you!

13.z CCA Technical Committee

Interim Report to Fall Meeting, October 22-23, 2026

Fellow CCA members:

No meeting has been held with this Committee since our Annual Meeting. There will however be a full meeting on Thursday, October 22nd in Room 2. Members are invited to join if they wish.

Major topics to be discussed include the CCA drafting an official opinion on World Sailing's Oceanic and Offshore Committee's recently approved new Code, to be voted upon at World Sailing's Annual Conference in Qingdao, China November 16-21. Among other matters addressed in this new "code", OA's would be barred from permitting autopilot use on a fully crewed boat (three or more crew), those racing under standard Racing Rule 52 would be scored separately; it would restrict hull-appendage and ballast movements, and finally, grant to this committee the standing authority to write and amend Rule 52-related rules outside of World Sailing's Racing Rules Committee. The Storm Trysail Club, New York Yacht Club, the Cruising Club of Australia and the RORC have already joined forces appealing this proposed Code change, and the CCA shall do likewise.

We will also discuss possible improvements to F-TCF scoring, used by both the TransPac Yacht Club and the Newport Bermuda Race Organizing Committee (among others), the latter encountering controversy as both human error and software glitches hindered the determination of final results for several days this past June. There is little doubt F-TCF is a promising

methodology for scoring long distance races. However, how might it be improved and gain further support in the offshore sailing community?

Finally, we will review any ORR VPP and rule developments, as well as long standing efforts by World Sailing to reduce the risk of monohull keel failures.

Respectfully yours

Jim Binch, Chair

Alan Andrews
Jim Antrim
Bill Lee
Stan Honey
Gerry Douglas
Jim Teeters
John Winder
Daivd Dickerson

13.aa CCA Trophy Committee Report – 10'26

Bob Darbee

For more than 30 years the CCA (and BROC) have had a terrific trophy servicer/awards supplier in Tomart of Pt. Chester/Rye, NY. Sadly that management is retiring and closed up shop early in 2026 prompting us to seek successor(s). Logistics play a significant role in any such determination as we move hardware around. For most of the post-War era our trophies were resident at 44th Street and most related management activity was Manhattan-based, including bringing trophies down one floor for presentation at the Annual Awards Dinner. With the 2016 trophy home relocation,180 miles east to IYRS in Newport we've focused on keeping services and active committee to that rhumb line as much as possible. (Tomart had been such, 30 miles east of Manhattan.)

An exhaustive search earlier this year with an eye to 2026 Bermuda Race awards showed very few practical alternatives. We finally settled on Prize Possessions of Norwood, MA, 65 miles north of Newport. Wide of our rhumb line goal but the best, most versatile option available. Subsequently, V/C Kallfelz (in his then-role as BROC Chairman) led a Newport-centric due diligence visit

including (then) BROC Vice Chair Patti Young, Deputy BROC Awards Chair Carter Holliday and CCA Quartermaster Andy Dickinson. They reported all passed muster. Prize Possessions has many of the positive qualities we sought but is limited in ways Tomart was not. The latter served as a General Contractor managing all aspects of our trophy needs, engaging a wide range of subcontractor specialties for services they didn't perform. Prize Possessions does not offer this range so our next objective is filling the gaps (hand-engraving, repairs, maintenance, etc.) The Quartermaster, "our man on the scene" in Newport will be closest to that activity and as such has been charged with identifying specialists to fill the gaps. Meanwhile, we have introduced Jim Quanci and his CCA Awards Committee to Prize Possessions and they are started on scoping out things for the March 2027 CCA Awards Dinner in New York.

13.bb Voyages **Report for the 2026 Fall Meeting of the CCA**

The 69th issue of *Voyages* is in progress. The Voyages staff remains unchanged from last year but includes: David Curtin, editor *Final Voyages* and myself as editor of *Voyages*. Our professional staff includes Virginia Wright, proofreader/editor, Claire MacMaster, Barefoot Art Graphic Design, Tara Law, Tara Law Design and Hillary Steinau, Camden Design. For the 68th issue we employed a new printer, Mount Vernon Printing, a division of RRD, who did a great job. We will continue with this printer.

While we have a number of feature articles committed for this issue, we are still actively recruiting more quality articles describing our members sailing adventures. Additionally, in last year's issue of *Voyages* we introduced a new feature, *Letters to Voyages*. This feature will continue and we are looking for contributions.

A few special articles in the next issue are worth noting. We're planning a feature article about the 2026 Newport Bermuda Race. We've asked 4 CCA members who raced in each division to write an account of their experience. Also, we will be including as a regular feature going forward, entitled *History of the CCA*. Details of this issue's article are still being explored. Finally, as most of you know, John Rousmaniere passed away in August. As a tribute to John, and because many of us might find the article especially meaningful personally, we're republishing (with permission) his 2019 article in *Cruising World* about knowing when it's time to step away from blue water passages.

We're planning for the 69th issue to go to press in late February or early March of 2027.

Respectfully submitted.

Dan Biemesderfer, Editor *Voyages*

October 5, 2026

13.cc Waypoints

Our monthly digital e-newsletter Waypoints provides timely information for members in an engaging and easy-to-read format. We report on events, achievements and publications by members. We publish articles on safety, heritage, updates to Club policy, member deaths, and other useful and important information. Waypoints also is a forum to invite members to join local, regional, and global cruises and events.

Each issue of Waypoints is a team effort. The co-editors, with input from the Flag Officers, Committee Chairs, Webmaster, and the membership at large make Waypoints content interesting, valuable, and digestible. We solicit input from a broad cross section of members and encourage all to send articles and suggestions for content. Without our enthusiastic contributors, Waypoints couldn't exist.

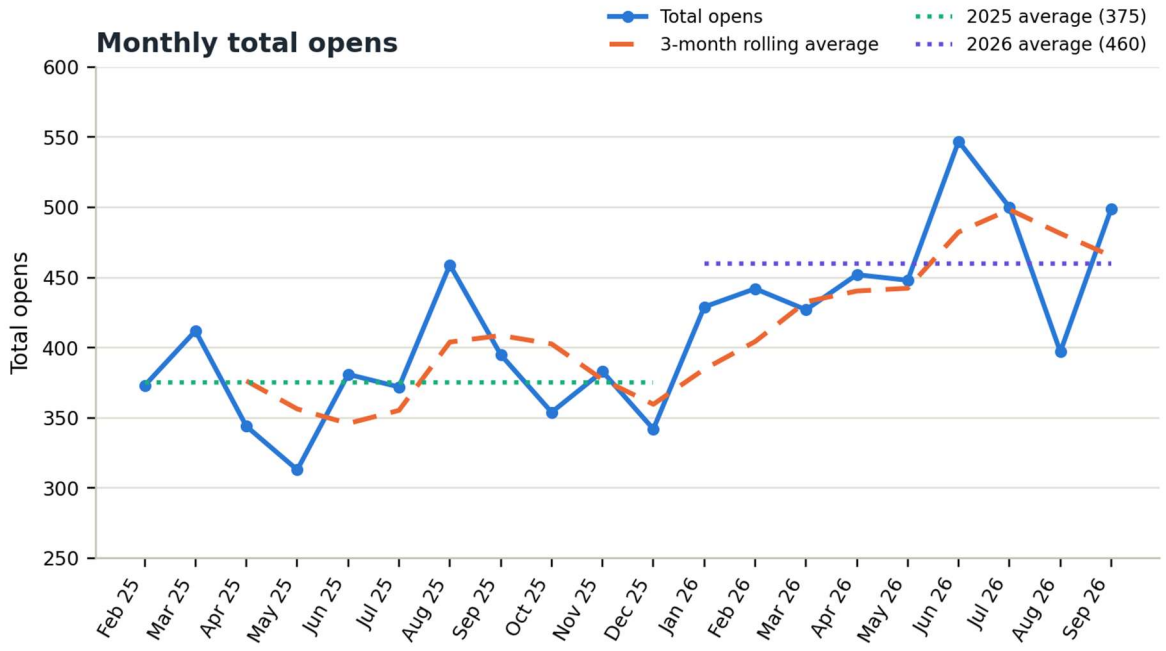
This year we set out to improve two key metrics: readership and engagement with the content. These are measured by the number of recipients opening each Waypoints Newsletter ("Monthly total opens") and the number of recipients who click on one or more links in the Newsletter ("Monthly unique clickers"). Both of these have significantly improved. 2026 Monthly total opens is 23% higher than last year and Monthly unique clickers is 39% higher (460/month vs. 375 and 293 vs. 211 respectively).

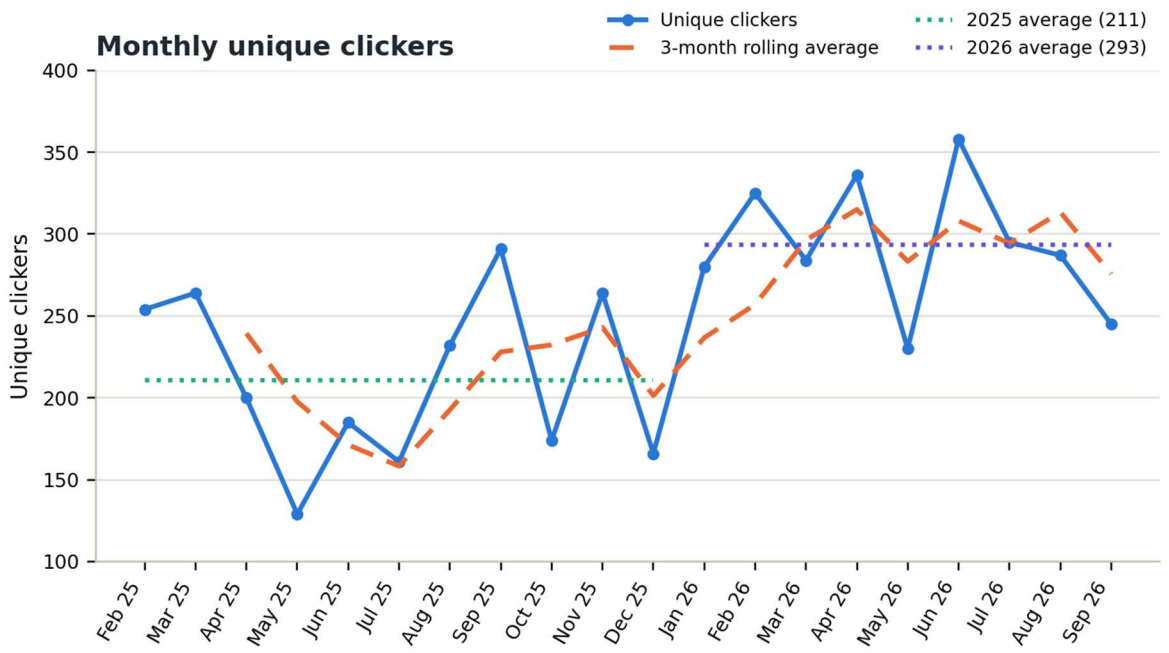
We look forward to discussing further at the Fall Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

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2025-2026 CCA Waypoints Readership & Engagement Growth





Both Charts: Data filtered to exclude bot opens, January 2025 non-bot data not available.

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13.ee 2026 CCA Yearbook Fall Meeting Report

The 2026 CCA Yearbook project went extremely well overall, particularly considering that we changed virtually every aspect of its creation, production, and distribution this year. Marquis Printing was good to work with, provided we maintained continuous communication and asked the right questions throughout the process. The Yearbook was mailed approximately two weeks later than originally planned due to some confusion in the printing process, which was ultimately resolved. We also encountered an issue with some member names and addresses not making it into the final mailing list; this remains an item for follow-up discussion with Michael Moradzadeh. We will conduct a postmortem in the near future to review the process, address any remaining loose ends from 2026 for 2027, and identify improvements for next year. All things considered, the transition to the new Yearbook process was a success—and importantly, we completed the project under budget.

Ray Cullum

Yearbook Editor