



**Minutes  
Cruising Club of America  
Fall Meeting  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia  
Virtual via ZOOM  
Saturday, October 2, 2021 1700 hours (EST)**

1. Commodore Medland called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees to the Fall Meeting virtually in Lunenburg, Nov Scotia. He also extended a special warm welcome to our new and recent members, and encouraged them to get involved in our all-volunteer Club of dedicated offshore sailors. He also expressed his appreciation to Rear Commodore Bernard Prevost and the members of the Bras d'Or Station for their efforts in organizing and hosting this meeting, and also to Events Committee chaired by Anne Kolker, Vice Commodore Chris Otorowski, Secretary Jay Gowell, Webmaster Michael Moradzadeh, and our Zoom host for this meeting, David Tunick. He recognized that Peter Chandler has announced his is ready for a change of watch after his long service as Treasurer and dedication to the CCA, BOS and BROCC. Plans for the Annual Meeting in March, the Bermuda Race, Club and Station cruises and the Centennial Celebration are well under way. But the ever-changing Covid situation requires vigilance and an update in the Club's Covid policy. He then called on the Secretary for the roll call.

2. Secretary Gowell reported there were 61 persons in attendance via Zoom, and that he held 205 proxies, so a quorum was established.

All Officers, with the exception of John Rousmaniere and Mark Myers, and all elected Governors, with the exception of Ian Gumprecht and Hans Himmelman, and all Post Captains were in attendance. Bev Crump attended on behalf of Mark Myers.

3. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed ("MSP"), the March 7, 2021 Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer Peter Chandler confirmed his report as filed.

5. Secretary Jay Gowell confirmed his report as filed. He read the names of 10 members who had sailed their final voyage since the Annual Meeting in March. A moment of silence was observed.

6. Historian John Rousmaniere did not file a report.

7. Fleet Captain Paul Hamilton did not file a report.

8. Fleet Surgeon Jeff Wisch confirmed his report as filed, and noted a Covid Task Force has been appointed.

9. Vice Commodore Otorowski deferred his report to his Communications Committee report, and reports on the Gam, the Yearbook, Waypoints, as well as his report on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

10. Commodore Medland thanked all the CCA members who had been working so hard adjusting sails due to the pandemic. He expressed his appreciation to the leadership and the members for facing the challenges of the pandemic with such a collegial, respectful, and committed response. The Commodore suggested committees plan for redundancy and succession in their leadership and that they engage members especially new members in committee work. He concluded that the CCA and crew are on a sound footing for next year and the start of our second century.

### **Committee Reports**

Membership. Ernie Godshalk confirmed his report as filed, and updated it reporting that 14 new members were elected by the Governing Board last week. This number is down from the 36 elected at last year's Fall Meeting, and represent 5 Stations, 7 Next Watch members, collectively with an average age of 55. The list having previously been circulated to the Governing Board, reading of the candidates' names was omitted.

Second, Ernie also described the proposed amendment to the By-laws so the posting of candidates would occur before the Governing Board meeting. Upon motion MSP, the By-Laws amendment proposed by the Membership Committee was adopted.

Third, Ernie described the Next Watch initiative, led by Drew Plominski and Next Watch Captains who had been appointed at most Stations, aimed at getting current younger members more fully engaged in the Club's activities.

Fourth, Ernie reported on the diversity and inclusion initiative.

Next Watch. No report was filed.

Awards. Chairs Steve James noted a virtual awards ceremony would be held at the conclusion of this meeting

Bermuda Race Foundation. On behalf of Brad Willauer, Jay Gowell confirmed the report as filed.

BROC. Chair Somers Kempe was absent, but his report was filed.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Chris Otorowski reported on the 100th Anniversary plans, identifying the host hotel "Newport Harbor Hotel" on Newport Harbor with 135 rooms and 35 slips. Activities will include feeder gams, invitations to past Blue Water Medal winners, a gala banquet at Ft Adams, seeing Newport sights and attractions, a possible regatta day, and publication of two books. The dates are Sept. 11-16, 2022. The

Essex Station will host the Fall Meeting at the venue.

Voyages. Ami Green. Reported that she and Bob were looking forward to their new roles as Voyages editors, and thanked Jack and Zdenka Griswold for their help with the transition.

Gam. Chris Ostrowski, serving as interim editor of the Gam, noted that a combined “double issue” of the Gam was completed, and was arriving in members’ mailboxes. He also noted that we are in need of a new editor.

Waypoints. Chris Otorowski, serving as interim editor of Waypoints, gave a brief update and reminded attendees of our need for a new editor to take the helm.

Yearbook. Chris Otorowski explained that Murray Beach had to step aside as Yearbook editor for health reasons, and expressed his thanks to Tony Will, Michael Moradzadeh, Commodore Medland and Jay Gowell for helping to complete the Yearbook. He asked if there were any persons on the call who might be interested in serving as editor or helping out with the Yearbook.

Molly Barnes noted that it would be helpful to know what the editor jobs entailed and how much of a time commitment was required before volunteering.

Web. Michael Moradzadeh reported that he continued to balance ways to reach out to the sailing public more broadly (in areas such as making resources on safety and seamanship, charts and guides, and environment of the sea available to the public) while continuing the internal focus on member services and information. He also noted he had to migrate the site to a new host.

Safety and Seamanship. John Robinson confirmed his report as filed and made particular note that 13 Safety at Sea course were scheduled, some jointly with the NYYC, and was intent to do whatever it could to support the Bermuda Race. He also noted the new initiative, the “School of Hard Rocks”, to encourage people to share some personal experiences where bad decisions could have avoided unwelcome outcomes, in order to share more “lessons learned.”

Archives. Mark Grosby’s report was filed.

Bonnell Cove. Joyce Lhamon reported on Bonnell Cove Foundation. Only two grant applications were received. She noted that the Foundation has reached a milestone, having made over \$1 million in grants in the preceding 20 years. She also discussed an opportunity for acquisition and preservation of a property in Maskell’s Harbor, the site of the founding of the CCA.

Financial Affairs. Kathleen O’Donnell confirmed her report as filed and reported now that a budget for FY 2022 was nearly final and would be submitted to the Governing Board for approval in the coming weeks. She thanked her committee and most especially Commodore Medland and Peter Chandler for their assistance in developing the budget and budgeting process.

Commodore Medland asked Larry Glenn to comment on the Maskell’s Harbor property. Larry offered an explanation of the opportunity for members of the CCA to help preserve the area in its natural state.

Charts and Guides. Doug Bruce confirmed his report as filed and noted sales in FYE 2021 were down. He also reported on a forthcoming website with a new Maine cruising guide.

Guest moorings. Gene Gardiner did not file a report.

Events. Anne Kolker was not in attendance. Chris Otorowski mentioned plans for the Annual Meeting in New York in March, and plans were underway for 4 upcoming cruises: 2022 in Newfoundland, a winter 2023 Caribbean cruise, a fall 2023 Mallorca cruise, and a 2024 Baja cruise.

Environment of the Sea. Rowena Carlson noted her committee's focus on making sure CCA events are conducted in an environmentally conscious manner.

Investments. Tom Post filed a written Investment Committee report. Commodore Medland noted that under Tom's leadership the investment account has been enjoying very positive returns and stood at a value of \$1.6 million.

Technical. Jim Binch reported that ISO is considering increased standards for keels and hull-keel joints, and that Jim Teeters had been hired as the Technical Director for the Offshore Office of US Sailing, and that US Sailing would resume issuance of ORR certificates.

Ski Gam. Johnny Martin was absent but his report was filed.

Communications. Vice Commodore Otorowski noted his report has already been filed but thanked everyone for their contributions to the Communications Committee efforts. Notably, the Communications Committee Report includes specific, detailed reports from various other committees, such as Marketing, Cruising Guides, Website, Social Media, Safety and Seamanship, Membership, Next Watch, CCA publications Voyages, the Gam, Waypoints and the Yearbook, and announced the formation of a new Zoom Committee.

Quartermaster. No report was filed. Bob Darbee reported for Quartermaster Steve Prime

Trophies. Bob Darbee filed a report and is looking forward to the 2022 Annual Meeting and Bermuda Race.

Cruises. Steve James noted that cruises were within the Events Committee, and there was not much to report for the past year.

### **Rear Commodores' and Post Captains' Reports**

Each Rear Commodore and Post Captain filed a written report.

### **Committee Reports**

The reader of these minutes is referred to the detailed Committee and Rear Commodores'/Post Captains' reports submitted in advance of the meeting. Below is the list of reports as published for the Board Meeting. All Committee reports that were submitted are on the CCA website. Here is the link:

<https://www.cruisingclub.org/2021-fall-info>

a.	Membership	Ernie Godshalk
b.	Awards	Stephen James
c.	BROC	Somers Kempe
d.	Voyages*	Ami Green
e.	GAM	Chris Otorowski
f.	Web*	Michael Moradzadeh
g.	Safety and Seamanship	John Robinson
h.	Archives	Mark Grosby
i.	Bonnell Cove	Joyce Lhamon
j.	Financial Affairs Committee	Kathleen O'Donnell
k.	Cruising Guides and Charts	Doug Bruce
l.	Guest Moorings*	Eugene Gardner
m.	Events*	Anne Kolker
n.	Environment of the Sea	Rowena Carlson
o.	Investment Committee	Tom Post
p.	Technical*	Jim Binch
q.	Yearbook*	Murray Beach
r.	Ski GAM	Johnny and Po Martin
s.	Communications	Chris Otorowski
t.	Quartermaster*	Steve Prime
u.	Trophies	Bob Darbee
v.	Waypoints	Chris Otorowski
w.	Next Watch*	Drew Plominski

\* Indicates no written report was filed.

### **Station and Post Reports**

x.	Bermuda	Les Crane
y.	Bras D'Or	Bernard Prevost
z.	Boston	James Phyfe
aa.	Buzzards Bay	Paul Bushueff
bb.	Gulf of Maine	Dale Bruce
cc.	Narragansett Bay	Dick Waterman
dd.	Great Lakes	Robert Beebe
ee.	Chesapeake	Mark Myers/Bev Crump
ff.	Essex	Bill Powers
gg.	Florida	Pat Montgomery
hh.	New York	David Tunick
ii.	Pacific Northwest	Rick Meslang
jj.	San Francisco	Jim Quanci
kk.	Southern California	Steve Calhoun

### **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

Joyce Lhamon reported that Paul Rogers gave his financial report to the Bonnell Cove Foundation via Zoom while he was sailing.

Ernie Godshalk reported that Alli Bell has succeeding Drew Plominski as Next Watch Chair.

Jeff Eberle, BROC Treasurer, noted (in Somers Kempe's absence) that entries for the 2022 NBR were trending higher than at the same time in the 2020 race cycle, with 150 entries/applications for entries received to date. He also reported that BTA had renewed its \$150,000 support commitment for the race.

David Tunick reported on the planning for a jointly sponsored (RBYC, NYYC, STC and CCA) shorthanded race to return to Newport from Bermuda after the Bermuda Race.

## **Future Events -Not Yet Cancelled**

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| a. March 4, 5, 2022      | Annual Meeting                 | NYYC, New York, NY |
| b. July 24-tbd, 2022     | Newfoundland Cruise            |                    |
| c. Sept. 18-22, 2022     | CCA 100th Anniversary          | Newport, RI        |
| d. Sept. 21, 22, 2022    | CCA Fall Meeting hosted by ESS | Newport, RI        |
| e. Dates TBD, 2023       | Caribbean Cruise               |                    |
| f. Dates TBD, Sept. 2023 | Mallorca Cruise                |                    |
| g. Dates TBD, 2024       | Baja Cruise                    |                    |

The meeting was adjourned at 1830.

A fun and interesting virtual Awards ceremony organized and hosted by Steve James followed at 1830.

A social event hosted by Bernard Prevost and the Bras d'Or Station with smaller breakout rooms followed for more intimate conversation.

Respectfully Submitted,

John R. Gowell  
Secretary