



Cruising Club of America, San Francisco (SAF) Station Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 2, 2023, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Marin Yacht Club

Attendees: 50 (!)

Members and guests (10) swelled the dining room with lively conversation until R/C **Jim Quanci** called the meeting to order at 12:00. Members introduced their guests: Dick Enersen- Jennifer Dunbar; Zia Ahari- Marco Misbach; Jim Quanci- Andy Schwenk, Peter English; Mary Crowley- Dick Woodbury, Chris Cooper; Michael Morazadeh- Shelly Willard, Randall von Wedel; Suzanne Knecht- Alex Knecht (son); Doug Finely- Neil Gibbs (potential candidate for membership!); Dave MacEwen- Bill Dana.



R/C Jim Quanci calls us to order.
Dick Enersen photo



Rowen shows single-use plastic
Dick Enersen photo

Treasurers Report: **Steve Mason** pointed out that the CCA fiscal year ended two days ago. We began the year with \$5192 and finished the year with \$5612. A \$2,500 stipend from national is included. Steve again predicted that a local membership fee of \$50 would undoubtedly be collected soon after two years of not doing so.

Membership Report: **Moe Roddy** said that there are three candidates in the pipeline and encouraged us to seek more. She also reminded us of the recommendation that face masks be worn in enclosed spaces to limit the spread of virus.

Historian Report: **Bob Hanelt** learned that Bill Chapman had died. There will be a memorial on November 11. Bob will seek to get notice into the CCA Final Voyages. A Celebration of Life for Patti Klaus is scheduled for November 3 at Encinal Yacht Club. Dick Enersen reported that he visited with Bob Burnheim who sends his regards.

Safety Moment: **Chuck Hawley** cautioned that his presentation might seem “grim” but was nevertheless an important topic: “Difficult Questions: How Much Risk is Too Much in a Rescue?” (Chuck’s excellent presentation is attached.) Chuck made reference to the tragic loss of Colin Golder, skipper of *Morgan of Marietta*, during the Newport Bermuda Race. (A link to the report on this tragedy may be found in the recent edition of Waypoints. **Bill Foss** pointed out the a key recommendation of the examining panel was that enforcing safety measures for all is the responsibility of the entire crew.

Environment of the Sea: **Rowena Carlson** rose to display a single-use plastic butter packet as a case in point: we cannot continue to tolerate the use of single-use plastics. We should take this into consideration in negotiating with our meeting hosts.

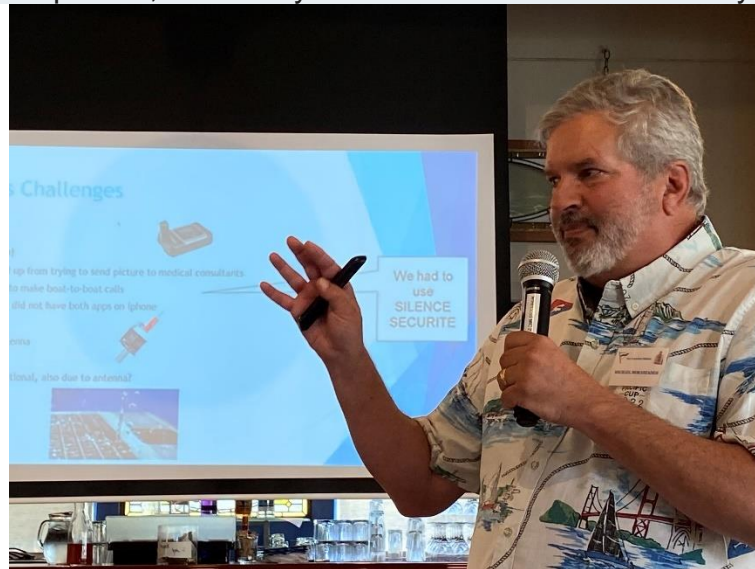
Cruise Report: **Bill Edinger** announced the tradition of an overnight in Clipper Cove over New Year’s Eve. Jim Quanci indicated that he and Mary would be there.

Environment of the Sea: **Mary Crowley** reported on a Fort Lauderdale meeting and group which is sponsoring a virtual Polynesian canoe.

Nominating Committee Report: **Stafford Keagan** referred to the report generated by **Bob Hanelt**, **Bill Foss** and himself that nominated for 2023: **Synthia Petroka** for Treasurer, **Chuck Hawley** for Secretary, and **Richard Schaper** for Rear Commodore. When no further nominations were forthcoming, this slate was elected by acclamation. At this time R/C Jim Quanci placed into the hands of the R/C Elect the starting gun trophy—even though his term does not expire until December 31.

PROGRAM: "Rescue 1,000 Miles Out."

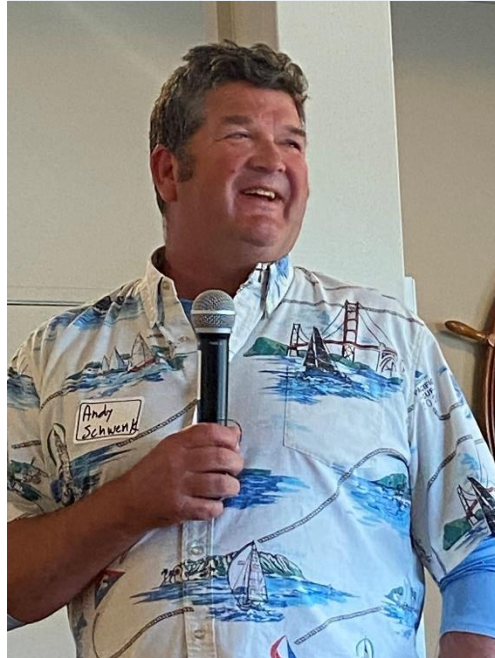
- **Michael Morazadeh**, Principal Race Officer for the Pacific Cup, led a presentation on the medical emergency that occurred aboard a returning Pac Cup yacht, the Spindrift, on its way back to the San Francisco Bay Area.



- **Mary Lovely**, Principal Medical Officer for the Pac Cup, presented on the medical aspects of the emergency.



- Skipper **Andy Schwenck**-- who suffered the near-fatal infection-- provided his first-hand experience of events surrounding his taking ill and his rescue.



- Also speaking was **Peter English**, who took command of Spindrift after Andy become incapacitated and evacuated off the vessel, and who brought the boat back home.



(Note: Michael has graciously permitted the slides of his presentation to be circulated with these minutes.)

- Andy spoke with deep emotion of his gratitude to the people in the room who saved his leg and his life.
- A key factor from beginning to end of this incident was that of compromised communications capability. It makes clear how critical it is to have robust communications capability among all the assets involved. When multiple parties became involved Michael at one critical juncture simply asked everyone to be quiet.
- Mary explained the key role played in this drama by George Washington University Maritime Medical Access.
- As Peter at helm brought Spindrift alongside the lee of the tanker that was to take the stricken skipper off the boat in confused seas, he said he tried to maintain a distance of three feet from the side of the tanker. At a certain point Andy, on a line, jumped into the darkness to the side of tanker and was temporarily lost from sight as he dragged in the water before being hauled aboard.
- The critical urgency of high-powered hospital treatment for this condition of necrotizing fasciitis cannot be overstated if survival is to be possible.

Members in attendance:

Zia Ahari; Skip Allan; Diane Barker; Jim Cooper; Rowena Carlson; Mary Crowley; Bill Edinger; Dick Enersen; Anne Finley; Doug Finley; Bill and Karen Foss; Bob Hanelt; Wyman and Gay Harris; Chuck Hawley; Bob Horton; Michael Johnson; Stafford Keegin; Suzanne Knecht; Stephen Mason; Michael Moradzadeh and Noelle Leca; Mary Lovely and Jim Quanci; Alan Olson; Chris Parkman; Synthia Potroka; Mike and Sue Proudfoot; Dolores and Robby Robinson; Maureen Roddy; Walter Sanford; John Scarborough; Jeanne Socrates and Richard Schaper.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Schaper,
Secretary

Please send corrections to rlschaper@gmail.com. Thank you!

- Attachment: Safety Moment- Chuck Hawley
- PowerPoint slides “Medical Emergency at Sea”