



**The Cruising Club of America  
2022 Annual Meeting  
Committee, Station, and Post Reports**

**Treasurer's Report – Peter Chandler**

The most recently completed fiscal year of The Cruising Club of America was notable for the events that did not happen rather than those that did. The first half of the year, which began on November 1, 2021, was dominated by the tasks of collecting, and then refunding, entry fees for scheduled events, most of which were subsequently cancelled. There was very little activity at the “Club” or “national” level once the decisions were made to conduct the Club’s meetings via Zoom or equivalent technology.

The actual work of the Treasurer has been greatly reduced by the appointment of volunteers to take charge of finite responsibilities historically left to the Treasurer. I am most grateful to Nick Kennedy, who has significantly improved the collection of members’ dues. I also recognize the assistance of our Commodore, who not only offered helpful advice on the organization of financial reports, but also demonstrated his technological prowess in actually producing them. Jeff Eberle has taken complete charge of financial planning and execution for the Newport Bermuda Race. With the assistance of these and many other committed volunteers, there is now time for the Treasurer to focus on important issues, such as budgeting and insurance. I am certain that our next Treasurer will achieve many great improvements in these Treasury functions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Chandler

**Secretary's Report - John Gowell**

The Secretary’s job is an assortment of tasks, assignments and communications. Fortunately, members generally can update their data on the website which has obviated much of the traditional laborious duties of Secretary. The membership continues to grow slowly, and presently stands at 1406, up from 1395 at the Fall Meeting. 30 members passed away in 2021, and there have been more than the usual number of resignations in 2021 and so far in 2022. We have lost 17 members since the Fall Meeting in October. Approximately 50 new member applications are handled by the Membership Committee each year which the Membership Chair will report on separately, although those numbers are lower this year due to the impacts of Covid-19.

Please note that as Committee Chairs and Station and Post officers change, it is important, and very helpful, to send notice of those changes to the Secretary, Webmaster and Yearbook editor so they can all keep their records up to date. As to website information, Michael Moradzadeh would remind everyone that an outgoing RC, PC or Committee Chair can go on their profile on the website

We have the following member count by Station and Post:

Bermuda 32

Bras d'Or 40

Boston 483

Chesapeake 144

Essex 84

Florida 97

Great Lakes 42

New York 148

Pacific Northwest 126

San Francisco 103

Southern California 97

#### **Post Count**

Gulf of 133 Maine

Buzzard's 116 Bay

Narragansett 62 Bay

Our oldest member was born in 1922, and our earliest living member to join the CCA joined in 1952. Our youngest member joining in 2021 was born in 1995. The average date of birth is 1950. We have at least 116 female members (gender identification on the rolls is not mandatory).

I continue to greatly appreciate the efforts of Larry Somers maintaining the mailing list, Michael Moradzadeh for his untiring efforts in our website and data maintenance, Maggie Salter

(soon being relieved by David Curtin) who carries the somber job of tracking final voyages, and Commodore Bob Medland and Vice Commodore Chris Otorowski for their continuing leadership, guidance and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Gowell

### **Historian nominee's Report - Doug Adkins**

As the nominee for the position of Historian of the Cruising Club of America, this report is filed as part of the Annual Meeting. In it I will attempt to briefly share my understanding of the development of the Historian's specific duties and will also suggest several areas of interest which may be worth considering going forward. Finally, the report will conclude with an expanded version of the Historian's Log which served as the basis for the more concise rendition included in the Yearbook.

The specific duties of Historian have not, to my knowledge, ever been codified. By custom, they have included providing the Historian's Log for the Yearbook and for the past twelve years have also included submissions twice yearly of a section in the *GAM* entitled "History of the CCA, Tracing our History." Over the arch of the Club's 100 years various instruments have been used to chronicle the Club's activities. They included Jack Parkinson's seminal accounts in his wonderful book "Nowhere Is Too Far" which recorded annual summaries from 1922 through 1959. The "Far Horizons Volumes I & II" provided members' accounts of their cruising adventures. The Cruising Club News was inaugurated during World War II when a four-page sheet was published with members' wartime reports but it ceased when hostilities ended. Carl Vilas and Alfred Stanford resurrected it in 1962 and continued its publication of the activities of Stations, Posts, new members, cruises, and racing. It evolved under various editors from a "newspaper" format into a "glossy" and ultimately became *Voyages* in 2011. The *GAM* was launched in 2003 by Dan Dyer. The Historian has played greater or lesser roles in each of these initiatives as they have evolved and changed over time, but the principal duty has been the Historian's Log while also serving as an officer of the Club.

As the 100<sup>th</sup> year has arrived, two new histories of the Club are being undertaken. One is the book commissioned entitled "The Adventurous use of the Sea, Formidable Stories from a Hundred Years of Ocean Sailing with The Cruising Club of America" featuring notable yachts, skippers and voyages, and the second is a "History of the CCA" over its first century written by Sheila McCurdy. The inserts in the *GAM* bring our history to 1970 when the CCA racing rule was supplanted by the International Offshore Rule and the face of racing design was forever altered. The question of continuing those segments in the *GAM* and the form they might take is an open one. They could be concluded at the current point. They could be continued in the same structure inaugurated by Jack Towle twelve years ago or they could be summarized to round out the narrative and bring us current to today. A new form of history might also supplant them. The monthly electronic news published in *Waypoints* has included several short segments from the Historian Nominee under the banner of "Lore from the Lazarette, a look back" and they have focused on the Club's founding in 1922. It is possible that this shorter and more frequent historical reporting will be found attractive. Again, the question remains on the table.

There are several other initiatives to consider. One is a greater and more uniform annual reporting from the Station Historians. Some Historians are dutiful in filing an annual summary of events and others are not. Some Stations do not list an Historian. I feel a good objective would be to encourage all Stations to submit an Historian's Report annually and further, if possible, to develop a Station History from past reports to be given to new members so that they know how their Station has developed and evolved over the years. I also intend to better understand where historical materials reside in our Archives. They are far flung and having an index to guide historical research would be very worthwhile and might keep important things from being lost. Finally, I hope that the Governing Board can step back a few fathoms and evaluate how to put a ribbon on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by coordinating the various vehicles that are recording our history at this important milestone by asking how many 100-year summaries do we really need.

One final idea is a whimsical one, but I hope the Governing Board will consider it. Jack Towle cleverly pointed out in his inaugural History of the CCA that at a meeting of the members on January 7, 1923 "it was suggested that the Club should have a sea chantey and Herbert L. Stone volunteered to compose an appropriate ditty and report back. Whether the night had been late or, for whatever reason, no further mention was made of the idea." Jack went on to ask, "Perhaps that proposal is still on the table?" And, I ask that again. Maybe the Historians could be the jury judging the sea chantey entries presented in Newport in September?

The Historian's Log in its more expanded form is contained on the Annual Meeting section on the Website as a separate document. It is included specifically to memorialize the many names and contributions of members not mentioned in the Yearbook version because of space limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Adkins  
Historian Nominee

### **Fleet Surgeon's Report – Jeffrey S. Wisch, M.D.**

The Covid 19 Pandemic has been at the center of medical safety issues for the CCA as it relates to its membership and CCA events. A Covid 19 Task Force was approved by the Board of Governors to advise the CCA accordingly. The Task Force consists of Commodore Bob Medland, Vice Commodore Chris Otorowski, Secretary Jay Gowell, Bill Strassberg, M.D., Anne Kolker, M.D., Moe Roddy, R.N., Charles Starke, M.D., and Jeffrey Wisch, M.D (Chair). The Committee met on a regular basis and formulated Covid 19 policies to help keep our membership safe. The Committee will continue to meet to maintain an updated policy as the Covid 19 situation warrants based on recommendations from the CDC and other trusted medical sources.

The Fleet Surgeon provided advice for the SAS sessions regarding Covid 19 medical safety issues. The SAS sessions to date have been well organized under the leadership of Ann Noble-Kiley under strict Covid 19 precautions including vaccine/booster requirements, strict masking and pre-event rapid antigen testing. After a hiatus due to Covid 19, the SAS sessions resumed in December of 2021. January was cancelled due to Omicron and the course resumed in February.

The Fleet Surgeon in his role as medical chair to the BROCC has been advising BROCC regarding medical support for the race as well as safety concerns relative to Covid 19 in collaboration with the NBR medical support lead physician, Dr Barbara Masser (BIDMC, Boston). He also assists in coordinating pre-race medical communications and procedures with the USCG.

In addition to the above the Fleet Surgeon has served in an advisory role for the Newfoundland Cruise and the Short-Handed Return Race from Bermuda.

The Fleet Surgeon Memo in the CCA Yearbook was also updated for 2022.

Respectively submitted,  
Jeffery S. Wisch, M.D.

### **Fleet Captain's Report – Paul Hamilton**

The relationship with Team One Newport continues to be satisfactory. Nothing else of note to report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Hamilton

## **Station and Post Reports**

### **Bermuda**

It was a quiet quarter for the Bermuda Station. We were able to dance between the Covid flareups and hold live meetings in both November and again in February. Our members were all vaccinated and imposing Antigen testing for the February meeting did not hold back attendance by almost half of our membership. The Omicron virus did scuttle an attempt at a January mini ski gam in Whistler with the Commodore, Vice Commodore and a rump guard of Bermuda and Great Lakes Station members. A raft-up is scheduled for May between the Sail GP event and the Bermuda Day holiday.

The focus of activity in the station is making preparations for the Newport Bermuda Race. Race chair Somers Kempe and Bermuda chair Stephen Kempe have been very busy both organizing the Race and the Bermuda reception. The Covid situation appears to be improving which will hopefully reduce some of the issues in managing the racers' arrival. The Bermuda station plans a great welcoming party for members at the home of NBR legend Kirk Cooper.

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Crane  
Rear Commodore

## **Bras D'Or**

Between pandemic peaks and a pretty old fashioned Canadian winter, the activities of the Bras d'Or station have been limited since the fall meeting. We were able to hold our annual AGM and dinner, in-person, at the Ashburn Country Club in Halifax in November. At that time I was elected Rear Commodore and a new slate of committee-heads was approved.

Our annual winter dinner, at the Blomidon Inn in Wolfville, NS, was cancelled due to pandemic restrictions. However, we are expecting to hold an in-person spring meeting at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (Saraguay House) on April 7. This is later than usual but we sought to allow as much time as possible for restrictions to be lifted. It is hoped that starting in May, informal monthly meetings and raft-ups can recommence. Certainly many of our members are looking forward to the Newfoundland Cruise In Company. Whether we have a Station Summer Cruise will be determined by the membership at the April meeting.

Having missed the opportunity to host the 2021 Fall Meeting, the Bras d'Or station has committed to hosting the one in 2023. Some of the pre-planning is expected to be carried forward including basing the meeting in Lunenburg, NS, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is one of only two urban communities in North America to be so designated.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. Ernest Hamilton  
Rear Commodore

## **Boston**

No in-person events have been held since our Annual meeting in October, at which I was elected RC, succeeding James Phyfe. We had a zoom meeting on Feb. 17, to welcome our new members, to which all Station members were invited, and we expect to hold a similar meeting in April after the election of the next group of members has been finalized. We are beginning to discuss the possibility of resuming our monthly lunches, but our confidence regarding the safety of such gatherings remains low. We are in regular communication with the Fleet Surgeon regarding the pandemic risks.

Our three Posts (Gulf of Maine, Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay) have scheduled a number of zoom calls and gatherings, which will be described in the reports from the Post Captains.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carter Bacon  
Rear Commodore

## **Buzzard's Bay Post**

The Buzzards Bay Post's last Follow the Wave event in 2021 was held in person on the weekend of September 25/26 on the Island of Cuttyhunk, MA. Though the weather forecast for the weekend was suspect at best, eight boats and sixteen CCA members showed up in force. We set

up a gathering space on the Cuttyhunk Channel beach where we were able to socialize while being respectful of covid protocols. Seth Garfield and the Cuttyhunk Shellfish Co provided a wonderful selection of oysters, clams and shrimp for the group. Great conversations were had by all as we talked of a hopeful 2022 where we might be able to do more in person get together. After about an hour and a half, the group retired to their boats for relaxing dinner and a quiet night's sleep. The fleet departed for home ports on Sunday morning under clearing skies and a steady Buzzards Bay southwesterly.

The winter and spring activities for the Post consists of Zoom presentations on a variety of boating related topics.

January 27, 2022 – The Truth About Boat Insurance.

This presentation was given by CCA member Steve Prime who is a retired Vice President from Gowrie Insurance, one of the industry's largest marine insurance carriers. The Zoom presentation was attended by 35 CCA members. Steve covered many of the issues you face in gaining the proper insurance for your boat. Do I have enough or too little coverage? What is the difference between Agreed Upon and Cash Value? What is difference between offshore and coastal coverage? Steve's presentation was about 30 minutes long and he continued to field questions for another 30 minutes. It was an extremely informative presentation.

Zoom presentations still to come:

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Solar Power and Boat Electrical Systems	Given by Dan Crete
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Steering Systems	Given by Chip Johns
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	New Equipment/Systems	Given by Eric Braitmayer

Follow the Wave planning is in the early stages for the summer of 2022 but some events we are considering:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Beach on the Sakonnet River in RI	Combined BBP and NBP
Great Hill Tour in Marion, MA	
Bassett's Island in Pocasset	
Wood Hole Oceanographic Institution	

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Bushueff Jr.  
Post Captain

### **Gulf of Maine Post**

The GMP has a membership of 134, and we maintain an email list of an additional 151 CCA members and spouses from other Stations that visit Maine or moor their boats in Maine.

Since the report for the Fall 2021 Meeting: The GMP this fall established a nominating committee and the membership elected, in January 2022, Peter E. Driscoll as Post Captain and

Charles A. Tarbell as GMP Post Secretary. Galen D. Todd was appointed Safety Officer. Paul Rogers continues as our Treasurer.

The GMP held 4 more zoom “Fridays at Five” calls: Nigel Calder, Bob Lux, Blue Water awardees Ginger and Peter Niemann, and Doug Bruce and Bill Bowers presented: What to expect in Newfoundland in 2022. All are CCA members. There are at least three more planned through the spring. We also held a November 2021 boatyard tour & lunch at Alec Brainerd’s Artisan Boatworks in Rockport, Maine.

For 2022 the GMP hopes to organize some one or two night “fenders over the side” events this coming summer. In addition, we are looking into a feeder cruise for GMP boats to the annual CCA meeting in September 2022 in Newport, Rhode Island.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter E. Driscoll  
Post Captain

### **Narragansett Bay Post**

The Narragansett Bay Post (NBP) has been pretty quiet this fall and early winter, but we have had a few fun events. In early December, Chris and Shawn Otorowski, generously hosted a Holiday GAM at their home in Newport, Rhode Island. It was a delightful evening full of camaraderie enjoyed by approximately 30 people. All attendees followed CCA and local COVID protocol and remained safe. It was a wonderful way to start the holidays! On February 8, the Post enjoyed an informal “Zoom Toast” to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the CCA. About 18 people enjoyed a lively discussion and many shared memories.

In November, we selected two new leaders in the Post with Jil Westcott becoming Secretary and Andrew Porter, Treasurer. We are delighted to have Jil and Andrew’s input and leadership over the next year. We thank Anne Glenn, prior Secretary, and Larry Glenn, prior Treasurer, for their excellent service, guidance and leadership since the Post was established in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Waterman  
Post Captain

### **Chesapeake**

The Chesapeake Station has continued to be active with our ongoing monthly second Tuesday luncheons and speaker series, our fall and spring cruising schedules, and our annual Holiday luncheon.

We had a great turnout for opening night of the Fall Cruise at Chis and Susan Bell’s backyard overlooking our cruise fleet at anchor in Whitehall Creek. Almost 70 attended and we enjoyed the company of members Paul and Marty Rogers from the Gulf of Maine Post and Brian and Melissa Hill with their two young children from Great Lakes Station on their way to a multi-year cruise through the islands. Aware of busy fall schedules we had a short 3 day cruise visiting the



Inner Harbor Baltimore with a first-hand look at the only remaining shipyard in the harbor to see some vintage processes as well as new technologies. While Friday's flat calm was for our power boats, on Saturday our race committee started 5 boats in a brisk 20-25 knots headed for the Chester River. The Rogers from Maine made a good showing and everyone was looking for Jon and Karen Wright at the finish but it was Tony Parker no one could catch. Congratulations to Tony and his crew. Saturday took us to quiet Greys Inn Creek, a destination that several members commented they had been passing for years but never visited. Cocktails on Nellie Crockett followed by a casual evening of crabs at Rock Hall finished the cruise.

Speakers at our luncheons have included Marguerite Welsh author of "Waterborne" describing a 15 year circumnavigation and the ensuing immersion in various cultures. Along with Holiday Cheer at our December luncheon Tony Parker was awarded the Newbold Smith Trophy. Tony has a long and distinguished career in both racing and a cruising. Fittingly, he sailed with Newbold many miles as well. Tony is recognized for his ongoing contributions to CCA and to our sport. Winter luncheons included local author and historian Dave Gendell with details on little known rocket tests at the Naval Academy and "secrets" of the visit of HMS King George V at the outset of WWII. Peter Gibbons Neff recently brought us up to date on his covid delayed endeavors to participate in the next Mini Transat. By good fortune last month's luncheon on February 8 landed on the actual 100 year anniversary to the day of CCA – the Feb 8 1922 date of Willian Nutting's letter proposing the founding of our club. We celebrated with a Champagne toast all around to 100 years and another 100 to come!

Our Spring Cruise is scheduled for the Southern Bay to start May 12 in Norfolk. We invite any CCA members who may be transiting from a winter in southern waters to join us for a few days in the Chesapeake.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Myers  
Rear Commodore

## **Essex**

Following the virtual Fall meeting last October, the Essex Station had a busy fall with in-person lunches in October and November preceded by planning meetings of Brin Ford's CCA Fall Meeting Committee ahead of next September's meeting in Newport as part of the Centennial celebration. We held our annual meeting and dinner at Essex Corinthian YC on December 8<sup>th</sup> with about 50 in attendance. This was followed by our festive holiday spiral ham lunch on December 16<sup>th</sup> hosted by Dick and Ardis Holliday. As Covid numbers began to spike we reverted to virtual Zoom luncheon meetings during January and February. Phil Dickey took over as GAM editor in January and Commodore Medland joined our virtual lunch on February 17<sup>th</sup>, filling us in on developments across the Club including the Newfoundland cruise scheduled for this summer.

The Station is sponsoring the CT Spring Boat Show April 29 – May 1 at the Essex Island Marina. Rives Potts will be speaking about the Newport Bermuda Race on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm followed by Frank Bohlen talking about weather and the Gulf Stream.

With Covid positivity rates dropping nation-wide, the CCA Governing Board, in consultation with the Covid 19 Task Force has modified the CCA's Covid 19 policy requiring a negative antigen test prior to attending a Club function effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Station will resume in-person Thursday luncheons at Pilot's Point north yard at 1200 on St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also begin handing out Vaccination Wristbands for those who have gotten their shots and can show proof. The CCA website is being updated to show all those who have uploaded their vaccination cards.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Powers  
Rear Commodore

## Florida

The Florida Station had a change of watch at our Virtual Annual Meeting on January 23, 2021. The Steering Committee met three times in the course of 2021 to plan a response to the constantly evolving COVID pandemic. Activities on both a national and station level were canceled, and virtual meetings and social calls replaced most in-person activities. The National Annual Meeting (March 2021), the Fall Meeting (September 2021) and most Florida Station lunches were conducted as virtual ZOOM events. Our presentation calendar included:

- Steve and Karyn James – Threshold south to Chile
- Tucker Thompson – America's Cup Behind the Scenes *featuring Nick Nicholson*
- Charle Starke – Galapagos, Wonders of a Prehistoric World
- Charlie and Heather Lalanne –Diving for Lost Treasure
- Mark Luther – PORT system
- Vargas', LaLanne's, James' – Reality Check: What Happened to our Boats during the COVID pandemic
- Gus Hancock – Highlights of a 15-year retirement cruise for two homeless live-a-boards

Also, we had four in-person lunches; two at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, one at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and one at Vero Beach. Our new Cruise Chair completed planning for a Spring Cruise at Useppa Island. This was put on hold due to COVID, and for future planning, a cruise survey was conducted and compiled by an independent resource.

Membership in the Florida Station declined in 2021 – we have 93 members. Attrition continues based on a combination of dues increase (2020), declining health and death. Since 2020, we have lost five members (death), two (health) and six (dues) and we have not approved a new member since March 2020. There is one potential member in the process. The Membership Guidelines were revised and approved in March 2021 and while the process is simplified, there are aspects of the process that make some of our potential new members not viable candidates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Ann Montgomery  
Rear Commodore

## **Great Lakes**

The Great Lakes Station has been quite dormant during the Covid Virus era. For much of the past year or so, our international border has had major restrictions, thus Toronto and Detroit remained effectively separated. No in-person events have been possible. A periodic station newsletter has kept us connected and been well-received.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Beebe,  
Rear Commodore

## **New York**

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021, when the pandemic had eased, the NYS had a clambake at my house on Shippan Point in Stamford, CT. Usually held in the warmer temperatures of June, the clambake was blessed with comfortable and dry fall weather and sweet lobster accompanied by mussels and corn-on-the-cob washed down by beer, wine, soft drinks, and rum punch out of the station keg. About 35 attended.

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, the NYS presented a Zoom with the NYYC to both club memberships and guests from the Irish Cruising Club. The subject was the the Fastnet Race, the first in a series on the great ocean races. The speakers were David Aisher, former Commodore of RORC and Sailing Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, former RORC Director Eddie Warden-Owen, and NYS members Hiro Nakajima and Lindsay Gimple, who raced on Hiro's boat, Hiro Maru, in the last Fastnet Race. 300+ tuned in.

Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, the NYS held its annual meeting on Zoom with roughly 40 members in attendance. Commodore Medland attended and spoke about plans for the Centennial celebration in Newport in the fall. As RC, I delivered a State of the Station report: the NYS is in excellent financial shape. While the membership is robust with c. 150 members, our total number has declined by 20% in the last decade – something to work on. NYS member Peter Becker also delivered a report on the new shorthanded return race from Bermuda to Newport starting on June 26<sup>th</sup> this year, sponsored by the CCA in collaboration with the New York Yacht Club and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. Peter is Co-Chair.

Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 1100 EST, NYS members Rich du Moulin and I will speak on Zoom about practices in shorthanded sailing offshore, double-handed and single-handed, but equally applicable to any crew. A collaboration with the NYYC, the Royal Bermuda, and Storm Trysail.

April, 2022, a dinner or Zoom will be announced, depending on the coronavirus.

Saturday, June 4, 2022 The Annual Family Clambake on Shippan Point in Stamford, CT, together with the North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian Yacht Clubs and Nyländska Jaktklubben,

Tues-Sat, Sept. 6-10, 2022, NYS Delivery Cruise, from Port Jefferson to Newport for the Centennial. The cruise is in collaboration with the Essex Station. Members of other stations are invited to participate. Dock space and moorings will be available. Chair, NYS member Scott Kraft.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Tunick  
Rear Commodore

### **Pacific Northwest**

The PNW Station continued to hold our monthly lunch meetings via zoom for most of 2021. We were, however, able to hold a Spring cruise in late May. Our cruise chairman, John Pedlow, planned an informal get together at several Puget Sound ports. We began in Kingston, then headed North to Port Townsend for two days. Member Linda Newland organized a tour of The NW School of Wooden Boat Building. A highlight of the tour was seeing the all-electric pump out boat the school build with a grant from The Bonnell Cove Foundation. We continued South to Port Ludlow where we held a memorial service for our shipmate Brian O'Neill. In October the Station resumed its normal schedule of lunch meetings via zoom. With Covid restrictions eased we were able to hold our annual meeting in person at The Seattle Yacht Club. Our speakers, 2021 Blue Water Medal winners Peter and Ginger Niemann, told us of their trip from Turkey in July 2020 non-stop to Singapore, where they were put in quarantine for her five months aboard their boat before being allowed to leave. They then sailed via Japan and Dutch Harbor Alaska, home to Seattle arriving in August 2021. It's certainly been a challenge for all of us these past two years, however, we look forward to a return to a more normal life in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Utley  
Rear Commodore

### **San Francisco**

After covid delta faded – and before omicron showed up – the San Francisco Station had two great face to face meetings with 50 or so members at both.

The first face to face meeting in many months was held in the Spaulding Marine Center <https://www.spauldingcenter.org/> (led by CCA member Bill Edinger) and featuring San Francisco Bay Historian Ron Young presenting the start of sailboat racing in San Francisco Bay in the 1800s <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdZSi4gLRrY> . Along with the creation of some of the first “rules of yacht racing”, and to no one’s surprise, gambling on and “stretching the rules” was not uncommon in these early days of yacht racing “on the Barbary Coast”.

The next, and so far “last”, face to face membership meeting was the annual Christmas Party held at St. Francis Yacht Club. Along with great conversation and transoceanic passage award giving, US Sailing President Rich Jepsen awarded the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy to CCA member Chuck Hawley for his extraordinary contributions to the sport of sailing. Chuck has for

many years “given back” to the sailing community including driving the modernization of the sailing safety standards as well as leading numerous (and always entertaining) Safety At Sea classes. In this age of covid, Chuck’s work making Safety At Sea classes available online was “prescient”.

Sincerely,  
Jim Quanci  
Rear Commodore

## **Southern California**

Early 2022 finds our station preparing for an active year as we move away from Covid restrictions which have impacted participation at our events during the past two years.

We held an “in person” annual meeting on December 1, 2021 at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. It was attended by approximately 65 members and spouses. In past years, our typical attendance for that event would be 90 – 95. There is no question that Covid issues reduced the turnout for this event. However, it was an enthusiastic and enjoyable meeting / dinner, which accentuated the benefits of “in person” meetings where we can socialize and enjoy each other’s company. A high note of that meeting was that we honored Donald B. Ayres, Jr., a 50 year member of The Cruising Club of America. We had planned to honor Don in 2020 but since that meeting was cancelled, we did so in 2021. Fellow member, Brad Avery, provided us with an eloquent summary of Don’s sailing and yachting life. Following Brad’s remarks, we took a great photo of Don with other CCA members who have sailed with him over the years.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, we held our first meeting of 2022, but used the Zoom format, with optimism that this will be our last Zoom meeting as we expect to resume “in person” lunch meetings in April. The meeting was well attended, and we heard an excellent presentation from fellow station member, Brendan Huffman, who talked about his passage in July, 2021 in the Single Handed Transpac Race. Brendan is an accomplished sailor, and offered excellent insight into his strategy and preparation for this challenging race.

We have other station events scheduled for April, June, August, October, and December 2022. Additionally, while we haven’t firmed up the dates yet, we are tentatively planning on our station local cruise at the end of September / early October, to the Northern Channel Islands off the Southern California coast.

Looking a few years forward, The Sea of Cortez has been tentatively selected for the International Cruise in the Spring of 2024. The Southern California Station will be the “host” station for that cruise, and we will begin immediately to build a committee that will oversee / run the cruise for the benefit of the entire national membership. The last time the International Cruise was held in the Sea of Cortez was in 2006. We will plan for a strong turnout of members for this cruise, and expect West Coast members to participate with their own yachts.

Our station membership ranks have held relatively steady through Covid, with the addition of some strong new members. However, that has been coupled with the passing of some long time

members. But our membership committee continue to work hard to identify quality sailors with the appropriate experience / character and we are pleased with the results that we have seen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Calhoun  
Rear Commodore

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership**

On 24 February, thanks to the Proposers and Seconders in five Stations, the Governing Board elected 15 qualified new members\*. This number continues to be depressed due to the effects of COVID. Of the 15, none is female; four are Next Watch (<55); the average age is 59 years.

Matt Gimple is the father of CCA member Lindsay Gimple and likely the first father of a member to be elected – certainly the first new member whose daughter is a member.

These new members have received a letter from the Commodore and timely communications from the relevant Rear Commodore, Station Membership Committee chair and Next Watch Captain intended to welcome and engage the new members. All members are encouraged to reach out to the new members!

The Membership Committee urges all members to propose qualified candidates. **Your first call should be to your Station Membership Committee chair.**

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<b>Station</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
BOS	Kenneth Bacco	Robert Farley	Jason Walsh
BOS	Jonathan Bixby	Roger Shepley	Steve Berlack
BOS	David Conover	Thomas Amory	Cabot Lyman
BOS	James Ewing	Sheila McCurdy	Spencer Smith
BOS	Mark Gabrielson	Steve McInnis	George Day
BOS	Alex Hood	Drew Plominski	Charlie Willauer
BOS	Paul Kanev	Hank Halsted	Adolf Haffenreffer
BOS	David Miller	Drew Plominski	Howie Hodgson
BOS	Cary St Onge	Joe Cooper	Phip Hallowell
GLS	Paul L'Heureux	Andrew McTavish	Amanda Balasubramanian
NYS	Matthew Gimple	Michael Wiseman	Mark Scott
NYS	Eliot Merrill	Newton Merrill	Haven Ladd
PNW	Mary Alice O'Neill	John Robinson	Sue Corenman
SOC	Paolo Sheaffer	John Jourdane	Tom Corkett
SOC	John Swigart	Brian C. Stuart	Paul Stemler

Respectfully submitted,  
Ernie Godshalk  
Chairman

## Awards

Last year's challenge of presenting the 2020 Awards virtually by a pre-recorded video has been replaced by the challenges of delayed presentation and the new venue of Newport.

The Awards Committee and I are continuing to work with the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Committee to recognize the 2021 Awardees and present their trophies in September. We would like to take advantage of the larger venue allowing us include a number of past award winners, especially Blue Water Medal winners, in the celebrations.

Also, I want to report that a new CCA Award has just been created and approved by the Governing Board. The idea, the deed, and the design of this award was the work of a number of our distinguished female members. It will be known as the Diana Russell Award in honor of Diana Russell. Recently deceased, she was one of the very first women to be elected to the membership of the CCA.

There will be a motion presented to the members to simplify the Transoceanic Pennant definition thereby deleting duplication and administrative tasks while cutting expenses.

Significant time has been put into bringing the Yearbook up to date for this 100<sup>th</sup> year edition. The members are encouraged to suggest edits we may have missed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen W. James  
Chairman

The following amendment to the By-Laws has been proposed by Stephen W. James, Awards Committee Chairman, and is supported by Doug Adkins, Ellen Leonard, Doug Bruce and Zdenka Griswold:

### *Transoceanic Pennant Modification (January 2022)*

The purpose of this change is to simplify the award by eliminating a second, different colored pennant to designate the difference between a vessel that made the voyage and a vessel that is subsequently owned by the skipper that received the award.

### *BY LAWS*

### *Article XV FLAGS*

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### **current**

There will be two Transoceanic Pennants of the Cruising Club of America. Each shall be a pennant of a length approximately 20% of the overall length of the yacht entitled to fly it, and one-twelfth of its length on the hoist.

One pennant shall have a white field, with a waved blue stripe running horizontally

through the center from hoist to point. A member/owner may fly this pennant only on the vessel for which the award was made. The second pennant shall have a blue field with a waved white stripe. Members who have received the award may fly this pennant on a vessel subsequently owned.

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**Change to read:**

*There will be a Transoceanic Pennant of the Cruising Club of America. The pennant shall have a white field, with a waved blue stripe running horizontally through the center from hoist to point. Each pennant shall have a length approximately 20% of the length of the yacht and a hoist 1/12 the length of the pennant. Members who have received previously issued pennant may fly that pennant on subsequently owned vessels.*

If this amendment is approved, corresponding changes will be made in the Yearbook.

## **BROC**

Since the last update to CCA members at the Fall 2021 meeting, the BROC committee has made significant strides towards organizing a great race for competitors to enjoy in June of this year. At time of writing total entries number 217 boats, just shy of the race entry limit of 220. We anticipate to be able to accommodate a large number of boats from the waiting list if it comes to that. In addition, it is prudent to expect to see some cancellations, but I remain confident that we shall have a robust fleet cross the gulf stream to Bermuda.

Interest in Sponsorship has also remained strong since I last updated you. Led by Will Passano the 2022 race has raised a very healthy amount in this regard. Focus now has turned to fulfilling sponsorship contracts through the cycle.

COVID-19 remains on the radar of the committee, as it should. We continue to work the situation as entry requirements into Bermuda become clearer, and thanks must go to the Bermuda side of the committee for their hard work. The BROC will continue to monitor this going forward and make related decisions that aim to keep the competitors safe on the race course and our volunteers safe on land.

I would like to alert the membership that I have received a number of complimentary emails from skippers related to how well the various committee members are representing the race - notably the entry and ambassador programs. I would like to specifically thank Andrew Kallfelz and Dick Holliday respectively for their continued hard work on the front line.

All the volunteers of the BROC deserve praise for their continued contribution and the wider CCA membership for their support. At this moment the outlook for a successful Bermuda Race is a very real reality and all members of the BROC should be proud.

Respectfully submitted,  
Somers Kempe  
Chairman - Bermuda Race 2022



## **Bermuda Race Foundation**

The Bermuda Race Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote national and international amateur sports competition, to serve as the Organizing Authority for the biennial Newport Bermuda Race, and to provide vessel safety inspections, 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 the Foundation screens potential vessel and crew participants, conducts pre-race vessel safety inspections, organizes and runs all aspects of the race, and is the Organizing Authority for the Newport Bermuda Race.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Bradford Willauer  
President

## **Voyages**

The distribution of Issue 64 of *Voyages* 2022 has been completed with 1,946 copies of the magazine sent to members, various yacht clubs, WindCheck, and SAIL magazine, as has been done in the past. Thirteen articles, three book reviews, and 32 Final Voyages fill the pages. We are happy that our first issue as editors is now in your hands.

We inherited an exceptional team of graphic designers, artists, and editors. These four women, Claire MacMaster, Tara Law, Hillary Steinau, and Virginia Wright are a joy to work with and a gift to our organization.

We stepped into the job under less-than-ideal circumstances as COVID-19 made in-person meetings with the outgoing editors Zdenka and Jack Griswold difficult. However, the Griswolds provided unlimited support and answers to our questions.

We've enjoyed our first year as editors and hope *Voyages* continues to be as well-received as it has been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amelia and Robert Green  
Editors

## **GAM**

We submitted the Fall 2021 Gam to the printers in late January and we anticipate that the issues will arrive in mailboxes by late February or the first days of March. Our editorial transition is complete, and the Spring 2022 Gam will go to the printer on our regular schedule in late March, with a deadline for submissions of March 15. In addition to the usual Station reports and the Welcome to New Members, this Gam will highlight the 2022 Newport Bermuda Race.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Dickey  
Editor in Chief

## **Yearbook**

This will be an extra special edition for the Centennial year, 2022. The budget has been expanded accordingly. Supply chain issues have dictated the paper and cover to be used.

Members have been encouraged to update their profiles by the end of February.

The member-driven material (Membership, Surviving Spouses, Fleet and Fleet pictorial) will be taken from the website from March 7th. If all is well on the website, that will be in the Yearbook.

For 2023 a slimmer volume is proposed. It would be hoped that much material, Awards and NBR, would all be online so could be trimmed down. However, it has been requested that the essential material be there for those at sea or caught up a creek with no cell phone service or wifi. There will be discussion as to what constitutes this vital information. Comments on this subject are welcome.

Many thanks to Michael Moradzadeh, Tony Will, Doug Adkins, Steve James and Larry Somers for much help this year, and Dallas Murphy and Trish Schibli for proofreading.

Thanks also to all the contributors who have produced their part of the whole.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Watson  
Editor

## **Waypoints**

### **1. Plans for 2022 and 2023**

The communications objectives for Waypoints are:

- Provide timely information to members on events, club policy updates, etc.
- Provide members interesting, educational information related to the CCA's core mission
- Provide members a forum to share information and invite participation in local, regional and global events and endeavors
- Provide members an easy way to engage with each other and with CCA across platforms

To accomplish these objectives:

- Continue to solicit content from regular contributors and identify more "special interest" contributors
- Integrate Waypoints more effectively with the CCA website and social platforms
- Use platform data to better understand member preferences and tailor content accordingly

## 2. Anticipated expenditures for budgeting purposes

None at this time

## 3. Recommendations for communication improvements

- Waypoints sometimes suffers from an over-abundance of content - not a bad problem to have, but we need to streamline the content and layout to make it more navigable and digestible.
- CCA members receive communications from a number of sources – Posts, Stations, CCA HQ, special interest groups, etc. We need to be mindful of over-communicating. Is an editorial calendar useful? Can members opt in or out of certain comms?

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Kallfelz  
Editor

## Website

The CCA website comprises a few independent installations, actually:

- Cruisingclub.org (our main website. This houses our public facing materials as well as membership management and private pages)
- Sas.cruisingclub.org. This is used for signing up folks for our courses and selling Safety for Cruising Couples books
- Cruise.cruisingclub.org Dedicated site for managing club cruises. Separate because these are often “crossed flags” events and because the needs of cruises are different from the club overall
- There is a Bonnellcove.org site that is in the process of being merged back into our main site for ease of administration.

In addition, a few of our committees have contracted to set up their own independent sites with separate passwords and the like:

- Membership has a membership site
- Charts and Guides has a site for Maine cruising in development

The CCA Website (including sas and cruise) is generally functioning well, with only a few hiccups arising from our recent upgrade of the main site to the most current version of the web software.

We are currently working on revising the presentation of our database of articles to make it more accessible and viewer friendly. There is a philosophical challenge in how to make these visible in the right order.

The new “school of hard rocks” offerings provide a nice impetus to get this project to a stage of completion.

Of course, March is Yearbook month, so that is very absorbing.

Our site gets about 11000 visits per quarter, with members providing the bulk of that.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Moradzadeh

## **Safety and Seamanship**

*Thank you to John Robinson:* For leadership and bringing us to this point.

2021 Focus Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee led by Ernie Godshalk. Priority recommendations well underway with focus on Safety at Sea courses and Safety for Cruising Couples courses. Next priorities and 2022 focus will involve a *practice on your own boat* program and working with the Communications Committee on outreach, marketing and branding considerations.

Safety at Sea Courses and Newport/Bermuda Race: Very well attended CCA Safety at Sea Seminars were held at Roger Williams College in December and February, 2022, averaging nearly 50 participants at the sessions. The March session, and one of two in April, are full. June is open by invitation. Bermuda race Registrations are high this year: 216 racers so far.

Safety for Cruising Couples: Ron Trossbach has gracefully handed the reins over to Moe Roddy and the team of Amanda Balasubramanian and Alex Robinson. A refreshed presentation is nearing completion, with content assisted by Chuck Hawley, and planning committee of Ron, Brian Guck, Galen Todd and John Robinson.

Offshore Communications and Electronics: Jim Corenman has stepped down as Mark Lenci assumes the role of subcommittee chair, with a plan to address an update of the Offshore Communications paper in 5 sections. Thank you, Jim, for your past service.

Safety Officers: Mark Roye has stepped down as Safety Officer Coordinator; we thank him for his service. Brian Guck has assumed the role of Safety Officer Coordinator, identifying goals including Safety Officers providing four Safety Moments a year.

Communications and Outreach: Chuck Hawley & Michael Moradzadeh are reviewing the organization of the website. Chuck has assumed the role of *S&S Committee Communications Director* and S&SC representative to the Communications Committee. He has led development and launch of “School of Hard Rocks” articles with a plan to formalize content production and publication, and will work with Safety Officers to bring Safety Moments articles to publication as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Strassberg  
Chairman

## **Bonnell Cove Foundation**

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, the Bonnell Cove Foundation received only two timely grant requests and was able to award funds to both applicants. Center for Coastal Studies will be able to research activities of white sharks in near coastal waters off Cape Cod and Coral Reef Alliance will be able to continue and expand gathering data collected by citizen scientists on pollution of waters in Hawaii effecting coral reefs. We have received 14 requests for the March 2022 cycle and are pleased by the response to our request to CCA members to encourage nonprofits to apply for grants. These applications will be considered during our upcoming March meeting.

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our 236 CCA members and friends who have donated to the Foundation in 2021. Your donations help keep Bonnell Cove Foundation a financially able organization.

Again, a hearty thanks to all for supporting Bonnell Cove Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Lhamon  
President

## **Financial Affairs**

This meeting marks a major transition in the financial management of the Club as our longtime Treasurer, Peter Chandler, leaves his post for a well-deserved retirement. The Financial Affairs Committee recognizes his long service and thanks him for his efforts to send this Committee on a new mission, developing a budget for the Club.

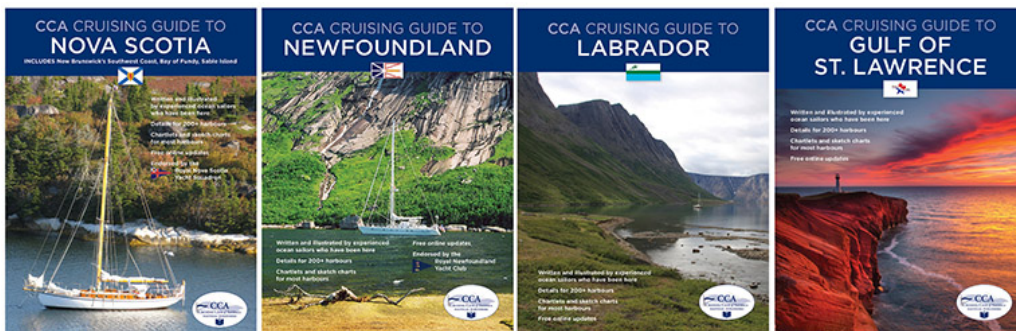
Last summer, the Financial Affairs Committee sent requests to all the other Committee chairs for reports on anticipated revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2022 which began on November 1, 2022. Based on those numbers and extensive discussions with the Flag Officer, the Financial Affairs Committee circulated a draft budget in August. The draft was substantially revised for presentation at the Fall Meeting.

Following the Fall Meeting, with additional expenses submitted to the Committee and the cancellation of the in-person Annual Meeting, the final budget for Fiscal Year 2022 was submitted to the Governing Board at its February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved. The Committee Chair thanks the Flag Officers for their helpful comments and revisions, particularly the Commodore for his computer skills, and thanks her fellow Committee members for their well demonstrated concern for the financial health of this Club as it heads into its second century.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen M. O'Donnell, Chair

## Cruising Guides and Charts

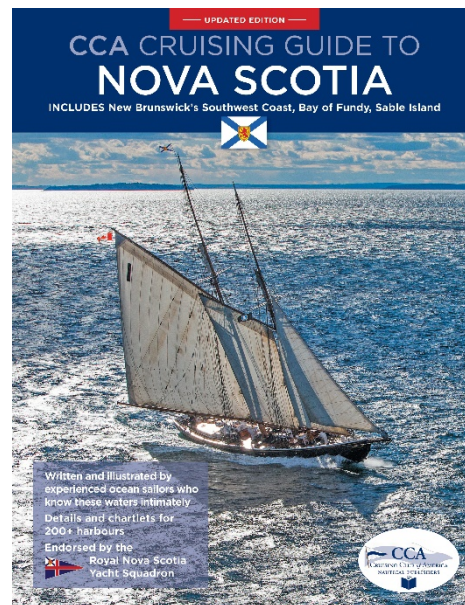
### REPORT OF CCA CHARTS & CRUISING GUIDES COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 5, 2022



This committee has four areas of focus: 1) The Canadian Cruising Guides pictured above, 2) A new passage guide nearing completion for the Viking Route, 3) A new digital guide for the Coast of Maine, and 4) The Chart Loaning Service. All have been very busy this winter except the chart service.

Highlights for 2022 and beyond:

- In light of the committee's increased workload and the need to plan for succession with this ongoing "business," Wilson Fitt has agreed to become Co-Chair with Doug Bruce starting immediately.
- Guide sales for the November thru February period continue to hold up surprisingly well despite the negative impacts of the pandemic. Cruisers continue to dream and plan for the future. Details available by request to [doug@dougdaleb.com](mailto:doug@dougdaleb.com)
- Wilson will have an updated and greatly enhanced (more charts and photos) edition of the Nova Scotia Guide completed this spring for distribution in a few weeks. A new cover has been designed that attractively communicates the updated edition – at right.
- The Newfoundland and Labrador Guides will have updated editions completed this fall. The GSL guide may also be updated, pending our ability to recruit a new editor.
- Bill Strassberg and a talented team of co-editors expect to complete the new Viking Route Guide by early fall. This book will contain chapters, each of which is a superb treatise on subjects of importance to offshore cruisers: Passage Planning, Culture of Safety, and Communications (VHF, SSB, Satcom, etc.) by Bill, plus Cold Water Safety by Mark Royce, Weather Forecasting by Frank Bohlen, Overwintering by Simon Currin, and Ice Navigation by Steve Brown.



- Plans are nearing completion for the launch in April/May of a test version of the new CCA Digital Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast. We now have material for over 60 harbors and anchorages. More locations will be added in the coming months. Members can view progress at this link: <https://guides.cruisingclub.org/> Comments are welcome -- recognizing it's a work in progress. A key reason for developing this guide is to gain experience in the growing market for digital guides and their eventual adoption by our Canadian Guides while maintaining our paper books.

The overall Guides Committee has expanded to about 65 members, including 20 regular members and numerous consultants and additional contributors, while the Charts Loaning Committee comprises four members. This latter group has (understandably) been inactive during the pandemic and is eager for renewed requests for the coming summer season. The Charts & Guides Committee Meeting will be held Friday, March 4, at 1300 EDT. Please join our open meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Bruce, Co-Chair

### **Guest Moorings**

Updates have been made to the information for the current guest mooring listings both on the web page and in the yearbook. And efforts are underway to reach out to the membership to get more moorings and docks added to the list. There has been a turnover in the Committee with Liz Baylis stepping up to Chair and the addition of new members, Tom Babbitt and Ted Clucas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Baylis  
Chair

### **Events**

This year's annual meeting was changed from in person to virtual due to concerns about large gatherings and travel to New York.

Plans are ongoing for the Newfoundland cruise. July 24, 2022-August 7, 2022

The fall meeting will be hosted by the Essex station in combination with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration which is planned for Newport September 11-16, 2022

Fall meetings are scheduled through 2024; BDO will host 2023; CHE will host 2024.

The ski gam has not been held for the past 2 years due to COVID. The next ski gam is in the planning process for 2023.

The annual meeting for 2023 will again be held at the NYYC on 44<sup>th</sup> St. Early March dates as yet to be determined.

Future cruises are yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Kolker  
Chair

## **Environment of the Sea**

Thank you Commodore Medland for your dedicated attendance at the Environment of the Sea (EoSC) meetings.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2 PM Pacific Time, by Zoom. If we do not hold a zoom meeting, a newsletter type email is sent to all of the members.

We are continuing the theme of “What can we do”? The committee is currently focusing on the issue of single use plastics. We are working on reduction of use of single use plastics and removal of plastics from our oceans and beaches.

We continue to submit “Environmental Moments” to Waypoints.

The CCA Policy on Pollution was updated for the 2022 Yearbook.

Chan Reis is leading the Bermuda Race “Green Team” and reports that at least 30 entrants have an “environmentalist” crew member designated for their boat.

The Ocean Cruising Club environmental chair, Steve Brown, has asked if there is something our two groups can collaborate on. This will be explored.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,  
Rowena Carlson  
Chair

## **Investment**

We continue to have had good returns over the last 12 months despite the global unrest. Here is a synopsis of results through **1/31/22**:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 year</b>	<b>5 year</b>	<b>10 year</b>
CCA	13.79%	14.11%	11.36%	10.08%
Bonnell Cove	12.62%	12.36%	9.74%	9.35%
S&P 500	23.29%	20.71%	16.78%	15.43%
Dow Jones US Total Stock Market	18.50%	19.80%	16.02%	14.96%
MSCI ACWI ex USA (International Stocks)	3.78%	9.26%	8.21%	6.34%
Barclay's Agg Bond Index	-2.97%	3.67%	3.08%	2.59%



65/35 Benchmark *	13.70%	15.07%	12.27%	11.07%
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\* 65% S&P 500 / 35% Barclay's Agg

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas C. Post  
CCA Investment Committee Chairman

## Technical

No report.

## Ski GAM

We are beginning to plan for the 2023 Ski Gam in Park City. Due to the increased cost of buying daily passes in Park City and the nearby ski resorts we are going to encourage Gammers to buy the Ikon Pass which has in the past enabled us to ski at the generally preferred resorts which include Deer Valley, Brighton, Solitude and Snowbird Resorts.

This also leads us to reconsider staying at the Silver King Hotel. There have been complaints by members about the lack of services, dated rooms and increased pricing. Further there is a proposed construction project to take place in the adjacent PCMR parking lot.

We propose that the 2023 Ski Gam Club Room be located in Ridge Point which is located in the Silver Lake area of Upper Deer Valley, 3 miles from Main Street. This is a community of 39 townhouses, is ski out and ski in with a short walk (equivalent to the walk at PCMR from First Time lift to Silver King Hotel). All townhouses are 3 Bedroom/2 Bathroom with the end units having an additional bathroom and square feet. And there are several available for weekly rentals. The public bus runs through Silver Lake twice an hour to Snow Park and onto Main St. And last but not least, open parking. This last is a challenge in many condo communities where condos have only one or two parking spaces assigned to each and very few guest spots.

Respectfully Submitted.  
Johnny and Po Martin

## Communications

The Communications Committee consists of several subcommittees: Marketing, Cruising Guides, Website, Social Media, Yearbook, GAM, Waypoints, Safety and Seamanship, Membership, Next Watch and Voyages. All of these subcommittees are very active and maintaining club wide communications during the pandemic. The Vice Commodore has traditionally been the chair although consideration is being given to having a non-flag chair with the Vice Commodore serving ex-officio. The Communications Committee met at the Fall

meeting in Oct. 2021, Dec. 2, 2021 and Feb. 21, 2022. This, our Centennial year, Doug Adkins, as our incoming Historian, will be part of the Committee.

A few highlights are:

1. The Marketing subcommittee under Dennis Powers has been proactive, with the help of John Burnham, in getting out public relations pieces at appropriate times. We have a six insertions per year contract with Scuttlebutt that we utilize.
2. Cruising Guides is very active in revising and polishing up the 4 Guides to the Canadian Maritimes. The publications have sold relatively well considering the pandemic. Digital versions are planned in the next few years. A high latitudes guide is also in the works. Doug Bruce is the chair and Wilson Fitt (who has been instrumental in the development of the guides), has signed on to co-chair.
3. The Website continues to be managed by Michael Moradzadeh. Rosters are handled by Larry Somers. The website continues to evolve and serve as the source of our mailing lists for the GAM, Yearbook and Voyages, as well as being a home for SAS publications, Events and the new "School of Hard Rocks" submissions. Michael is always ready to help any member with questions or in adding to the website.
4. Social Media is handled by Roel Hoekstra and there has been an increase in postings by members. We anticipate opening a new Twitter acct. Members are encouraged to be Friends on our Facebook pages and contribute photos and comments.
5. The Yearbook editorship transitioned to the ever effusive and energetic Barbara Watson. This Centennial yearbook will come with a red cover and include updates to the Blue Water Medal winners and a reprint of the very first yearbook of 1923. Publication is planned to have these arrive in mailboxes in mid to late May. Murray Beach retired from being editor in the summer of 2021 and a team effort led by the Commodore and others, convened and got the Yearbook published.
6. The GAM transitioned to a new editor, Phil Dickey, who has enthusiastically taken on the GAM and now has his first issue just sent out to the membership. Because of the Covid, the GAM normally published in the spring, was not published until the late fall of 2021. With Phil's newly published GAM we will be on track to publish the spring issue on schedule in April. Thanks to retiring editor Haley Lhamon for her efforts.
7. Waypoints, which started with Dev Barker about 6 years ago, has proven to be an important and timely communication vehicle for the Club. Dev retired from Waypoints in December 2020 and the Vice Commodore picked up the reins until January 2021. Dev recently passed away. Julie Kallfelz has signed on as the new editor. Her fresh ideas and approach will carry the Waypoints to a new high level. Waypoints is published using Mailchimp which is a bit confusing and clunky to start but once the nuances are mastered, it works well and produces readership data that is helpful in analyzing content and formats. Julie now has two issues out which demonstrate some new ideas. Waypoints will continue to grow in importance in the future.
8. Safety and Seamanship, formerly under the steady hand of John Robinson and now picked up by Bill Strassberg, is an important subcommittee. This year, with the enthusiastic help of Chuck Hawley and others, the "School of Hard Rocks" was developed. The SOHR relies on member stories for lessons learned and the stories are publicized in Waypoints and then a click through puts the reader into the full story on the website. Statistics show this is a very very popular addition giving high readership.
9. Membership under the studied approach by chair Ernie Godshalk is vital to the Club and the Communications Committee has various vehicles used to promote new members and provide biographies of new members in the GAM. Dorothy Wadlow and Dianne Embree provide their tireless energy to write the biographies of each and every new member. I daresay their

involvement has probably put them in touch with a large percentage of our membership over the years. Ernie has been committed to keeping our awareness of the mechanics of being on the lookout for new members and to preserve and protect the high standards of admission to the CCA.

10. Next Watch has progressed first under Drew Plominski and now under the leadership of Alli Bell who has instituted a schedule of Zoom presentations and has a Next Watch representative in each Station. Alli is looking to engage our younger members and be scouting for future membership candidates and develop activities for younger members.
11. Voyages continues to be a flagship publication for the CCA and is really breathtaking considering it is primarily the volunteer efforts of Ami and Bob Green along with many members contributing photos and articles. We often say it is the “National Geographic of Sailing” and all done without advertising. The 2022 issue just arrived in member mailboxes. Anyone thinking of submitting an article should contact Ami.
12. Our new historian, Doug Adkins, who owns a classic 39’ Concordia yawl, *Coriolus*, has picked up the reins in this Centennial Year. Thanks to outgoing Historian John Rousmaniere for all the writing he has done and published in the GAM and Waypoints. Doug has many plans for publicizing our storied history this year.

In summary, the Communications Committee, through its subcommittees, has done well over the past two years and is poised to continue on with its various endeavors. All subcommittee chairs are energized and excited to advance accomplishments in their sphere of responsibility.

### *Closing Comments of the Vice Commodore*

I wish to express my thanks to our Commodore, Bob Medland, for his strong leadership and participation in all facets of the CCA over the past two years. Our club has benefitted immensely from Bob’s dedication, participations in all things Zoom with the stations, the Covid Task Force meetings and running our virtual meetings. Our conversations, along with Peter Chandler and Jay Gowell have been in the many hundreds and we are always happy to talk CCA business at any time with each other. I will miss our conversations and Zoom calls with our optimistic and affable Commodore Bob and look forward to some in person interactions in the Bermuda Race, Gams and the Centennial in September with he, Sally and all of our membership. It will be an exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Otorowski  
Vice Commodore

### **Quartermaster**

Planning is underway for the State side trophy committee to move the collection from Newport to Mamaroneck NY before shipping to Bermuda.

Additionally, the final details for the Finisterre trophy are about to take place before the balance of the trophies are packed for their trip.

The CCA's copy of the St. David's Lighthouse trophy and its case were delivered to Heather Ruhsam of The Sailing Museum for display as soon as a suitable display case arrives at the Museum. Work is being completed on a copy of the Blue Water Medal that will also reside at The Sailing Museum when completed in the next few weeks.

The trophy committee is looking forward to sharing the awards with their recipients in Bermuda.

Respectively submitted,  
Steve Prime  
Quartermaster

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 5, 2022.

#### OFFICERS:

Commodore:	Christopher L. Otorowski
Vice Commodore:	John R. Gowell
Secretary:	Molly P. Barnes
Treasurer:	Kathleen M. O'Donnell
Historian:	Douglas D. Adkins

#### GOVERNORS:

Term expiring in 2024 (effective upon the resignation of Molly P. Barnes (BOS)):	Jeffrey P. Gonsalves (BOS)
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Terms expiring in 2025:	Amanda Balasubramanian (GLS) Dennis Durgan (SOC) Chris Terajewicz (FLA) Jonathan Wright (CHE)
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Respectfully submitted:

### **CCA Nominating Committee**

W. Bradford Willauer, Chair  
James G. Binch  
Ernest L. Godshalk  
Frederic T. Lhamon  
Gretchen McCurdy

## **Trophies**

The 2 CCA trophy items scheduled for display at Newport Sailing Hall of Fame (NSHOF) are:

1) St. David's Lighthouse Trophy. In coordination with V/C Otorowski and the crew at NSHOF, Quartermaster Steve Prime delivered that CCA-owned rendition from our showcase at IYRS for display at HOF. A replacement for the IYRS location is under way.

2) Blue Water Medal. We will provide a mounted BWM with an inscription of the original 1923 resolution:

This has been ordered with delivery due by March 20.

After 2020 Bermuda Race hiatus we are looking forward to the 2022 Thrash and are in preliminary phase of Trophy prep for a 2022 event.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Darbee

## **Archives**

Since the Fall meeting, the committee received requests for archived information from the membership committee and the St. Petersburg Station. Special arrangements were made to satisfy the membership request. St. Petersburg Station requested information about the 1972 transatlantic race contained in the Cruising Club News. All the CCA newspapers from 1962-1986 are now digitalized and can be viewed at: <https://research.mysticseaport.org/item/10999022/>

As the Club approaches its Centennial, the committee expects many requests to locate Archive records for our grand celebration. We are seeking volunteers to visit Mystic and pull materials.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Grosby  
Chair

## **Next Watch**

Next Watch is a club-wide effort to build the next generation of active, engaged CCA members. Next Watch activities are oriented toward ensuring the club is addressing the needs of younger members--generally, Next Watch members are those who are under 55 years old (although we appreciate those who are Next Watch at heart!)—as well as helping to maintain and enhance CCA's reputation among potential members as an important organization for top-tier sailors.

The Next Watch Committee has introduced the monthly Next Watch Zoom series, intended to provide a forum for members to get to know each other. Each month, a different informal presentation serves as the background for Next Watch members to learn from one another, and be inspired to make adventurous use of the sea. The first three presentations were Ashley Perrin,

Ginger and Peter Niemann, and Peter Becker and David Tunick. These presentations will be made available on the website. In addition to these monthly presentations, the committee is working on in-person events for Next Watch members, resources and information for those who want to make sure their events are “Next Watch Friendly”, connecting Next Watch members via social media, and resources to highlight the benefits of CCA for younger members.

Respectfully submitted,  
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