

NOTES FOR TUESDAY, 9/10/24, CCA-SAF

CRUISING BUT NOT AT THIS MEETING:

1. Randall Reeves and Harmon Schragge are coming down the west coast of Greenland, having completed a west-to-east Northwest passage.
 - a. The plan:
 - i. Sept 2023, position *Moli* to Homer, Alaska
 - ii. 2024 NWP to Newfoundland or Nova Scotia
 - iii. 2025 Leave the Americas, including Cape Horn, to starboard to San Francisco Bay.
 - b. Good website and blog <https://aroundtheamericas.blog/>
 - c. Both write very well
2. Jeanne Socrates on *Nereida* is in Savusavu, Fiji, on the island of Venua Levu while on her way to Australia. She is taking the long route from N to OZ via Minerva Reef, Tonga and Fiji.
3. Also in Savusavu is *Cinnabar*. Sylvia broke her left arm while hiking and she and Tom flew down to NZ to make sure that she was getting the best medical attention and advice. They missed Jeanne by one day. They plan to cruise eastern Fiji even with Sylvia's broken arm.
4. Cruising Down East was popular for our members this year:
 - a. Ashley Perrin and her husband Merfyn Owen who returned to their yacht, *Santana*, which wintered in St. Peter's Marina in Cape Breton, in July. Once *Santana* was launched, and her mast stepped, Ashley and Merf headed to the Canso Island. From Canso Island they spent three days in Mahone Bay partying with friends *Bluenose II*. From Shelburne, NS, where they two days waiting for a weather window, they crossed over to Maine, where they spent the rest of the summer cruising the islands and ports of Penobscot Bay. This completes their six-year cruise where they circumnavigated Newfoundland by way of Greenland and the Canadian Maritimes and, for which, Ashley and Merf were awarded the Cruising Club of America's Royal Cruising Club Trophy for 2023, and the SAF Station Cruisers of the Year for 2023
 - b. Joan and Bill Mittendorf have been cruising most of summer with our Bruckmann 50, *LoveSeaToo*, on the East Coast. They started at the end of the 1st week of May at Harpswell, ME, sailed down to the Chesapeake until the weather got to humid and then harbor hopped back to Maine where they are now.
 - c. John & Susan Callahan cruised Maine with friends at the beginning of the summer but returned to Newport Aug 1 and just completed the NYYC Cruise

of Eastern Long Island Sound on *EPIQUE* with stops in Stonington, New London (including tours of the USCG Academy), Shelter Island, Sag Harbor, Fishers Island, Pt Judith and ending back in Newport. Lots of CCA representation all along the way. We are making plans for an Elizabeth Islands cruise at the end of the month and spending some time in Nantucket/MV in later September.

5. Europe

- a. Rowena Carlson and Robb Walker spent another summer cruising the Baltic aboard their Omega 42, *Natsuko*, spending much of the time in Finland. While they were in Helsinki, Robb helped with race committee for the Classic 6-meter Finnish Championships.
- b. Anders Swahn and his new German wife and their crew, sailed *Wolfhound* to Sweden and then back to Germany. After a nice weeklong stay in Sweden, they motored back to Germany through Kategatt and the Kiel canal. Said Anders, "Our professional pilot in the Kiel canal said the *Wolfhound* was the nicest ship he piloted this year and was delighted to steer her the whole way through."

6. Pacific Northwest

- a. Mike & Bobbe Brown, on their Fleming 70 *Journey* spent the summer from late June to Labor Day cruising the PNW from Puget Sound to Desolation Sound in BC.

7. Pacific Cup—Our SAF members were well represented:

- a. Michael Moradzadeh was the PRO.
- b. Dave MacEwen's *Lucky Duck*, was 2nd (of 62 yachts) and 1st in Class
- c. *Glass Slipper*, an Antrim 40, skippered by her owner/builder, Cree Partridge, and crewed by her designer, Jim Antrim, which came in 4th in Class and 8th overall
- d. Aaron Wangenheim skippered his Santa Cruz 52, *City Lights*, to 4th in Class and 13th overall.
- e. In the highly competitive Weems & Plath PHRF 1 Class
 - i. Rodney Pimentel was 1st in Class and 15th overall, in his Cal 40 *Azure*;
 - ii. Michael Johnson was 3rd in Class and 20th overall in his Jeanneau 349 *Vera Cruz*;
 - iii. Jim Quanci was 4th in Class and 26th overall in his Cal 40 *Green Buffalo*;
and
 - iv. Bob Horton was 6th in Class and 39th overall in his Cal 40 *Highlander*.