



SAF Station Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2024

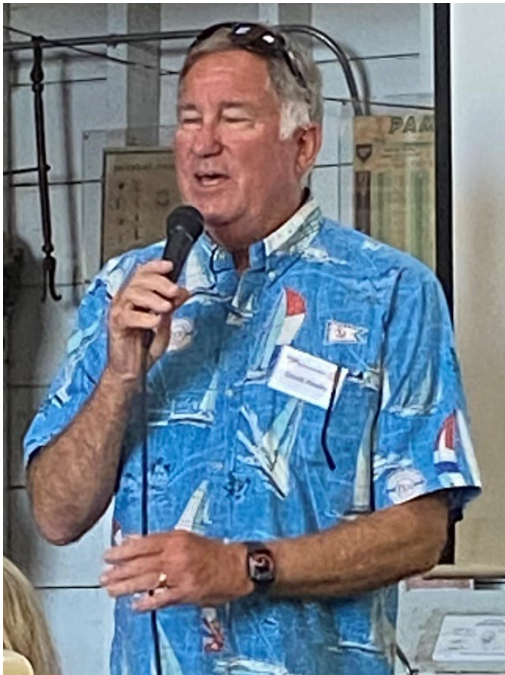
By Richard Schaper, Secretary

The May 1 meeting of the San Francisco Station of the Cruising Club of America was held at Spaulding Marine Center, located on the waterfront in Sausalito, CA.



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Ron Amy, Michael Bailey, Clark B. Beek, Don Bekins, Joanie Bekins, James Coggan, Mary Crowley, Bill Edinger, Sandy Edinger, Peter English, Anne Finley, Douglas Finley, Ruben Gabriel, Neil Gibbs, Gay Harris, Wyman Harris, Chuck Hawley, Susan Hawley, Rebecca Hinden, Sally Honey, Stan Honey, Robert Horton, Stafford Keegin, Suzanne Knecht, Shama Koto-Gutheti, Michael Lael, Claire McAullife, Joan McCune, Michael Moradzadeh, Bruce Munro, Chris Parkman, Synthia Petroka, Jane Pimentel, Rodney Pimentel, Pok Ponnaka, Jim Quanci, Francoise Ramsey, Randy Repass, Dolores Robinson, John Robinson, Maureen Roddy, Sally-Christine Rodgers, Richard Schaper, Gary Sheppard, Marybeth Sheppard,, Aaron Wangenheim, Donald Wieneke, Matt Zarem, Erdan Eruc, Jason Chan, Melinda Griffin Sergei Ostapenko, Aenor Sawyer, Giilnur Tumbat.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

R/C Hawley acknowledged the tremendous support for the evening's dinner and speaker, and thanked **Bill Edinger** for the use of his wonderful boatyard. He reminded members that the next event will be on THURSDAY, June 6 at Santa Cruz Yacht Club, where our speaker will be Ronnie Simpson.

Chuck recited the menu for this evening's feast and introduced and thanked the chef, Steve Singleton (steven@farmacary.com).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Synthia reported that we currently enjoy a balance of \$3,300, due to some dues in arrears being paid. More dues remain to be collected.

CRUISING REPORT

Cruise chair **Bill Edinger** told of the fine weekend cruise with six boats to Westpoint Harbor.

Would someone like to step up to lead a cruise to Tomales Bay?

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sponsor **Jim Quanci** introduced new member **Rodney Pimentel** and presented him with the CCA burgee and tie.



ENVIRONMENT OF THE SEA REPORT

Rowena was unable to attend but included this note:

Please note that the Environmental Moment in the May Waypoints features the Ocean Genome Atlas Project, which was founded by local sailor Peter Molnar. They are using mid size sailing vessels to collect plankton and analyze on-board using the mobile genomic laboratories they have developed. Very interesting stuff and they are looking for vessels of opportunity as well as sailors to train to do the work. Please check out their [web site](https://www.ogapvoyage.org/), <https://www.ogapvoyage.org/>

Van Blaricom Award

In recognition of her extraordinary contributions to our station, the 2023 Bob Van Blaricom award was presented to program chair **Mary Crowley**. Mary was recently inducted into the Explorers Club—a signal honor.



PROGRAM CHAIR REPORT

Upcoming meetings:

June 5, Santa Cruz YC

September 11, Sausalito Cruising Club

October 9, Encinal Yacht Club

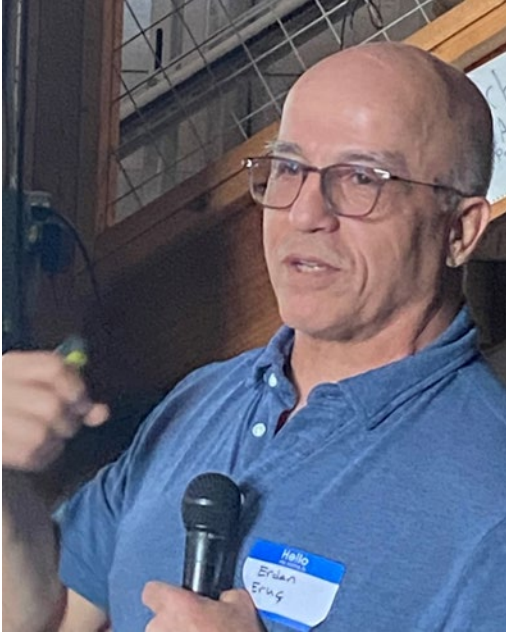
November 6, Marin Yacht Club

FINAL VOYAGES

While not in our station, Chuck mentioned that Bruce Kessler of Marina del Rey had passed. Bruce was very well known for having circumnavigated in a privately-owned trawler from 1991 to 1993. He was the founder of the FUBAR rally which raised money for children in Baja California, a movie producer, and a race car driver.

SPEAKER:

Program chair **Mary Crowley** introduced our speaker, **Erdan Eruc**, who is an adventurer with a host of Guinness world records. Between July 10, 2007 and July 21, 2012, Erdan completed the first solo human powered circumnavigation of the globe. He accomplished this beginning and ending at Bodega Bay, California.



Erdan recounted his extraordinary feats. He has acquired the former “Howdens” around the world boat and he is preparing it for the Golden Globe around the world race that will depart from Les Sables d’Olonne, France on September 6, 2026.

The most complete account of his accomplishments and goals may be found on his website, <https://ErdanErduc.com>.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Schaper



The Good Inflation

“Safety Moments, presented at CCA Stations and Posts”

By Brian Guck, Boston Station, 16 April 2024

The weather is finally starting to feel like spring in New England after a very active winter with lots of rain and damaging coastal storms.

Before we head out on the water once again this is a good time to check on all things inflatable.

- Are your inflatable life jackets ready for the season? Have you tested the integrity of their bladders? Do you have fresh bobbins and CO₂ cylinders? Are they all showing green through their test windows? Do you have crotch straps installed? Check your manufacturer’s website for instructional videos.
- Have you considered a personal AIS in your PFD?
- Are your tethers in good working order or do they need to be replaced because their strain indicators have been stressed? Do you have a Y tether with 3’ & 6’ legs?
- Do you need to replace your jack lines due to UV degradation?
- Have you been able to move your jack lines inboard more on the center line instead of running them along the side decks? This and a 3’ tether will reduce your chances of going overboard and being dragged.
- Is your MOM still within its service window or does it need servicing?
- Is your life raft within its service window?



A corroded CO₂ cylinder may damage the inflation chamber, even if it somehow managed to retain pressure

- Is your rubber pig dinghy holding air and ready for another season of adventure?

And for those things that don't inflate...

- Have you checked your LifeSling line for degradation, is it flaked and secured?
- Are your batteries up to date? EPIRB, PLB, AIS?
- Are your fire extinguishers in the "Green"?
- Does your VHF have an MMSI number and a GPS signal?
- Does your dinghy have a grab bag with HH VHF, flares, whistle, mirror?



CCA Member Barbara Watson shows excellent fire blanket technique at a Safety at Sea course

Have a wonderful (and safe) time on the water this summer!

The Cruising Club of America is a collection of accomplished ocean sailors having extensive boat handling, seamanship, and command experience honed over many years. "Safety Moments" are written by the Club's Safety Officers from CCA Stations across North America and Bermuda, as well as CCA members at large. They are published by the CCA Safety and Seamanship Committee and are intended to advance seamanship and safety by highlighting new technologies, suggestions for safe operation and reports of maritime disasters around the world.