Reports in Advance of
The Cruising Club of America Annual Meeting of Members
New York Yacht Club
March 6, 2026

1. Call to Order — Jay Gowell

2. Quorum — Pat Montgomery

3. Commodore's Welcome — Jay Gowell

4. Approval of Minutes (Fall Meeting 9/19/2025) — Jay Gowell
   Link to Minutes:
   https://cruisingclub.org/sites/default/files/pages/CCA%20Minutes%20Fall%20Meeting%20of%20Members%20Semiahmoo%20September%2019-2025%20Final.pdf

5. Report of the Commodore (Oral Report) — Jay Gowell

6. Report of the Vice Commodore — Chace Anderson

   As many of you know, the Vice Commodore has few specific responsibilities. His or her primary role is to assist the Commodore in fulfilling his responsibilities and prepare to take over in two years' time. In two weeks, Jay will step down and, subject to election, I will step up. One specific role of the Vice Commodore is to determine what national CCA cruises will take place during the Vice Commodore's term as Commodore. This is a process much enhanced in the past few years with the strengthening of the Fleet Captain role under Ernie Godshalk. Cruises currently scheduled for the next two years include:

   - Bermuda Cruise 2026
   - New England Islands Cruise 2026
   - Spanish Virgin Islands Cruise 2027
   - Bras D'Or Cruise 2027

   Particular areas of external engagement during my term as Vice Commodore have included:
   - Representation of CCA at other yacht club functions: Spring commissioning at Edgartown Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club, and the American Yacht Club
   - Attendance at the International Council of Yacht Clubs forum in London

   Vice Commodore Participation in multiple CCA Committees, in particular:
   - Financial Affairs
   - Long Range Planning
   - Newport Bermuda Race 2024 Organizing Committee
   - Newport Bermuda Race Foundation

Served on the Cruise Resources Committee and played an active role supporting Cruise Committee Chair Ernie Godshalk in crafting the new Cruise Resources Guide. Have served on six Cruise Committees, including:

- 2026 Grenadines Cruise
- 2025 Transatlantic cruise-in-company
- 2025 Western Isles Cruise
- 2026 Grenadines Cruise
- 2026 Bermuda Cruise
- 2027 Bras D'or Lakes Cruise
- Led a working group of the Financial Affairs Committee to re-evaluate the role and contribution of CCA's Reserve Fund. The new policy will enhance the economics of our club and make our budgeting process more efficient.

Participated in seven CCA Cruises

- Grenadines Cruise (2026) – recently completed
- Transatlantic cruise to Ireland and Scotland (2025)
- Western Isles Cruise (2025)
- San Juan Islands Cruise (2025)
- Down East Cruise (2024)
- Antigua-Guadeloupe Cruise (2024)
- Mallorca Cruise (2023)

Chace Anderson
Vice Commodore

7. Report of the Treasurer — Kathleen O'Donnell

I. The Cruising Club of America has two accounts at Bank of America, a savings account at Charles Schwab and an investment account at Fidelity. As of February 20, 2026, the balances were:

1. $ 179,671.40 - Bank of America Business Checking
2. $ 165,384.61 - Bank of America Business Savings
3. $ 51,814.58 - Charles Schwab
4. $2,350,851.09 - Fidelity

II. The 2026 budget was approved by the Board of Governors in December. The Club achieved a surplus last year due, partly to reduced publication costs. As a result, the Financial Affairs Committee recommended that dues remain at $265 for 2026. The attached report shows the anticipated expenses for 2026.

III. As of February 9, 2026, 82.5% of the members had paid their dues and payments continue to be received. The Treasurer has forwarded any correspondence regarding resignations and Seafarer status to the Secretary and Membership Chair.

IV. The Treasurer and the Financial Affairs Committee are working with the Fleet Captain on establishing guidelines for Cruise Treasurers for Club cruises. The Western Isles Cruise was a

particularly complicated job, ably handled by the Cruise Treasurer and our Webmaster. With their input, it is hoped that we can make the job easier for future Cruises and provide guidance for those Treasurers handling Station cruises.

V. The Treasurer and the Financial Affairs Committee continue to research ways to reduce credit card fees by switching to alternative payment methods.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. O'Donnell

The Budget for FY26 can be found here

8. Report of the Secretary — Pat Montgomery

Secretarial duties (Notices, Agendas, Reports, and Minutes) have been executed for four Governing Board Meetings, two Meeting of Members, one Special Meeting of the GB, one Leadership Breakfast, one Formation of a Station (WES), and are in process for the New York Annual Meeting of Members 2026. Assistance has been given to members in need of updating contact information and requesting letters of introduction for Yacht Clubs abroad. However, our membership in the ICOYC has increased the number of requests for reciprocity in participating U.S. Club's.

Additionally, in 2025, the Commodore requested the development of a single source of reference for all adopted policies that had been approved by the Governing Board. The Adopted Policy Compendium was developed, has been updated to reflect revisions approved by the GB and continues to be maintained by the Secretary. These policies are available to view on the members-side of our website following the By-Laws. Further, to preserve the historical documents of the Club, all Secretary records have been uploaded to the website and Secretary Portal on the Archives Dropbox.

As I conclude my service as Secretary, I do so with sincere appreciation for the opportunity to collaborate with the Club's outstanding leadership. I look forward to continuing to support the Cruising Club of America and its mission in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Montgomery

9. Report of the Historian — Douglas Adkins

Each Annual Meeting the Historian is asked to provide a report and describe the Historian's duties. Those duties have evolved over the tenures of ten past CCA Historians and begin with The Historian's Log, an entry in every Yearbook since 1932 when W. P. Stephens, the Club's first Historian concluded that there was enough history to report. The nine Historians who followed always prepared and published a Log and though that seemed enough for many years, the Club's third Historian Jack Parkinson began to expand the expectations with the publishing of "Nowhere is Too Far", his superb 1960 detailing the History of The Cruising Club. It set a very high bar. Other Historians supported the Cruising Club News and Jack Towel established yet

another standard with his inauguration of "History of the CCA" columns which have appeared twice yearly in The Gam since 2009, generally running to four pages. These duties have become standard. With the inauguration of Waypoints as the CCA monthly electronic newsletter, a column from this Historian titled "Lore from the Lazarette" has emerged and appears most months. The column focuses on CCA members who have made interesting and important contributions to the field of yachting. Occasionally these columns will prompt members to add to the topic with corrections or additional data and the Historian is very grateful for the responses. Therefore, writing and research constitute a good deal of the Historian's work. The Log runs to 2100-2700 words, the Gam to about 2500 and the Waypoints columns to between 600 and 800 words. The Historian is also asked to make a short presentation at new member orientation sessions. Occasionally other summaries of our history are called for and provided.

The Cruising club has an abundance of recorded history, some at Mystic Seaport, some at the Museum of Yachting in Newport as well as in the Archives Committee's prevue. We are very lucky to have added to that history with the recent publication of "Adventurous Use of the Sea" by Tim Murphy and edited by Sheila McCurdy. Further, the soon to be released "High Seas and Home Waters: A History of the Cruising Club of America" written by Past Commodore Sheila McCurdy will further document the Club's history and development, adding spectacularly to the kind of documentation inaugurated by Jack Parkinson. We are very lucky to have Sheila's contribution.

The Historian is asked to direct traffic to make sure that historical materials or inquiries are handled and correctly directed. This may include direct replies or interfacing with the Archives Committee. As electronic records such as scanned Yearbooks and the Cruising Club News expand, as they have in the past few years, the Historian's job is made easier and hopefully will continue. Station Historians are asked to submit annual reports but they are entered into the CCA's records independently.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Adkins

10. Report of the Fleet Surgeon — Jeffrey Wisch, M.D.

The Fleet Surgeon advised the Club leadership, Stations and SAS regarding medical issues as needed. In addition, he serves as the medical chair for the BROC, chairs the Medical Advisory Committee and is a committee member on the Safety and Seamanship Committee.

Prior to the Scotland Cruise, the Fleet Surgeon contacted medical facilities that might be utilized in the event of an emergency along the cruise to ascertain capabilities and assets. This was published in the Scotland Cruise Guide with contact information. Bill White, MD a member of the Medical Advisory Committee was available to support the Grenadines Cruise and remained in contact with the Fleet Surgeon regarding medical related activities on that cruise.

The Fleet surgeon in his advisory role to the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee is responsible for organizing medical coverage for the Newport to Bermuda Race. The 2026 race will be covered by the George Washington Maritime Medical Access group (GWMMA). In collaboration with their medical leadership, a new medication and supply list specific to this race will be utilized in the event of a medical emergency. Medical coverage will be provided for 30 days from the start to cover returning vessels. The GWMMA will provide protocols for contacting

them and communicating emergency medical information. Links will be provided by GW to assist in obtaining and equipping vessels with necessary medical supplies. There will be a Medical Webinar planned prior to the race. A conference call will be planned with the USCG to coordinate efforts in the event of a medical emergency.

The website and yearbook continue to be updated regarding the Fleet Surgeon Memo.

The Medical Advisory Committee chaired by the Fleet Surgeon has been communicating regularly regarding relevant medical issues and assisting in advising leadership as needed. Most recently there was an inquiry by SAS regarding first aid in flare-related injuries. A protocol was reviewed with SAS leadership. Members of the committee authored medically relevant articles for Waypoints. Future articles are planned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey S Wisch, MD
Fleet Surgeon CCA

11. Report of the Fleet Captain — Ernie Godshalk 2/17

Cruises: The recently completed Grenadines Cruise was very successful, including participation by the Commodore and Vice Commodore on their own boats. Future Club cruises planned or under consideration are: 2026: Bermuda, New England Islands; 2027 Spanish Virgin Islands, Bras D'Or Lakes; 2028 Bahamas?, Florida?, Bermuda?, North Channel (Lake Huron)?; 2029 Irish Club Centenary.

The Flag Protocol Sub-committee proposed, and the Governing Board approved revisions to The CCA's Flag Etiquette, principally regarding display of the Member Aboard Flag in addition to the flags of officers.

12. Reports of the Rear Commodores, Station and Post Captains

a. Bermuda — Somers Kempe

Preparations for the 2026 Bermuda Race
Station members are assisting the RBYC and BROC committees in organizing the upcoming race this June. Following a productive Fall Meeting in Bermuda last November, preparations are well underway for the 160–165 boats expected to participate. The Bermuda Station will also be hosting the post-race CCA cocktail party on Thursday following the race.

Shorthanded Return Race
Station member Les Crane is working with the RBYC, CCA, and NYYC to organize the Shorthanded Return race, which is scheduled to start on Sunday, June 28th. A popular race with interest building from the shorthanded community.

Post-Bermuda Race Cruise
Interest is also strong for the post-race cruise scheduled for June 28 – July 4. We currently have 12 boats and approximately 40 participants confirmed. The itinerary will largely follow the successful 2024 plan. For additional details, please visit the 2026 Bermuda Cruise webpage: https://cruisingclub.org/event/bermuda-cruise-2026

We look forward to welcoming fellow CCA members in Bermuda this June.

b. Bras D'Or Erwin Wanderer

I'm honored to provide this short report on behalf of The Bras d'Or station of the CCA. We are the only station with a geographic location entirely Canadian, encompassing members residing in all four Atlantic Provinces as well as US domiciled members who enjoy most of their sailing adventures in our magnificent waters. We are one of the smaller stations numerically but over the last few years our percentage growth in new younger members has been excellent. We now have four Newfoundland based members and it is our hope that Newfoundland can become a Post station at some time in the not to distant future.

Our station growth strategy is to build upon what we've started in Newfoundland and at the same time build a critical mass of younger members who can develop station activities that are more attuned to their demographic. Our smaller size may be an advantage in meeting our goals.

The Bras d'Or Station has a dependable slate of activities which include; a Fall and spring dinner meeting, a fall and Spring raft up, a summer cruise, and finally our January winter hike and social. We regularly leave time at our dinners for presentations of interest either from our members or a guest speaker. At any given time, we have a significant cadre of our members partaking in adventurous use of the seas, transiting the Atlantic, sailing to the Caribbean, taking part in Offshore races like Sydney to Hobart, Newport to Bermuda or Marblehead to Halifax. Within our small, ardent group we have a cadre of members who combine commercial and scientific ocean related endeavors with a sailing overlay, Ie. commercial Arctic voyaging and training as well as endangered ocean mammal research using sailing vessels as a tool.

Our station is looking forward to welcoming you all to the magnificent Bras d'Or lakes in 2027.

Sincerely
Erwin Wanderer
Rear commodore, Bras d'Or Station

c. Boston Brian Guck

The Boston Station and its three posts: Buzzards Bay, Narragansett Bay and the Gulf of Maine all conducted multiple events during 2025. The Post Captains will be reporting on Events in their regions separately.

The Boston Station hosted four Wharf Rats Club Lunches during the winter months including the ever-popular Christmas Rats Lunch which is always sold out as soon as the registration opens.
The Station also hosted a talk organized by Mark Gabrielson about Ocean Plastics in April as well as a very popular visit to the Boston Boat Works shop under the Tobin Bridge in Charlestown, also in April.

During June the Station hosted the Massachusetts Bay Cruise which cruised a variety of lock harbors from Provincetown to Boston's inner harbor and harbors on the North Shore. The Station Annual Meeting took place in November at the Union Club at which Brian Guck was elected Rear Commodore following in the large and successful footsteps of Nick Orem.

d. Buzzards Bay Ed Van Keuren

The Buzzards Bay Post hosted three luncheons in the first half of 2025. The first luncheon in February at Schaefer Marine. Fred Cooke, owner / President, gave the post a tour of his manufacturing facility in New Bedford. The tour was followed by lunch with 23 in attendance. In March, we had a luncheon at the Beverly Yacht Club with 32 in attendance. Adam Cove shared his story and photos of his participation in the Race to Alaska (R2K). A 750-mile race from Post Townsend, WA to Ketchikan, AK in a variety of craft either sail or human powered. In May we were again at the Beverly Yacht Club with 25 in attendance. Graham Quinn, CEO / President, of Harding Sails did a presentation on the evolution of sail design and construction.

Our fall cruise to Bassett's Island was cancelled due to an injury incurred by our host Bob Wallace just before the event. Michael and Hannah Moore of Ram Island in Marion, MA generously stepped in and hosted the first day event of our fall cruise. On the second day of the cruise, we had dinner at the New Bedford and our meeting for the change of officers. Thirty-two members were in attendance for the fall cruise.

During the first half of this winter, we had two events. One at the Beverly Yacht Club in December where Phil Mello, a local photographer, provided a slide presentation documenting a winter on the island of Cuttyhunk. There were 35 members in attendance. The second in January at the New Bedford Yacht Club where Laurant Apollon, a native of Saint Brieuc France, presented new developments in wind powered shipping. There were 27 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Van Keuren, Post Captain
Buzzards Bay Post

e. Gulf of Maine Barney Baker

The Post has new leadership, with Peter Driscoll and Charles Tarbell being replaced by Barney Baker assuming Post Captain duties and Howard Coon assuming the Secretary role. We want to extend our thanks to Peter and Charles for years of service to the Post.

Gulf of Maine Post (GMP) activities this year have included many special events. We welcome those CCA members from away that attended and encourage all to participate in future events on our beautiful coastline.

The Downeast Cruise from Camden Maine to Saint Andrews, New Brunswick was a highlight. The cruise included 'Maine' gatherings at Lyman Morse, the Wooden Boat School, a sand bar in Merchants Row and on the lovely Great Beach at Roque Island. Sailing was at its best with many enjoying long spinnaker runs in the afternoon southwesterlies from Penobscot Bay to Campobello. Onshore events hosted by GMP included tours of projects underway at Portland Yacht Services (May) and Rockport Marine (February). Prock Marine Company provided a lecture on the coastline damage attributed to the January 2024 storms (April). Members toured the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in Boothbay (October). The annual Damariscotta River Grill lecture in December featured GMP member Peter Plumb's trip to Greenland.

This year GMP has lined up a lecture on Foiling Technology organized in concert with and held at the Portland Yacht Club on March 9th. The first Fenders over the Side (FOTS) is scheduled in the first week of August to be held in Burnt Coat Harbor, Swans Island coincident with the Sweet Chariot Music Festival. In addition, the Post is planning a second FOTS event on Hurricane Island, an Island Cleanup & Oysters event in Casco Bay, a GMP Potluck Dinner at the Post-Captain's residence in October. The annual GMP luncheon in Damariscotta in December will feature Southern Ocean sailing by GMP member Max Fletcher. Further details on these events and others will be posted on the CCA website.

f. Narraganset Bay Ned Jones

May7th was a beautiful day in Newport, and we had a NBP exclusive tour of the Naval War College Museum on base at Naval Station Newport. NBP member David Fuquea, USMC, graciously helped schedule the event and navigate the strict security measures intended to keep rouge CCA sailors in check.

Two separate groups, each with their own fabulously interesting, docent tour guide worked through exhibits. The museum is a gem. History and artifacts not only of the Naval Station, but of the area torpedo development and manufacturing as well as Aquidneck Island and Narragansett Bay. Following the tour most of our group had a nice lunch in the Officers Club on base with lots of conversation.

The first week in June saw a GAM scheduled for Cuttyhunk Island at the western end of the Elizabeth Islands. The interest and sign-ups were robust, and that was a good thing as early spring New England weather hit exactly on our weekend. While we officially scrubbed the outing, quite a few boats and crews made the trip and had a fantastic time despite the weather. This event sparked much debate regarding weather, participation, responsibility, and seamanship. We hope for better weather next spring. Meredith and Peter Rugg hosted a NBP cocktail party at their beautiful home in Newport on October 18th. Fall temps were met with a back patio firepit and fabulous food and cheer.

Ned Jones
Post Captain, Narragansett Bay Post

g. Chesapeake John Devlin

Chesapeake Station has been very busy since the last annual meeting.

Since the last Annual Meeting, Chesapeake Station held monthly luncheons at the Annapolis Yacht Club along with visits to the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia and the Tred Avon Yacht Club. All were well attended with periodic speakers and always excellent stories. A record crowd showed up for the November luncheon to hear about Peter Gibbons-Neff's plans for the 2027 Mini Transat aboard a new foiling design of the class rule. The Spring Cruise faced a menacing weather forecast that curtailed participation. The opening Rum Keg and Dinner was attended by 6 boats with 24 attendees Attendance quickly diminished to 3 boats, the Goldsborough Henry Race was cancelled and the remnants headed for home a day early. The Fall Cruise was a great success traveling to the lower Chesapeake Bay. 21 boats and over 60 attendees joined some or all the cruise stops. Race conditions were excellent and the Spring Goldsborough Henry make-up race along with the Sunny Neff Fall Race were completed. 2025 ended with the annual Holiday Luncheon that included the station's annual meeting. Over 90 attendees and visiting Commodore Gowell celebrated five 50-year members

and the winner of the station's annual races. Planning for a busy 2026 cruise, luncheon and event schedule began in earnest as we entered the new year.

With respect to station operations, 8 new members were added during 2025 against our goal of 9. Our 2026 goal is 10 and we have a good start with 4 submitted for approval at the February Governing Board meeting. A special thanks goes out to our very able Historian, Ralph Naranjo, who has served in this role or many years completing the duties to a standard that will be difficult to replicate.

h. Essex Gretchen Biemesderfer

The activities of the Essex Station continue to be very well attended with lunches averaging over 40 participants and special dinner events averaging over 60. The relatively high participation by our members is related, in part, to our use of the facilities at Pilots Point Marina (part of the Safe Harbor organization) for our lunches at no cost so that our nominal charge of $15 per person goes directly to covering the cost of food and drink. In addition, one Essex member has donated the use of his events venue for our annual pot luck dinner, and our other dinners are held at the Essex Yacht Club at a reasonable cost. For special dinner events we typically have a guest speaker and in 2025 our speakers were: Frank Bohlen who gave a talk on "The New Normal" with respect to marine weather, Pieter Roos, Watercraft Curator at Mystic Seaport. He is involved with the development of the new Boat Hall and spoke about some boats of interest to Station members, and Howard Park, artist and round the world sailor who spoke about the challenge of drawing while sailing. We also typically have in attendance, guests from other stations as well as potential candidates for membership in the organization. Notably, former commodore, Dan Dyer attended several lunches and Commodore Jay Gowell attended our annual meeting and dinner in December.

One specific activity for the Essex Station in 2025 was responding to the initiative by the US Coast Guard to remove hundreds of navigational aids from the Northeast Coast as a cost saving measure. The proposed area for buoy removal was from New York to Maine, with Essex members very familiar with the Connecticut and Rhode Island waters. Many Essex members responded with comments directly to the USCG and a number of Aids to Navigation (ATONs) were removed from the list based on specific feedback.

We have completed compiling our calendar of events for 2026 which includes 10 monthly lunches (including December's "Festive Lunch"), a formal Spring dinner, a Spring Pot Luck dinner, our Annual Meeting and Dinner in December, and our Fall Dinner will be part of our fall cruise which will be linked to the CCA New England Islands cruise scheduled for September. With other activities such as the Sam Wetherill Race and the Newport Bermuda Race, we are anticipating an exciting and active 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Biemesderfer, RC

i Florida Clint Bush III

The Florida Station of the Cruising Club of America is pleased to report on its current status and activities.

While our station is widely spread geographically and has the oldest age profile in the CCA, we maintain close connection and communication through regularly scheduled luncheons in three metro

areas: Vero Beach, St. Petersburg, and Miami. The station did not sponsor a cruise in 2025, however concrete conversations are underway to renew and maintain that activity as a station tradition.

Membership recruitment is constantly on our radar with new ideas in the works to find younger blue water sailors within our communities.

We are blessed with a solid group of experienced, engaged, and enthusiastic members.

j. Great Lakes Peter Balasubramanian

k. New York Peter Becker

The New York Station, effectively the birthplace of the CCA, is strong in so many ways, while continuing to experience out-migration of our members. Even I am at risk of being guilty, now that we have a place in Newport and spend a lot of time there. The station sadly but understandably lost the association of our long-time, hardworking, Cruise Chair Scott Kraft to the Essex station, where he and his wife Anne reside. This is a natural phenomenon that brings my attention and focus, not to the station, but to the club as a whole. The CCA is a collection and association of the most remarkable sailors with extraordinary character, that together create an amazing "magic sauce". This strength is precious, regardless of our numbers.

The station's membership Chairman Hiroshi Nakajima has worked tirelessly over many years to cull and bring forward membership candidates that comport with the CCA's ethos and those that can add to the "magic sauce". As RC I want to express appreciation to Hiro and to the many other CCA members who put such an enormous amount of passion and commitment to our club. It is by maintaining the "magic sauce" and the club's ethos, at all costs, that will sustain our very special community far into the future. The New York station remains steadfast in this commitment.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Becker, RC

l. Pacific Northwest Susan Stillman

The Pacific Northwest Station conducted two Cruises during 2025. In May the Spring Cruise fleet visited Hood Canal. Stopping at Port Ludlow YC, CCA member John Kennell's beach resort on Dabob Bay, tiny Pleasant Harbor with a field trip to Hama Hama Oyster Farm and the final stop at Alderbrook Lodge for a dock potluck.

In September the station hosted the National Three Corners Fall Cruise named for lighthouses that define the northwest corners of the continental United States: Patos Island, Turn Point on Stuart Island, and Lime Kiln Point on San Juan Island. As a precursor to the National Meeting, the event attracted 125 sailors in 43 boats. Opening night featured BYOB and appetizers on the geologically unique Sucia Island. After a lay day for local hikes and exploration, Peter Powell and his partner Lynn Thompson graciously hosted 140 people in Garrison Bay for a rum barrel and clam chowder feast with volunteers pressing cider with apples from their orchard. An additional lay day included a tour of English Camp, headquarters of the English during the Pig War of 1859. The fleet then gathered at Rear Commodore Adkins's waterfront home on West

Sound, Orcas Island for a barn dance and seafood extravaganza hand caught by PNW station members John McCartney, Tom White, and Steve Jacobsen. Members then adjourned to Semiahmoo Resort near the Canadian border for the National Meeting.

Cruise chairs Howard and Stephanie Conant have scheduled the spring cruise for May 14-20 in the South Puget Sound. It will start in Tacoma and proceed to Olympia. A September cruise to the Gulf Islands in British Columbia is in the planning stages.

The Station holds luncheons at the Seattle Yacht Club. They include Zoom presentations to allow members to join in remotely. This year's presentations included Rusty Lhamon and Graeme Esarey's talk on transiting the NW Passage, a discussion of current local racing done by members included swapping hilarious and hair-raising tales of Swiftsure races past, Rob Hurlow's medical preparedness for cruisers, Glen Margolis describing his 2024 cruise to Haida Gwai, and Mike Bovine of the U.S. Coast Guard's explanation of Vessel Traffic Service management in the Salish Sea. Mary Alice O'Neill chairs the Speakers Committee.
Under the leadership of John Robinson, Safety for Cruising Couples seminars continued at various venues including Seattle, Bellingham and Tacoma Yacht Clubs with a Bellingham session planned for 2026.

The Station has a system of rotating Flags. A new Watch was elected in December with Susan Stillman serving as Rear Commodore, Roddy Hearne as Membership Chair and Treasurer, and Brent Peterson as Secretary. Station dues of $40 are collected annually. The Station routinely contributes to The Bonnell Cove Foundation in memory of members who have sailed their Final Voyage. Sadly, we lost four members this year. The station added five new members. Membership in the Station totals 134 with 18 Surviving Spouses. All Cruising Club members are invited to join our luncheons in February, April, October and December on the first Wednesday of the month at the Seattle Yacht Club and are always welcome on our cruises.

Susan Stillman
Rear Commodore

m. San Francisco Mary Lovely

Led by Rear Commodore Mary Lovely, Secretary Maureen "Moe" Roddy, and Treasurer Synthia Petroka, the 103-member strong SAF Station is active and is engaged in cruising and racing on its home waters of San Francisco Bay, as well as over blue waters to Hawaii, the South Pacific, North Atlantic and around the Americas.

One of our Blue-water Medalists, Randall Reeves with friend and crewmember Harmon Shragge, is circumnavigating the Americas the "wrong way." That is, Randall and Harmon are sailing Randall's yacht, Moli, clockwise around the continents of North and South America as in "leaving the Americas to starboard." They transited the Northwest Passage west-to-east from Alaska, during the summer of 2024 and made their way to Newfoundland, where Moli is spent the 2024/2025 winter. In 2025 Randall and Harmon reboarded Moli in Newfoundland and sailed her, via Azores and Cape Verde Islands, to Brazil, Argentina—including the Falklands, and down to Antarctica. The year 2026 will see Moli round Cape Horn east-to-west and reach San Francisco via islands of the South Pacific and Hawaii.

Another of our SAF Blue-water Medalists, Jeanne Socrates, completed a three and one-half year,

solo voyage from Victoria, BC to Australia, aboard her yacht Nereida. Jeanne is currently undertaking a clockwise circumnavigation of Tasmania as part of her goal to circumnavigate Australia clockwise.

SAF members have already signed up to race the "Fun Race to Hawaii," the 2026 Pacific Cup Yacht Race, from San Francisco Bay to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii this coming July.

The SAF Station continues its program of monthly meetings at various yacht clubs on San Francisco Bay and elsewhere. The station meets every month from September to June with the summer months dedicated to cruising.

n. Southern California W. Bradley Avery

2025 was an active year for the Southern California station with members cruising and racing in the locales of San Francisco, Puerto Vallarta Mexico, and the Channel Islands off Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.

Past Rear Commodore Steve Calhoun organized a lunch schedule that had members travelling from Long Beach to San Diego. On hand for the lunches at different yacht clubs were the iconic yachts Ragtime, Brushfire, and Palawan VII. All were in spectacular condition.

Many of our members sailed in July's 2025 Transpacific Yacht Race with good results. Most impressive was Alli Bell and her crew, who won the race overall in her fully restored Cal 40 Restless.

A fall cruise to Catalina Island in October was a success despite a late season low pressure system visiting. Ten boats signed up. Members, families, and friends attended shoreside activities until dark. The much-missed rum barrel made an appearance on the beach much to the delight of everyone.

We have formed an ad-hoc committee to address what we can do to identify prospective candidates for membership. This effort will require a solid effort to recruit younger sailors in the ten active yacht clubs between Santa Barbara and San Diego.

Our station is looking forward to hosting the National Fall 2026 meeting in October at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club in Newport Beach. We may need a bigger rum barrel.

Respectfully,
R/C W. Bradley Avery

o. Western Europe Station Jonatan Brewin

13. Committee Reports

a. Archives Mark Grosby

The club's digital archives located on a Dropbox server are growing. A draft of a file naming convention follows and will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Work is about to start on a portal to provide access to archives via the club's web page. Twenty years of meeting minutes and reports in three ring binders have been collected and need to be scanned. Any members in the Newport RI area with a scanner who are willing to take a year, please contact me.

A question that needs to be answered is what to do with the hard copy after it has been scanned. Keep or destroy?

Anyone wishing to share any pictures or video from the annual meeting, please send an email requesting a upload portal.

CCA Electronic Archives File Naming Convention
(Proposed)

Format:YYYY-MM-DD-eee"-xxxxxxxxxx".file type extension
NB Prefer flattened pdf if searchable
Date-eventcode-optional description
Date: yyyy-mm-dd
Event Codes:

amm	Annual Members Meeting Minutes
amr	Annual Members Meeting Reports
fmm	Fall Members Meeting Minutes
fmr	Fall Members Meeting Reports
gbm	Governing Board Minutes
gbr	Governing Board Reports
pub	Publication add "*-Title of Publication*"
sss	Station Archives use CCA station three letter add "-short description ie report, minutes gam, cruise booklets, etc.

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March 5, 2022 Annual Meeting of the Members minutes	2022-03-05-amm.pdf
March 2025 Waypoints	2025-03-01-pub-waypoints.pdf
2020 Florida Station Historian report	2020-05-23-fls-historiansreport.pdf
2025 Governing Board audio recording	2025-05-03-gbm.jpeg
2025-04-04 Inauguration of WES Station	2025-04-04-wes-inauguration video

b. Awards — Jim Quanci

In 2025, seven members crossed oceans cruising so qualified for Parkinson Memorial Trophies. In addition, eight members crossed oceans as part of a race qualifying for the Transoceanic pennant. These awards and pennants are either already delivered, or soon to be delivered. Additionally, there is one 50 Year Membership Medallion to be delivered to Vincent Monte-Sano (NYS) this week.

Through the work of the Committee, the following Members were selected to be honored by receiving awards for their sailing and/or volunteer efforts during 2025:

- Chris and Molly Barnes (BOS), "Far Horizons Award"
- Peter Willauer (BOS/GMP), "Diana Russell Award"
- Doug and Dale Bruce (BOS/GMP), "Richard S. Nye Award"
- Peter Gibbons-Neff (CHE), "Vilas Literary Award"

- Behan and Jamie Gifford (PNW), “Royal Cruising Club Award”
- Ann Noble-Kiley (BOS/BUZ), “Commodore's Award”
- Mark Lenci (BOS/GMP), “Commodore's Award”
- Marjorie Robfogel (CHE), “Commodore's Award”
- Stephen James (FLA), “Special Award”

Awarded to non-members were:

- “Blue Water Medal” to Pete Hill of Junk Rig fame
- “Young Voyager Award” to Tamara Klink of Brazil for her single-handed high latitude adventures including a winter in Greenland in the ice and an east to west Northwest passage

- “Rod Stephens Award” to Philip “Greg” Velez for saving the life of a MOB from a competitor’s yacht during the Bayview-Mac race across Lake Huron in trying conditions after an hour of searching.

Our committee of five members continues to work remotely and independently while coordinating with our Treasurer knowing that we are entrusted with a large but limited budget. Award Committee Members currently include:

Ellen Massey (BOS)
Maxwell “Max” Fletcher (BOS/GMP)
Stephen “Steve” James (FLA)
Douglas “Doug” Adkins (PNW)
Jim Quanci (SAF)

Note: We are pursuing adding an additional sixth member to the Awards Committee to extend our reach and awareness of adventurous sailors and groundbreaking voyages.

Jim Quanci
Awards Committee Chairman

c. Bermuda Race Foundation — Brad Willauer

From our website: Since 1906, the Newport to Bermuda Race has been more than just a race—it has been a defining challenge of endurance, strategy, and seamanship, a testament to the human spirit, and a bridge connecting generations of sailors. It is a proving ground where teamwork, perseverance, and respect for the ocean are not just ideals, but necessities. It is where lifelong friendships are forged and where sailors find the thrill of competition, and also a deeper understanding of themselves and the sea. Yet, this legacy is not guaranteed. Without sustained support, the ability to uphold the highest standards of safety, education, and access to offshore racing is at risk. The Bermuda Race Foundation (BRF) is committed to ensuring that this storied event continues to inspire, educate, and challenge sailors for generations to come.

The Foundation Board created a Capital Campaign Committee in March 2025 which has met five times. The committee is impressed with interest in improving the financial support of the Newport Bermuda Race. Further activity continues through the Winter. We have raised slightly more than one million so far in our quiet phase.

Respectfully submitted,
W Bradford Willauer, President

d. BROC Andrew Kallfelz

BERMUDA RACE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
Report to CCA Members @ Annual Meeting

Friday, March 6, 2026
New York Yacht Club, 44th Street, New York, NY

The BROC is pleased to report that organizing of the is 2026 Newport Bermuda Race remains on plan and in the final stages with only 105 days before the start on 19 June.

Notable facts about this edition:
- Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of partnership between the CCA and RBYC
- The 54th race (120 years since the first race in 1906)
- The 2nd race to be started off Fort Adams (636nm to St. Davids Lighthouse)

Entry status:
- Entry opened on 20 June, 2025
- 154 entered boats as of 5 Feb 2026, expected fleet size ~ 165-185 (~1500 sailors)
    - SDL 93
    - GHL 15
    - FIN 29
    - DH 14
    - Open 1
    - SY 1
    - MH 1
    - Spirit 0 (*Spirit of Bermuda* is expected)
- CCA members are encouraged to enter this celebratory race. Last day to enter is April 5. Enter here.

Highlights for 2026 Race:
- Messaging / marketing focus to celebrate 100 CCA-RBYC anniversary.
- Enhanced starting line live show coverage.
- Ft. Adams Race Festival: Planning for larger spectator participation (food/bev, parking, transp.)
- NEW: Gulf Stream Daily Show – race update every day (Sat – Wed) from the course or in BDA.
- Enhanced experience for competitors at RBYC (Full event calendar, Govt House Prizegiving)
- Executing to financial plan (break-even - modest surplus, sponsorship dependent)

- The race will be followed by a Bermuda Cruise (join the fun).

Concerns / Risks:
- Sponsor partner attrition (Bank Newport, KVH, etc.)
- Foreign national yachts and sailors (decrease in CAN, other non-USA entries)
- General down trend in US offshore racing participation (MHOR, MB, AN, etc.)

The BROC is composed of over 50 dedicated, talented, and generous volunteers from the CCA and the RBYC. BROC roster can be found here: https://bermudarace.com/race/organizing-committee/

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the BROC.

Andrew Kallfelz
Race Chair 2026

e. Bonnell Cove Foundation — Bob Medland

Support of the Bonnell Cove Foundation is critically important to enable the Foundation to fulfil its mission of supporting charitable organizations with particular emphasis in the areas of safety at sea and increased understanding of the marine environment.

In 2025, the Foundation received forty-eight grant requests totaling $383,000 compared to the thirty-seven grant requests totaling about $300,000 in 2024. This represents approximately a 30% increase in the number of grant requests and the amount requested.

On behalf of the Foundation's Board and the Grant Recipients, THANK YOU! to the generous donors who contributed $59,695 in 2025 (2024 - $48,695) to support the Bonnell Cove Foundation. This support enabled the Foundation to make thirty grants (2024 -21) totaling about $126,000 (2024 - $107,000). The amount of the grants represents roughly 34% of the amount requested each year.

This past year we bid au revoir to two long-standing volunteers who have served the Foundation admirably over an extended period: Sheila McCurdy stepped down as a director having served since 2012 including three years as President and Paul Rogers sought relief having served as Treasurer since 2011. The Foundation is profoundly grateful to Sheila and Paul for their long and diligent service. This past year we welcomed great appreciation Peg Brandon and Stan White to the Board. Stan has taken on the role of Treasurer.

2026 is shaping up to be an unprecedented year as we have received thirty-six grant applications totaling $316,000 for the Spring period alone!

As you can see, the requests for support are growing. To meet this growing need, support from the CCA members is vitally important. To date 10 – 12% of the membership support the Bonnell Cove Foundation. As Commodore Gowell said at the 2025 Annual Meeting, the Bonnell Cove Foundation needs more donors. Please give your support to the Bonnell Cove Foundation. To donate go to https://bonnellcove.org/donate

In the coming year, please encourage qualifying organizations to submit grant applications to Bonnell Cove Foundation, see "Apply for a Grant" on the Foundation's web site:

https://www.bonnellcove.org/apply

Respectfully submitted.
Bob Medland, President
Bonnell Cove Foundation

f. Charts and Guides — Wilson Fitt

The Charts and Guides Committee has had another busy year and the CCA's print and online cruising guides continue to provide positive exposure for the Club with a goal of raising awareness of the CCA and sharing the extensive knowledge of its members with the cruising community.

The free on-line Cruising Guide to Maine https//guides.cruisingclub.org/ engaged an audience of 27,000 users in 2025 with over 2,000 subscribers to the guide's frequent newsletters. With Starlink hardware now selling for $200, internet access for the cruiser is now affordable and ubiquitous.

There were 661 copies of our printed cruising guides for Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the Viking Route between Europe and Canada sold in 2025 and $7,756 in revenue paid to the CCA by the printer/distributor.

The Committee held two lively and informative virtual meetings since the last Annual Meeting and expects to meet again later this spring. Discussions about the technical and commercial potential of digital versions of the printed guides continue.

Respectfully submitted.
Wilson Fitt (BDO)
Chair, Charts and Guides Committee

g. Communications — Julie Kallfelz

The Communications Committee continues to support the great work of all of our volunteer editors and creators. We have focused on maintaining the quality of our internal and external-facing communications, promoting consistent branding and messaging, meeting members' needs and preferences around how they consume information, managing cost, and building sustainable processes that member-volunteers can continue to lead. The committee is doing a lot of good work, as individual reports attest.

At the request of the membership, Station leadership, and CCA leadership, the Communications Committee has developed a CCA Brand Kit. This is the first iteration of the kit, which is a living document and will be continually updated. The CCA Brand Kit includes our mission statement and core values; burgee and publication logos; guidance on typography, colors, imagery, tone of voice; social media guidelines; and various letterhead and presentation templates for members, Station leadership, and Club leadership. The next iteration of the brand kit will include more information and guidance on usage of CCA trademarks, as well as any additions based on member feedback. Members can access the CCA Brand Kit via the CCA website (location below)

CCA Brand Kit:
https://cruisingclub.org/cca-graphics-and-brand-kit

Note: See separate report from Chuck Hawley who has responsibilities to Communication and Safety at Sea Committees. Report can be found here

h. Cruise Resources — Ernie Godshalk
See Fleet Captain Report

i. Environment of the Sea — Maggie Salter
No report filed

j. Events — Deanna Polizzo

The Events Committee last met at the Fall Meeting in September. At the Fall Meeting in the Pacific Northwest, we added Roddy Hearne to the committee and Drew Kellogg has taken over as the Fall Meetings Chair. We are also happy to announce that there will be another Leadership Breakfast on the Saturday morning following the Annual Meeting.

The committee is working with the NYYC to try to limit costs for the Annual Meeting in a few weeks and is seeking guidance from the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Awards Committee, Finance Committee and other leaders as costs continue to approach unsustainable levels at NYYC for the annual Awards Dinner.

Following up on suggestions from leadership at the March Leadership meeting, we will be exploring a potential new format for the Annual Meeting which will include more opportunities for members to socialize and interact and less of an "all business" agenda.

The upcoming events calendar can be found on the website. Events for 2026 and 2027 include:

2026 started off strong with the Grenadines cruise from January 24 to February 7th . The 2026 Annual Meeting will again be held at the New York Yacht Club, New York, NY March 5th to 7th . The Events Committee will continue to work with the Membership Committee to host membership events surrounding the Newport to Bermuda Race, which begins on June 19, 2026. A Bermuda Cruise, organized by the Bermuda Station, will follow the race and is scheduled to begin on June 28th. A New England Islands cruise is planned for September and will be followed by the Fall Meeting hosted but the SoCal Station. Per James Eddy, who is the SoCal representative for the Fall Meeting, the meeting will take place October 22nd and 23rd.

Although 2027 seems far off, it will be here before we know it. The Annual Meeting is to be held March 4th to the 6th at the New York Yacht Club in New York. Cruises are being planned for the US/ Spanish Virgin Islands from March 20-April 2nd . The Great Lakes Station has taken responsibility for the Fall Meeting in 2027. 2028 will begin with the Annual Meeting from March 2nt to the 4 th . The Bermuda race will begin on June 16th and it is anticipated that a cruise will follow starting on June 25th .

k. Financial Affairs — Peter Griffin

The Financial Affairs Committee (FAC) continues to review the financial affairs of the CCA.

The following are the key initiatives of the FAC, in coordination with the Treasurer, K. O'Donnell,

undertook since the 2025 CCA Annual Meeting:

1) 2026 budget submissions were submitted by the various committee chairs and reviewed and a final 2026 budget was approved at the December BOG meeting. Ongoing review of the 2026 financial results throughout the year is in progress.

2) The FAC discussed and drafted a set of financial control policies which were subsequently reviewed and approved by the Governing Board at the June 2025 meeting. These expanded policies are now on the CAA website under Contract Authorization and Financial Control Policies. These policies were adopted to mitigate risks, protect assets, ensure the accuracy of financial records and promote operational efficiency. They also help with compliance with laws, regulations, help safeguard the organization and help it achieve its objectives by minimizing potential fraud, errors, and waste.

3) The FAC proposed and recommended two By-Law changes to Section XVIII, Financial Matters to update this section to make it consistent with existing operations. The first proposed revision is due to the change in the fiscal year of the CCA to a calendar year, therefore, it is necessary to revise the date for the completion of the budget to December 1st from October 1st. The second proposed change is to revise language in the fourth paragraph of Article XVIII of the By-Laws to make it consistent with the recently approved Contract Authorization and Financial Control Policies. This By-Law change was approved by the membership at the 2025 Fall Meeting.

l. Gam Phil Dickey

Since our last meeting, we published Spring and Fall issues of 52 and 60 pages respectively. Our tripartite mission is unchanged: document the activity of our Club in detail, enhance cohesion in our membership, and highlight the most outstanding sailing adventures of our members.

We reduced the cost of publishing *The GAM* in real terms by approximately 10-15% over the last 4 years. We could not have accomplished these reductions without the efforts of our publishers of 18 years, Sound Business Forms. They are outstanding partners, and they should continue to publish *The GAM.*

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Dickey
GAM Editor in Chief

m. Guest Moorings Liz Baylis

Updates are being made to the information for the current guest mooring listings as new information is received, working with the webmaster and yearbook editor, on the web page and in the yearbook. Some modest success was made to get more moorings and docks added to the list by reaching out to the membership via Waypoints and in person connections on and off the water. In the last year, the Waypoints articles and in person connections seem to have had the most effect in adding new listings. We will continue to use these techniques. More efforts are underway to continue to keep the data up to date and add more listings. We do rely on the mooring stewards to keep us updated. The Committee membership remains the same with Liz Baylis as Chair and Tom Babbitt and Ted Clucas as members.

n. Investment Tom Post

2025 has been another good year for both the stock and bond markets. Our long-term returns remain very good. Here is a synopsis of results through **12/31/25**:

Fund	1 Year	3 years	5 years	10 years
CCA Account	14.27%	18.19%	10.82%	10.74%
Bonnell Cove Endowment	12.87%	14.33%	8.95%	9.17%
Bermuda Race Foundation Endowment	14.32%	14.83%	N/A	N/A
65/35 Benchmark *	14.28%	16.45%	9.24%	10.49%
S&P 500	17.88%	23.01%	14.42%	14.82%
Dow Jones US Total Stock Market	17.05%	22.25%	13.06%	14.20%
MSCI ACWI ex USA (International Stocks)	32.64%	17.52%	8.08%	8.59%
Bloomberg Agg Bond Index	7.30%	4.66%	-0.36%	2.01%

* 65% S&P 500 / 35% Bloomberg Aggregate
Periods longer than one year are annualized

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 0.05% annually and for the CCA portfolio, they are 0.03% annually. For the Bermuda Race Foundation Endowment portfolio, the expenses are 0.04% annually.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas C. Post - CCA Investment Committee Chairman

o. InterClub Relations Chris Otorowski

The Interclub Relations Committee did not meet after the March 2025 meeting. During the year the chair assumed the task of formulating and acquiring anniversary gifts in the form of antique sterling trophies to be presented to the Royal Thames YC for its 250 th Anniversary and to The Royal Ocean Racing Club for its Centenary.

The trophy for Royal Thames was a 1773 Loving Cup gifted by the Earl Fortescue to William Grenville who went on to serve as the Prime Minister of the UK in 1806. The Cup was crafted two years before the nascent Royal Thames, known then as the Cumberland Fleet, was formed. The Cup was accepted as a perpetual trophy for Cruising Excellence by RTYC Vice Commodore Richard Powell at the Yacht Club du Monaco in September at the conclusion of an NYYC/RTYC joint cruise from Sardinia to Corsica to Monaco.

The trophy for the Royal Ocean Racing Club was a sailing trophy from Scotland first awarded in 1843 to the yacht Meteor. RORC Commodore Deb Fish accepted the trophy to be perpetually awarded to the yacht sailing the greatest distance in RORC sponsored races for the season. Your chair made the presentation at the RORC Awards Dinner in London in November. It was an enthusiastic gathering of 440 RORC members seriously committed to racing. The winning boat was Hapsa

Hasburg which sailed an amazing 7,250 miles in RORC races in 2025. On hand to receive it was a young female architect from Germany who skippered Hapsa on the second transatlantic race that summer. RORC's formation and its 100 th is in large part owing to the 1924 Bermuda Race in which English author Weston Martyr, raced aboard Northern Light with CCA Commodore Herb Stone. Martyr was so inspired he and his friends established a 600-mile race around Fastnet Rock in 1925 and formed The Ocean Racing Club that year. The Club's Royal warrant did not happen until 1931.

On other fronts, the CCA is engaging with the International Council of Yacht Clubs and Bruce Johnston will be attending the March "Americas Conference" in Punta del Este, Uruguay. At the Western Isles Cruise, Commodore Jay Gowell and Vice Commodore Chace Anderson were able to meet with and socialize with the commodores of our sister clubs in the UK and Ireland with many of those commodores planning on attending the March meeting. An additional European Station is also being formed.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Otorowski
Chair

p. Long Range Planning — Tim Surgenor
No report filed

q. Medical Advisory Board — Jeffrey Wisch
See Fleet Surgeon Report

r. Membership James Phyfe III

Since the Fall Meeting in Washington, the Membership Committee has elected 33 candidates to membership ranging in age from 34 to 77, with five being eligible for Next Watch (under 55 y.o.) and an average age of 64. Nine are women.

The Board of Governors approved two changes to our membership committee and processes at its December 2025 meeting. The first was to accept guidelines calling for rotation of Station Membership Chairs every six to ten years. The second was an edit to the Club's Membership Guidelines to clarify that not all supporters of a proposal need to have sailed with the candidate. Specific details of eligibility for membership may be found here:

https://cruisingclub.org/sites/default/files/files/Membership guidelines_25.12.02.pdf

Although perhaps not yet statistically significant, we have noticed an upward trend in average age, accompanied by a decrease in Next Watch (under 55 y.o.) new members of late. In the four years between 2020 and 2023, the average age of new members was 57.4, and 28% were under 55. Since 2023, average age has ticked up to 61.2 and only 22% are under 55. Bucking that trend, though, the number of female new members rose from 8% in 2020-2023 to 22% since.

The next deadline for proposals will be July 14th, 2026. Our target continues to be 1-2% membership growth per year, a realistic pace given activity of the past few classes.

s. Next Watch Will Gammell

t. Nominating Chris Otorowski

The Cruising Club of America
Nominating Committee Report
December 24, 2025
(updated to show 2026 Committee members)

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting to be held on Friday March 6, 2026.

OFFICERS:

Commodore:	A. Chace Anderson
Vice Commodore:	Andrew F. Kallfelz
Secretary:	Timothy R. Surgenor
Treasurer:	Kathleen M. O'Donnell
Historian:	Douglas D. Adkins

GOVERNORS:

Terms expiring in 2029:	Michael Geagan (NYS)
	Joseph W. Golberg (PNW)
	Dorothy Wadlow (ESS)
	James A. Watlington (BDA)

CCA Nominating Committee 2025-2026
Christopher L. Otorowski, Chair
J. W. Robert Medland
W. Bradford Willauer *
Stephen C. Calhoun
Gretchen McCurdy *

CCA Nominating Committee 2026-2027
Christopher L. Otorowski, Chair
John R. Gowell
J. W. Robert Medland
Stephen C. Calhoun
Patricia A. Montgomery

*Term expires March 6, 2026

u. Publications — Richard Casner

The Publications Committee's work in 2025 and early 2026 focused on strengthening CCA's publishing independence, reducing production costs, modernizing workflows, and preparing for the launch of High Seas, Home Waters alongside continued stewardship of Adventurous Use of the Sea and the CCA Yearbook.

Over the past year, the Committee transitioned CCA fully into a self-publishing model under Cruising Club of America Nautical Publishers, improved cost controls through competitive bidding, secured ISBN infrastructure for future publications, and enhanced fulfillment and production systems while maintaining high standards.

Self-Publishing & Rights Transition
• Concluded publishing relationship with Seapoint Books & Media.
• Removed Adventurous Use of the Sea from Amazon and reverted publication rights to CCA Nautical
Publishers.
• Secured 10 ISBN numbers for current and future publications.
• Established full publishing independence under CCA's own imprint and logo.

High Seas, Home Waters (HSHW)
• Assigned ISBNs for HSHW and the AUS reissue.
• Selected LBC/Marquis (Quebec) as printer based on pricing and quality.
• Printing terms: 1,000 copies – $19,000 (GB authorized); 1,500 copies – $24,000 option.
• Pricing includes transportation and delivery to PSSC; no Canadian tariffs apply.
• Estimated delivery: mid-May 2026 (pending contract execution).
• Slipcase design underway for bundled HSHW + AUS set.
• Pre-marketing campaign to begin upon confirmed delivery date.

Distribution & Fulfillment
• Continued partnership with PSSC (Massachusetts).
• Approximately 1,200 AUS copies remaining in inventory.
• Engaged PSSC for proposal covering end-to-end ordering and fulfillment.
• Exploring automation tools to streamline ordering, accounting, and inventory management.

CCA Yearbook (2025–2026)
• Conducted RFP process for printing and distribution in 2025.
• Achieved approximately $20,000 in annual cost savings.

• Transitioned printing/distribution to LBC/Marquis.
• Completed editorial transition from Barbara Watson to Ray Cullum.
• Modernized layout and improved production workflow efficiency.

Marketing & Promotion
• Coordinated launch strategy for HSHW and AUS.
• Budget allocated for book tour and promotional events.
• Confirmed tent/booth presence at Fort Adams during Newport Bermuda Race start.

Summary
In 2025 and early 2026, the Committee established publishing independence, moved HSHW into late pre-production status, reduced production costs, secured ISBN capacity, modernized the Yearbook, strengthened fulfillment systems and positioned CCA for sustainable long-term publication management.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Casner, Publications Committee Chair

v. Quartermaster Andy Dickinson

Perpetual Trophies have been identified and packaged for our rapidly approaching Annual Meeting.

Keepers will be collected enroute to NYYC for distribution in early March as well to ensure the Awards portion will have glorious trophies worthy of our evening's setting.

Next up is our biggest hurdle, coordination through execution in Bermuda.

Members are still highly encouraged to view trophies on display year-round at IYRS. They abut one of Newport's best kept secrets, the Edward W. Kane and James Gubelman IYRS Maritime Library please come visit, https://www.iyrs.edu/about/library

w. Safety and Seamanship William Strassberg

In October 2025, the Safety & Seamanship Committee formed a review team to study Yacht-to-Yacht Crew Rescue (YTYCR). In partnership with US Sailing and the Bermuda Race Foundation, the Review Team has been reviewing YTYCR incidents to present an assessment of rescue methods and best practices. As an initial step, a group of SAS moderators, course organizers, and race organizers was consulted to gather a variety of perspectives and evaluate how deliverables would be used and how they would add value to offshore safety and SAS programs. After a thorough search of the internet and yachting resources, 21 known YTYCR incidents have been identified, 18 of which occurred since 2000. The YTYCR Review Team will analyze reports, formulate best practice recommendations, and produce their report over the next several months.

The Safety for Cruising Couples program, led by Moe Roddy, provides a self-contained kit ready for presentation.

The Practice on Your Own Boat (POYOB) self-directed training package for experienced race crews is complete and will be available shortly on the CCA public website. The BROC will offer the race crew program as an enhanced MOB practice opportunity for NBR skippers and crews. A complete POYOB self-directed training package for cruising couples is in development. One Oscar MOB

rescue dummy is available in Maine, with a second in the Newport area. A full redesign of the CCA POYOB web pages is underway.

The Fleet surgeon, in his advisory role to the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee, reports that coverage for the 2026 race will be provided by the George Washington Maritime Medical Access group (GWMMA). In collaboration with their medical leadership, we have developed a new medical medication and supply list specific to this race, which will be used in the event of a medical emergency. Medical coverage will remain in effect for 30 days from the start to cover returning vessels. Members of the Medical Advisory Committee, at the request of SAS, reviewed and recommended protocols.

The Offshore Communications Guide, regularly reviewed and updated by Mark Lenci and team, provides updates on AIS.

The SAS training team, under the leadership of Ann Noble-Kiley, continues to deliver outstanding sessions at its Roger Williams University base.

As existing Safety and Seamanship programs evolve and new programs arise, our committee endeavors to focus on and grow them through the lens of our CCA Safety and Seamanship Committee Mission Statement, and we ask how the program will best advance our goal to:
Make yachting safer by researching and promoting best safety practices and seamanship skills, capitalizing on the knowledge and blue water experience of CCA members

Respectfully submitted,
Willaim Strassberg, MD
Chair, CCA Safety and Seamanship Committee

Note: See separate report from Chuck Hawley who has responsibilities to Communication and Safety at Sea Committees. Report can be found here

x. Technical — Jim Binch

y. Trophy — Robert Darbee

We've just completed a key element on our agenda: Updating inventory/appraisals of all items in the CCA Trophy Showcase at IYRS in Newport. Appraisal also serves as inventory to keep track of items coming/going as at the Awards Dinner tonight, Bermuda for Prizegiving and incidentals such as individual maintenance (2 out for that purpose at moment.) Appraisal done by Karen Waterman, wife of CCA member Dick Waterman and a certified appraiser for such.

This collection represents the sole tangible asset of the CCA. There are 5 categories of items: Trophies (three): 1): CCA for presentation at events such as tonight. 2): CCA Bermuda Race trophies that routinely are presented at Prizegiving in Bermuda. 3) CCA member-only Bermuda Race trophies presented at a stateside CCA event subsequent to each race. 4) Additionally, we own a dozen customized travel cases for the sometimes-rugged journey these routinely take. And 5) We own the showcase at IYRS, constructed by our member Fred Bauerschmidt who does such commercially. Total, all in, approximately $500K, all 100% CCA-owned.

z. Voyages Dan Biemesderfer

The volunteer and professional staff of *Voyages* remains as it was in previous years. I serve as editor and David Curtin is editor of Final Voyages. Our professional staff includes Virginia Wright as copy editor and proofreader while Claire MacMaster (Barefoot Art Graphic Design), Hillary Steinau (Camden Design Group) and Tara Law (Tara Law Design) are the design artists. We have engaged a new printing company, R.R.Donnelly, Chicago, Illinois.

At the time of this writing (February 9), this issue of *Voyages* will be sent to the printer in a week or so. My goal is to have this issue mailed out to members in time for the March annual meeting. The 68th issue contains 15 feature articles, four book reviews, and four letters in a new feature – Letters to Voyages. Final Voyages in this issue memorializes the passing of 33 members. As editor of Voyages, I invite all members to contribute to our 69th issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Biemesderfer, Editor Voyages

aa. Waypoints Mark Gabrielson/Jason Walsh

Our monthly digital member e-newsletter *Waypoints* continues to provide timely information for members. We report on events, achievements and publications by members. We publish articles on, safety, and heritage articles, updates to and other topics of interest and Club policy, member deaths, and other useful and important information. *Waypoints* It also serves as a forum to invite participation in local, regional, and global cruises, events and endeavors.

Each issue of *Waypoints* is a team effort. The co-editors, with input from the Communications Committee, Flag Officers and Committee Chairs, make Waypoints content interesting, valuable, and digestible. Collectively, we solicit input from a broad cross section of members and encourage all to send suggestions for content. We are fortunate to have several authors who contribute regular columns on history and safety, as well as committee and cruise chairs who provide regular updates. *Waypoints* also relies on timely coordination with and support from the CCA Webmaster, who creates and manages content on the CCA Website that can be linked to various articles in the e-newsletter.

Analysis of data from the past two years provided from our MailChimp platform indicates reader engagement continues to be strong. The monthly "open rate" metric (the percentage of total delivered emails that are opened) previously had not eliminated bots (which include privacy/spam filters). So, the average monthly open rate, rate correcting for bots in 2025 was 21%. As a comparison, a monthly *Waypoints* open rate is ~60% of the open rate for the Club's targeted announcements (36% for emails announcing awards, new members, etc.).

The *Waypoints'* "click rate" (the percentage of total emails that have at least one click on a link) was 13%, which means that over 6 of 10 emails that were opened had at least one click to a linked webpage.

Archived editions of Waypoints can now be found on the Members Only section of the CCA website at: https://cruisingclub.org/waypoints-newsletter

In January, past co-editor Elizabeth Gowell passed the baton to Jason Walsh to join Mark Gabrielson as a new co-editor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Gabrielson & Jason Walsh, Co-editors

bb. Web — Michael Moradzadeh

The website continues to function as planned. We get about 4000 visits per week

- The Bonell Cove website has reached the end of life, software-wise, so a new one will be created
- Boat tracking is restored. We HAD been using Marinetraffic to get boats out of range of our volunteer AIS tracker sites, but that service has ended so a new one will be located.
- Electronic Member cards are being renewed

cc. West Coast Working Group — Chuck Hawley
Report filed at Fall Meeting

dd. Yearbook — Ray Cullum

The year 2026 marked a significant transition for the Cruising Club of America (CCA) Yearbook, reflecting both leadership change and important operational improvements. After four years of dedicated service as Yearbook Editor, Barbara Watson stepped down from the role and passed the editorial responsibilities on to Ray Cullum. Barbara's tenure was marked by consistency, attention to detail, and a deep commitment to preserving the quality and traditions of the CCA Yearbook. Fortunately, Barbara has been kind enough to continue her mentorship through the first year of the editorial transition and this has gone a long way in ensuring a smooth change.

In parallel with this editorial transition, meaningful progress was made on the production and cost-management side of all CCA publications. We were made aware in early 2025 that our printer, J.S.McCarthy, would no longer be doing the Yearbook printing and distribution. Mike McBee successfully negotiated a new contract with the Lakeside Book Company for printing and distribution. As a result of this negotiation, the production/distribution cost of the Yearbook was reduced by approximately $10,000—a substantial savings while maintaining the high standards expected of CCA publications. For many years, Barbara had expressed a desire to reformat and modernize the yearbook to improve consistency, readability, and overall presentation. The 2026 transition provided an ideal opportunity to undertake this long-recommended improvement. A professional design specialist was engaged to review the entire publication and implement a consistent, updated format throughout the book. This effort addressed layout inconsistencies, typography, and visual structure, resulting In a more cohesive and professional final product. The 2026 Yearbook will be much more comfortable to read.

In addition to redesigning the Yearbook, the same design professional has taken on responsibility for much of the data entry associated with the 2026 edition. This approach ensures continuity between content, formatting, and production, while also improving efficiency and reducing the burden on the editor. Michael Moradzedah has granted her full access to the Yearbook database allowing direct access for changes for future editions. Overall, 2026 can be viewed as a pivotal year for the CCA Yearbook—one that honored past contributions, achieved meaningful cost savings, modernized the publication's design, and positioned the Yearbook for a smoother and more efficient production process going forward.

Respectful submitted,
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