



**Reports in Advance of
Cruising Club of America Meeting of Members
September 13, 2022 1330-1430 hours Newport Harbor Hotel**

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| 1. Call meeting to order
No Report Submitted | Chris Otorowski |
| 2. Quorum
No Report Submitted | Molly P. Barnes |
| 3. Commodore's Welcome
No Report Submitted | Chris Otorowski |
| 4. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting
Minutes can be found here (https://cruisingclub.org/2022/meeting/materials) | Chris Otorowski |
| 5. Report of the Treasurer | Kathleen O'Donnell |

The transition from our long-term Treasurer to me continues to be a learning process. The Profit and Loss Statement provided at this meeting is a work in progress as there are some corrections that are still to be made by the bookkeeper. The rough numbers show net income of roughly \$77,000 but that amount will be reduced by the station allotments going out in two weeks and the many expenses of the 100th anniversary that have not yet been booked.

As required by the Club's policy, the Newfoundland Cruise was completed without a financial cost to the Club. Jeff Eberle, as Treasurer of the Bermuda Race Foundation, and I are working on the reconciliation of the financial issues for the Bermuda Race. These issues are:

1. NBR expenses that have been carried forward on the CCA's books from past years
2. CCA has advanced the insurance premiums on behalf of BRF and the Club and there should be a discussion of the division of these premiums based on the covered risks
3. The CCA Budget shows a category of "race expenses" that will be dropped for 2023
4. The cost of the pre-race dinner at Harbor Court for the Bermuda Race volunteers was paid by the Club and will be reimbursed by BRF

I am sure that the Membership Committee will be reporting on the dues collection. Due to the efforts of that Committee, the Rear Commodores, the Station Captains, the Secretary, and our Webmaster, the percentage of delinquencies has been reduced from 17% to 3.5%. The process for the collection of 2023 dues should be formalized.

Governors will note that the Flag Officers worked with the Webmaster on a refund policy for the 100th Anniversary. I recommend that the refund policy be implemented for all future events and be included on the Club's website.

Budget requests for the 2023 will be sent to the responsible parties by the end of this week so numbers can be discussed at the meetings next week.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. O'Donnell, Treasurer

6. Report of the Secretary

Molly P. Barnes

As the Bylaws note, the Secretary's primary role is to record the proceedings of the meetings of the Club's members and the Governing Board. There are additional communication and support tasks.

Outside of sending notices of meetings and recording the minutes, I have spent a fair bit of time this year communicating with members who had not paid their dues. Anecdotal data suggests that we can improve and standardize the procedures for reminding members of their annual dues going forward. I will be working with the Treasurer, Kathleen O'Donnell, and a few others to improve that process.

The membership shrank very slightly this year and presently stands at 1392, down from 1399. 13 members sailed their last voyages thus far in 2022, and there were a few resignations.

We have at least one member who is 100 years old this year, and our youngest member is 27 years old. The average age of our members is 71.1 years, up from a year ago. While this is to be expected with the simple passage of time, it also shows that we have not brought in enough new, young members to offset the additional year the existing membership has aged in 12 months! And while gender identification is not required, at least 114 of our 1392, or 8%, are women.

We have the following member count (* indicates stations that grew in the last 12 months):

Bermuda 30	Essex 81
Bras d'Or 40	Florida 94
Boston 480*	Great Lakes 42*
Gulf of Maine 134*	New York 147
Buzzard's Bay 116	Pacific Northwest 125*
Narragansett Bay 63*	San Francisco 102
Chesapeake 144	Southern California 97

Respectfully submitted,
Molly P. Barnes, Secretary

7. Report of the Historian

Douglas D. Adkins

The watch changed for the Historian of the Cruising Club of America in early 2022 with John Rousmaniere's retirement after distinguished service and Douglas Adkins being elected to the position. The flag was passed, and the important work of the Cruising Club's Centennial Year was taken up.

The initial urgent demand was for an Historian's Report for the 2022 Yearbook and in concert and directed by Yearbook Editor Barbara Watson, that report was completed. A further task was to update the summary of annual highlights for the twenty-five years since the 75th Anniversary Yearbook compiled the club's first three-quarter's century. Those updates were completed and included. The spring issue of the GAM loomed, and an article was prepared for the History of the CCA section, continuing the series so ably advanced by Jack Towle. The submission, "Tracing our History XXV" provided a history of the nine historians since our founding in 1922. The expansion of the website monthly newsletter *Waypoints*, edited by Julie Kalifelz, required the Historian's attention and a column entitled "Lore from the Lazarette" was inaugurated and focused on historical events relating to the Club's earliest years as a nod to our Centennial. They included pieces on Herb Stone, George Bonnell, Bill Nutting and other charter members as well as articles about early yearbooks, CCA flag signals and other topics related to our early history.

While there has been some outreach to the Historians of the stations and posts, that work remains largely undone. While some stations report their activities consistently, others are less active historians. The job of this Historian will be to try to keep up with the demands of writing, presumably less intense a schedule than this our Centennial Year, and to begin to foster participation and collaboration within the ranks of the Station Historians. Further, a better understanding of the sources of historical material will be pursued with a focus on Mystic's archives and the materials at IYRS in Newport.

Through the persistent and helpful work of Commodore Otorowski, IRYS staff has been retained to scan the yearbooks for every year going back to our founding. Because very few complete sets exist, this digital record affords us safe archival preservation and much easier research access. We thank Helen Sowinski at IYRS for her wonderful, hard work. We are still missing several yearbooks but are confident they will be found.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Adkins, Historian

8. Report of the Fleet Surgeon

Jeffery S. Wisch M.D.

The issue of Covid 19 has occupied most of my bandwidth as Fleet Surgeon due to the impact on many Club activities and events.

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic we have seen a number of different variants, each with their own characteristics. The most recent variant is Omicron (BA.5). This subtype has distinguished itself by being far more infectious than previous variants. It also is more evasive with regards to the immune system resulting in considerably more breakthrough infections. Vaccinations and boosters continue to mitigate against the risk of severe infections, hospitalizations, and death, however, are not as effective in preventing spread of disease. Recent evidence of this in the CCA was noted as infections were reported from venues including activities at the Bermuda Race as well as the Newfoundland Cruise, where in the latter there was an approximate 20% infection rate among CCA boats not including those vessels from the RNYC. In addition, there have been reports from other yacht club cruises of 30 to 50% infectivity rates.

Although most infections are mild in people who have been vaccinated and boosted, complications from Long COVID continue to be recognized as a significant and potentially long-term health concern. Additionally, the

US is still reporting between 400 and 500 deaths a day, primarily in those who are unvaccinated and/or are considered high risk due to pre-existing medical conditions as well as age greater than 65.

For reasons discussed above, the CCA COVID 19 Task Force, after much discussion, decided it would be in the best interest of our members to require masking to protect your neighbor (as well as yourself) at indoor events for the Centennial celebrations. It is our hope that masking in addition to our vaccination policy will help mitigate the risk of having a super spreader event. As Commadore Otorowski put it, let's think of this like a tether.

There is good news however in that there are more treatment options such as Paxlovid to help prevent severe disease in infected individuals. In addition, based on preliminary projections and studies, the new bivalent Omicron booster has potential in preventing infection and severe disease going forward. It is anticipated that yearly boosters based on new variants may be required, like what is done with flu shots.

The Pandemic continues to be quite dynamic and thus the COVID 19 Task Force will continue to meet to review policy on regular and as-needed bases. Unfortunately, although we are quite tired of COVID, it is not tired of us.

I would like to thank members of the COVID 19 Task Force: Commodore Chris Otorowski, VC Jay Gowell, Secretary Molly Barnes, Bill Strassberg, MD, Charles Starke, MD, Anne Kolker, MD, Moe Roddy, RN, and past Commodore Bob Medland for their availability as well as hard and often difficult work.

Additional Fleet Surgeon activities included:

- Advisory role to the BROCC, coordinated medical support for the race and advised regarding Covid policies.
- Update of Fleet Surgeons Memo on the website for 2022.
- Advisory role to the Bermuda Return Short Handed Race.
- Advisory role to the Newfoundland Cruise.
- Advisory role to the Safety at Sea Seminars.
- Co-organizer of the Offshore Emergency Medical Course which has been postponed 1 year due to Covid 19 concerns.
- Chair of the CCA Covid 19 Task Force

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey S Wisch, MD, Fleet Surgeon CCA

8. Report of the Fleet Captain

Paul Hamilton

Team 1 Newport reports and royalties are up to date. Nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Hamilton, Fleet Captain

9. Report of the Vice Commodore

John R. Gowell

It continues to be an honor to serve as the Vice Commodore. In the past, the Vice Commodore has served as the Communications Committee Chair. Thanks to James Phyfe's willingness to take on the role and strong leadership, I have been able to focus more attention elsewhere. Most notably, we have lined up the various cruise locations and chairs for the next few years. As you will read elsewhere within these reports, we have made great progress with the planning of those cruises.

I will also be giving a report at the meeting on the Bermuda Race Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Gowell, Vice Commodore

10. Report of the Commodore

Chris Otorowski

Since the last GB meeting, the CCA, BROCC and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club worked hard together to pull off the Bermuda Race. There were about 180 boats, lots of wind and some rough water. Sadly, one skipper lost his life on the race, reinforcing that what we do on the sea is dangerous. Many CCA skippers distinguished themselves with 20 podium finishes. Jay Gowell and Brad Willauer have been coordinating with the RBYC to create the structure for the Bermuda Race Foundation, Inc. which is designed to provide sustainability of the Bermuda Race through 501(c)(3) contributions.

For the past several months, your Commodore has been primarily occupied with organizing the Centennial and working with Brin Ford and the ESS station, with Steve James on the Awards Gala and with our indefatigable Webmaster, Michael Moradzadeh. Jay Gowell has been working hard at getting future cruises scheduled and many stations have been having summer cruises. The Newfoundland Cruise was very fun and thanks to Bill Bowers and his team, it came off splendidly. I express my thanks to all the CCA membership for their contributions to making our club so special.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Otorowski, Vice Commodore

Reports of the Rear Commodores and Post Captains:

a. Bermuda Les Crane

A Newport Race year is always a busy one for the Bermuda Station. Our Somers Kempe was Race Chair this year and his father Stephen the Bermuda chair. As you will read elsewhere it was a very successful event.

One local highlight is the reception we hold for CCA participants in the race. Organized by past host Alex Cooper, the party this year was held at the home of departed NBR legend Kirk Cooper. His widow, Helen, was a most gracious host and the event was a great opportunity for Commodore Otorowski to present her with a plaque honoring Kirk's achievements. It was a beautiful evening with about 100 guests enjoying the cliff side view over Soncy Bay, about a half mile west of the RBYC.

Bermudians are great travelers in the summer. Our next get together will be in October.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Crane, RC Bermuda Station

b. Bras D'Or Ernest Hamilton

c. Boston Carter S. Bacon

The Boston Station reports little activity for the year, primarily because Covid concerns have prevented us from gathering in social situations. In April and May we resumed our off-season monthly lunches at the India Wharf Rats room in downtown Boston and we hope to resume these lunches in October. We are planning a new members' dinner for October 18 at the Union Club in downtown Boston to welcome Station members elected

since October 2021. Plans are also afoot for a Boston Station winter dinner in January or February. Also see the reports of the Gulf of Maine, Narragansett Bay and Buzzards Bay Posts for the Posts' activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Carter Bacon, RC Boston Station

d. Buzzard's Bay B. Paul Busheuff Jr.

The Buzzards Bay Post stayed active over the Winter and Spring with monthly luncheons at the Beverly Yacht Club which included informative presentations that included *What You Need to Know About Boat Insurance, Solar and Your Boats Electrical System*, and *The Care and Feeding of Your Steering System*. We changed up our meeting in April by having a dinner instead of a luncheon. The meeting was followed by a presentation given by Eric Braitmayer on the *Annual Maintenance of Your Boats Windlass and Thruster(s)*.

Our first Follow the Wave rendezvous was held on June 4th at 3rd Beach in Middletown RI. For the second year in a row, it was a combined event between the Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay Posts. We had 14 boats and 38 members join the FTW with a gathering on a three-boat raft consisting of Steve Taylor's Meridian, Rusty Kellogg's Blue Magic and Ray Cullum's Frolic. A good time was had by all and the Rum Keg was kept flowing. The final Follow the Wave of the season will be on October 1st at Bassetts Island hosted at the home of Bob and Joyce Wallace. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Bushueff, Post Captain
Ray Cullum, Secretary/Treasurer

e. Gulf of Maine Peter Driscoll

f. Narragansett Bay Dick Waterman

The Narragansett Bay Post (NBP) has been active this spring and summer with various "Zoom Gams," potluck dinners and on the water self-organizing "Follow the Wave Gams."

On March 26 about 30 of us enjoyed our first potluck dinner at Sheila McCurdy's and David Brown's house. It was great to see everyone in "3D" and this was the first potluck we've enjoyed in two years!

On April 3, Bob Morton hosted a "Zoom Gam" titled "Brigadoon III – One Moment in Time." Bob presented a terrific slide show on his boat Brigadoon III and the many races and adventures he had with her.

On June 4, the Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay Posts teamed up once again to have a combined Gam at Third Beach off Middletown, Rhode Island. We had 12 boats and about 30 people attend this kick off to the summer season.

On July 23 we enjoyed another Gam in Dutch Harbor on Jamestown Island in Narragansett Bay. We had 13 boats and over 30 people enjoy a beautiful evening and sunset!

We may squeeze in one more "Follow the Wave" Gam later this fall but we haven't established a firm date yet. As we turn our attention to the fall and winter, we plan on resuming our potluck dinners and the occasional Zoom Gam.

During the CCA centennial celebrations all of us in the Narragansett Bay Post welcome CCA members from around the country to our home waters. Feel free to ask any of us questions regarding cruising tips or sightseeing in the area while you are here.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Waterman, Post Captain

g. Chesapeake Mark Myers

The Chesapeake Station has been active with well-attended monthly luncheons and events. Recent luncheon speakers have included PC Sheila McCurdy who visited us at Corinthian YC in Philadelphia to talk about CCA personalities. At the Annapolis Yacht Club we hosted Matt Rutherford, this year's CCA Young Voyager Award winner, Katie Keogh from the Mystic Seaport Museum, and Eric Crawford bringing his Lighthouse Trophy and details of his study of the Bermuda Race.

Our Spring Cruise took us to the Southern Bay in an effort to show the burgee and see an area that has not been on our schedule for some time. Ports of call included Norfolk, where Peter Gibbons-Neff arranged a private tour of the USS Gerald Ford, the newest and largest aircraft carrier in the US Fleet; Cape Charles, quiet and quaint lower Eastern Shore town; and historic Yorktown.

We had good turnout for the Bermuda Race both as skippers and crew. While several skippers showed well, most notable was Michael Cone on Actea, second in Class 10 only behind Stan and Sally Honey.

Our Fall Cruise has been moved up from our usual October date to be a return from the Centennial Celebration for any CCA members attending and heading south. Our Fall Meeting is scheduled for October 23 in Oxford with election of new officers, station awards and dinner with speaker to follow.

We can report the station now has a new sunset cannon thanks to the efforts of PRC John Melchner and Ted Parrish – making that find in a time when none were available – and we have put it to good use already.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Myers, Rear Commodore Chesapeake Station

h. Essex Dennis Powers

With Covid positivity rates falling, the Essex Station resumed in-person Thursday luncheons at Pilot's Point on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. We began handing out vaccination wristbands for those who have gotten their shots and can show proof. Sheila McCurdy joined us to help kick off the Mystic Seaport CCA floating dock project which replaces the fixed CCA dock the Club put in place 75 years ago.

Working with Ben Cesare, Publisher of Wind Check, the Station sponsored the CT Spring Boat Show April 29 – May 1 at the Essex Island Marina. Rives Potts spoke about preparing for the Newport Bermuda Race followed by Frank Bohlen talking about weather and the Gulf Stream.

Spring cruise to Hamburg Cove was held on June 4th with cocktails and a catered dinner. We held our summer cruise to Block Island July 22 -24 in fine weather with 12 attending increasing to 14 with the arrival of *Eroica*, Bob and Ami Green's Sabre Spirit 36 on its maiden voyage under Green ownership and wearing it's new winged keel. Festivities included a raft up cocktail party on our two fee-free CCA moorings and dinner at The Oar.

On September 8th we expect to welcome 6 new members to our station the largest number in quite some time. Thanks to our proposers and letter writers, station membership is now 87.

Preparations for the Fall Meeting in Newport which the station is hosting as part of the Centennial are nearly complete under the leadership of Brin Ford and his excellent team that includes Mindy Gunther, Dick Holliday, Fred Deichmann, Mark Ellis, Joy Ford and more than 20 volunteers. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Powers, Station R/C

i. Florida Pat Montgomery

Since the virtual Spring Annual Meeting, the Florida Station has conducted its' March luncheon schedule through virtual presentations and closed the season with in-person luncheons in April with successful turnouts in St. Petersburg, Vero Beach, and Miami. The summer hiatus commenced in May and continues through October when members and their vessels vacate for hurricane season.

The Florida Station intends to resume our traditional social calendar (November 2022 – May 2023), incorporating appropriate covid protocol into our activities.

Our Station membership stands at 91 having lost six members since the March meeting -four members (resignation) and two (Final Voyage). We have one potential member awaiting final approval from the Governing Board. The Next Watch position remains vacant. And lastly, Florida Station member William Wilhelm achieved the 50-year mark in the Cruising Club of America.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Montgomery, Florida Station Rear Commodore

j. Great Lakes Robert Beebe

The Great Lakes Station has not met recently because of COVID concerns, and, earlier, because of restrictions on crossing the Canadian/USA border. The station membership committee has identified several candidates for membership, but as yet applications have not been submitted for consideration. We are hopeful that a gathering of the station can be scheduled for late fall in Toronto.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Beebe, Great Lakes R/C

k. New York David Tunick

Saturday, March 12, 2022, NYS members Rich du Moulin and I presented a program 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.

Saturday, June 4, 2022, the Annual Family Clambake on Shippan Point in Stamford, CT, was hosted by Noreen Shortway at my house in my absence (I was sailing transatlantic). About 60 attendees. In collaboration with the North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian Yacht Clubs and Nyländska Jaktklubben, It was a warm, sunny day and a successful event with attendees from as far away as Arizona.

Sunday, June 26, 2022, the first Bermuda Shorthanded Return Race to Newport took place beginning June 26 off of St. George's. NYS member Peter Becker was one of two-co-chairs and participated in the double handed division. NYS member Ian Gumprecht was third in the singlehanded division. The race was a collaboration of the New York Yacht Club, the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, and the CCA. A fuller report is separately submitted.

Wednesday to Sunday, Sept. 7-11, 2022, the NYS had planned a Delivery Cruise to Newport for the Centennial. We invited the CHE and ESS stations to join us. Members of other stations were also welcome to participate. Initially we expected 15-20 boats, but the total signups turned out to be two boats; so, we reluctantly cancelled the cruise. One event on the cruise calendar, however, attracted about 30 registrants: dinner on Saturday night, Sept. 10, in Stonington (CT), the day before the beginning of the Centennial. Nearly all planned to arrive by car, a few by boat. Chair, NYS member Scott Kraft, superbly and meticulously planned every stop of the cruise, including moorings, dockage, and events.

Coming up:

1. We look forward to a large turnout at the Centennial in Newport.
2. The Bermuda Race, with Sheila McCurdy and Mark Lenci, a Zoom event, the fourth in a series of Zooms on the great ocean races.
3. The NYS annual meeting in December, date to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
David Tunick, Station R/C

l. Pacific Northwest David Utley

The PNW Station was able to continue our monthly lunch meetings using Zoom, or meeting in person as the covid restrictions allowed. Our cruise chairman, Joe Golberg, put together a wonderful Spring cruise in late May which took us to the West Coast of Vancouver Island where we explored Barkley Sound. It was a cool and wet week, however the nine boats made the best of it. The Fall cruise is in its final days as this is written. It took place in the Gulf Islands of British Columbia with 19 plus boats attending.

The Station is very proud of our members Peter and Ginger Niemann, who will receive The Blue Water Medal for 2021 and Don and Sharry Stabbert who will receive The Far Horizons Award for 2021 at the Fall meeting.

Our monthly lunch meetings will resume at The Seattle Yacht Club on October 5th.

Respectfully submitted,
David Utley, Station R/C

m. San Francisco James Quanci

Before the summer we had a mix of virtual and F2F station meetings. We've been mixing up the classic Wednesday lunch meetings with evening meetings – to increase accessibility by a broader number of our station members (mature folks preferring Wednesday luncheon and “still working” folks preferring Wednesday evenings).

At risk of stating the obvious, Stan and Sally Honey and their “mostly CCA” team on their Cal 40 Illusion did quite well in Newport Bermuda. And one of our younger members – Becca Hidden who took a CCA sponsored navigation course two years back – won their division in this year's Pacific Cup on board “Surprise” (a

Schumacher 46). Quite a few west coast CCA members participated in this year's Pacific Cup – and the Pacific Cup has proven to be a good source of new (and increasingly diverse) CCA members.

If you haven't noticed, our local and national CCA web master Michael Moradzedah, has been hard at work making it possible to track CCA members on their vessels around the world. It's so so cool to see all the places our members are voyaging "in near real time" ("Hawk" in Kodiak, "Wayfarer" in Steornabagh, "Maverick" in Bodo, "Pelagic Australis" in Stanley, "Onora" in Auckland, "Denize III" in Waya (Viti Levu), "Alchemy" in the St. Mary's River, and so on). If you have an AIS transponder, just register your MMSI on the CCA web site to become visible to all CCA members and increase the chance of your "connecting" with other members while out voyaging. <https://cruisingclub.org/mo/boats-track>

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Quanci, Station R/C

n. Southern California Steve Calhoun

Throughout 2022, our station has enjoyed excellent attendance at the 4 events held so far this year. Along with those 4 events, we have 3 more planned for 2022. They include our station local cruise to the Northern Channel Islands on October 12 – 16, a quarterly luncheon scheduled for San Diego Yacht Club on October 20th, and our annual meeting on Wednesday, November 30th.

Our station members have transitioned well from the Zoom meetings we held during 2020 / 2021 to the in-person meetings held in 2022. Members have enthusiastically attended all events, and commented how pleased they are to return to "in-person" meetings.

Earlier in the year, CCA National Commodore Chris Otorowski informed us that the CCA wanted to conduct an international cruise in the Sea of Cortez in 2024, and requested that the SOC station manage that cruise, as we did in 2006. Our members have embraced Chris's request, and I am pleased that we have a strong leadership team in place to manage the cruise. The co-leaders of the 2024 international cruise to the Sea of Cortez are Dan Gribble and Gary Davidson. They will be assisted by other members in various roles. We have already held 2 organizational meetings, and I am pleased with the level of commitment from all participants. This will be a great cruise to a great destination and the SOC Station is committed to making it one that the CCA will be proud of.

The Southern California Station will be well represented at the 100th anniversary celebration in Newport, Rhode Island in September. One of our members, Ric Sanders will be attending in his yacht, "Toolbox". Other members and their spouses will be flying from the West Coast.

Our membership committee remains committed to recruiting quality candidates. While we had anticipated having 3 applicants processed at the September meeting, due to some delays in getting the appropriate endorsement letters in, two of the candidates will be pushed forward to March 2023.

Over the 3 years that I have been the Station Rear Commodore, I remain proud of the quality of our members. I sincerely believe that all SOC members are committed to ensuring that quality remains high.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Calhoun, Station R/C

12. Committee Reports for this meeting

a. 100th

Chris & Shawn Otorowski

The Centennial Celebration in Newport is happening with over 375 members and spouses planning to attend parts of the celebration. We have a great program lined up with many Blue Water Medal winners, including Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, offering their experiences to our members. We have many members contributing by providing seminars during the festive week. The Board authorized securing some sponsorship monies to defray some of the expenses and this is allowing us to put on a better program for the membership. We have a nice printed program and a new movie, produced by Gary Jobson that will be previewed at the Jane Pickens Theater. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying the CCA camaraderie that is so precious to our membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Otorowski

b. Archives

Mark Grosby

Thanks to the efforts of Commodore Otorowski and the hard work of Helen Sowinski our “Admin at IYRS, yearbooks from 1922 to 1952 have been scanned.

Barbara Watson retrieved electronic files of the most recent ten years from the printers.

A discussion about redacting personal information prior to posting Yearbooks has been initiated.

We continue to work with Mystic Seaport Archivists to digitize CCA materials.

Anyone interested in scanning documents, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Grosby

c. Awards

Steve James

Summary: The Awards for 2021 will be presented at the 100th Centennial final GALA due to the cancelation of the New York dinner. The 2022 awards review and selection is underway and challenging due to the early timing of this Fall Meeting and the increased work load preparing for the Centennial.

Details: The Awards Committee continues to hold our meetings virtually due to the diversity of our locations. The selection of the 2022 awardees is not complete due in part to the early date of the date of the Fall Board of Governor’s meeting. Several 2022 awardees will be presented verbally for the Board of Governor’s review during the September meeting and others will need to be approved at a future meeting of the Board. Final preparations for the Gala are underway, and we remain optimistic for a quality presentation.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen W. James

d. Bermuda Race Foundation Brad Willauer

In June, The Bermuda Race Foundation successfully ran its first Newport Bermuda Race, acting as the Organizing Authority for the Race. The traditional Bermuda Race Organizing Committee (BROC) was incorporated into the BRF and ran the race brilliantly, attracting a large number of entries, supported by a record number of sponsors.

The Bermuda Race Foundation wishes to express its sincere thanks to the dozens of volunteers both in Newport and Bermuda who made the Newport Bermuda Race so successful.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Bradford Willauer, President

e. Bonnell Cove Foundation Joyce Lhamon

Bonnell Cove Foundation was encouraged by the vigorous response to our grant cycle in the spring. We awarded 9 grants for a total of \$53,739. We are looking forward to our upcoming grant cycle in September. Due to the abbreviated time between the application deadline, September 1, and our fall meeting, we plan to review and award these grant requests later in October. This will give our board ample time to carefully consider each grant.

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our CCA members and friends who have donated to the Foundation in 2022. Your donations help keep Bonnell Cove Foundation a financially stable organization.

Again, please, continue to encourage non-profit organizations in your area to apply for a grant that supports the healthy marine environment or safety at sea. The spring grant cycle has a February 1, 2023 deadline for applications. A hardy thanks to all for supporting Bonnell Cove Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Lhamon, President

f. BROC Somers Kempe, Mark Lenci

The 2022 BROC held a wrap up meeting in Bermuda following the race where it was first noted of the unfortunate death of a sailor during the race in a MOB situation. At our request, a panel was formed by US Sailing to find facts and make recommendations for the safety of all sailors. I do not know the outcome of this committee's work at this time but expect findings to be circulated in due course.

Generally the race at the time of the meeting was also looking at a small profit, despite the 2020 COVID discount and uncertainty we experienced throughout the cycle. I attribute that to the decisions Mark and I made early in the cycle to cut expenses not necessary to the functioning of the race and the Treasurer's ability to control the purse strings in general.

In the end, the committee worked well and produced a fine product, one that received many compliments and thanks from the participants across all divisions. I thank all members of the BROC committee for their contributions and support. With Mark leading the 2024 race I see a bright future for the next edition.

Respectfully,
Somers Kempe

The 2024 Bermuda Race Organizing Committee of the Bermuda Race Foundation is in operation. The next race starts on June 21, 2024. The first BROC meeting is October 4, 2022. There are three meetings scheduled for the full committee before the Notice of Race is published in June 2023.

Our people on the committee and supporting the committee are our most important asset. As a top priority, the leadership team is focused on filling vacancies, implementing some changes based on the experience with the 2022 race, and looking ahead to grow people to take over roles for 2026.

The committee has several important roles that are not yet filled. These are: **Media** - formerly filled by John Winder; **Media and Marketing** - formerly filled by John Burnham; **Deputy Head Ambassador** (a new person to train with Dick Holliday and take over for 2026); and **Sponsorship fulfillment** – This is a new role, likely involving multiple people. We were highly successful with sponsorship for the 2022 race (thank you Will Passano and team) and that requires activities to support those sponsors. The workload has increased to the point that additional people are needed. We do not yet have candidates for any of these positions and filling them will be top priority this fall.

Additionally, there are several other key positions that we need to plan to rotate people into for the 2026 race. It is therefore also a priority for us to identify people who can be trained during the 2024 race cycle and step up to these positions for 2026.

Respectfully,
Mark Lenci

g. Communications

Jim Phyfe

Since assuming chairmanship in late spring, I have been busy visiting with the various members of the committee and their functions. In all, I find that this committee produces outstanding products in everything it does. If I have identified an opportunity for improvement, it is only to revisit the overall strategy of CCA's communications and whether we are adequately conveying our many accomplishments to the membership and general public.

As you will read elsewhere within these reports, Julie Kallfelz is doing a wonderful job collecting information and disseminating it monthly through the email newsletter *Waypoints*. Julie even was able to publish one issue while on the Newfoundland Cruise this summer! Likewise, Phil Dickey has picked up beautifully where Haley Lhamon left off and now has two issues of our paper newsletter *GAM* under his belt. I note that with the assistance of Membership Chairman Ernie Godshalk and editors Dorothy Wadlow and Dianne Embree, Phil has been able to include the bios of recently elected members in the Fall and Spring issues corresponding to the date of their election.

Bob and Ami Green devote a tremendous amount of time and energy in the four months between September and January to collecting and editing the various submissions to *Voyages* as well as laying out author-supplied pictures and creating chartlets and other visual aids. It is no surprise to me that many compare CCA's *Voyages* to *National Geographic* for content and visual splendor, and the effort expended by Bob and Ami is certainly very apparent. Thank you.

I have been fortunate enough to witness a rejuvenated collaboration between the Safety and Seamanship Committee (SSC) and our web and social media editors that has resulted in several timely articles being posted to the website and closely followed by mentions in our on social media channels. Many thanks to Chuck Hawley for championing this from his position on the SSC. Roel Hoekstra reports that after many fruitless

efforts to “break into” the existing CCA Instagram page, he has created a new one that is gaining traction every day.

Our Cruising Guides continue to be a real success story, with editors Doug Bruce and Wilson Fitt releasing a very popular digital Cruising Guide to Maine and boosting its recognition through a social media campaign led by Kate Somers (who also works with the Bermuda Race on its promotion activities). Next up is a guide to “The Viking Route” and some decisions on how best to build on the legacy the digital Maine guide has created.

Alli Bell has kept Next Watch active with a goal of providing content of interest to the Next Watch generation (under 55 years-old) through monthly Zoom presentations. Most recently, NW member Lindsey Gimple discussed her adventures in the Irish Sea. As Alli has pointed out, there are many opportunities for NW and Communications to collaborate, and I look forward to discussing those this fall.

Dennis Powers has recently requested relief from his many duties on the Communications Committee, including working with John Burnham on our marketing initiatives. With some trepidation, I have agreed to take on or reallocate these tasks. I expect to be able to issue a full summary of the Club’s marketing activities by the next time we all gather. We are all incredibly appreciative of Dennis for the inspiration and direction he has provided since the committee was established in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Phyfe, Chairman

h. Cruising Guides and Charts

Doug Bruce & Wilson Fit

Recently, this committee has had four areas of focus: 1) The club’s traditional Canadian Cruising Guides, 2) A new digital cruising guide for the Coast of Maine, 3) a new passage guide for the North Atlantic Viking Route, and 4) the Chart Loaning Service. Earlier this year, we began a new project with the Royal Cruising Club Pilotage Foundation (RCCPF) to assist with updates for a new edition of their highly regarded *Pacific Crossing Guide*.

Significant progress was made on most projects since the Spring Meeting:

Highlights for 2022 and beyond:

1. The digital CCA Cruising Guide to Maine was launched on May 1 with a burst of traditional publicity followed by substantial social media, email, and person-to-person efforts in late July and August. Being our first effort in the digital media space, it is difficult to know what success looks like, but qualitatively and quantitatively the reports have been very gratifying. According to one website expert, “I never seen such rich engagement.” Testimonials from users have also been highly positive. The number of “users” - people who spend meaningful time with the website -- has exceeded 5,600 cruisers, with an average time per visit of nearly 4 minutes. Compared to our best-selling paper guide (Nova Scotia), with approximately 225 copies sold annually, the number of digital users for the Maine Guide looks very encouraging. Based on this apparent “successful launch,” we are beginning to consider “where we go from here.” As you might imagine, there are many intriguing possibilities. Over 30 contributors (CCA members all) deserve praise for their hard work and creativity in this innovative effort.
2. Committee Co-Chair and Editor of the Nova Scotia Guide, Wilson Fitt, reports that the updated 2022 edition, launched in April, has received high praise from many sources. Everyone loves the new cover. Retailers are enthusiastic about the inclusion of many more chartlets and photos. Readers and cruisers have responded by word-of-mouth with enthusiastic praise. The latest sales figures (due shortly) are expected to reflect this qualitative enthusiasm. Updated editions of the three other CCA titles are under development for launch in early 2023.

3. This past spring, our friends at the RCCPF approached us about finding experienced Pacific cruisers in the CCA to work with their lead editor, Francis Hawkings, to provide updates and photography for a new edition of their popular Pacific Cruising Guide. Francis will attend our committee meeting on September 13 to give an overview of all the help he has received.
4. The development of the Viking Route Guide was unfortunately suspended this spring and summer while our lead editor dealt with important family issues. We are working on a plan to get the book completed and published as soon as possible.
5. The Chart Loaning Subcommittee continues to collect these paper relics, but sadly, very few members availed themselves of this service despite a resumption of worldwide cruising in 2022. The Subcommittee will meet this Fall to consider the best path(s) forward.

The Charts & Guides Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, from 1000 EDT at the Newport Harbor Hotel. Please join our open meeting in person or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7387786737?pwd=YmRadWV5YmFXMld2Zkl5Q3h5cjdKdz09>

Respectfully submitted September 6
Doug Bruce, Committee Co-Chair

i. Environment of the Sea **Rowena Carlson**

Environment of the Sea Committee meetings were put on hold during the summer while the Chair was cruising the Stockholm Archipelago. However, “Environmental Moments” continued to be submitted to the monthly Waypoints. We emphasize the theme of “What can we do?” by providing information on beach cleanups and reduction of single use plastics.

Our committee meeting at the annual meeting will include two presentations. Mary Crowley (San Francisco Station) will present the results of her Ocean Voyages Institute removal of ghost-nets and other plastics from the Pacific Gyre this summer. Chan Reis (Boston Station) will present the highlights of his highly successful Bermuda Race 2022 “Green Team” efforts. Our Zoom meetings will begin again in October or November. Date and time are TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rowena Carlson, Chair

j. Events **Anne Kolker**

We have plans!
CCA Annual meeting at NYYC 44th St. March 3 & 4, 2023

Fall meetings:

2023 Bras d’Or	Gretchen McCurdy and Ernest Hamilton
2024 Chesapeake	John Devlin
2025 Southern California	

Club cruises:

Grenadines	Abby and Drew Kellogg
Baja	Steve Calhoun
Mallorca	Les Crane and Howie Hodgson
Sicily/Malta	Les Crane

Scotland Jonathan Brewin
Irish Cruising Club Rally

Safety at Sea 2 weekends this fall, 2 weekends 2023 spring
Ski Gam Location discussion: US, Canada, Europe
Next watch Events to involve younger members

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Kolker

k. Financial Affairs Committee Chace Anderson

The Financial Affairs Committee consists of the following members:

Chace Anderson, Chair	Jeff Eberle
Doug Adkins	Charlie Willauer
Jonathan Brewin	Kathleen O'Donnell, Treasurer, CCA
Peter Darbee	Chris Otorowski, <i>ex officio</i>
Peter Griffin	Jay Gowell, <i>ex officio</i>

The Financial Affairs Committee ("FAC") has met twice so far in 2022. Progress was made in the following areas:

- The charter for the FAC was evaluated and fine-tuned to reflect its financial oversight role.
- In consultation with the Treasurer,
- A bookkeeper was selected and engaged to manage our financial records on Quickbooks, including the production of periodic financial statements,
- The budgeting process and calendar were overhauled to provide greater clarity to Committee heads and assist CCA's leadership in ensuring the financial integrity of the Club.
- Reports were generated in 2022 showing interim financial performance versus budget.
- An Ad Hoc effort was initiated to determine "best (financial) practices" at the Station level; we hope to have a report on this topic in 2023.
- The Committee concluded that CCA's fiscal year should be changed from an October 31 year end to at December 31 year. This will be implemented in 2023.
- An effort was commenced to create a financial "dashboard" of simple measures to assist the Committee in quickly assessing financial performance.
- A discussion with the Commodore on the advisability of taking third party sponsorship for CCA events was held with the conclusion that the 100th Anniversary warranted such sponsorship.

At the CCA Board of Governors meeting in early September, 2022, the Treasurer will report CCA financial performance through July 2022 (9 months YTD). While the numbers are positive at this stage in the fiscal year, we await the final accounting of the 100th Anniversary celebration.

Special thanks go to all Committee members who have diligently participated in the Committee's deliberations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chace Anderson

I. GAM**Phil Dickey**

We now have 2 issues under our belt with the new editorial assemblage, and we are now back on the usual schedule of fall and spring issues. We mailed the Fall 2021 issue in clear plastic envelopes because the magazines were taking a beating in the postal system, but we then converted to paper envelopes when members pointed out the ecological cost of the plastic.

We were able to get the spring issue out early enough to promote the Bermuda Race yet with enough time to include the biographies of the most recent new members. Many thanks for the flexibility of Dianne Embree and Dorothy Wadlow, our biography writers. It looks like the fall issue will also feature the most recent set of new members in addition to some Bermuda Race news and our Station and Post reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Dickey, Editor-in-Chief, GAM

m. Guest Moorings**Liz Baylis**

Not many changes have occurred since the March 2022 report. The guest mooring listings are up to date both on the web page and in the yearbook. The data is only as good as the information received from the stewards, so we encourage the stewards to keep us informed of any updates. Efforts are underway to reach out to the membership to get more moorings and docks added to the list using personal communication by committee members as well as content in Waypoints.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Baylis

n. Investment**Tom Post**

2022 has been a rough year for both the stock and bond markets. Our long term returns still look good. Here is a synopsis of results through **8/31/22**:

Fund	YTD	1 Year	3 years	5 years	10 years
CCA Account	-12.99%	-10.11%	8.18%	7.79%	8.55%
Bonnell Cove Account	-11.32%	-9.08%	7.45%	6.82%	7.95%
65/35 Benchmark *	-14.11%	-11.04%	7.76%	8.23%	9.14%
S&P 500	-16.14%	-11.23%	12.39%	11.82%	13.08%
Dow Jones US Total Stock Market	-17.20%	-13.73%	11.71%	11.16%	12.66%
MSCI ACWI ex USA (International Stocks)	-18.24%	-19.39%	3.02%	1.84%	4.64%
Bloomberg Agg Bond Index	-10.75%	-11.52%	-2.00%	0.52%	1.35%

* 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 0.09% annually and for the CCA portfolio, they are 0.07% annually.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas C. Post

o. Long Range Planning**Tim Sturgenor**

Initial discussions around the creation of a Long-Range Planning Committee started in 2020 under Commodore Medland, who envisioned a group which could "help guide the CCA as we round our first centennial mark and start the next leg of our voyage." A committee of current and former CCA leaders was assembled in late 2020 and started meeting in early 2021. The Committee sought input from RC's, PC's, officers, and committee chairs through a questionnaire in early 2021 and has also assembled and reviewed historical CCA reports and member surveys dating back to the early 2000's. We have also put together an analysis of recent membership trends from available data sources. After a series of monthly meetings in the winter and spring of 2020, we are at an interim point and starting to discuss work on specific issues and objectives that could benefit the CCA over the next 5 years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Sturgenor

p. Membership

Ernest Godshalk

Thanks to several dozen Proposers, Seconders and Letter Writers, and the efforts of the Station Membership Committees in eight Stations, the Club Membership Committee posted on 23 August the names of 23 qualified candidates (see below) and plans to recommend their election by the Governing Board at its meeting on 8 September. Of the 23, two are female; three are Next Watch (<55); the average age is 62 years. This number of candidates has partially recovered from the effects of COVID.

Due to the effects of COVID for the past year or two – less cruising and socializing, fewer races – the number of proposals for new members was insufficient to offset the number of deaths and resignations; total membership has declined slightly. We have slightly increased the number of women and younger members. The average age of the membership continues to increase modestly.

Upon their election, the new members will receive 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.**

Station	Candidate	Proposer	Secunder
BOS	John Youngblood	Mike Hudner	Jim Wetherald
BOS	Randall Peffer	R. J. Rubadeau (BOS/GMP)	Michael Moore (BOS/BUZ)
BOS	William Gammell	Drew Plominski	Heather McHutchison
BOS	William Rogers	Ray DeLeo	Mark Grosby
CHE	Henry Sheets	Schuyler Benson	Andrew Parish
CHE	Jonathan Sauer	Andrew Armstrong	David Adams
CHE	Richard Rosene	Roel Hoekstra	Andrew Armstrong
CHE	Susanne Crump	Rives Potts	Tad (Addison) Thompson
CHE	William Wrightson	Drew Kellogg	Schuyler Benson
ESS	Harold Guidotti	Mark Kondracky	Daniel Biemesderfer
ESS	Kenneth Johnson	David Dickerson	Frank Bohlen
ESS	Lane Tobin	William Gunther	Frank Bohlen
ESS	Michael Paolucci	James Hunt	Brad Willauer
ESS	Nathaniel Atwater	Mark Kondracky	Mark Andrews
ESS	William Reed	W. Frank Bohlen	Phineas Sprague Jr.
FLA	Malcolm Bullock	Lloyd Hooper	Ken Hege
NYS	Cliff Crowley	Robert "Bruce" Johnston	Ron Weiss
NYS	Michael Linhares	Scott Kraft	Michael Wiseman
NYS	Richard Azar	Peter Darbee	Ian Gumprecht
PNW	James Hamilton	Don Stabbert	Scott Flanders
PNW	James Cole	William Cuffel	Paul Baker
SAF	Michael Johnson	Rowena Carlson	John Jourdane
SOC	Eric Barto	Ric Sanders	Chuck Cook

Respectfully Submitted,
Ernest Godshalk

q. Next Watch

Alli Bell

Next Watch: The Next Generation of CCA

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.

In 2022, we have focused on building the Next Watch community. One way has been through our (almost) monthly Zooms where 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 presentations were Ashley Perrin, Ginger and Peter Niemann, Peter Becker and David Tunick, Brendan Huffman, and Lindsay Gimple. We are working to make recordings of these presentations available for download. In Bermuda, the Next Watch co-hosted a party with NYYC and the Storm Trysail Club. In addition to these events, 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,
Alli Bell

r. Nominating Committee

Brad Willauer

The Nominating Committee met on Monday, September 12. The terms for Elected Governors from BER, ESS, NY, and PNW come to an end in 2023. Successors for these Elected Governors are being considered.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Medland

s. Quartermaster

Steve Prime

The Bermuda Race trophies arrived back from Bermuda and have been polished and packed up in their shipping cases by Tomart for transit back to Newport.

With the assistance of Linda Wells from Tomart, Peter Bauer (CCA-NYS) and Peter’s son, the Bermuda Race trophies were moved back to their trophy case in Newport, located in IYRS' McCray administrative building on Tuesday, August 30th, in time for our Centennial celebrations and any members (and non-members) who wish to visit them. Carter Holliday (CCA-ESS), Carter’s sister, Meg Kelly and H.L. DeVore (CCA-NYS) were on hand to place the trophies back in the case.

Space was made in the trophy case to accommodate the recent inclusion of the Bermuda Shorthanded Return trophy. These and other trophies will be on hand for this week’s Awards ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Prime

t. Safety and Seamanship

Bill Strassberg

- Safety at Sea Courses and Newport/Bermuda Race

CCA Safety at Sea Seminars trained 498 sailors throughout 2021 and 2022 (so far!). The model of online home-based lectures, followed by a one-day hands-on session, is working well. The US Sailing investigative report regarding the MOB event and tragic death of Colin Golder of *Morgan of Marietta* is underway. I am unaware of the estimated completion date.

- Safety for Cruising Couples

A very successful course was held in Chicago in July, and a San Francisco area event in October, led by SFCC director Moe Roddy, is scheduled. Near term goal is to recruit additional ambassador-instructors and teach 4 additional courses over the next 6 months.

- Offshore Communications and Electronics

A rewrite of the white paper is in process.

- Practice on Your Own Boat program

A priority recommendation outlined in the 2021 Focus Subcommittee Report chaired by Ernie Godshalk. The S&SC is rolling out a Practice on Your Own Boat program, led by GMP Safety Officer Galen Todd with Ernie Godshalk. This CCA member-led course is designed to assist boat owners, especially cruising couples or shorthanded sailors, in practicing on their own boats the MOB techniques they studied in safety courses and books.

- Safety Officers

The large majority of our Station SO's have been active with safety issues even during the pandemic. Safety Moments and SOHR articles have been submitted from several SO's, and verbal Safety Moments presentations have been provided at local Station and Post gatherings. SOs have been involved in development of the POYOB course and in updating the Safety for Cruising Couples curriculum. The suggestion in the 2021 Focus Subcommittee Report, for SOs to take more responsibility organizing local safety courses and events, is being explored.

- Website, Communications and Outreach

Michael Moradzadeh continues to improve our web face. Chuck Hawley has established a formal content release program: "School of Hard Rocks" articles and Safety Moments are published regularly in CCA sites. A plan is to expand this to the public space via regular submissions to on-line magazines and websites. Constructive marketing and branding efforts continue as S&SC goals, which will be best accomplished through our partnership with the Communications Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Strassberg

u. Ski GAM

No Report Submitted

v. Technical

Jim Binch

No Report Submitted

w. Trophies

Bob Darbee

The CCA Bermuda Race trophies have returned from this year's sojourn to the Onion Patch and are back in their showcase on the 4th floor of IYRS in Newport and available for viewing by all during the Centennial. No appointment required.

Additionally, as has been published, the Commodore has introduced 6 new Bermuda Race trophies for CCA-only participation. These will initially be presented at the Gala Awards Dinner during the Centennial and then join the rest of our collection in the CCA trophy permanent home showcase at IYRS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Darbee

x. Voyages

Ami and Bob Green

Voyages 2022 was distributed to the membership on time, and we continue to receive positive feedback. It was a thrilling year with 1,946 printed copies that contained 13 articles and three outstanding book reviews.

As we begin our second year as co-editors, we have started editing new submissions and continue to seek interesting sea stories for publication. We ask members to please send their articles with photos to *Voyages* for consideration. If you know someone who is or has made an interesting voyage in recent months, please contact us.

Respectfully submitted,
Ami and Bob Green

y. Waypoints

Julie Kallfelz

No Report Submitted, refer to Communications Committee Report

z. Web

Michael Moradzadeh

Two fairly large directional changes for the site are converging for the upcoming few quarters. First, there is a sincere desire to expose more CCA activities to the public. Second, the previous trickle of new and shareable content has expended to a modest stream. Together, these call for a bit of restructure of our landing page to a more outward-focused layout that highlights recent postings, rather than fairly static general information. This will coordinate with social media posts bringing visitors to the site to explore.

On the technical side, the ordering system continues to support the increasingly complex requests of our event organizers, with the Nobel Prize in complex order forms going to the Centennial. It will make sense to attempt to dial the ambitions back a bit while streamlining the order system.

The boat tracker, which previously was simply a repackaging of an external service, has been replaced with some proprietary code that accepts an unlimited number of boats (not just 50) and virtually any shareable tracking system in addition to AIS.

18000 visits to the website in the last 90 days. Mostly to membership-based content, but several recent articles are getting a few hundreds of views. The goal will be to make these articles more visible and accessible so that they are of use to the membership and public at large.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Moradzadeh

aa. Yearbook

Barbara Watson

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

There was an historical section with reproduction of the original 1923 Yearbook, 100 years of history, all past RCs, Post and Station Captains, a few selected historic photos and an appeal for a Sea Shanty.

The member-driven material (Membership, Surviving Spouses, Fleet and Fleet pictorial) was made available by the Webmaster shortly after the Annual Meeting March 5th.

The Centennial Yearbook 2022 was signed off by the editor March 18th and received by members after May 5th.

Budget permitting, the 2023 Yearbook will continue as before. The latest 2022 NBR results and Awards to be included. Budget not permitting then a reduced book size may be debated?

J. S. McCarthy Printers, Tom McAdoo and Tech expert Shawn Anderson were most helpful to a rookie Editor. Huge thanks to Webmaster Michael Moradzadeh, Larry Somers, past Editor Tony Wills, Historian Doug Adkins, Awards Steve James, Dallas Murphy and Proof Reader extraordinaire Trish Schibli.

Prompt receipt of material from all RCs and other contributors was appreciated and allowed for the speedy production of the Yearbook.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Watson, CCA Yearbook Editor 2022

13. Cruises

a. Newfoundland, Jul/Aug 2022

Bill Bowers

11 boats and 53 souls from away gathered with sailors from the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club on July 24 2022 in Bonavista for an extraordinary two-week adventure. For all of us, the Cruise itself was the icing on the cake of challenging long-distance deliveries in both directions.

RNYC Manager Kathy Evans, Commodore Moya Cahill, Past Commodores Larry Ledrew and Anderson Noel, Vice Commodore Kris Drodge, Carol Bryant and Kerrie Wareham all deserve a standing ovation for their hospitality and organization of the Cruise itself!

Commodore Cahill welcomed early arrivals in Bonavista with dinner aboard her *Moya C*. Moya arranged several home fishery weekend cod hauls for all thanks to Don and Joyce. Then served up a dockside cod stew lunch for all.

The Bonavista gathering itself on Sunday was challenged by a massive electrical storm that knocked out power at the Matthew Center. *ConverJence* was challenged by newly arrived Tai Bowers testing positive for Covid. We went into quarantine aboard and gave Tai the aft cabin and head using masks when together and ventilating

the boat from the bow. We were pleased to avoid any further infection aboard until Tai also tested negative the following weekend in Trinity.

Moya C led many of the CCA boats to visit spots in Bonavista and Trinity Bays, while the rest of us explored Trinity Bay. Kris Drodge was an outstanding MC for his home town Trinity Rendezvous. Friday featured a dinner theater performance by the Rising Tide Players. The Skerwink Trail hike Saturday morning was well attended. The planned Trinity Cup Race around the Harbour on Saturday was postponed due to lack of wind. The DIY steak barbecue that night under a tent was a great way to mingle around 6 large grills with a groaning board of delicious sides.

A cold front late Saturday brought brisk NW winds on Sunday for the Trinity Cup. The hockey stick race course featured reaching and close fetching. For the first time ever, a non-Canadian yacht won the Trinity Cup, which we all celebrated around the rum keg on *Aphrodite* when the wind prevented our sunflower raft.

The wrap-up activities at the RNYC in Conception Bay South were wonderful. The coach tour of The Rooms, the Geo Center, and Quidi Vidi brewery lunch was fun and informative. An unplanned special visit to The Crows Nest Naval Officer's Club in St John's gave us a chance to learn about the harrowing duty aboard Newfoundland's WWII corvettes.

The Saturday night gala was lavishly staged in the tent and featured an official Screech In. Steve Berlack opened with a moving remembrance of and toast to Ned Cabot who was knocked overboard off Newfoundland while returning from Greenland in his J46 which is now Steve's *Arrowhead*. Besides the embroidered hats given to all RNYC participants we thanked the organizers for their amazing efforts with AGA Correa silver Center of Effort key chains engraved CCA/RNYC 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Bowers, CCA/RNYC Cruise Chair

b. Caribbean, March 2023 Drew & Abby Kellogg

The 2023 Winter Cruise, March 11th-18th, 2023, will begin on the beautiful island of St Lucia. Although there are numerous charter outfits in the area, The Moorings has offered a group discount (15%), has the highest number of boats available and the various options within their fleet make them great partners for our event.

Boat pick-up for those chartering is Saturday, March 11 AM in Rodney Bay and we'll kick off the cruise with a welcome reception on Saturday afternoon and evening. A short (18nm) sail on Sunday morning to the exotic Pitons (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Our closing night (Friday, March 17) event will be back in Rodney Bay with a beautiful candlelit dinner at a gorgeous location as we toast our friends and the conclusion of our winter cruise. To see the rest of the proposed itinerary, visit the CCA website here (<https://cruisingclub.org/event/winter-cruise-2023-windward-islands>).

The cruise budget/fees are being finalized and will be distributed shortly. However, to encourage some of our younger families with children to participate, children will be free. As of today, there is at least one 10 year old who would love some buddies to go snorkeling with.

Respectfully submitted,
Drew Kellogg

We now have 33 groups who have indicated an interest in joining the cruise, which will run 9 - 23 September 2023. Eight in their own boats, Twelve planning to charter boats and others looking to join a mothership. If you are interested in joining us, please fill in the survey so we can keep you up to date. Helen and Dawn at Sublime Charters have put together some preliminary Charter opportunities which was circulated Sept 8. Come fall, they will look into group mother ship opportunities. Howie and Wendy Hodgson plan to do a reconnoiter of the event venues September 19-23.

Jock & Val Macrae, Mags and I spent a great two weeks in September 2019 shadowing our plans for the (2020) cruise. We had good weather, lovely swimming, fabulous food and we explored some interesting calas (bays). We know we will have a great event next year.

"The weather is generally pleasant and the water warm (77 degrees) in September. Daily temperatures are in the high 70's to low 80's. Rainfall in our 2-week period over the 2017-2018 period averaged 0.6in. In 2019, there was a thundershower the day we arrived and two brief showers through the week. There were only a couple of unusually cloudy mornings, but there were many great days with pleasant temperatures throughout.

We plan to sail 185 miles around the island counterclockwise. While winds are quite light in September, if anything comes up it will generally be out of the NE. In 2019, we had one day of 20-knot winds from that direction. Otherwise, winds were generally modest (<12kts) from the northeast. Going C-C should have the wind and sea behind us as we go along the North Coast. We've identified the harbours to head to if there is strong wind, and all should work out well.

The anticipated Itinerary is:

Saturday 9th - Palma - Board Charter boats in the late afternoon.

Sunday 10th – Palma – Provision boats and enjoy Palma

- Opening cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres near the marina where most charter boats will be berthed.

47 miles Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday

- Explore the south coast and perhaps anchor off the long beach Playa del Trench (21mi) or off Colonia de St Jordi
- Illa de Cabrera (27 mi from Palma) is a nature reserve on the southeast tip of Mallorca. There is a very protected all weather harbour. We plan to make bookings (necessary) here on Monday and Tuesday night. Plan on staying one night.
- The calas along the east coast south of Porto Colomb are not to be missed.

Wednesday 13th – Porto Colom – Dock Party –

- We have been assured there should be enough room for 50 boats in the marina and on moorings in this protected harbour. We are working out arrangements for a dock party ashore.

50 miles Thursday/Friday/Saturday

- Explore the calas between Porto Colomb and Porto Cristo.
- Possibly head into the protected Puerto de Cala Ratjada before going around the Cabo de Pera.

Saturday 16th – Alcanada – Casual dinner ashore.

- Fleet anchored offshore in the lee of Isla de Aucanada or in Alcudia harbour about 4 miles west depending on weather and personal preference.

35 miles Sunday/Monday/Tuesday – possible stops

- Polencia
- Cala Formentor

Then head around Cabo Formentor, from which point the coast is quite open but you can probably pull in for a swim at

- Cala de San Vincente or
- the incredible Cala de la Colobra before heading for shelter in Soller.

Tuesday 19th – Soller - Cocktail party ashore (locale to be finalized).

- We have been assured there will be room for us either in the marinas or anchored in the harbour.
- Plan to spend more than one night in Soller to give yourself a chance to take the tram from the port up to the town of Soller or hire a car and test the mountain roads.

47 miles Wednesday/Thursday/Friday – possible stops

- Calla de Deya if a west wind
- Foradada if an east wind. Plan on heading there (4 miles west of Soller) for a breakfast swim. The paella ashore is recommended.
- Andraitx - a beautiful, protected port on the west coast
- Stop for a swim in the calas between Pta de Cala Figuera and Puerto Portals.
- Charter Boats will generally be due back by the end of the afternoon Friday.

Friday 22nd Palma – Closing Dinner – Venue to be reconfirmed.

Participants are encouraged to allow extra time while in Mallorca for some land travel to enjoy the stunning mountain vistas and lovely towns and villages. The island is a flat plateau with cliffs and caves on the south and east sides and mountains and beautiful rock formations on the northwest side. Some suggested hotels in Palma will be listed after Howie's trip. Palma can be quite busy in September, so you are advised to book well in advance.

We have been working closely with Helen and Dawn of Sublime Yacht Charters who came well recommended by friends in Palma. The standard charter would have you going aboard 5:00 pm Saturday 9th and have the boat back in Palma for the party Friday with departure from the boat Saturday morning 23rd.

A recent update of the RCC Balearics Pilot has been created by David and Susie Baggaley, friends of Charles-Henri Mangin (ESS), and a pdf version can be ordered through this link to the [RCC Pilot Guides](#).

Respectfully Submitted,
Les Crane & Howie Hodgson – Co-chairs

d. Sea of Cortez, 2024

Dan Gribble and Gary Davidson

The Southern California station will organize and run the 2024 International Cruise to the Sea of Cortez. Our station previously organized and ran the 2006 International Cruise to the Sea of Cortez. The co-leaders of the cruise are Dan Gribble and Gary Davidson. Dan Gribble has spent the last year in Mexico and the Sea of Cortez on his own yacht, and Gary Davidson is a past commodore of Balboa Yacht Club in Newport Beach, CA. Together, they make an excellent team and will be supported by numerous other members from our station. Additionally, Larry Somers and Al Garnier, will be our “senior advisors” to the cruise organizing committee. Both Larry and Al participated in the last cruise in 2006, and Al Garnier spends an extensive amount of time on his own personal yacht in Mexico. He has invaluable knowledge on cruising in Mexico and the Sea of Cortez.

There are a few things that we think will be different from the cruise in 2006. They are as follows:

In 2006, the cruise was held in early April. Our cruise committee believes the weather is better in May, so we are planning to conduct the cruise in the first or second week of May 2024. The water is warmer, the air is warmer, and the winds are favorable.

For the 2006 cruise, there was a “mother ship” which was a National Geographic vessel that could accommodate as many as 40-50 couples in state rooms. It was originally thought to use a mother ship for the 2024 cruise. However, the cruise committee felt it was more important to conduct the cruise in May when the weather is better, rather than to do it in early April when the National Geographic ships are still in the Sea of Cortez. Typically, the ships leave for the Pacific Northwest after the 2nd week of April to prepare for their Summer trips in those waters. So consequently, there will be no mother ship for this cruise, but there will be excellent charter boats available out of Loreto and/or La Paz. Our cruise committee is currently talking to charter companies as well as determining the itinerary for the week-long cruise. A week-long cruise should allow sufficient time to explore many of the beautiful destinations in the Sea of Cortez.

As our cruise committee’s work continues, we will finalize the dates of the cruise, and finalize the general details with the charter company. At that point, we can begin developing a cost analysis for participating in the cruise on a charter yacht. It is also our plan to generate interest from CCA members with yachts from the Southern California, San Francisco, and Pacific Northwest stations. Mexico is a desirable destination for West Coast yachts, so we hope to attract many member yachts to participate in the cruise.

In conclusion, our cruise organizational work is progressing well, and we should have more information and details to report for the national meeting in March, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Calhoun, SOC Rear Commodore

e. Sicily and Malta, Sept 2024

Les Crane

I have been working with a Maltese friend, John De Giorgio, on the idea of a cruise starting in Malta going to Sicily and finishing in Malta. John and his partner Monique know the area well. The largest apparent obstacle is in organizing charter boats which may limit the fleet size. We will work on in this fall.

Possible Itinerary: Saturday Sept 7 – Friday Sept 20, 2024

Saturday, Sunday – Valetta Malta –

- Enjoy Valetta. Valetta is the capital, has fabulous architecture, was the home of the Knights Hospitaller, and has fascinating WW2 history.
- Board Charter boats late Saturday afternoon

Sunday Sept 8 – Opening Cocktail Party in Valetta

- 80 miles Monday – Wednesday
- Sail across to Sicily 54 miles, anchor in Portopalo area then move to Syracuse.
- Tour Syracuse – Ancient Greek Colony, fabulous protected port

Wednesday 11th. Dinner Party in Syracuse

Thursday Friday – Taormina – Roman cliffside city.

- 26 miles Thursday
- Anchor off on moorings in the roads

Friday 13th – Party in Taormina

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Wednesday

- 110 miles Saturday
- Tour Mt Etna
- Tour Noto, Ragusa – historic cities inland.
- Cross to west end of Malta
- Swim in Blue Lagoon Cominco

Wednesday 18th –Cocktail Party in Gozo, beautiful fortress, interesting Bonaparte history

Friday 20th – Closing dinner in Valetta.

Respectfully Submitted,
Les Crane

f. Scotland, Summer 2025

Jonathan Brewin

g. Croatia, TDB

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