



SAF Station Meeting Minutes for 6 December 2023

By Chuck Hawley, Secretary

Photos courtesy of Dick Enersen and Chris Otorowski

The 6 December 2023 meeting of the San Francisco Station of the Cruising Club of America was held at the Cove House, a relatively new building at the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Antrim, Don and Joanie Bekins, Bob and Susan Bernheim and guest Brenda Bernheim and Emy Santos, Bill and Sandy Edinger, Dick Enersen, Jenn Dunbar, Peter English, Doug and Anne Finley, Bill and Karen Foss, Bob Hanelt, Wyman and Gay Harris, Joan Harter, Chuck and Susan Hawley, Stan and Sally Honey, Mike Johnson, Stafford Keegin, Terry Klaus, , Bill and Lu Lee, Jonathan "Bird" Livingston and Helen Babalis, Dave and Jenny MacEwen, Steve and Ginger Mason, Bill and Joan Mittendorf, Michael Moradzadeh and Noelle Leca, Bruce Munro, Alan and Angie Olson, CCA Commodore Chris and Shawn Otorowski with guests Suzanne Knecht and Stephanie Pugash , Christopher Parkman and Joan McCune, Ashley Perrin and Merfyn Owen, Synthia Petroka, Jim Quanci, Randy Repass and Sally-Christine Repass-Rodgers, Jim and Martha Robinson, Robby and Dolores Robinson, Moe Roddy and Donald Wieneke, Richard Schaper and Anita Ostrom, Sylvia Seaberg and Tom Condy, Staff Commodore of SFYC John Swain and Pat Montag with guest Ray Lynch, and Robb Walker and Rowena Carlson.



The Cove House, San Francisco Yacht Club, where the station's holiday celebration was held.



Tables for eight made for some great conversations.

As usual, the Secretary apologizes profusely for omissions, and unintended unions between members who actually don't know each other that well.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

R/C Richard Schaper began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Cove Room of the San Francisco Yacht Club. He introduced CCA Commodore Chris Otorowski and his wife Shawn who had traveled from Bainbridge Island to join our station. Also introduced were SFYC Staff Commodore John Swain and Pat Montag.

Outgoing Rear Commodore Richard set a very high bar for future Rear Commodores with his ever-positive attitude and deft management.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Moe Roddy introduced the new members to the station, including three who were not able to attend: Ronnie Simpson, Aaron Wangergheim, Neil Gibbs and Norm Devant. Four new members were present: Randy Repass (introduced by Stan Honey), Peter English (introduced by Terry Klaus), Michael Johnson (introduced by Rowena Carlson) and Jonathan Livingston (also introduced by Stan Honey.) All new member were presented with their CCA ties and burgees.



It was a busy night of new member introductions due to the work of our membership committee!



Proposer Stan Honey presents the CCA burgee to Jonathan "Bird" Livingston.



Proposer Rowena Carlson presents the CCA burgee to Michael Johnson.



Terry Klaus, Staff Commodore StFYC, presents the CCA burgee to Peter English.



Proposer Stan Honey presents the CCA burgee to Randy Repass.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



Guest of honor
CCA Commodore Chris Otorowski.

Commodore of the Royal Cruising Club, Nick Chavasse. Nick awarded the Cruising Club with the Medal for Services to Cruising based on the CCA's dedication to Safety at Sea and cruising guides.

AWARDS

SALLY HONEY: Elected to the Sailing Hall of Fame. She joins Stan Honey and Bill Lee as members of this very elite group of sailing's finest contributors and competitors.



Two-time Yachswoman of the Year, National Sailing Hall of Fame inductee, and recent Bermuda Race Winner Sally Honey.

TRANSOCEANIC PENNANTS:



Crossing an ocean is a big undertaking, so it's no wonder that the Transoceanic Pennant is so long!

Jim Quanci, Singlehanded Transpac 2023

Michael Moradzadeh, Pacific Cup 2023

Todd Hedlin, 2008 Pacific Crossing

JOHN PARKINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Transoceanic voyages which are not part of a race. Those vessels with multiple qualifying voyages may be acknowledged by only one pennant is awarded to a vessel.

Ronnie Simpson, Maine to A Coruña, Spain

Jeanne Socrates, Puerto Vallarta to Nuka Hiva

Nora Slayden, Bahamas to Horta

Nora Sladen, Horta to Ireland

2023 CRUISER OF THE YEAR

Ashley Perrin, assisted by husband
Merfin Owen



While no strangers to arctic-bound commercial ships and cutting-edge race boats, Ashley Perrin and her husband Merf Owen sailed their Capo 30 sloop through the Canadian Maritimes and Greenland over a period of five years.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Bob Hanelt submitted a report (attached) regarding the adventures of our members who could not be present at the Holiday Dinner.

BOB VAN BLARICOM AWARD

Presented to the non-elected member who has made the greatest contribution to the station in the last year.

Mary Crowley

RECIPIENT OF THE STARTING CANNON

Chuck Hawley, Rear Commodore,
SAF Station, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Hawley, Retiring Secretary



Incoming Rear Commodore, Chuck Hawley, with his new cannon.



CCA-SAF STATION WHERE ARE OUR CRUISERS? DEC. 6, 2023

MEMBERS OF THE SAF STATION NOT ABLE TO JOIN AS THEY ARE CRUISING.

Awardees who are not present to claim their awards.

1. **Jeanne Socrates**, recently inducted into the Cape Horner's Hall of Fame, is aboard her yacht *Nereida* in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand, following her single-handed voyage from Victoria, BC. Jeanne's goal is to sail to Far North Queensland (FNQ) to reunite with friends she made while she was marooned there for two years during the pandemic. She is receiving a John Parkinson Memorial Trophy Award.
 2. **Ronnie Simpson** has rounded the Cape of Good Hope in his Ocean 50 yacht, *Shipyard Brewing* in the first-ever *Global Solo Challenge Race*. Ronnie started on October 29th from A Coruña, Spain, already back at 10th place, but has moved up to 3rd place and, with 17,548 nautical miles to go, he is projected to finish at A Coruña on March 6th. He is receiving a John Parkinson Memorial Trophy Award.
 3. **Todd Hedin & Liz Baylis**, according to Facebook, are down under in New South Wales. Todd is receiving a Transoceanic Pennant for skippering their Antrim 27, *ET*, in the 2008 Pacific Cup to Hawaii. (Long overdue.)
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4. **Anders Swahn**, builder/owner of the 122-foot, three-masted schooner *Wolfhound* is in Germany where *Wolfhound* is currently moored in Wilhelmshaven. (Her homeport is Charlotte Amalie, USVI, where she called in during 2022, winning Anders two Parkinson Memorial Trophy Awards as he crossed the Atlantic Ocean twice on *Wolfhound's* round-trip from Germany to the Virgin Islands.)
 5. **Randall Reeves**, our SAF 2021 Blue-Water winner, well-remembered for his solo, *Figure 8* circumnavigation of the Americas and Antarctica in 2020, is off again on *Moli*. This time he has a crew member, Harmon Shragge, and the two of them hatched up an idea to do a "wrong way" multi-leg, multi-year circumnavigation around the Americas. That would be "clockwise" voyage that will have then sailing into the Roaring Forties when they round Cape Horn. *Moli* departed Sausalito on August 29th bound for Homer, Alaska, where the boat was put on the hard for the winter. Next summer, when the ice breaks up in the Northwest Passage, they hope to transit it and sail to Nova Scotia where the boat will be laid up again. Then, in Spring of 2025, Randall and Harmon plan to set sail for Cape Horn, round it and sail back to Sausalito.
 6. **Nora Slayden** and her husband, Bruce, cruised over the top North America, in their 78-foot, high-latitude, expedition motor yacht, *Ugly Betty*. They departed St. Thomas, USVI on May 9, 2023, and have since visited Horta, Açores, Ireland, Scotland, and Greenland before transiting, east-to-west, the Northwest Passage to Alaska. After cruising to the Aleutian Islands, they set their course for British Columbia and the south to San Francisco Bay arriving in Sausalito on October 16th.
 7. **Banu Oney**, with her husband Peter Saggars, is in Nelson, New Zealand aboard their yacht *Denize III*. Last year Banu and Peter sailed from New Zealand to Fiji and back but did not qualify for an award because they did not cross an ocean.



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8. **Sylvia Seaberg**, who is actually at this dinner with her husband Tom Condry, but their yacht is in Fiji. They are regular cruisers in Fiji and, for the last two hurricane seasons, they have buried their yacht *Cinnabar*, in the sands of Viti Levu so they could return home for the holidays.