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cca celebrates their centennial

In 1922, a group of seagoing gentlemen founded the Cruising Club of America. It is a club without a clubhouse; rather the fabric of the club is made up of its members, and they are quite the collection of who's who in accomplished offshore sailors. It is a difficult club to become a member of, as it is not a club one joins; it is a club one is asked to join.

This past September was the CCA's Centennial Anniversary, held in Newport, Rhode Island. The West Coast was well represented at all the celebratory events. Attending was San Francisco Station Rear Commodore Jim Quanci. Also in attendance were Michael Moradzadeh, Mary Crowley, Ric and Monika Sanders, Stan and Sally Honey, and the Cruising Club of America's 2020 Blue Water Medalist Randall Reeves. (Randall is featured as my guest on the *Good Jibes* podcast of September 17, 2022.)

One of the highlights of the Centennial celebration was a heavy-weather bluewater panel and presentation that consisted of American two-time Vendée Globe competitor Rich Wilson; the record holder of the fastest west-to-east circumnavigation, French sailor Jean-Luc Van Den Heede; British adventure sailor and circumnavigator Steve Brown; and our own West Coast sailor Randall Reeves, who, in 2019, completed the first-ever Figure 8 singlehanded circumnavigation, sailing more than 40,000 miles and circumnavigating three continents in less than a year (North and South America and Antarctica).

Rich Wilson shared his story of his famous capsizing, when, on Thanksgiving Day 1990, he and his crewmate Steve Pettengill capsized his Shuttleworth trimaran *Great America* in 40-ft seas and 70-knot winds in the Southern Ocean. They were 400 miles from Cape Horn as they were attempting to beat the clipper record, west to east, set in 1853 from San Francisco to Boston, when the capsizing happened. Their rescue was equally as harrowing, as their rescue required both men to board a supertanker via a rope ladder let down from the deck by the crew in what were still horrific conditions.

Panel member Steve Brown shared a story about being in Antarctica when a deep low pressure blew through, and there was no way to anchor in the 50- to 70-knot winds, so he motored his yacht into a somewhat protected cove, pulled up the centerboard, and beached the boat, then promptly went below and made curry and tea for the crew!

West Coast sailor Randall Reeves shared what it was like to be knocked down and have your porthole window blown out, destroying all the electronics, while in the Southern Ocean.

Randall's Figure 8 Voyage started in San Francisco, went down the Pacific and into the Southern Ocean, circumnavigating Antarctica, and then up into the Atlantic to the Northwest Passage, through the Passage, and then back down to San Francisco — all in one year! It was quite an achievement, and for it he was awarded the prestigious CCA Blue Water Medal.

On the night of the Centennial Gala, a stunningly beautiful, tented outdoor event was held on the lawn at Fort Adams, and more of this year's CCA awards were given. Once again, the West Coast was well represented by Stan and Sally Honey. In addition to winning the coveted the St. David's Lighthouse Trophy (a silver and gold replica of the lighthouse awarded since 1954 to the winner of the largest division — 108 boats this year) for this year's Newport Bermuda Race aboard their Cal 40 *Illusion*, they also won the 1884 Wendur Trophy for best CCA skipper in St. David's Lighthouse Division; the 1896 Thames Sailing Club Trophy, along with Rives Potts in *Carina* for Best Two-Boat Team; and, for the Best Station Performance (San Francisco), the 1901 McDonough Trophy.

The Honeys had a full West Coast crew aboard that included SFYC Staff Commodore Don Jesberg, Carl Buchan from Seattle, Washington, and Jonathan Livingston from Richmond. Stan and Sally are leaving their cruising life under sail on a high note as they now transition into the dark side as new owners of a power boat.

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government regulations

the Aeolian Yacht Club, told us. Aeolian has several liveaboards.

"After first receiving notice from the city in mid-June that we must immediately register as landlords and comply with shore-side housing regulations, we thought, 'This must be a mistake.' All of the marinas and affected yacht clubs mobilized a response locally with supportive boaters to push back." Leverich helped form the Alameda Marine Coalition, which he called an informal group representing marina managers and owners.

As a result of pushback from marina owners, the non-floating-home protections have been deferred, and will be studied for the next year.

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SAPAH SEAMAN



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Like most Bay Area waterfront municipalities, Alameda's leaders do all their deliberations far from the water and appear to have very little understanding of the economic, recreational and quality-of-life values along their long shorelines.

For more details on this story, see our report in the October 14 *'Lectronic Latitude*.

— *tim henry*

AEOLIAN YACHT CLUB



Aeolian Yacht Club in Alameda.

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On August 10, some friends and I sailed from San Francisco to Santa Barbara and back. What a blessing to be able to create stunning adventures without needing to get onto a plane or drive far!

A primary lesson I learned from the last time (2019) I sailed down the coast was to find at least one friend who could do the whole trip with me — to help with continuity, teamwork, simplicity — rather than three complete crew changes. My paragliding buddy, fellow sailor and electric unicycling enthusiast Joel agreed to join for the duration.

We took a young couple learning to sail with us for the 54-hour nonstop sail from Richmond to Santa Barbara. Emma and Connor are planning to give up a land-based address, buy a catamaran, and live/work from their floating home. This trip offered some offshore and overnight sailing experience.

We were able to sail 90% of the trip south, with winds typically ranging from 12 to 25 knots. Under Joel's tutelage, we flew the spinnaker much of the time. We were able to maintain an excellent speed overall. At one rather scary moment, surfing down a wave, Emma, hand-steering at the helm,

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MOE RODDY



Left page: The Honeys' Cal 40 'Illusion' leaves Newport, RI, on the way to winning the St. David's Lighthouse Trophy. Spread: Randall Reeves returns to the Bay Area after successfully completing the Figure 8 Voyage on October 19, 2019. Inset: Thousands of miles of stories came from this CCA panel of Randall Reeves, Rich Wilson, Jean Luc Van Den Heede, Steve Brown and moderator Frank Bohlen.

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