



The Cruising Club of America
Christopher L. Otorowski, Commodore

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Dear CCA Member:

I hope this finds you and your family well and getting ready for the 2024 sailing season. I am respectfully submitting this report on the occasion of our 2024 Annual Meeting. You can see by the multitude of Committee Reports posted on the website from our Posts and Stations that the CCA is very active and doing well. Members are engaged, we have many cruises to look forward to in the next several years and we have another Bermuda Race coming up in June.

In the post-Covid recovery period of 2022 and 2023 we have weathered the storm and the significant and ongoing efforts of our volunteer membership base have accomplished much over the past two years. In 2022 we had a successful Bermuda Race, a great cruise in Newfoundland and then our 100th Anniversary celebration/Fall Meeting in Newport that followed. In 2023 we had our first in person Annual Meeting since Covid, followed by a cruise in the BVIs, a cruise in Maine and then Mallorca.

We now find ourselves back in NYC for our Annual Meeting and fabulous Awards Dinner at the New York Yacht Club and looking ahead to the Sea of Cortez Cruise in May, a cruise in Maine in August, and then in the summer of 2025, Scotland. In the Fall, Winter and Spring, each Station and Post has been hosting regular lunches and Annual Meetings which are core CCA activities.

Along the way, the mechanics of running the CCA as an entity, requires the efforts and expertise of many. I salute the diligent and visionary work carried out by Vice Commodore Jay Gowell, Secretary Molly Barnes, Treasurer Kathleen O'Donnell, Historian Doug Adkins and Membership Chair Ernie Godshalk. There are many others who have devoted significant time and energy to CCA goings on, including Brad Willauer as Chair of the Bermuda Race Foundation and Andrew Kallfelz as Chair of the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee. Our publications and communications have been stellar thanks to Barb Watson (Yearbook), Phil Dickey (Gam), Doug Bruce and Wilson Fitt (Cruising Guides), Julie Kallfelz (Waypoints), Bob and Ami Green (Waypoints) and Michael Moradzadeh (Website). We also published the book "Adventurous Use of the Sea" by Tim Murphy and soon to be published "High Seas and Home Waters" a History of the Cruising Club of America, by Sheila McCurdy.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past Commodore Bob Medland, has produced a slate of highly qualified individuals for Flag positions and Elected Governors positions for the members to vote on. Thanks go to our various Governors as they are important links to our Stations, and provide valuable input along the way.

During the past two years the CCA was elected to membership in the International Council

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of Yacht Clubs and we have also strengthened our ties with three sister clubs, the Irish Cruising Club, the Royal Ocean Racing Club and the Royal Cruising Club. We look for those ties to grow even stronger in the future. All in all it has been a very busy two years and the CCA is doing well. I hope you enjoy the Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting expertly organized by Anne Kolker Events Chair) and Steve James (Awards Chair).

I very much appreciate the steadfast support, time and energy provided by Shawn who has been an active participant every step of the way.

I wish you and your family well as we enter a new sailing season. Your Club is in excellent hands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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