



## SAF Station Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2024

By Richard Schaper, Secretary

The September 10, 2024 meeting of the San Francisco Station of the Cruising Club of America was held at the Sausalito Cruising Club, located on Bridgeway Ave in Sausalito, CA.



### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Zia Ahari, Diane Barker, Clark Beek, Don Bekins, Mary Crowley, Doug Finley, Ruben Gabriel, Bob and Kristi Hanelt, Wyman and Gay Harris, Chuck and Susan Hawley, Todd Hedin, Stan and Sally Honey, Bobi Horton, Mike Jefferies, Mike Johnson, Stafford Keegin, Kira Maixner, Steve Mason, Michael Moradzadeh, Bruce Munro, Alan Olson, Christopher Parkman and Joan McCune, Synthia Petroka, Rodney Pimentel, Joe Proctor, Michael and Susan Proudfoot, Jim Quanci, Moe Roddy, Richard Schaper, and Donald Wieneke.



#### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Jim Quanci welcomed the station members to the Sausalito YC, one of the friendliest clubs on our annual tour of clubs. R/C Hawley described an incident panel that will be a joint effort of the CCA, NBR Committee, and US Sailing that will investigate the sinkings and dismastings during the recent Newport-Bermuda race.

Chuck is going to attend the Fall Meeting in Annapolis, along with Rowena and Moe, on October 15-17.

Chuck noted the passing of Pam Wall, circumnavigator and CCA member, Florida station.

Chuck also briefly noted the idea of a 7-10 day fall cruise on the canals of France or England in 2026. This was an initial discussion to assess the interest level.

#### Report on Environment and Program

Mary gave a brief report of activities of the Ocean Voyages Institute. Plans are going forward for the design and building of two custom sailing cleanup/cargo vessels which will greatly expand the capabilities of tonnage of plastics that can be removed from the ocean on a yearly basis.

In the meantime, OV Institute is focused on continued cleanups and exploring new methods. There are several ocean scientists who are now incorporating AI into their modeling of debris distribution. We are comparing their results with our long time colleagues at the

University of Hawaii who are world expert ocean modelers of debris distribution in the Pacific.

We are also exploring collaborations with fishermen who are encountering more and more plastics, including ghostnets that interfere with their fishing. They are willing to share information with us about debris locations to aid our efficient pickup of these toxic and deadly materials.

Forthcoming programs:

- Wed Oct 9th Encinal Yacht Club - Luncheon / Opens 11:30am
- Wed Nov 6th Marin Yacht Club - Speaker Lida Teneva / Opens 11:30am
- Holiday Party Dec 5th St Francis Yacht Club Evening Event / Time TBD

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Synthia reported that we currently enjoy a bank balance of \$2724, plus \$69 in petty cash.

#### FLEET SURGEON'S REPORT

Zia reported on the increase in Covid19 infections and encouraged members to use great caution, especially in crowded venues such as airplanes and airports.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Moe has just having sent out to us two links to comment on our two current candidates: James Lussier and Marco Misbach.

#### ENVIRONMENT OF THE SEA REPORT

Rowena is cruising in Sweden, but she sent in this report, presented by Mary:

During this summer of cruising in the Baltic, from full length of the Stockholm Archipelago and east to Helsinki, I was dismayed the increase in trash and pollution. The blue-green algae was so bad in the Finnish Archipelago that it was advised to keep children and dogs out of the water. The warm water and runoff from agricultural activities is making the algae situation worse. It was so bad that I never went swimming. The good news is that as the water has cooled in the Stockholm Archipelago, the algae has disappeared, the water is clear and I finally went swimming in 17 deg C water on 4 September. Brisk but wonderful.

#### HISTORIAN'S REPORT

July Sanford passed away last Friday.

Bob Hanelt asked members to submit their summer cruising stories so they could be included in the next edition of the GAM.

Bob's meeting notes are attached to these minutes.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee has begun to meet to select a slate of candidates for the coming year or two. Anyone who would like to either volunteer, or recommend someone, should contact Jim Quanci, Stafford Keegin, or Richard Schaper.

#### SAFETY MOMENT

The Safety Moment for August is attached, titled Network or Notwork?

#### FEATURED SPEAKER





Due to Ruben Gabriel's relocation to the East Coast, he gave a shortened version of his and Ronny Simpson's heroic effort to save a boat abandoned by one of his competitors in the Singlehanded Transpac due to a medical emergency.

In addition, members of the San Francisco station gave brief presentations on their summer voyaging. Speakers included: Todd Hedin, Synthia Petroka, Steve Mason, Wayman Harris, Sally Honey, Stafford Keegin, Zia Ahari, Michael Morazedeh, Clark Beek and Doug Finley.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m..