



## **The Cruising Club of America 2021 Fall Meeting Reports**

### **Treasurer's Report-Peter Chandler**

Covid has obviously had a profound chilling effect on all of the Club's activities this year. As a result, we have had a dramatic decrease in expenses and a corresponding increase in year-to-date net income. The increase in cash flow has enabled the Club to invest in activities planned for 2022, most notably the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and the publication of two books to commemorate the event.

I would like to thank the many members who have assisted me in getting the Treasurer's job done, and a few members who have helped to make the job a reasonably manageable size. Jeff Eberle is now handling all of the finances of the Bermuda Race. Nick Kennedy has taken charge of dues collections. Jeff and Nick have relieved me of many hours of detailed accounting work. I am also most grateful for Commodore Medland's support allowing me to retain a bookkeeping firm to pay the bills and maintain the financial files.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Chandler  
October 2, 2021

### **Secretary's Report-Jay Gowell**

The Secretary's job is an assortment of communications and tasks, recording of minutes of meetings, By-Laws interpretation and advising on a variety of other matters affecting Club governance. Fortunately, members generally can update their data on the website which has simplified some of the traditional duties of Secretary.

The membership continues to grow, and presently stands at 1399, up from 1394. 30 members sailed their last voyages in 2020, and there were a few resignations. We have lost 10 members since the Annual Meeting in March. 52 new members joined in the last 12 months.

We have the following member count by Station and Post:

<b>Stations</b>	New York 149
Bermuda 34	Pacific Northwest 122
Bras d'Or 42	San Francisco 104
Boston 471	Southern California 96
Chesapeake 145	<b>Posts</b>
Essex 84	Gulf of Maine 128
Florida 101	Buzzard's Bay 119
Great Lakes 41	Narragansett Bay 60

Our oldest member was born in 1922, and latest date of birth of a member is 1995. The average date of birth is 1950. Our earliest member joined in 1951. The average age of our members is 70.7 years. For members joining in the last 12 months (not including the class recently elected), the average date of birth is 1962. We have at least 116 female members (gender identification on the rolls is not mandatory).

I continue to greatly appreciate the support of Commodore Medland and Vice Commodore Otorowski, the efforts of Larry Somers maintaining the mailing list, Michael Morazadeh for his untiring efforts in our website and data maintenance, and Maggie Salter who carries the somber job of tracking final voyages of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Gowell

**Fleet Surgeon-Jeff Wisch, M.D.**

The Fleet Surgeon has prepared a compelling report on the state on the pandemic which can be found in the meeting materials on the event page of the CCA website.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership Committee-Ernie Godshalk**

On 23 September, thanks to the Proposers and Seconders in six Stations, the Governing Board elected 14 qualified new members, subject to posting to all members, now in progress. This number is down from 16 in March and 36 in October 2020, likely due to the effects of COVID. Of the 14, none is female; seven are Next Watch (<55); the average age is 55 years (vs 61 for the previous “class” in March).

New members will again 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 after the end of the posting period and announcement of their election in mid-October.

Also, at the Fall Meeting, I will update members on the progress of several initiatives that are part of the ongoing effort to improve the membership process and experience. These include:

1. A proposal to amend the By-laws, described in detail in a communication previously sent to all members
2. Activities related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion including the report of the Women’s Ad Hoc Committee
3. Activities of Next Watch (members under 55)
4. The process to welcome and engage new members.

The Membership Committee urges all members to propose qualified candidates. **Your first call should be to your Station Membership Committee chair.**

<b>Station</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
BOS	Brenton Levenson	Andrew Porter	Onne van der Wal
BOS	Heinrich Mueller	Andrew Porter	Onne van der Wal
BOS	Richard Pedone	Jonathan Burt	Janet Riesman
BOS	Peter Rugg	Nick Brown	George Hinman
BOS	Nicholas Walsh	Roger Shepley	Malcolm Poole
BOS	Peter Willauer	Carter Bacon	Benjamin Morris
		Karl von	
CHE	L. Parker Garrett	Schwarz	William Crump
CHE	Peter Kellogg	Dan Crabbe	Thacher Brown
ESS	Benson Blake	Mark Scott	David Tunick
PNW	Jack De FRIEL	Peter W. Powell	Roger Werner
PNW	Brent Peterson	Roger Werner	Joyce Lhamon
PNW	Alex Simanis	Paul Baker	Tom O'Brien
SAF	John Callahan	Peter Noonan	Jim Gregory
SOC	Jib Kelly	John Jourdane	Alan Andrews

## **Next Watch Committee-Drew Plominski**

The Next Watch program has evolved from its initial conception of recruitment to a mission built around engaging the new and existing members under 55 years of age in order to build a strong core of younger members to ensure the future of the CCA. The end goal originally was to reduce the club's average age via more young members, but the goal has since pivoted to focus primarily on the aforementioned task.

We are actively focused on developing a young member engagement strategy using the following to entice existing and future qualified, potential members: 1) Identify best practices to remove barriers to participation for existing younger members in club activities. 2) Leverage the core CCA competencies to increase awareness of the CCA with younger sailors and improve awareness in areas where the club is not as well known. 3) Encourage existing young members to bring their friends and families to club functions to further expose new sailors to the CCA with the idea that having fun at club events will draw new people to the club in the long run. This committee believes that building a strong group of active young members will keep the club vibrant, provide a pipeline for future club leaders, and fulfill future needs for new members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Drew Plominski  
Next Watch Committee Chair

## **Awards Committee-Steve James**

The Awards Committee held meetings on an irregular schedule using “virtual video” meetings during this year. Our standard procedure of remote meetings has been enhanced by the video availability this year making our meetings more productive and enjoyable.

Our selection of the primary award recipients for 2021 is attached in a separate document not to be included when publishing this report. Given the very public format of this virtual general meeting, the Chair is attempting to retain some confidentiality for a couple of weeks while notification of the awardees is accomplished. I wish to express my thanks to the Governing Board and the Flag Officers for the special attention you have given the Awards Committee to allow this to happen.

There is work underway to modify and simplify the Transoceanic Pennant Rules. Expect that the process will involve a By Laws modification during the Spring Meeting 2022.

We hope that more sailing and time at sea is possible in the near future that will provide a greater range of awardee possibilities for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen James  
Awards Committee Chair

## **Bermuda Race Foundation-Brad Willauer**

With considerable help from NBR Treasurer Jeff Eberle and Secretary Jay Gowell, The Bermuda Race Foundation (BRF) has filed with the IRS as a public foundation in support of the Newport Bermuda Race and educational activities related to the race and its participants.

The BRF will serve as the Organizing Authority for the Newport Bermuda Race. Agreement on organization and structure of the Foundation has been reached among **The Cruising Club of America, Inc., Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, and Bermuda Race Foundation, Inc**

Once BRF is granted 501c3 status by IRS, the assets of Newport Bermuda Race Foundation (which was inadvertently filed as a private foundation) will revert to the BRF and the Newport Bermuda Race Foundation will be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

W Bradford Willauer, President  
September 22, 2021

## **BROC-Somers Kempe**

Since last the last update, a lot has happened related to the 2022 Newport Bermuda Race. As usual the BROC has made great progress in their respective areas, all pulling together towards the start on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2022.

The committee opened entries a year in advance, as is the normal policy of late, with the idea that it gives captains and owners a longer runway to allow better preparation for their yachts and crews. As we end the summer period of sailing in the USA (our mainstay of entries) we are seeing a robust response to the entry system. As of writing we have 124 entries confirmed, which is a larger number than at the same time previous cycle. We have consistently been of the opinion that the sailing fraternity would be itching to cross the gulf stream; and this early entry boom seems to confirm some of this suspicion.

Sponsorship led by Will Passano has seen great strides made. We have had a new resource on-tap in Newport in Trixie Wadson, and she has made great progress gaining traction in the local community there in regards to Sponsorship. While we await the confirmation of the Bermuda Tourism Authorities financial commitment, currently we are on track to equal if not exceed, our sponsorship goals this cycle which is a great feather in the Sponsorships cap.

This update cannot be made without the mention of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is safe to say that there are still concerns about the effect this will have on our race, as it relates to international travel. The committee continues to work issues surrounding this subject, and we remain hopeful that the progress being made with vaccines will make a greater impact into 2022 and allow the

race to proceed in as “normal a fashion” as we can expect. The BROCC will continue to monitor this going forward.

I would like to thank all the volunteers of the BROCC for their continued contribution and the wider CCA membership for their support. I would also like to thank Jay Gowell and others involved in forming the Bermuda Race Foundation Inc. of which the BROCC is now a working arm. A legal entity setup in the state of RI to mitigate risk exposure to the CCA and RBYC; it promises to be a solid legal framework for making the race a long term viability going forward.

Respectfully submitted,  
Somers Kempe  
Chairman - Bermuda Race 2022

### **Safety and Seamanship Committee-John Robinson**

The activities of the Committee, particularly Safety At Sea (SAS) courses and Safety for Cruising Couples (SCC) seminars continue to be hamstrung by the pandemic. Pandemic permitting, we plan to resume SAS courses at Roger Williams University in December and conduct two per month through May, with a possible additional course in June. Most of these courses will be co-sponsored with the New York Yacht Club. At the request of the Bermuda Race Foundation (BRF), we have agreed to assist BRF in conducting 3 or 4 courses that BRF will sponsor. We are also transitioning leadership of SAS from Mark Lenci to Ann Noble-Kiley. In addition, we have recruited several other strong volunteers to assist in key roles managing the program.

As a result of our March 2021 Committee meeting, we convened an *ad hoc* SubCommittee on Focus to review Committee priorities going forward. The SubCommittee was led by Ernie Godshalk, with Rich du Moulin, Chuck Hawley, Bill Strassberg and David Tunick. They submitted their report in May, which also recommended minor modifications to the Committee’s Mission Statement and establishing a cohesive “brand”: “A Culture of Safety”. The SubCommittee recommended as the highest priorities:

- Continuing to offer high quality SAS courses to meet increasing demands for such courses
- Significantly increasing the utilization of SCC seminars, encouraging each Station to organize seminars in partnership with local yacht clubs and creating new options for seminars, including online and on the water options
- Emphasizing practice on your own boat as a critical element of safety training, possibly including Safety GAMs at Stations

The SubCommittee recommended other possible areas of focus as well, and noted that many of these recommendations would benefit from increased attention to marketing and publicity. One idea was to develop a series of short articles that highlight experiences from CCA members that

put the vessel or crew in some danger and that could have been avoided if the skipper had made better decisions. This has evolved into a project currently underway entitled "CCA School of Hard Rocks" that we expect to premier shortly.

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### **Archives Committee-Mark Grosby**

Our committee chair, Mark Ellis resigned from his position and Mark Grosby has assumed the responsibility.

In other committee business, the club received a collection (14 boxes) of mostly Boston Station records and some National records from the early 70's. The collection had been donated to the Essex Peabody Museum.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Grosby

### **Bonnell Cove Foundation-Joyce Lhamon**

Unusual and challenging times continue since our last virtual meeting. Fortunately, our Foundation has been able to navigate through the changes and is still able to generate interest in safety at sea and marine environmental issues. I want to thank all our CCA members for your continued support of our efforts. I extend a special thank you to Frank Bohlen and Paul Rogers who have both devoted many hours over the course of the last 6 months working to keep us functioning smoothly.

Our spring newsletter featured the NW School of Wooden Boat Buildings' "Clean Bay" project of developing and building a green, totally electric, boat to be used for pumping out anchored boats in Port Ludlow, WA. I am happy to report that "Clean Bay" was successfully launched this fall and will soon be operating. Bonnell Cove Foundation has been a strong supporter of this project. [CLEAN BAY Project Overview : A Zero Emissions Workboat \(nswsb.edu\)](http://nswsb.edu)

This fall we received only 2 grant applications for \$18890 from MA and HI We approved one grant for \$8890 to the Center for Coastal Studies and are requesting clarification from The Coral Reef Alliance. These grants supported the following projects:

Center for Coastal Studies project will utilize underwater video systems to gather data on the relationship of sharks, seals, and fishes off Cape Cod beaches. When analyzed this information will be presented through data visualizations to the beach-going public

The Coral Reef Alliance project continues to gather critical water quality data with the help of trained volunteer community members needed to assess water runoff pollution.

As President of the Bonnell Cove Foundation, I would like to thank all, especially our generous CCA members, who responded to our Spring 2021 newsletter. These gifts are an important part of our budget and makes it possible for the Foundation to continue supporting efforts to enhance Safety at Sea and our Marine environment. We received \$24,260 from over 55 donors. I am glad to report that many of our CCA members are now using PayPal to simplify contributing.

As always, we urge each station to encourage non-profits in their scope of influence to apply for grants benefiting safety at sea projects and improving the marine environment. Just recently we received information about the availability of the last 5 acres of privately held land on beautiful, serene Maskell's Harbor in Bras D'Or Lakes where the founding members of CCA shared many boating adventures and current CCA members have long term leases. [The Cruising Club of America Traces Roots to Maskell's Harbour | goCapeBreton.com \(lokol.me\)](#) Look for continued news in Waypoints and BCF Fall newsletter for specific information. Thank you for your efforts.

Bonnell Cove Foundation relies on donations from the members of CCA to continue to give significant grants to small nonprofits. Without your donations the grants given will be smaller and fewer. Thank you for your past generosity and continued support.

### **Financial Affairs Committee-Kathleen O'Donnell**

As many Committees will be reporting, this past year has been challenging. For the Financial Affairs Committee, the sadness at cancelled cruises and gams and dinners has been tempered by the health of the Club's financial circumstances. To ensure that the positive numbers are carried forward into the Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, the Financial Affairs Committee sent an e-mail to the Committee chairs requesting the anticipated revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2022. We restated the general premise that all events shall be managed on a breakeven basis.

Such numbers as were submitted, together with the Treasurer's reports on budget vs. actual for 2021 and profit and loss statement were included on a draft budget. This draft was circulated to the Committee members and the Officers in August.

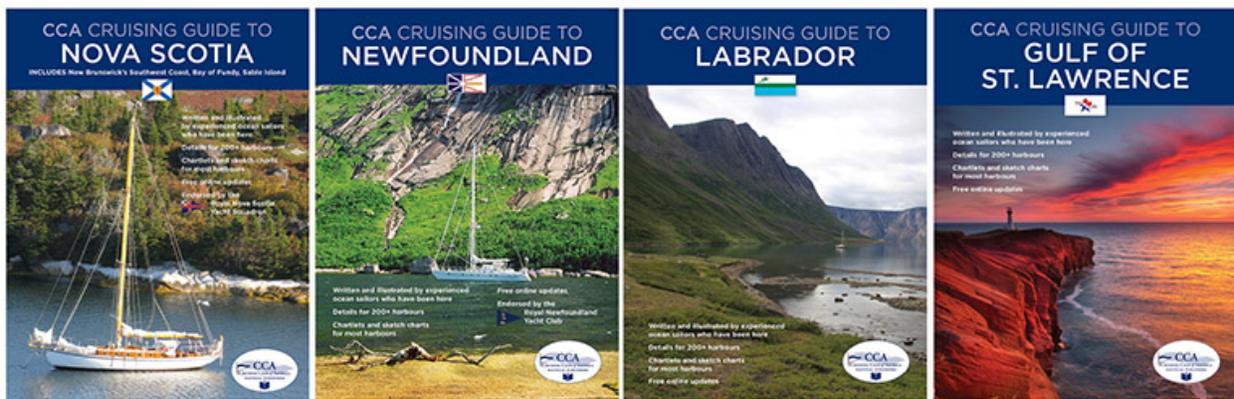
With the help of the Events Chair, the Committee was able to get more accurate financial information on the costs of the Annual Meeting, which has always been pointed to as an increasingly expensive venture for the Club. We were able to break out the general meeting expenses from the dinner and can show that the cost of that share of the event is born by the attendees and not the general fund. The organizers of the Newfoundland Cruise were asked to provide a budget and that information has been submitted to the Financial Affairs Committee

The Committee has gone through several drafts and will be voting on the final budget proposal at its meeting on October 2 after which it will be submitted to the Governing Board for approval

This year was, as we all know, pretty unusual, and the next will be pretty special. It is hard to make a judgement on the effect of this new process in these circumstances. The Committee thanks those Chairs who supplied detailed responses to the budget request. The Committee also recognizes that some of the Club's committees have no expenses. When we send out budget requests for 2023, the Committee asks Chairs to remember that Article XVIII of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws states that "no check, draft, or other order for payment of money by the Club is authorized unless it is within the budget".

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen M. O'Donnell, Chair, Financial Affairs Committee

### Charts & Cruising Guides Committee-Doug Bruce



This committee has been negatively impacted by Covid 19 in several ways:

- After a strong showing in 2020, sales of the four Canadian Maritime Guides are off this year since very few people cruised these areas while the borders were closed.
- Work on updated editions and new guides (Viking Route and Maine Digital Guide) was delayed somewhat by members having other priorities.
- Recruitment of volunteers and getting material from them has been a struggle.

Nevertheless, substantial progress is happening on many fronts:

- Wilson Fitt expects to have an updated and enhanced edition of the Nova Scotia Guide completed this fall. We hope to follow Wilson's lead with the Newfoundland book.
- Bill Strassberg is working diligently with a small team of co-editors to complete the new Viking Route Guide.
- Approximately 20 (mostly) GMP members have been recruited to provide content for a new digital cruising guide for the Maine Coast and now have material for about 30 + harbors and anchorages already online. We expect many more locations will be added in the coming months. We invite all CCA members to view this new kind of cruising guide at this link: <https://guides.cruisingclub.org/> Comments pro and con are welcome (recognizing it's a work in progress).

The overall Guides Committee has expanded to about 60 members, including 15 regular members and numerous consultants and contributors, while the Charts Loaning Committee

comprises five members. This latter group has remained inactive during the pandemic. We hope to add more members, especially “Next Watch” participants, to expand involvement with new guides.

The Guides & Chart Committee Meeting will be held Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 PM EDT. Please join our open meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Bruce, Chair

### **Events Committee-Anne Kolker**

Members present: Gretchen McCurdy, Marjorie Robfogel, Ernie Godshalk, Mark Ellman, Joe Hoopes, Anne Kolker: Chair

We are hopeful that annual meeting will take place in March 2022 at New York Yacht Club 44th street. There was a discussion about changing the dates from a Thursday/Friday meeting to a Saturday/Sunday meeting so that those members who are working during the week might be able to attend. The impetus for this was to attract younger members to become involved in the workings of the club without needing to take vacation time to attend.

The 100th anniversary celebration taking place in September of 2022 will include events committee members in whatever capacity is needed.

Discussion was held about which station will be next in line for a fall meeting. We plan to question PNW and BDO as to whether they would like to be next in line for the meeting having been limited to zoom meetings, or be put back in rotation later.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Kolker, Events Chair

### **Environment of the Sea Committee-Rowena Carlson**

Thank you Commodore Medland for your dedicated attendance at the Environment of the Sea meetings.

We are continuing the theme of “What can we do”? The committee is currently focusing on the issue of single use plastics. We are working on reduction of use of single use plastics and removal of plastics from our oceans and beaches.

A major part of the above effort is renewal of the strong connection between CCA and Sailors for the Sea. We are encouraging CCA members to join Sailors for the Sea and follow their “Green Boating” guidelines. Sailors for the Sea also puts out information on political initiatives we can act upon.

We have begun submitting “Environmental Moments” to Waypoints. These “Moments” will come from Sailors for the Sea and from personal experiences of the committee members.

Chan Reis is leading the “Green Team” effort for the Newport Bermuda Race 2022 and that planning is already underway with the Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta guidelines.

We hosted a Zoom presentation on the status of offshore wind farms in the US.

Organization of the EoSC web site and social media presence is still on the to-do list. I hope to get help from committee members and work on this over the winter when we aren’t out on our boats so much.

On an administrative note, we successfully upgraded from phone conference to Zoom. However, timing of the meetings to accommodate both the West and East coast continues to be bit of a struggle.

Intercommunication between EoSC and Next Watch and Charts and Guides has also not progressed while we were all out sailing over the summer. I hope to remedy this over the winter months.

Thank you,  
Rowena Carlson

**Investment Committee-Tom Post**

We continue to have had good returns over the last 12 months despite the global pandemic. Here is a synopsis of results through 8/31/21:

Fund	1 Year	3 year	5 year	10 year
CCA	22.19%	12.94%	12.50%	10.59%
Bonnell Cove	23.36%	11.40%	10.92%	10.02%
S&P 500	31.17%	18.07%	18.02%	16.34%
MSCI ACWI ex USA (International Stocks)	25.04%	9.54%	10.10%	6.73%
Bloomberg Barclay's Agg Bond Index	-0.08%	5.43%	3.11%	3.18%
65/35 Benchmark *	19.51%	14.20%	13.04%	11.90%

\* 65% S&P 500 / 35% Bloomberg Barclay's

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Returns 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  
CCA Investment Committee Chairman

## **CCA Ski Gam 2022-Johnny and Po Martin**

After much consideration we regret to announce that we are canceling the 2022 Ski Gam that was scheduled for February due to concerns about the continuing Covid crisis. We do not feel confident that we can safely host groups of people for the scheduled indoor evening events. As a cautionary tale, this past summer the Annapolis Yacht Club had to cancel their annual New England Cruise midstream due to a single participant testing positive. The outcome was the last minute cancelation of venues at great expense. Our hope is to avoid this outcome and keep everyone safe so that we may anticipate a safe Ski Gam in 2023.

John Martin

## **Communications Committee-Chris Otorowski**

We have not met since the Spring Meeting and we have had many issues to deal with in the communications area which have been dealt with on an ad hoc basis. Chief among those was the delay in getting the yearbook out, the delay in executing on the GAM, and the handoff of Waypoints from Dev Barker to me on an interim basis.

I understand that the yearbook is now arriving in members' mailboxes. This is largely due to the significant efforts of Tony Will, Commodore Medland, Jay Gowell, Michael Moradzadeh and Larry Somers. Thanks to them for stepping into the breach. We will want to discuss getting the yearbook on track to be completed soon after the Annual Meeting in March so that it is in our members hands in time for cruising season. We need to find an editor for the yearbook.

The GAM is in the mail and if we are lucky, it will arrive in mailboxes late this week or early next week. It is in a sense a double issue because of the timing and the fact that it has the new members elected last Fall and also this Spring. We will want to discuss the timing of the next GAM issue and the need to have it reasonably close in time to publish the newly elected members from the Fall Meeting. We need to find an editor for the GAM and I am happy to tutor a new volunteer.

Waypoints is doing fine but it is also in need of a new editor to replace me. It is run on the Mailchimp platform which takes a little getting used to but once you do, it works pretty well. I am happy to be the instructor for a handoff to someone who is keen to do this.

Our new membership applications are down a bit and the consensus is that Covid is the cause. Since Covid is not going away anytime soon, we need to use our communication vehicles to continue to attract new members and keep our existing membership as well connected as it can be.

Zoom meetings have become a necessity and a new way of life for many activities, including our meetings. Our stations and posts have done well using Zoom for programs both within stations and also Club-wide. We need to continue to do this and I would like to form a new subcommittee in the Communications Committee to focus on Zoom programming that would be available to all members. Again, we need a volunteer to serve in that capacity.

We also need to communicate the 100th Anniversary Celebration information and build enthusiasm for that event.

Respectfully submitted  
Chris Otorowski  
Chair

### **Quartermaster-Steve Prime**

Steve reports that “all trophies on display at 449 Thames Street are accounted for and preparations for the 2022 Race are underway.”

### **Trophies & Awards-Bob Darbee**

Thanks to the Pandemic including no 2020 Bermuda Race, or a 2021 Awards Dinner, both of which normally generate significant trophy activity, our recent work has been minimal.

We look forward to a Real Life 2022 CCA Awards Dinner in New York and a 2022 Bermuda Race and are commencing planning accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert S. (Bob) Darbee  
Awards Chair  
Newport Bermuda Race

## **STATION AND POST REPORTS**

### **Bermuda Station**

While we were doing very well before the March meeting, Bermuda has had two serious covid spikes that have overturned our plans for an active summer. The April spike led to a brief lockdown and a tripling of the deaths on the island. While the Sail Gp event went forward without incident, the Marion Race fell victim. Despite a relatively successful vaccination program through the spring with >75% of the eligible vaccinated, we are in the midst of a terrible 3<sup>rd</sup> spike that has us leading the world in new cases and deaths per million. Three quarters of the cases and >90% of the hospitalizations are among the un-vaccinated.

Every time it appeared the situation was settling down and we might get an event rolling, the ground rules changed and we have been unable to get together since the early winter.

A few of our members have persevered in their adventures. Terry and Lezlie Pimental brought IsuksukIII up from the Caribbean and then onward to Maine and Nova Scotia. Past Bermuda Race Chair, Jonathan Brewin, accompanied by current Chair Sommers Kempe brought Big Bear

up from its post hurricane internment in the Caribbean and then crossed the pond to the Azores ending in Hamble.

Planning for the Bermuda race is moving forward quickly albeit we understand the usual Bermuda planning meeting scheduled for November will be virtual.

Les Crane, RC Bermuda l~

### **Bras d'Or Station**

Members of the Bras d'Or station enjoyed spring and summer weather while navigating the ever changing COVID environment in Atlantic Canada.

We cancelled our traditional early June spring raft-up but went ahead with the planned station cruise in July. Meeting up for a kick-off in Liscombe with cocktails and group dinner at the lodge, cruisers spent a leisurely 10 days exploring the many bays and coves along a 50 mile route, including up the Saint Mary's river. The cruise culminated at the Isle Madame Yacht Club where members were treated to an evening in company with and catered by the yacht club members. Thanks goes out to Ernest Hamilton for organizing and managing the cruise....he may just have a permanent position as station cruise chair!

Our fall tradition endured this year with the Peter Watts organizing the station's fall raft-up in Mahone Bay, attended by 14 station boats, a great way to cap off the station's annual sailing calendar.

Members individual sailing adventures included deliveries to and from the USNE, explorations along Newfoundland's south coast, a quick trip to Sable Island and coastal cruising along both the southwestern and eastern shores.

Bernard Prevost, RC

### **Boston Station**

The Boston Station wrapped up last winter with a handful of virtual gams sponsored by the Station and the Posts. We heard from several members and guests on a number of interesting topics, including fascinating discussions on Sable Island, the Northwest Passage, cruising in Cuba, fiberglass boat recycling, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beetle Cat sailboat, Technology Innovations in Boat Systems, Interesting Characters of the CCA and the amazing craftsmanship produced by one of Maine's leading wooden boat yards (Artisan Boatworks, which is run by Station member Alec Brainerd).

During the summer, although no formal cruises were planned, each of the Posts hosted monthly "fenders over the side" get-togethers for members to gather by water at a common anchorage and visit as they felt comfortable. The Station kicked it off with a gathering on the Sakonnet River at Third Beach in early June. The Gulf of Maine Post had events during the summer in Pulpit Harbor, Seal Bay (Vinalhaven), Holbrook Island and Cradle Cove. Buzzards Bay hosted an

evening get-together at member Bob Wallace's property on Bassets Island and will have a joint gathering with Narragansett Bay at Cuttyhunk in late September. And the Narragansett Bay Post gathered everyone in Dutch Harbor (Jamestown) before seeing its hopes for an August event in Bristol dashed by the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

In early July, the Station Nominating Committee announced the selection of Carter Bacon as the next Rear Commodore. He will be taking the reins at the Station Annual Meeting in November. As I prepare to retire from this position, I'd like to thank all of the Station Officers and Members for making the past two years both exciting and rewarding despite the challenges we all faced.

James Phyfe, RC

### **Buzzards Bay Post**

Over the winter, The Buzzards Bay Post has hosted 3 Zoom sessions in coordination with the Boston Station, Gulf of Maine Post and Narragansett Bay Post. There have been interesting topics held at least every other week.

In April Buzzards Bay Post hosted: "100 Years of the Beetle Cat." Presented by Bill Womack "The Beetle Cat the oldest one design that has been continuously produced out of wood and continues to be competitively raced for the past 100 years. The boat continues to be hand crafted by true craftsmen working together using traditional methods to preserve the integrity and quality of the boat."

A new GAM event was created called Follow the Wave in which each Post would schedule a number of smaller informal GAMS instead of just one in the spring and fall. The second Follow the Wave was a combined event with the Narragansett Bay Post and held at Third Beach in Portsmouth, RI.

Follow the Wave number three was held on Bassett's Island in Pocasset. This event was hosted by Bob and Joyce Wallace at their home on Bassett's.

Number four is currently planned for September 25th back at Cuttyhunk with the Narragansett Bay Post invited to participate.

Paul Bushueff, Post Captain

Ray Cullum, Secretary Treasurer

### **Gulf of Maine Post**

The GMP has a membership of 153, and we maintain an email list of an additional 157 CCA members and spouses from other Stations that visit Maine, or moor their boats in Maine. Dale Bruce serves as our Post Captain, Paul Rogers as Treasurer. Buell Heminway resigned as Post Secretary in August, and Garry and Leslie Schneider have resigned as our Safety Officers as they have listed their boat for sale.

We are in the process of setting up a nominating committee for the Post.

Since the report for the Spring 2021 Meeting:

We have hosted 5 additional zoom meetings on our “Fridays at Five” platform.

Alec Brainerd, Nigel Calder, Bill Barton and Steve Brown were our presenters, all are CCA members. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and final zoom was an opportunity for Mark Lenci to review his Cruising Newsletter for Maine, and for Doug Bruce to introduce a new digital Cruising Guide for Maine. Over the summer we had four “Fenders Over the Side” gatherings, one each month – June-September. Three of them became gatherings on beaches to accommodate social distancing for Covid related concerns.

We had hoped to have some in-person events this fall, but I’m afraid it isn’t going to happen. More “Fridays at Five” perhaps, altho I suspect everyone is getting tired of them.....

Dale Bruce, Post Captain

### **Narragansett Bay Post**

The Narragansett Bay Post (NBP) finished our spring with continued Zoom GAMs. These events, which we started Spring of 2020, are coordinated with the other two Posts in the Boston Station providing members both near and far frequent opportunities to connect with one another. These GAMs are great fun and a good way to include many members who may be living or traveling far and wide. This spring the NBP hosted the following Zoom GAMs:

- On April 2, Evan Ridley from the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association gave an interesting presentation on the fiberglass boat recycling initiative in Rhode Island. This is a “first of its kind” initiative to help clean up waterways, boatyards, etc. of abandoned vessels. Much of the boat is recycled with the fiberglass serving as a mixture in concrete.
- On May 14, Sheila McCurdy provided a fun and entertaining presentation profiling “Colorful CCA Characters” from the club’s history. It was a lot of fun both learning about past “colorful” members and even learning something new about people we had the pleasure of knowing. Fortunately, this will be part of the book Sheila is writing to celebrate the club’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022.

As we moved into summer, the Post held a series of “Mini Gams” called “Follow the Wave.” These are weekend events held in and around Narragansett Bay waters where we can informally gather at an anchorage. We targeted holding these “self-organizing” events the second weekend of each month from June through September. We follow the Fleet Surgeon’s recommendations and guidance along with following CDC/local guidance/restrictions that are in place at the time and plan accordingly.

The first Follow the Wave event was coordinated between the Buzzards Bay Post and NBP and held on June 12 at Third Beach in the Sakonnet River off Middletown, Rhode Island. Our second GAM was held in Dutch Harbor on Jamestown Island on July 17. We had a terrific turnout with 13 boats ultimately anchoring or mooring nearby in the foggy conditions. It was fun to see everybody after a year of video. Unfortunately, our August 21 Mini GAM scheduled for Bristol

Harbor needed to be postponed thanks to tropical storm Henri. On September 25, we finished the season with a Follow the Wave GAM to Cuttyhunk Island coordinated with our friends at Buzzards Bay Post. This time of year is always hard to get a big turnout, but two boats from NBP made the event along with four boats from Buzzards Bay.

As we turn our attention to the fall and winter we plan on resuming our Zoom GAMs. We hope to plan in person events in the not too distant future consistent with current guidance.

Dick Waterman, Post Captain

## **Chesapeake Station**

After a long cool spring and a slow start in many of the boatyards, May brought warmer weather and the opportunity for great days on the water. Covid was at least in abeyance and the Chesapeake Bay's CCA members responded accordingly. Luncheons and lectures at the Annapolis Yacht Club replaced the Zoom meetings of winter. Topics ranged from safety and seamanship to tales from long distance voyaging. Just before the Spring Cruise, Bob Franz shared several events that occurred during his circumnavigation. His detailed descriptions about anchoring off Easter Island, Pitcairn, and other exotic landfalls were captivating.

Our Spring Cruise, organized by Chris Bell and the Cruise Committee, attracted 15 boats and over 62 participants. Destinations included a stop at Spring Cove Marina in Solomon's and an anchorage in the Yeocomico River. Saturday dawned windless and the race was proponed. We transitioned into sightseers captivated by the history of Reedville. The next day we boarded Ted and Mimi Parish's, expertly restored, Chesapeake Bay oyster buy-boat, *Nellie Crocket* for a cruise to Tangier Island. She's an authentic piece of the area's oystering history.

Our station had a great showing in the Newport Race. Special congratulations to George Collins for line honors and first in class in PHRF and to Glenn Doncaster for first in ORC4 and first in the Corinthian division! Rich Born, well up in the ORC 3 fleet, was 2nd in the ORC/J120 class. David Adams brought 3<sup>rd</sup> in ORC 5. Will Passanno, Jeff McCarron and Jim Praley were all in the hunt and we had a number of members as crew on a range of boats as well. Sure there will be some stories to be heard at the bar.

Although the dog days of summer hit hard in the Chesapeake, many members were active here and reporting in from afar – Buzzards Bay and the Islands on rendezvous, cruising Maine, the Great Lakes with Chicago Mac, new boats coming to our fleet in the Chesapeake, and an up-date from France.

Peter Gibbons- Neff posts some of his continuing preparation and experiences as one of the few Americans headed for the Mini Transat. Along with direct testing in survival skills, radio requirements and safety courses from previous Vendee Globe participants, Peter has completed two of his required qualification passages. Many of our members have contributed to Peter's PGN Ocean Racing. He acknowledges everyone's support as well as the Annapolis businesses such as Fawcett's that also have contributed. Follow Peter at [pgnoceanracing.com](http://pgnoceanracing.com).

We have resumed our Fall luncheon schedule and our Fall Cruise is scheduled for Oct 7 beginning with the Annapolis Boat Show, an urban experience in Baltimore with a tour of the Baltimore Shipyard, and ending in a more pastoral setting in Greys Inn Creek on the Eastern Shore with a crab feast scheduled. We would like to invite any members who may be in the Chesapeake or heading south to join us.

Mark Myers, RC

### **Essex Station**

On March 9<sup>th</sup> we continued our speaker series via Zoom under the able direction of Frank Bohlen with a presentation on the Gulf Stream featuring Frank and 2 scientists from Woods Hole. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Randall Reeves (SF – our latest Blue Water Medal Winner), talked about his 39,000 nm voyage creating a “figure 8” track around the world, keeping the Americas to port and Antarctica to starboard.

An excellent Spring Dinner at Essex Yacht Club took place on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with 65 attending. The Spring cruise to Watch Hill was held on June 25 – 27 with dinner at WHYC on Saturday night. Third Thursday luncheon meetings resumed at Pilot’s Point in April and continued into May and June before members headed off to go cruising.

The Summer Cruise to Maine was scheduled for August 6 – 12<sup>th</sup>. However, Mac Turner, Cruise Chair, had an unfortunate altercation with a lobster boat when leaving Swan’s Island, damaging his bow sufficiently to force his retirement from the cruise. Fortunately, at this writing repairs are well in hand.

In person lunches resumed on September 16<sup>th</sup> and the Fall cruise to Block Island is scheduled for September 24 – 26. Our Annual Meeting/dinner is set for December 8<sup>th</sup> at ECYC. The Station currently has 84 active members.

Plans for the 2022 Fall meeting hosted by the Essex Station and the Centennial Celebration in Newport are well underway.

Dennis Powers, RC

### **Florida Station**

Since the virtual March Annual Meeting, the Florida Station has conducted its’ March and April luncheon schedule through virtual presentations and suspended activity for the summer hiatus (May through October).

The Florida Station Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on September 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming calendar (October 2021 – May 2022) and how we will incorporate the changing covid protocols and conditions into our activities.

Our station membership stands at 96 and our vacant positions of West Coast Safety Officer and Cruise Committee Chair have been filled by Al Lima and John Siegel respectively. The Next Watch position remains vacant.

Pat Montgomery, RC

### **Great Lakes Station**

Here in the Great Lakes, our station has been without an in-person gathering ever since the Covid Virus confined all of us to an unwelcome sort of seclusion. But individually, members of this very small station have been out voyaging in impressive ways around the world: cruising in New Zealand, the Baltic Sea, along the rocky Northeast Atlantic continental coastline, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean; and there's been racing in English and French coastal waters, a scientific exploration voyage in Antarctica, and of course the enjoyment of sailing in our own home waters. Zooming has kept us somewhat together, and much of that is how we will be navigating for the time being.

Rob Beebe, RC

### **New York Station**

NYS events since the last meeting and ahead:

Saturday, March 27, 2021: Advances in MOB Recovery - A Zoom event with NYS members Dick York and Rich du Moulin. A collaboration with the NYYC, STC, and Larchmont YC.

Saturday, June 19, 2021: BBQ outdoors on Shippan Point, Stamford, CT

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021: Clambake outdoors on Shippan Point, Stamford, CT

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, 6:00 PM EST: The Fastnet Race, A Zoom event with former RORC Director Eddie Warden-Owen & NYS member Hiro Nakajima, the first in a series of zooms on the great ocean races. Jointly sponsored by the CCA and the NYYC.

David Tunick, RC

### **Pacific Northwest Station**

The PNW Station conducted Zoom Meetings for March, April and June. The meetings were well attended and many of our overseas and out of area members were able to participate. Each meeting had a format allowing personal chat prior to the start of the meeting and I believe were well received. The Station hosted speakers for each meeting who talked on a variety of interesting and appropriate subjects. In addition, the station conducted cruises to the San Juan Islands in May and September which attracted over 50 attendees on 23/25 boats. The station has currently scheduled an October, in person meeting, at the Seattle Yacht Club on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The

meeting will be streamed on Zoom so that members who can not attend or who do not wish the close contact may participate.

Rick Meslang, RC

### **San Francisco Station**

Despite Covid we have had a decent amount of sailing-racing-cruising by our members this summer. But before I jump into that, we did have our first face to face meeting in over a year in June at Pt. San Pablo YC in Richmond, California (before the Delta variant threw a wrench in the works for future face to face meetings). Thirty-five members attended and you could tell everyone was excited and enjoyed the “real face time”. Station members are “hopeful” we’ll soon have another face to face meeting.

This summer we had a few members cross the country going “down east” cruising the Maine coast – and taking advantage of those CCA member moorings. Todd and Liz Baylies on their Sabre 425 “Acquaviva” (now at Ocracoke, North Carolina), Stafford Keegin on his Hinckley 41 “Bay Leaf”, and Stan and Sally Honey on their Cal 40 “Illusion”. Stafford tells me “people” keep telling him he is too old to singlehand, but he just loves it!

We also had two SAF station members do the Singlehanded Transpacific race (and sail home) from San Francisco – Robb Walker on his Cal 40 “Nozomi” and Jim Quanci on his Cal 40 “Green Buffalo”. They were both in the same division (“middle heavyweight”) along with a CCA member out of SoCal Brendan Huffman on his Santa Cruz 33 “Siren”. Robb, Jim and Brendan took 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in their “all CCA” division respectively.

One of our members took his “Wolfhound” out just this June on her maiden voyage. Wolfhound, built out of steel at the Graffship yard in the Netherlands over the last 7 years, is the last yacht designed by John G. Alden (as his personal yacht) – but till now never built. Its a three masted schooner 154’ LOA. You can find and enjoy pictures of her maiden voyage at [http://m.alden347.com/alden347.com/Blog/Entries/2021/6/28\\_Maiden\\_voyage.html](http://m.alden347.com/alden347.com/Blog/Entries/2021/6/28_Maiden_voyage.html)

One of our SAF station members Alan Olson has been the “ringleader” on the build and voyages of the 132’ LOA all wood brigantine Matthew Turner. Covid has been difficult for non-profits, and especially the “Call of the Sea” that runs the Matthew Turner (and a few other traditional sailboats). If you find yourself in San Francisco and want to do an unforgettable sail with a group of friends while supporting “Call of the Sea”, reach out <https://callofthesea.org/about-us/our-fleet/matthew-turner/>. Beating in 20k of wind out under the Golden Gate Bridge with all sails set – including the main topgallant – is an unforgettable experience (something our station did several months ago before Delta). On a ship of this size, its easy to stay appropriately “masked and social distanced”.

Last... Will we have a face to face station Christmas party at the St. Francis YC like we “used to do”? We are planning to do so, are hoping the Covid and Delta variant fade so we can safely, but in the end, we will need to see the data and follow the science.

Jim Quanci, RC

## **Southern California Station**

Since the last update in March of this year, our station activities have partially transitioned from virtual to physical, while complying with the precautions / protocols required in Southern California.

We held a virtual luncheon on April 15 that was well attended and included a two-part presentation on the Southern California ocean environment. The presentation was delivered by oceanographers from the Long Beach Marine Aquarium. On June 17, we held our first physical luncheon since February of 2020 at Balboa Yacht Club. This was well attended with enthusiasm by the membership to reconnect, and we heard an excellent presentation on Outer Space given by a local rocket scientist. On August 29, our membership enjoyed our Station end-of-the-summer outdoor barbecue at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Most recently, we just completed our station local cruise from September 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 25<sup>th</sup> to Catalina Island. We had as many as 10 boats attending for various parts of the cruise and enjoyed daily events / get togethers. The final night on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, included a raft up with 3 member yachts and a cocktail party.

This was a Transpacific Yacht Race year, and our station members continue the tradition of serving in leadership roles in the Transpacific Yacht Club. This year's Commodore, James Eddy, is a longstanding member of our station. The 2021 race was a fast one, and while the number of boats participating was down from the last race, all participants were very complimentary about the quality of the race, the competition, as well as the organization.

The SOC station is looking forward to an active 2022 and hope there is a return to normalcy regarding our event calendar and activities.

Steve Calhoun, RC