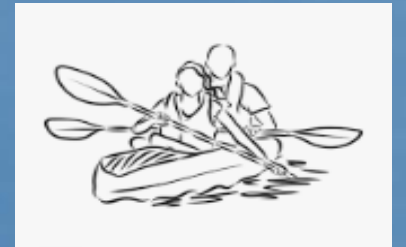




THE SENTINEL



Safety Harbor Boat Club Newsletter



COMMODORES' CORNER...



Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter! We hope you enjoy the new format and that you will share your latest adventures with us.. especially your pictures!

Our club is thriving! We are heading in new directions and yet keeping some of the best loved activities that have made our nearly 25-year-old club what it is.

One of those activities is the City of Safety Harbor's Holiday Parade. This year we purchased repurposed beads gathered from the Gasparilla events. We saved money purchasing repurposed beads and even had beads left over when we reached the end of the parade.. for once !!

Another mainstay of our club are the races and the good-natured competition among the Captains. Weather permitting , we schedule 3 races a month and of course the Captain's Cruises that have been a huge success thanks to our generous Captains – John and Renee Viverito sailing Pegasus, Sal and Nancy Farina sailing Ava Rose, Mark and Ann Kanuck sailing Starwind, and Ron Carew cruising with Sassy.

We will continue to plan events such as our Change of Watch, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, our new Labor Day Sea Food Boil, and add in more activity events such as day trips to local areas, kayaking and any other excursions that may be of interest.

Read on to find out other adventures our members have had over the past few months and what may be in store for our members to enjoy!

I wish you fair winds and following seas,

Joan Marzi, Commodore

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I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...!



We have had very engaging speakers at our meetings over the past quarter with a lot of great information for us. Here is a summary of the presentations in case you missed them.

- **In December, we heard from Paul DeMariano, who spoke to us about commercial seaports around Florida, Philadelphia and Massachusetts that he was actively involved in. Paul explained how seaports functioned, why the locations for a seaport were chosen, and how rail use assisted that decision and growth of a seaport.**
- **In January we learned about the Old Tampa Bay Estuary and Water Management programs from Maya Burke. Maya was such an engaging speaker that we have asked her to come back to present several more topics.**
- **For February, Brian Garry, with an assist from his wife Phyllis Garry and Mark Kanuck at the computer, gave us a very engaging presentation on he and Phyllis' travels along the Panama Canal.**
- **There will be no speaker for March 2024. We will be enjoying our St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Maggie's**

CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



In December we partnered with Bonnie Monroe and the Freedom Sailing Camp, teaming up to decorate the sailboat and walk the parade route. We had an enthusiastic group that arrived volunteered for decorating the boat and handing out beads along the parade route! Here are a few more pictures of the event. The Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corp (ROTC) from St. Petersburg marching in front of us kept the vibe upbeat and fun with their music and flag twirling skills for the crowd!

MORE CLUB ADVENTURES...!!



On Saturday, February 10th, 11 club members took the ferry from Dunedin over to Clearwater beach for a day trip. We enjoyed great food and conversation at Clear Sky and then walked the beach for a bit. The weather was perfect with sunshine and clear skies! The water was still too cold for much more than dipping in a toe!



LET'S CRUISE...!!



In January, Sal and Nancy Farina hosted a Captain's Cruise on Ava Rose. It was a beautiful day, good weather and great wind for sailing! Burgee flying in the wind, Sal guiding us and everyone taking turns at the helm!



In February Pegasus hosted two Captain's Cruises.

On 2/13/24 with John Viverito as Captain with Ron Poirson and Cathy Swyers enjoyed great day on the water with winds blowing 12 knots and gusting to 18.

On 2/24, a second cruise on Pegasus was enjoyed with John Viverito as Captain with first mate Ron Poirson and second mate Marion Ruuge-Aronson on a beautiful blustery day. Fun time sailing on Old Tampa Bay under reefed main and shortened jib!



LET'S CRUISE...!!



Sassy Sunset Cruises have been scheduled for 3 different evenings. Unfortunately, the first date for 2/15 was postponed due to weather.

On 2/29 six members bet Captain Ron Carew at Sassy, the pontoon boat. Everyone settled in with good food and libations with a 5:30 pm departure. It was a cloudy day, but the sun shone for a few moments while heading out into Old Tampa Bay. The wind kicked up forming white caps, making for a chilly but exiting ride as we made our way toward the lollipop trees. We then returned to the slip to enjoy music and comradery.



The Captain's Cruises are a very popular event, so make sure to sign up when a cruise is announced during a meeting or RSVP when announced by email. The cruises are first come first served and those in attendance at meetings will get to sign up first.

RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



The Safety Harbor boat club has been hosting sailboat races since the club began about 22 years ago! We have always had regularly scheduled races and special event races and that tradition continues. We are competitive, and yet friendly. Our goals are to always have fun on the water and to become better and safer boaters.

For planning purposes, races are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month usually ending around sunset, and on the 1st Saturday of the month usually in the morning. Starting times for the races are determined by weather, sunset, tides and availability of boat owners.

We always need and want more participation. This is a fun event! All Safety Harbor Boat Club members can participate as race boats, committee boats, chase boats, race crew, and spectators. Everyone can come out and enjoy some time on the water! Watch your email for announcements, updates and information about race times, instructions, and crewing opportunities. The next races are March 13th and 27th. The next Saturday races are March 2nd and April 6th.

Our most recent race was Wednesday 1/24, and the results were:

- First place: Wanderlust, Skipper Roof Douglas
- Second Place: Lazar, Skipper Peter Doyle
- Third Place: Pegasus, Skipper John Viverito
- Fourth Place: Green Eyed Lady, Skipper Linda Brandt

We had a very nice wind (a pleasant surprise) and everyone had a great afternoon on the water. Special congratulations to our race winners and their crew.

RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



Upcoming special race events are :

- Memorial Day Monday May 27th
- Labor Day September 2nd

The Memorial Day Race is the Annual Steve Doherty Memorial Race in honor of all the SHBC skippers and members who have passed.

The 2023 Race Series winning sail boats and skippers are:

First place: Wanderlust – Roof Douglas

Second place tie: Green Eyed Lady – Linda Brandy and Prana – Paul Mathews

Third place: Starwind – Mark Kanuck

The awards will be presented at the March SHBC event March 6, 2024, at Maggie's Café and Smoothies, 500 Main St, Safety Harbor.

For questions or comments please reach out to the Safety Harbor Boat Club Race Committee at:

shbc4fun@gmail.com (Attention Race Committee)

John Viverito, Race Committee Chair

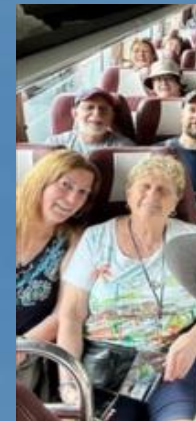


TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR...

Our members love to travel and participate in local events! Here are a few highlights from recent activities! Thank you to all that have shared their adventures for the newsletter, keep them coming!!

Tour of Southeast Asia.

Linda Maksel and Cathy Swyers have been spending time on the water cruising! During the month of January, they cruised with a tour group through Southeast Asia visiting Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Singapore. They explored temples, floating markets, street markets, tried local cuisine and became immersed in local culture.



NEW YEARS EVE ANCHOR OUT!

SUBMITTED BY KIM BRENDEN-PRICE



New Years Eve Anchor Out!

I enjoyed a New Year's Eve sail from Passe Grille over to St. Petersburg Municipal Marina with an all-female crew of 3, sailing on a 41 ft Gulfstar. We left dock in Pass-a-Grille around 11:30 am and sailed across the bay to anchor in the cove near Whitted Airfield around 3 pm. The weather was warm, with light wind that picked up a bit once we got closer to St. Petersburg. We hosted a happy hour on the boat with several other boats that anchored out with us in the cove and enjoyed a spectacular sunset, moonrise and the fireworks show from across the water later in the evening!





A DAY AT THE ST. PETE BOAT CLUB

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL ZORNES @ THE ST.PETE BOAT SHOW

The St. Petersburg Power and Sailboat Show was held in late January 2024. This was the 46th annual event and is the largest boat show on the Gulf Coast. The show was held at the Duke Energy Center for the Arts, Mahaffey Theater Yacht Basin and Albert Whitted Park in St. Pete.

We climbed aboard and explored extraordinary selection of power boats and sailboats both in the water and on land, including a 40,000 sq ft clear span tented area housing many vendors showing all types marine gear.

We caught up with the boating experts and learned about the latest features and innovations in the marine industry. Show-goers were excited to find hundreds of power boat and sailboats including family cruisers, runabouts, fishing boats, magnificent sailing yachts and other personal watercraft available to view and explore.





GERSWHIN CELEBRATION CONCERT

SUBMITTED BY MARION RUUGE-ARONSON

Marion Rugge-Aronson and Ellen Henderson attended a concert at the Straz Theatre on Sunday January 28 in celebration of George Gershwin's 125th birthday. It was an all- Gershwin tribute to the composer and pianist who ingeniously blended popular, jazz and classical genres to create a whole new style of music with songs like 'S Wonderful, The Man I love, Peggy and Bess, An American in Paris, I Got Rhythm and many more.

John Morris conducted the Florida Orchestra during the concert, which was accompanied on the piano by Ray Ushikulo and vocalist Tatiana Mayfield.

Also in attendance were John and Renee Viverito who thoroughly enjoyed the concert!





FIREWOMAN “A JAZZ PRESENTATION”

SUBMITTED BY ELLEN HENDERSON PIX BY MARION RUUGE-ARONSON

On the evening of February 2nd, at the Safety Harbor Library free event, Terez Hartman and her band “Firewoman” presented a lively romp through jazz from the 60’s to the early 2000’s with a crowd of 75 attendees, including SHBC member Ellen Henderson and Judith, who has crewed in races in the past, plus their guests, rocking and dancing to the music. They enjoyed 60’s Rock and Roll, Smooth Jazz, 70’s peace movement songs, 80’s music, then onto 90’s singer-song writer movement and then into the 2000’s.

Terez’s band also include her husband John Hartman on alto and soprano sax plus harmonica. John Mayeux played guitars and sang songs from Paul Simons “Graceland” among others. Terez, in addition to her dynamic singing and dancing played bongos and the keyboards.



NEW\$ FROM THE TREASURER ...



Now that it is March, everyone should have paid annual dues. If you have not already done so, please send payment to the club ASAP. We don't want any one on the Delinquent list!!

As we have new members, I have requested a quote from the Image Depot, a company who personalizes polos and t-shirts for the club. You will see current members wearing the shirts at meetings and club events.

The polos come in sizes for men and women and the cost is \$31.29 each. If we get 6 or more orders, the cost goes down to \$27.39 each. The polos come in white, royal blue, kelly green, and pink. The sizes are small, medium, large and extra large. Please add an additional \$2.00 for 2x, \$3.00 for 3x, \$4.00 for 4x, and \$6.00 for 5x.

T-shirts are white and come in either long-sleeve or short-sleeve. They are 13.19 each, but we do need a minimum of 36 shirts ordered. It has been difficult to meet that minimum in the past, so it has been a while since we ordered any.

If you would like to order a polo or a t-shirt, we will pass around a sheet at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the next meeting, please send a detailed email to the club at shbc4fun@gmail.com to place an order.

Linda Brandt

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SENDING A WARM WELCOME...!!

Please send a warm welcome to our newest members and keep a welcoming eye out for them at our meetings and events!

Our membership is growing, and we are always looking for ways to gain more participation in the boat club. Please reach out to those you know or boat with that may be interested in joining the club

Sandra Velasco was born in El Salvador, Central America and moved to America at the end of 1965 when her father was transferred here for work. Sandra studied at Miami Dade college, and then graduated from UCLA with a BA in Sociology.

She also received her M.S. in Therapeutic Recreation from Florida International University.

After working for many years as a Recreational Therapist in Miami with people with disabilities, Sandra started teaching in 2004. She moved to Clearwater in 2014 and has been working for many years as a Bilingual Assistant at Enterprise Charter HS.

Sandra loves to go dancing, does not consider herself an athlete, but is a dancer! She has spent time sailing in the Abaco Islands, as well in the Florida Keys and Bimini. She loves the ocean, snorkeling and sailing, and wants to learn more about sailing.



SENDING A WARM WELCOME...!!



Kathleen (Katie) Kiernan was born in Washington DC and came to Florida in 1990 when she and her husband retired. Katie is an experienced sailor having previously owned a Mainsail 47.

Katie's career was working with mentally challenged adults in Special Olympics. Her family has been active in the boat world over the years. Katie hopes to spend more time sailing and participating in upcoming club events both on and off the water.



Cathy Swyers also joins us as a seasonal resident, spending 5 months here in Florida. When not here, she lives on the Cape in Sandwich Mass. Cathy has a daughter and a son and is a grandmother, she also has a dog named Lily that she loves dearly.

Cathy has completed studies for Early Childhood Education and has spent many years living between different areas of Florida and Massachusetts.

Cathy has very fond memories of sailing on Lake Michigan with her father's cousins during family summer vacations. Cathy started taking sailing lessons last year and loves to kayak and hopes to be able to do more of both while here in Florida!



SENDING A WARM WELCOME...!!



Nancy Peterson was born in Maine and joins us in Florida as a seasonal resident while visiting her daughter in Safety Harbor. She and her late husband raised 3 beautiful daughters, spending family time traveling the US by RB and then spending time in Europe. She also has one granddaughter to spoil!

She graduated from John Hancock University, Boston Ma, Jenkintown School of Music, Jenkintown Pa and University of Maine, August Me where she majored in Business and Voice and received a certificate in Human Resources.

Her career has led her to working as Executive Assistant/ Personal Assistant for several company presidents and CEO's in fields ranging from State of Main Housing Division, the Maine Music Society, and the art company "Shows to Go". She is currently with the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn Maine serving various functions.

With many varied interests having been involved in horseback riding, tennis, canoeing, archery, bowling, skating- roller and ice, as well as swimming in the past, she pitches/writes human interest articles for a local paper and performs in local musicals. She has briefly sailed and spent time on the water boating and cruising in the past and now would like to explore and learn more about sailing. Nancy was let to our group by searching for sailing and boating courses.



SENDING A WARM WELCOME...!!



Peter and Amy Doyle were both born in Buffalo Ny. Our great weather and Peter's job bringing them to Florida several years ago.

Peter is a graduate of Connecticut College with a BA in History and Government and Amy has degrees from Buffalo State College, BA in Communications and Photography.

Peter has extensive experience sailing, having sailed with both his father and grandfather, and is currently crewing for his brother on a J-22. He taught sailing from 1983-1988, was a Sailmaker from 1988-1994 and has taught weeklong adult racing classes in the BVI's from 1994-1997. Both he and Amy have enjoyed crewing on different boats and cruising on the Great Lake and the BVI's. Peter currently owns a Laser and is a member of several boat clubs.

Peter is currently the Southeast Sales Manager with Harken and Amy works in the St. Pete and Clearwater area as a Medical Sales Representative.

Peter and Amy have 3 adult children living in Buffalo, and Ted the dog living with them here. They have joined SHBC for some light racing and social activities. Peter recently joined us for a Wednesday night race and led the course with his Laser!



FROM THE EDITOR...



I hope you enjoyed the new format for the SHBC Sentinel!

As previously announced, the newsletter is now published quarterly. Publication dates will be in time for meetings in March, June, September and December for 2024 and will be attached to the meeting notices for that month as we have done in the past. Articles need to be submitted by the 24th of the publication month. Please feel free to send in any article at any time during the quarter as long as it is submitted before the publishing deadline.

Submit any article in a word document, include any pictures about the event you want to share with others. Please do not reference any archived material to find pictures or articles to carry forward. We are looking for new and exciting articles for the newsletter!!

Please feel free to send in any constructive feed back or suggestions you may have to improve the newsletter.

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Thank you!

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