



S.H.B.C. Sentinel

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GUEST SPEAKER: MARK & ANN KANUCK - "FALL FOLIAGE ADVENTURE"

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES



At a previous SHBC meeting in the fall of 2019, **Mark and Ann Kanuck** were our guest speakers. They gave a presentation on: "Alaska & Canada". So, they are back with a **new topic**.

**Plan to attend our SHBC Monthly Meeting AT THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY
ON Wednesday**



MARCH 2nd, 2022



6:15PM

at the Safety Harbor Library

“FALL FOLIAGE ADVENTURE”



Mark Kanuck is a **retired US Naval Officer**, who was our **SHBC Commodore** for 3 years after 2 years overseeing our Club's funds as **Treasurer**. Mark has also been our **Cruising Chair** for three years, organizing **sailing adventures** to **Tampa Sailing Squadron, downtown St. Pete, and Bradenton**. **Ann Kanuck** is also a **retired US Naval Officer**. They recently were **co-hosts** for our **2022 SHBC Change Of Watch Party**.

St PATTY'S DAY RACE and PARTY – SAT., MARCH 19th

PIX: ARCHIVES

Avast! Safety Harbor Boat Club members and their Guests: **SAVE THE DATE AND RSVP!** The previously postponed BACK BAY TRIANGLE sailboat race will be held on Saturday March 19th; skippers' meeting at 9am and race start is at 10am. Motor and pontoon boats can participate as committee and chase boats. No experience needed but a lot of fun; just come to the skippers' meeting.

The party will begin at 5pm at the pavilions near the marina. This will be a Stuffed Mushroom catered affair with **corn beef and cabbage**, potatoes, carrots, shepherd's pie, rolls and butter. A light dessert will be provided. The meal is **NO CHARGE / FREE to PAID Boat Club members and \$28 per guest**. Ice and water will be supplied; BYOB. Dinner will be served at 6pm.

Please note the caterer requires a 20 person minimum, so we really need your RSVPs! **RSVP at the March meeting or to the Boat Club's email: SHBC4fun@gmail.com**. And "paid members" need to be paid by March 7th so we can plan the finances. Pay your dues at the March 2nd meeting or mail your dues to: **Safety Harbor Boat Club, PO BOX 412, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695**. Final deadline for party participation is March 9th so the caterer can plan. If we have less than 20 people the party will **NOT** be catered!

Members Ann and Mark Kanuck will be our "hostesses with the mostesses." They and Ellen Henderson are looking for a few volunteers to help decorate. Contact Ellen at: **727-656-4089**.

There will be great food, little work, songs, games, prizes and fun galore, so get those RSVPs in so we can all party!



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UPCOMING FUN 'N SUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN & EXPO - SATURDAY, APRIL 9th

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY ARCHIVES



SAVE THE DATE: for the 3rd annual SHBC group excursion to the **Sun 'N Fun International Fly-in & Expo** held at the **Lakeland Linder International Airport** on **Saturday, April 9th**. Daytime admission is \$37 for adults, but **ONLY \$10 for Florida residents after 5pm**. Parking is \$10.00 per CARLOAD. **Bring CASH!**

On Saturday evening there is a lighted airshow from 7:30 to 9:30 pm during which they shoot fireworks out of the planes, while they do their aerobatic maneuvers. There are several area restaurants within a five-mile radius.

There's also plenty of food/drinks sold at the Airshow. We will **meet @ 3:00 pm** at the **Parking Lot between 8th & 9th Ave.** across from the **Stuffed Mushroom** on SH's Main Street, and form carpools & will leave by 3:15 pm to attend the airshow and we will get to see all of the new and vintage airplanes.



If we arrive at the Lakeland Linder International Airport before 5:00 pm, we will join the bunch of locals parked across the road from the entrance in the **FREE** parking lot, as we did last time, to watch the ongoing daytime Air Show of the BLUE

ANGELS, etc. until 5:00 pm or later, when the Parking Lot starts to empty out for the night time participants to enter.

More information will be available at our **March 2nd & April 6th SHBC meetings** and to sign up for the Air Show. If you can't make the meeting, **call or text Ellen Henderson (727) 656-4089** with any further questions. RSVP your plan to join us for the **Sun 'N Fun International Fly-In & Expo on Saturday, April 9th.**

SHBC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES - MAR, 2022

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX (ARCHIVES)

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of MARCH. It seems there are a lot of Pisces water folks born this month.

Birthdays:

3-13 Mark Lewalski
3-18 Eileen Berger
3-18 Marilyn Mabe<-----
3-19 Patti Lowery
3-24 Brian Garry
3-26 Paula Taylor




Anniversaries

3-18 Joe and Alice Rezendes
3-27 Don Newton and Victoria
Hawkins Newton<-----



CHANGE OF WATCH PARTY



*For the Celebration of SHBC's 22nd Year of existence,  our CHANGE OF WATCH PARTY was held at a new outdoor location on Saturday January 29, 2022 at 1:00 PM. It was a toasty 45-52 Covid FREE degrees outside at SH's North City Park at 2075 Swan Lane.

The club provided: the Main Dishes of Turkey and Ham, a celebratory cake, water, ice, utensils and paper goods. Members brought lawn chairs so they could bask during the sunny afternoon. They also supplied

- Appetizers
- Salads
- Side Dishes
- and Desserts

The traditional passing of the Officers' Ensign Flags took place after the meal. The shelter was decorated by Victoria Hawkins and Ellen Henderson. Everyone helped with cleanup at the end of the Party.

**John Viverito, Victoria Hawkins,
Ellen Henderson and Mikey Hembrey**



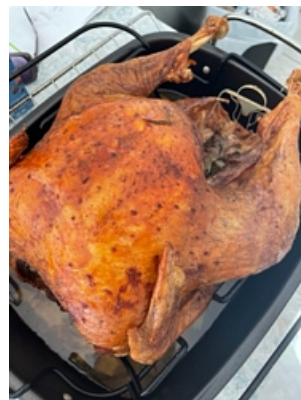
**Linda Maksel and
Marion Ruuge-Aronson**



**World Map where SHBC Members have
sailed. Mikey H, John V. & Ellen H.**



**Mikey attaching Pushpins
to the Countries where
he has sailed.**



**2021 & 2022 SHBC OFFICERS:
Scribe/Sec. Marion Ruuge-Aronson,
Vice Comm. John Viverito &
Commodore (2021) Mark Kanuck**



**Passing the Torch (Officer Ensign
Flags): John V. & Mark K.**



**Scribe/Sec. Ensign Flag assigned
to Marion R-A by John V.**



**John V. with Vice Comm.
Ensign Flag**



Mark K. Cutting the 2022 Cake



Mikey enjoying the Club Cake



WELCOME NEW MEMBER: LINDA MAKSEL

By ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX by LINDA MAKSEL/MARION RUUGE-ARONSON



LINDA MAKSEL was born in New York. In 1992 she moved to Florida because her husband's parents were living here and their health was failing. Linda got her Bachelor's Degree from Middlesex College in New Jersey. Before retiring, she raised her family of two kids and later worked at **Pet Mart Supermarket** as a Manager.

While growing up, Linda's grandparents lived on the water and had a boat. She also bought a little boat for her sister and herself. It was fun. Linda spent a lot of time there and loved the water. She also did a lot of fishing and crabbing.

Their house was on **Jamaica Bay** at the tail end of the Rockaways on a small island called **Meadowmere Park**.

Linda lives in Tarpon Springs and her hobbies are reading and gardening. She's had dogs all of her life, mostly great Danes.

Linda attended our Club's recent Annual Change of Watch Party and was introduced to the Safety Harbor Boat Club by Marion Ruuge-Aronson, our SHBC Scribe.

We are looking forward to Linda's participating in upcoming SHBC Sailboat Cruises, Kayak Trips and future Party Events.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: RON CAREW

By ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX by RON CAREW

RON CAREW was born in Maryland. In 1986 he moved to Florida for his work opportunity. Ron matriculated at Loyola University in Md, where he got his BS in Marketing and an MBA. Before retiring, he raised his family of three kids and worked in Sales and Marketing for 45 years with various firms. Ron now has 7 grandkids in Tampa, Denver and Chapel Hill, NC. Ron has been widowed for 3 years and was married for 48 years.

He played Lacrosse in HS and College. Currently his hobbies are golfing, bike riding and walking. Ron went to the gym before Covid, now he swims at the Spa. His other Hobbies are HO trains, repairing old cars to give away, mostly donated and wood shop. He's a member of the SPA, VFW, American Legion and attends Safety Harbor Community Church.

Like all boaters, Ron has many stories. He has had Bayliners for water-sking, Center Console Fishing Boats and now has a Pontoon Boat. 24 ft., (Slip #) 115 - seats 10. named: "**SASSY**".



During last year Ron went on a Mission Trip to AK, vacationed in Saint Maarten, Snowmobiled in Maine, went Skiing at Keystone, CO, went Golfing in Phoenix, AZ and enjoyed an ATV in Moab and Sedona, visited National Parks: Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and went Snorkeling in the Dry Tortugas off the Florida Keys.

Ron attended our Club's recent Monthly Meeting and was introduced to the Safety Harbor Boat Club by receiving an email letter from our SHBC Officer Mark Kanuck, who is the recently

retired Commodore.

We are looking forward to Ron's participating in upcoming SHBC Cruises, perhaps Kayak Trips and future Party and other Events.

Tim Hutchinson's *Soulful Sound*

By Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Pix by Marion



Ellen Henderson and myself spent a delightful evening on the outside patio at Rosie's Tavern in Dunedin. The featured musical artist was SHBC's new member, Tim Hutchinson. He entertained, on his acoustic guitar, with an eclectic mix of melodies and vocals. His soulful sound is drawn from his life experiences and connects with his audience in a very human way. Tim tells his story in one of his songs, "Michigan", which was nominated for the best music video award at the Long Island International Film Fest. His songs are captivating. You can check out his music on [SoundCloud.com](https://soundcloud.com/tim-hutchinson).



CRUISING BY MAILBOAT

BY FRED BRAMAN; PIX: ARCHIVES

Cruising by MailBoat



Back in 2018, when I was cruising on **Rhombus** with old sailing and navy friend Steve DiFranco, I happened into the Albert Lowe Museum in **Green Turtle Cay**. I was looking for information on **Bahamian MailBoats**. Old college friends Dave Blake and Phil Lugger and I had taken our first MailBoat trip the year earlier. I knew there would be more trips and that I would write about it. I was met by the museum founder Alton Lowe, noted artist and a famous name in The Bahamas. He suggested that I return the next day to see Amanda Diedrick, historian and author of "Those Who Stayed, The tale of the hardy few who built Green Turtle Cay," which had just been published. Both Alton and Amanda trace their lineage to the island's Loyalist Founders,

some nine generations back.

After a great chat, I left the museum with a new book in hand and advice from Amanda: "If you want to know about **MailBoats**, look up Eric Wiberg. I would soon learn that Eric is the world's foremost maritime historian." I did just what Amanda had recommended and a short time later I had a treasure trove of information in the form of a draft copy of Eric's yet unpublished book, "Mailboats of The Bahamas," which would be published three years later in the same month as my book. Thankfully, friend Dave helped balance the books a bit by providing him with several photographs from our mailboat trip the year before and they appear in his book. Fortunately, Eric would pass through Jacksonville a week or so later as I was still making my way home from the sailing trip. We managed to meet and have been friends ever since.

During that same trip to Green Turtle, I looked up Artist Randy Curry, who had painted "Albertine Adoue," the last sailing vessel that served as a mailboat. My mission was to ask permission to use the image in the planned history section of my book. Curry is a famous name in the small community, and Randy was easy to find. While hosting a small party, I knocked on his door, made my request, and he said "sure," as he handed me a glass of wine. Later, he agreed to paint the other three historic mailboats that appear in my book. He has also found Bahamian stores to carry the book. I later had to ask the same permission of writer and historian Steve Dodge, who used the Albertine painting as the cover of his "Abaco, The History of an Out Island and Its Cays," and was painted from a sketch by his daughter. Characteristically, he said fine and is a major contributor to my book. Of course Dave is the forth big player. Most of the photos, including both covers, are his work.



Except of course for Dave, my dear friend for over half a century, all these people were perfect strangers when they said yes to my request. I've never heard a no. Of course, all this has been great fun for me and filled with memorable relationships. Click the link below for Amanda's take on this little story that came out this week. No-one has been more helpful. She was very kind to do it, but, it's certainly not surprising that she would want to help another.

Writers and Artists are a sharing lot!

Fred

Fred Braman <fredbraman@hotmail.com>

<https://abacosun.com/2022/01/26/new-book-explores-mailboat-travel-in-the-bahamas/>

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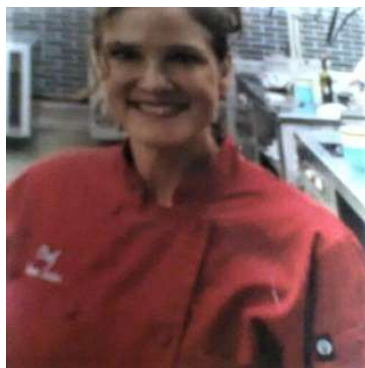
PDF copies free for the asking."

Check out the info on his Website.

SCOTT & DIANE GO TO CHEF SCHOOL

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Longtime **SHBC Members Scott** and **Diane Hood** recently "**graduated**" from "**CHEF SCHOOL**" at the **Dunedin Fine Arts Center** on **Michigan Blvd. in Dunedin**, where they learned the fine art of **Gourmet Italian Cooking**. Perhaps, they'll share their new-found gourmet talents at our upcoming SHBC Parties.



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