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GUEST SPEAKER FOR **DECEMBER 6TH SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - PAUL D. DeMARIANO: "COMMERCIAL SEAPORTS AROUND FLORIDA, PHILADELPHIA AND MASS."**

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: PAUL D. DeMARIANO



Plan to attend our **Wed., DECEMBER 6TH** SHBC meeting at **6:15 pm** at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be PAUL D. DeMARIANO , who will give a presentation on the "COMMERCIAL SEAPORTS AROUND FLORIDA, PHILADELPHIA AND MASS".

Plan to attend our SHBC Monthly Meeting on **Wednesday**



December 6th, 2023



6:15PM

AT THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY

SLATE OF SHBC OFFICERS FOR 2024 & RECAP OF 2023 ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES

According to our bylaws, we are supposed to have elections at our December Club Meeting. So here is the Slate of Officers for 2024:

Commodore: Joan Marzi - will be completing her 10th year as an SHBC member. Joan was previously the Club's Commodore for two terms plus returned for her 3rd term as Commodore in 2023 and she was also Club Secretary, (Scribe) plus spent 4 years as Club Treasurer. Joan initiated the Halloween Costume Party contest to coincide with the Club's annual Chili Cook-off. She also was a big help with our various parties' food set up and assisted in the party decorations process, as well as organizing the Decorating of the Club Float in the previous SH Annual Holiday Parades.



Vice Commodore: Ron Carew - attended our Club's Feb. 2022 Monthly Meeting and was introduced to the Safety Harbor Boat Club by receiving an email letter from our former SHBC Officer Mark Kanuck, who is the retired Commodore Emeritus. Ron joined SHBC in March 2022. In May 2023 Ron was the Co-Chair of our annual SHBC Memorial Day Party. During 2023 Ron was Co-Vice Commodore along with John Viverito & Ron Poirson Assisting him.



Secretary: Kim Brenden-Price - joined SHBC in Dec. 2022. She initially assisted co-Scribes Marion Ruuge-Aronson and Linda Maksel and then became the primary scribe during 2023. Kim also was the driving force for the very successful Low Country Boil Party in late Sept. 2023 plus, she participated in Marc Berger's kayak adventure and assisted in race committee work.



Treasurer: Linda Brandt - joined SHBC in 2015 and participated in our Club's TOUR OF PORT TAMPA BAY that year. In 2016 Linda was elected to her first term of office as our Club Treasurer. Linda Brandt is a CPA...has spent 18 years in accounting and has been the Finance Officer for 7 years for the Coast Guard Auxiliary - Flotilla 74, which is an appointed position over 6 Flotillas. In 2018 Linda was elected as Vice Commodore. Linda will also continue as Club Treasurer after fulfilling her same duties in 2023 and as one of our SHBC Club



Photographers/Videographers.

If you would like to step up and serve a term as an SHBC Officer, please let us know before 12/6/2023 at shbc4fun@gmail.com. Plan on attending the December 6th Safety Harbor Boat Club Meeting in the Safety Harbor Public Library at 6:15PM to approve and welcome our new/returning slate of officers.

Many thanks to our 2023 officers for a job well done:

Commodore: Joan Marzi

Commodore Emeritus: Mark Kanuck

Vice Commodore: Ron Carew with Ron Poirson & John Viverito assisting

Scribe: Marion Ruuge-Aronson and Linda Maksel plus Kim Brenden-Price

Treasurer: Linda Brandt

Other Committee Heads (It took a Village) during 2023:

Newsletter Editor & Webmaster: Mikey Hembrey

Facebook Manager: Paula Taylor

Co-Race Chair: John Viverito, Ron Poirson & Kim Brenden-Price

SH Christmas/Holiday Parade Float: Bonnie Monroe; Mark Kanuck(Reservations);

Guest Speaker Recruiter: Ellen Henderson

Cruising Chair : Brian Garry: Cross Bay Ferry to Tampa, Duffy BOAT Tour/Upper Tampa Bay & the Hillsborough River

Day Cruise/Sail: Mark & Ann Kanuck, Ron Carew,

Liaison to Safety Harbor Public Library: John Viverito

Club Merchandise Manager: Linda Brandt

Party Hosts : Joan Marzi, Linda Brandt, Ron Carew, Sal & Nancy Farina, Kim Brenden-Price, John & Renee Viverito

Party Sound Systems: Marion Ruuge-Aronson & Ellen Henderson

Party Music Curator: Ellen Henderson

Party Grill Master: Ron Carew

Party Games: Joan Marzi

Club Photographers & Videographers: Linda Brandt, Dick Greenhalgh, Debbie Irving, Marion Ruuge-Aronson & Renee Viverito, Joan Marzi,

Free CPR Class: Andrew Hawkins

2 Different Jazz music presentations Coor: Ellen Henderson

Funerals at Sea Organizer: Dick Greenhalgh

Trips Organizer: *FREE BOAT TOUR OF THE PORT OF TAMPA*, Mike Butcher **Photography**

Exhibit & Lecture, *Tour of the Imagine Museum*: Ellen Henderson

Kayaking: Marc Berger: UPPER TAMPA BAY PRESERVE, Dunedin Causeway/Caladesi Island State Park, etc.

Rebuilding the Club's Dockbox: After the flooding from Hurricane "Idalia" at the marina, and water being over a foot deep over the docks, we lost our dock box. Joan, Ron Carew, and Kim Brenden-Price were able to re-secure the base and the sides together, figure out how to secure

the box back to the dock, and reattach the lid to have a functional dock box once again! They re-secured the planks at the end of the dock and retrieved the last anchor out of the water!

UPCOMING - 2023 SAFETY HARBOR HOLIDAY PARADE - ON SAT., DEC. 2ND

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES



Thanks to **Mark Kanuck's** holiday spirit and energy, SHBC is properly signed up to have a float (boat) in the annual **Safety Harbor Holiday Parade** again this year on **Sat., DEC. 2ND**. We need decorators, marchers and spectators to make this a big success. **Bonnie Monroe** has been recruited again to provide her **boat (Float)** and she will secure a driver to tow the boat in the parade. **Ron Poirson** is on the case to again obtain **beads** to **pass out** during the **parade**. We also need decorators to assemble at the Marina parking lot at **8:00AM** to dress up the boat and make it festive and bright.

This activity is lots of fun and laughs for everyone. The next thing we need is people to march with the boat while passing out beads to all the children

who will be eagerly reaching out for treats. Don your gay Holiday apparel and comfortable shoes for this part! You would need to be at the boat by **10:00 AM for marching in the parade.**

And, finally, we need spectators! Round up your friends and family, bring lawn chairs, and get in position along SH's Main St. to watch this outstanding Safety Harbor event. Plan to have lunch or drinks after the event to keep businesses booming in our little town. (Have a parking plan in mind as the Marina parking will be closed because the Floats will be staging there.) Huge thanks to all who have volunteered and who will volunteer for this awesome fun day. Don't forget **Saturday, December 2nd, 8:00AM to decorate** and **10:00AM to march**. Hope to see you there!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS (HANNUKAH AND CHRISTMAS) TO ALL OUR SAFETY HARBOR BOAT CLUB MEMBERS!



By Ellen

Dues are due by January, and they are **now \$30 per family!** Renew Your Membership!! It is time to renew your membership in SHBC for the 2024 season. Bring your check for \$30 .00 (made out

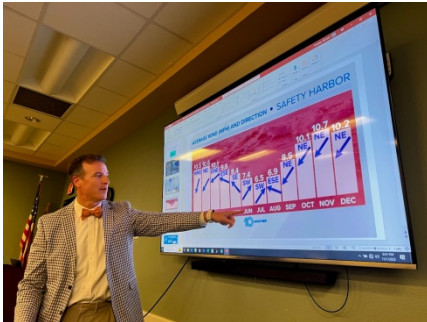
to Safety Harbor Boat Club) (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) to the Dec. 6 Membership Meeting at the Safety Harbor Library.

Or if you prefer you can renew your membership using either Zelle or our print-ready Membership Application form mailed in with your check. Go to <http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/ClubInfo/ClubInfo.asp> and click on the Membership Application link.

RECAP: "EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WEATHER"

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: MIKE PRANGLEY-METEOROLOGIST & LINDA BRANDT

On **Wed., NOV. 1ST** at our SHBC meeting at the Safety Harbor Library, our guest speaker MIKE PRANGLEY gave a presentation on "EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WEATHER".

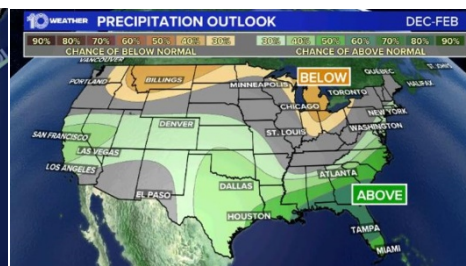


Mike Pranglely is a Meteorologist at Channel 10 Tampa Bay News, the local CBS TV station. His interest in weather began when he was just four years old and steadily grew into a passion. Mike got his undergraduate Meteorology Degree from the University of Northern Vermont & his graduate Degree in Broadcasting from the University of Northern Florida. Mike's been delivering forecasts on TV around the country for 25 years. He's helped keep people safe by reporting on everything from freezing frosts to hellish hurricanes. Mike and his wife now call Pinellas County home and are the proud parents of three daughters.

Mike grew up in MD and got his first Meteorologist gig on a field trip when he was a senior in college. He became a fulltime Meteorologist in Duluth, MN where it was -60 degrees in the Winter with 230" of snow in 18 months. Trees were exploding from the cold air. His next gig was at Myrtle Beach, SC where he reported on Hurricane "Bonnie". In Lafayette, Indiana, which is N. of Indianapolis he experienced 10 Tornados. He spent the next 15 years in Jacksonville, FL before relocating to St. Pete, FL in June 2023.



Mike discussed the special weather software from Boston, which tracks tropical storms since 2017, El Nino vs. La Nina effects and how the Bermuda High usually controls our weather.





SHBC DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, GRAPHICS FROM ARCHIVES

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays fall in the Holiday Month of December.



We have two Club Members whose Birthdays are on the same day and they are good friends, serendipity! HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Holiday babies.

RECAP: SHBC RACE - SAT. 11/18/2023

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON

Since the City of Safety Harbor finally finished the Summer dredging of the Marina Channel and after many earlier races that were canceled, mother nature again smiled on SHBC. Luckily the Wind Gods blew favorably on SHBC for our **Second Fall Series Race** on **SAT. 11/18/2023**.

Race Chair John Viverito conducted the **Skippers Meeting** along the outer street seawall and announced that our **course** would be **North** for a **Windward Start** with a **buttonhook turn** (at either end of the Start/Finish line), then **S/SE** toward the **White Mark** and then **NE** to the **Orange Mark** and finally back to the **Finish Line**, with all **Mark Roundings to Port**.

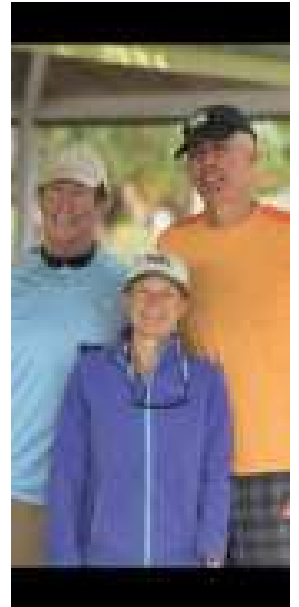
Tony Marazzo provided his **Seaswirl Powerboat "Bella Vista"** for the **Race Committee Boat** with **Club Commodore Joan Marzi** was the **PRO (Principal Race Officer) PRO TEM**.



The wind started and moved from the NW- (285 Degrees) @ about 10 kts.

Since some of the usual suspect boat owners were either on early Thanksgiving Holiday vacation: **Mark K.** and **Sal F. plus Brian G.**, the stalwart crews of "**PRANA**", (formerly known as Empire) a 1976 Pearson P28-1, "**GREEN EYED LADY**" (formerly known as Incentive) and "**PEGASUS**" a Precision '21 were all in racing mode.

"**PRANA**" with owner **Paul Matthews** had its "new to racing" crew of **Thad and Nicki** plus experienced racer **Marc Berger**, the Club's Kayak Adventure Chair. **Linda Brandt's "GREEN EYED LADY"** had a small crew of **Kim Brenden-Price** and "ringer" **Cam Carlin**. Race Chair **John Viverito's "PEGASUS"**'s regulars were longtime crew **Ellen Henderson** and sometimes race committee assistant **Ron Poirson**.



The port end was favored, and "**GREEN EYED LADY**" was **1st over the start line**, and they traded positions within the fleet throughout the race. "**PEGASUS**" was **second over the start line**, while "**PRANA**" hung back a little for **last over the start line** position.

After the buttonhook turn, "**PEGASUS**" did a bear away turn to a heading of 165 degrees on her way toward the **White Mark** on a broad starboard reach. The wind started shifting right to the North, so our new heading was 180 degrees, plus we needed to climb to start to catch up with "**GREEN EYED LADY**". At 10:14 AM we went Wing-On-Wing with **Ron P.** holding out the Jib on starboard, instead of putting up the whisker pole in the shifty winds. We were now zooming at 4.6 kts with a new heading of 135 degrees. Meanwhile, "**PRANA**" passed "**PEGASUS**", however "**PEGASUS**" passed "**GREEN EYED LADY**", who was sailing on a reach three minutes later at 10:17 AM.

We were surprised to see **Gerry Corbino** on his "**RUM BOOGIE**" shadowing the fleet throughout the race.

"**PEGASUS**" passed "**PRANA**" shortly before the mark rounding.

The close parade of racers rounded the **White Mark** at:

- 10:22 AM - "**PEGASUS**"
- 10:23 AM - "**PRANA**"
- 10:24 AM - "**GREEN EYED LADY**"

"**PEGASUS**"'s new heading was 025 degrees on our way toward the **Orange Mark**. Suddenly, "**PRANA**" had started to pass below "**PEGASUS**" on this windward leg on a Port Beat. By 10:25 AM the windspeed was up to 12 kts. By 10:26 AM "**PRANA**" had passed "**PEGASUS**". By 10:30 AM our boat speed was up to 5.6-5.7 kts, but at 10:32 AM the wind started to diminish, and we

were down to 5.2 kts. **"GREEN EYED LADY"** started overtaking us to windward and we had rights (as leeward boat) to head her up and force her to tack away. But instead, after much discussion among the crew on **"PEGASUS"**, we decided to let her pass us. We were now in 3rd place.

Since **"PRANA"** had zoomed ahead, she was the first boat to round the **Orange Mark**.

10:33 AM - **"PRANA"**

10:35 AM - **"GREEN EYED LADY"**

10:36 AM - **"PEGASUS"**

At 10:39 AM our heading was 290 degrees on a Starboard beat. We were getting lifted slowly and were catching up to **"GREEN EYED LADY"**. By 10:44 AM we had another lift up to 295 degrees and were still slowly gaining on **"GREEN EYED LADY"**.

"PRANA" had been sailing "outside the cone", but she finally tacked onto Port at 10:48 AM. At 10:50 AM we experienced a big header of 15 degrees, which is probably why **"PRANA"** tacked two minutes ago. Our new heading was 280 degrees, while still on a Starboard beat. At 10:52 AM **"PRANA"** tacked back on Starboard to approach and cross the finish line first, but she owed time to the Fleet. **"GREEN EYED LADY"** finished 2nd, while **"PEGASUS"** finished 3rd.

Course White->Orange->Finish (port roundings) 4.23miles.

Corrected Time:

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| 1. - <i>Green Eyed Lady</i> | 52:00 |
| 2. - <i>Pegasus</i> | 54:00 |
| 3. - <i>Prana</i> | 55:17 |

1987 "Trans/Atlantic" Race to Bermuda, from Halifax River Yacht Club, Daytona, Fl.

Article & Pix Submitted by Brian Garry

Capt. Paul Antinori was at the **Helm** aboard his sailboat **"Ludvika"**. Paul sailed with his crew of 5: **Ron Antinori Nav., Capt. Pete Thompson First Mate, Claude Bonnani Trimmer, Brian Garry Grinder**, (hanging on Starboard toe rail), **"Young Bob" Crew**.



Thirty-two yachts started, but only five finished the race. We had a Tropical Depression, which made for 6 days of beating & healing to circle the TD. **"Ludvika"** is a **48' Irwin Ketch**, we were flying 5 sails. We came back to Annapolis, MD. Shoved off from Tierra Verde, Marina in slip #1 a week before the race. **"Ludvika"** had won the **Isla Mujeres race twice**, the **Johnny Walker Cup. to Jamaica twice, Barbados Rum Race once**. She was a very fast Cruiser/Racer rig. She is now in Plymouth Harbor, NH.

We had some great sea adventures aboard the **"Ludvika"**. It is the Russian name for our Louise, Paul's bride's name.

SHBC Annual Halloween Party and Chili Cook-off

ARTICLE: Ellen Henderson; PIX: DEBBIE IRVING LUND

Decorating Committee: Joanie Marzi plus John & Renee Viverito

Clean-up Committee: Joanie Marzi, John & Renee Viverito, Ellen Henderson, Brian & Phyllis Garry

Chili Cook-off Winner: **1st Place**: Phyllis Garry

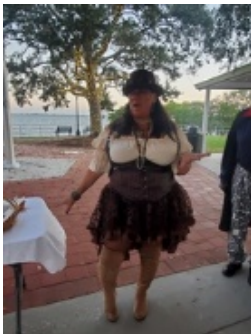
Halloween Costume Winner: **1st Place**: Kim Brenden-Price

Photographer: Debbie Irving Lund

Event Organizers: Joanie Marzi plus John & Renee Viverito



On Sat., **October 28, 2023**, the Safety Harbor Boat Club held its **Annual Chili Cook-Off** and **Halloween Party** at the Memorial Park Marina Pavilion in Safety Harbor. Under blue sunny skies, club members brought their prized chili to be judged. We had a total of five entries. They were all good. **Phyllis Garry** again took **1st prize** with her chili. What's her secret recipe? Along with the chili we had some great side dishes and desserts. There certainly was plenty of food for everyone.

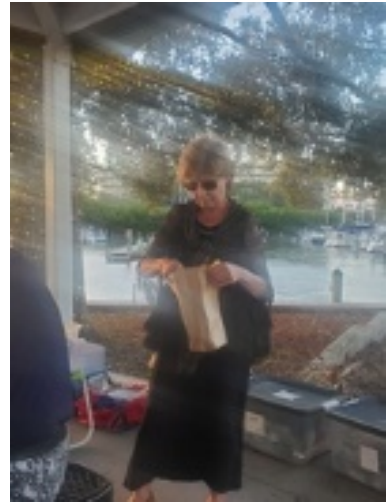
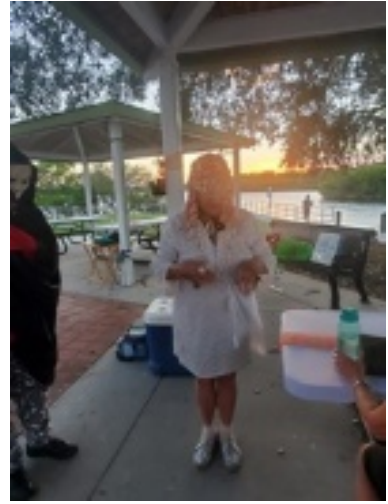


Did someone say Halloween Party? Several of the members and guest dressed up in their finest/spookiest attire. We had 1st Place: **Kim Brenden-Price** winner as a pirate wench, a firefighter (**Ellen Henderson**), a seashore with shells (**Phyllis Garry**), an evil ghoul (**Brian Garry**), a witch (**Joanie Marzi**) and the Disney heroine Cocoa (**Kim's guest Janice**).



A big thank you to our Clean-up Committee: Ellen Henderson, Joanie Marzi, Brian & Phyllis Garry, Ellen Henderson, John & Renee Viverito. Nice job on the decorations. Thank You to our Decorating Committee: **Joanie Marzi plus John & Renee Viverito**. Additional attendees were Mikey Hembrey, Marcus Lund, Debbie Irving Lund and Paul Matthews.

Finally, with any successful event, there are always special people behind the scenes that make it a success. Let's all thank our Commodore **Joan Marzi** plus Race Chair **John & his wife Renee Viverito** for a fantastic job in organizing this event.



MIKEY'S TRIBUTE PARTY

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: KIM BRENDEN PRICE

After toiling for ten years as the **Editor** of our **SHBC Sentinel Newsletter**, **Mikey**



Hembrey has hung up his Editor's visor and red correction pen and will be retiring after this December Newsletter issue. So, the SHBC Officers decided to give him a **Tribute Party** with lots of **Pizza** supplied by the Club. The event was held on Sat. Nov. 18 after the morning race (see article elsewhere in this issue). A large group assembled to honor Mikey for all of his efforts with a card that everyone signed and an award keepsake for his mantle.

However, Mikey isn't abandoning us altogether, as he will remain in the position of **Webmaster**. YEAH!

Thank you, Mikey for your dedication to SHBC.



FREE - "JAZZ ON THE WATERFRONT" - FRI. OCT. 27

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; Pix - MARILYN PASHKOWSKY + ARCHIVES



A nice group of 9 Souls joined us and were among the approximately 400 people who turned up for another **FREE "JAZZ ON THE WATERFRONT"**, which was on **FRI. OCT. 27 @ 6:30 PM** in the park **behind the Safety Harbor Spa**. We brought our lawn chairs and blankets plus munchies and drinks. We positioned ourselves upfront, so that the SHBC Members could easily find us. There were vendors selling food and libations. This is always a fun event

and it's in its fourth year & it was **FREE!** Lisa Kothe, the Safety Harbor Library Director announced that the Safety Harbor Library Foundation would pass the hat to help fund the building of the future second floor expansion of our wonderful Library, where we've previously held our SHBC Club meetings.



This year's main event featured **Voices of Jazz**, who specialized in classic big band era jazz, swing and modern arrangements. Among our favorite music sources played were **Quincy Jones, Juan Carlos Jobim, Chicago Transit Authority, Santana, Peggy Lee** and snippets from various **movie & TV shows' soundtracks** from "**Chicago**" and "**Mr. Lucky**" and others. Among the attendees from SHBC and their guests were: **Roof Douglas, Chris Dollin, Ellen Henderson, Abby d'Oronzio** plus **Marilyn Pashkowsky, JR** and **Camille** plus **Sarah Im** and her **husband**, who was our "Dancing King". Since he loved to dance, the ladies in our group as well as others kept him on his feet for most of the concert.

Another highlight was the FULL MOON, which peeked between the overhead canvas "sails" during the concert. It was a particular delight, as so many of the Jazz tunes were about the "moon". The weather was perfect for the Fall event with nice breezes for this year's concert.

There were two vocalists, who did an outstanding job accompanying the Jazz Band **Voices of Jazz**.

We're looking forward to next year's "**JAZZ ON THE WATERFRONT**".

Bio: P. D. DeMARIANO, Dec. Guest Speaker

By Ellen

Paul D. DeMariano, currently resides in Ellenton, Florida, but he was born in Boston, Mass. He graduated from the **University of Massachusetts at Amherst** and attended **Suffolk University Law School**.

He is a **US Navy Veteran** of the **Vietnam era** conflict, served afloat during the **Cuban Blockade**, and was rated a Quartermaster in Heavy Cruisers. He has two adult daughters living in Florida.

DeMariano's career has been focused upon leadership in both the **public and private maritime industry sectors**.

In the public sector, he began his career at the **Massachusetts Port Authority** with training and experience in all Departments of that **multi-modal agency**, including **Seaport, Airport and Bridge**. He performed various roles and assignments including Community Relations during the construction of Logan Airport. He was **promoted** to Assistant to the Executive Director and **Superintendent of Vessel Operations at Mass Port**.

Paul was selected as **Director of Operations at Port Everglades**, in **Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.** in 1973. He was promoted to **Port Director** the same year and, **at age 29**, became the **youngest Director of a major seaport in the United States**. During this period, he guided the port through a major trade and user diversification including: creation of Florida's first Foreign Trade Zone; one of the port's first state of the art cruise terminals; initiation of a joint venture with SeaLand Industries for the **first containerized cargo gantry cranes in South Florida**; the **deepening of the main ship channel** and the development of 1000 acres of Southport land, which is now the focus of Port Everglades' growing container trade. During this period, he was named **Chairman of the Ship Channels and Harbors Committee of the American Association of Port**

Authorities and was named a member of the National Board of Directors of the United States Propeller Club while serving several terms as President of local Port Chapters.

Following his term at Port Everglades, he was named **Vice President of Port Development with Ashland Oil subsidiary Eastern Seaboard Petroleum Co**, pursuing projects in the lower Mississippi and US Gulf vessel bunkering trades as well as a variety of port related projects directly related to fuel oil terminal and refinery development.

In 1981, he became **President of Standard Gypsum Corporation**, a shipping company engaged in **importation of aggregates** for the **Portland cement industry** and **stevedoring services** at numerous **U.S. Gulf and East Coast ports**.

In 1984, he was named **Managing Director and CEO of the Jacksonville Port Authority**, overseeing the full range of business at **Seaport and Airport facilities**. He oversaw the development of new terminals for Crowley Maritime, SeaLand Services, and the major renewal and expansion of Jacksonville International Airport among various other projects.

In 1994, he became **President and CEO of the Port of Philadelphia and Camden, Inc.**, a subsidiary of the Delaware River Port Authority. A total of 35 separate marine terminals and intermodal rail facilities were included in this bi-state complex.

In 2001, **DeMariano** returned to the private sector as **President of Atlantic Port Services (APS)**, a **port and marine terminal management firm**. He led the turnaround and sale of Savoy Shipping, Inc, including vessels, equipment and port terminals in **Florida and the Bahamas**. Subsequently, he **managed the renovation** of the **Indian River Terminal** in **Ft Pierce**, Florida, eliminating obsolete facilities and acquiring terminal operating equipment for the conversion to handling containers and general cargo into the Bahamas. APS created the business plan and marketing strategy for what is now a common user terminal and company owned vessel services into the Bahamas from the new port facility.

In more recent years, **DeMariano** has been engaged in projects including: the analysis and development of possible new LNG terminal sites in the US and abroad; **terminal operations** in the **Panama Canal**; vessel investment strategy for ferry operations in the New England area; **development of shore side, refrigerated cargo facilities for ports in the US Gulf**; conversion of waterfront property in several Caribbean ports for highest and best use including cruise terminals and efforts on behalf of concerns interested in seaport intermodal distribution centers. .

RECAP: FREE - ECHOES OF CUBA EXHIBIT

Article: Ellen Henderson; Pix: Brian Garry & the Clearwater Public Library

During Summer Sailing Doldrums we went to various Museums & Art Galleries: The Imagine Museum opening in St. Pete, Studio 1212 in Dunedin and the LEEPA RATTNER MUSEUM in Tarpon Springs.

On Wednesday, August 16, our group of 15 visited The Clearwater Public Library Main Branch (luckily before it closed due to a Sprinkler System leak) to view the "CUBA: The Natural Beauty –

Nature Has No Borders" presented in a FREE Clyde Butcher photography exhibit plus the artwork of 19 additional artists on "ECHOES OF CUBA".



The photography exhibit included FREE admission + FREE parking-

For those who came from Safety Harbor, they met at 3:00 pm - those who carpooled met at the free parking lot off Main St. between 8th and 9th avenues (across the street from the Stuffed Mushroom) in Safety Harbor.

The rest of the group met us at: 4:00 pm- inside at the Exhibit at the Clearwater Public Library Main Branch at 100 N Osceola Avenue in Downtown Clearwater, FL

Those who attended the EVENT were: Brian & Phyllis Garry, Jane Collins, Linda & Randy Mills, Chris Dollin, Ellen Henderson, Tim & Leslie Sindt, Geri Espy, Joanne Osburn, Kathleen Jamison, Joy Grubb, Mary Ellen Landsburg and Lissa Dexter.

Clyde Butcher Lecture and Book Signing Event | Wednesday, August 16

Lecture at 7:00 pm | The Nancy and David Bilheimer Capitol Theatre. Reservations were made and organized by Ellen Henderson

Lecture – “CUBA: The Natural Beauty – Nature Has No Borders”

The United Nations declared 2002 as “The Year of the Mountains.” Cuba hosted the conference inviting conservationists from across the Americas and Caribbean region to meet. The coordinator of the UN programs in Cuba invited Clyde Butcher to create a portfolio of the mountainous lands of Cuba; Clyde set out on three week-long expeditions into unfamiliar lands.



During this presentation Clyde discussed his sense of dedication to use his art form, photography to show people that there is a unity between all undisturbed natural places, whether a peak of a mountain range in Cuba, the wetlands where water covers the soil, or a streambed in an urban watershed. Clyde’s work is important aesthetically, and it is his hope that it will provide a vital tool for energizing efforts to preserve wilderness and wildlife habitat.

Clyde Butcher also told us he and his family (wife Nikki and 2 kids) had been liveaboards on a 20' Flika sailboat in California before moving to Florida.

THE EXHIBIT

Commissioned by the United Nations to create a portfolio of the mountainous lands of Cuba, Clyde Butcher set out on three week-long expeditions into unfamiliar lands. He explored the island country’s varied geographic regions, from the Sierra Maestra Mountains in Cuba’s eastern Granma province to the southern coast between Manzanillo and Santiago de Cuba. He ventured to places including Baracoa in the northeast, the southern waterfalls of the Serra de San Juan, and the mogotes of the west in the Piña del Rio region. (Writer’s Note: We sailed to Cuba and visited the Piña del Rio region and took a boat ride in the underground caves and explored the Stalagmites & Stalactites).



While taking photographs for the Conference for the Sustainable Habitat of the Mountains, Clyde thought about being part of an event changing history for the better, and enthusiastically saw an opportunity to make a positive difference. His photography transcends political boundaries, challenging us to work together to protect natural places across the globe.



"I looked forward to returning to Clearwater and sharing my journey through the captivating natural landscapes of Cuba. Join along and experience the presence with my exhibit, Cuba: The Natural Beauty." – Clyde Butcher.

EL ARTE: ECHOES OF CUBA

"*El Arte: Echoes of Cuba*" showcases the art of Cuban emigres as well as Cuban American artists and other Tampa Bay artists. Featuring 19 artists spanning 6 decades, the exhibit included paintings in oil, pastel, ink, acrylic, as well as photography and sculpture.

After the Exhibit, but before the Lecture, a group of us met at the Clear Sky Restaurant on Cleveland St. for dinner and to discuss the art we had seen at the Library.

If you missed this exhibit and want to experience Clyde Butcher's art, you can go to the Venice Gallery & Studio, 237 Warfield Ave., Venice, FL 34285 (941) 486-0811

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