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GUEST SPEAKER FOR **APRIL 5TH** SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TRAINING WWII NAVY PILOTS ON BIPLANES

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: INTERNET



Plan to attend our **Wed., APR. 5th** SHBC meeting at **6:15 pm** at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be **Mark Kanuck**, who will narrate a **presentation** on "**TRAINING WWII NAVY PILOTS ON BIPLANES**".

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**". **Mark** was also guest speaker at our March, 2022 meeting on their "**FALL FOLIAGE ADVENTURE**" and in Jan., 2023 **Mark's** topic was "**BAREBOAT SAILING ADVENTURE IN THE GREEK ISLANDS**".

Plan to attend our SHBC Monthly Meeting on Wednesday



6:15PM

AT THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY

RECAP: MAR. 1st GUEST SPEAKER: GEORGE DAVIS - “ATLANTIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS”

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES + GEORGE & BETH DAVIS



On Wed., MARCH. 1st, our SHBC meeting Guest Speaker was **GEORGE DAVIS**, who gave a presentation on “**ATLANTIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS**”. The criteria for mammals are that they are air breathers and must have hair behind their eyes. Dolphins are members of the whale kingdom and have DNA that makes them close to the hippopotamus. Females weigh up to 400 lbs., while male dolphins can grow to 450-600 lbs. Dolphins swim up to 35 mph. They need to eat daily up to 20% of their body weight. They swallow their prey whole and digestion takes place in their three stomachs. Their diet consists of fish, blue crabs and sea urchins.

A female calf will stay with its mother for its lifetime. Male dolphins are territorial and may go to another stock to bring up the numbers in their own pod by acquiring other females. When they're tired, dolphins will close one eye and will sleep at the surface for 4-6 hours.

Dolphins are very social and altruistic. During the birthing process, females will form an inner ring around the mother, while males form an outer ring. A dolphin mother will carry her calf on her trumbull until it learns how to breathe. In the nursery pod other females will babysit, while the mother is searching for food. Dolphins will surround fish into a ball and then take turns eating from the ball.



If Your Birthday is in APRIL. . .



HAPPY EASTER - APRIL 9
and for those who Celebrate
PASSOVER - APRIL 6



Got Knots?

By Mikey



Those who attend the SHBC meetings have seen Ron P. demonstrate the tying of various knots. He brings in extra lines and cleat boards for members to try on their own. Unfortunately, the Trucker's Hitch demonstrated at the March meeting was not doable with the cleat boards. Ron managed with his own version of a car-top carrier rack and kayak, and did it with having neither item.

But members were able to practice on his setup and all succeeded in tying the hitch. The SHBC website can help if you missed the meeting, or want to review the knots presented by Ron. Follow the link, then scroll down to the blue section titled "What type of knot do you need?" The Animated Knots link can be found on our Useful Links, **More useful links** in the **Help & How To** section at the bottom of the page ...

http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/UsefulLinks/UsefulLinks_more.asp

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

By Mikey

No explanation needed...



HAPPY EARTH DAY - APRIL 22!



Cherish our earth; it's all we've got on this Planet.

SHBC ANNUAL



St. Patrick's Day Party Saturday March 18



HOSTED at LINDA & CURT BRANDT'S HOME

ARTICLE BY ELLEN HENDERSON, Pix by LINDA MAKSEL & MARION RUGGE-ARONSON

Curt and Linda Brandt, Linda Maksel, Deloris Coleman, Ellen Henderson, Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Laura Wilson, Sal Farina, Kim Brenden-Price, Brian and Phyllis Garry, Quinton Smith and Elizabeth Olnick, Marilyn Mabe, Jill Casey and Jim Hansen, Joan Marzi, Mikey Hembrey, Mark and Ann Kanuck, John and Barbara Housand, Bonnie Chernikoff & Kindra Bess – guests of Linda Brandt.

It had been a thoroughly enjoyable day. The **SHBC Annual St. Patty's Day Party** was spectacular with 26 members and guests in attendance. It was mostly a sea of green outfits and headgear provided by Co-host **Linda Brandt**.

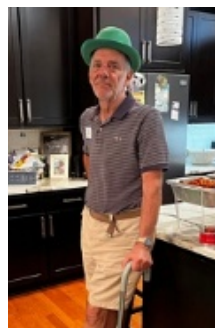
The **party** began at **5pm** at **Curt and Linda Brandt's** home instead of the original plan at the SH marina. Attendees were encouraged to bring some type of dessert for the meal or Chips, Dips, Pretzels, Nuts, etc. for the cocktail time to share.

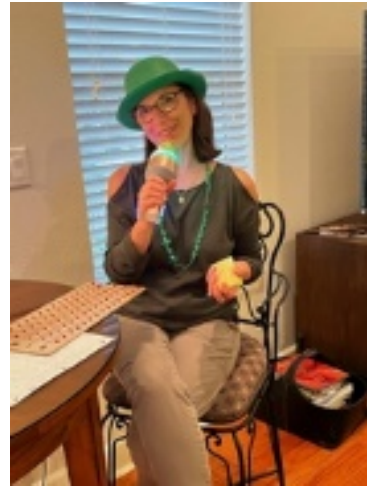
This will be a delicious catered affair, which was catered by Maggie's Restaurant on SH's Main St. with corn beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, shepherd's pie, biscuits and butter. Dinner was served shortly after 5 pm.

We were entertained by **Irish Music**, curated by **Ellen Henderson**. There were **games** provided by **Co-Host Joan Marzi and Linda Brandt**, who designed some fun games, which got **everyone involved** plus 50/50 and SHBC Cruise Chair **Brian Garry** lead us in a medley of Irish ditties. **LINDA MAKSEL & MARION RUGGE-ARONSON** were the party photographers, who took some great pix.

Ice and water were supplied; other libations were BYOB. It was great weather inside the Brandt home.

Put this event on your 2024 calendar and get ready for a sea of GREEN and "erin go bragh!"





[**Editor's apology:** I would not normally stuff anything near 20 images into an article. This time I was unable to reject any of them, so what I got is what you see.]

WHAT'S THE REST OF THE STORY?

SOURCE: JAMES KEENAN



Erin Go Bragh means 'Ireland Forever'. It's actually **Éirinn go Brách** in Irish but the phrase became anglicised and was already in use as Erin Go Bragh by 1847, the year a group of Irish volunteers, among them U.S. Army deserters, joined the Mexican side in the Mexican–American War. They were known as Los San Patricios, or Saint Patrick's Battalion, and flew as their standard a green flag with a harp on it and the motto 'Erin Go Bragh'.

Fast forward to 1906 when 3 Irishmen went to Athens, Greece, to compete in the Olympics as an Irish team, independent of Britain. They wore distinct uniforms and were there to compete for the first time as representatives of their own country. Once in Athens, however, the Olympic committee decided the Irish must compete under the British flag. Peter O'Connor won silver medal for the long jump and just as he was about to receive his medal he ran to the flag pole, climbed it, and put up the Erin Go Bragh flag (the Tricolor wasn't officially adopted by the Irish Republic until the Irish War of Independence, 1919-1921). All the other Irish athletes, along with their Irish-American counterparts, managed to fend off security for a wee while and so, for a brief few minutes, an Irish flag was flown at a sporting event for the first time ever!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: JILL CASEY AND JIM HANSEN

By ELLEN HENDERSON AND PIX by JILL CASEY

JILL CASEY was born in Miami Beach, Florida, a proud third generation Floridian! **JIM HANSEN** hails from Champaign, Illinois, but moved to Miami, with his family in 1959! **JILL** attended St

Mary's Dominican College, and **Jim** attended Miami Dada College. They dated briefly in High School, then went separate directions.

After college, **Jim** landed a job with Eastern Airlines, based out of Miami. In 1989, Eastern filed Chapter 11, **Jim** was then hired by United Airlines (now, the world's largest airline) as a Flight Dispatcher, based in Chicago. He held that position, till retirement in 2013!

In 1968, **JILL** was hired by National Airlines, based in Miami, as a Stewardess (no males back in the 60's) and was able to travel in the states and abroad. In 1991, at the urging of a friend, worked for the City of New Orleans for 8 years....that was one life experience!!!

Growing up in Miami, they had many friends who has various sized boats. Weekends were spent on the water, forging friendships and enjoying the water and related activities! **JILL** shared many wonderful cruising vacations with her mother! After, **JIM** and **JILL** reconnected in 2004, they went on a few transatlantic crossings, and more recently a cruise to Australia and New Zealand!

They both love living in Safety Harbor. **JIM** and **JILL** have siblings that live in this area.....sadly their children/grandchildren live elsewhere, but they do see then frequently and family vacations are always looked forward to!

Jill Casey & Jim HANSEN in Israel



GASPARILLA BOAT PARADE



Brian and Phyllis Garry attended the recent **GASPARILLA BOAT PARADE** in Tampa and got a birds-eye view of all the boats as they made their way up the Channel.

Have found in both Publix & Walmart, a wonderful Magazine: "The Complete Guide To Pirates". It's fascinating!

Lottery Winner – Sort Of

By Mikey



“Horse sense is what keeps horses from betting on people”. I could not figure out how to turn this saying into something related to the lottery. But the message is clear: Don't bet.

That lame intro is to introduce that I won 3 scratch-off tickets at the St. Patty party. As you can see, I had a winner on one of them. So you could say I won 1 in 3, or got a 1\$ return for \$3 spent (if these cost \$1 each). That is how it works. You put in more than you get out.

But here is my real complaint: It will cost me more than 1\$ in gas to go get my winnings.

Maybe I should ask a friend with a Prius to cash in the ticket and split the winnings with them?



KAYAK ADVENTURE OUT OF UPPER TAMPA BAY PRESERVE March 7, 2023

ARTICLE & PIX: MARC BERGER



Another **SHBC Kayak Trip** was held at the **Upper Tampa Bay Preserve**, (south of the Race Track gas station on Hillsborough, East of the County line) leaving from the **Education Center**, where one can **rent Canoes, one-man and two-man Tandem Kayaks**, complete with paddles, life vests, whistles and maps. Bring your own Food, Drinks, hats towels, and especially Sunscreen and Insect

Repellent.

We left out of the bobsled-like launch at the dock; followed the numbered Day Beacons North up Double Branch Creek (without getting lost in dead ends among the estuary mangroves- a mapping GPS is very helpful) under Hillsborough Road and up the creek almost as far as you want.



Or head South (or do both routes, about 3 hours) past the fishermen, out into the Unmarked channel, past the Sandbars, to Old Tampa Bay, where you can see the City of Tampa, the Courtney Campbell Causeway and even Safety Harbor (which is a LONG way back by Kayak).

Our group of three intrepid paddlers **Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Ellen Henderson** and **Marc Berger** went up the wrong bayou at first; (my bad) then turned around and headed south to the Bay. After going aground in the wrong channel, a brief amphibious landing on a sandbar at the entry of the deep-water motorboat channel, we headed back; saw fishermen, who displayed their just-caught catch of the day; then stopped off at **The Lobster Haven Restaurant** for lunch.

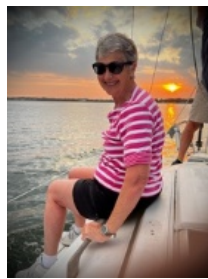


We will do something like this again **April 15, preferable out of Dunedin Causeway** if the Red Tide abates. (See separate Article in this issue).

FIRST SHBC DAY CRUISE/SAIL

ARTICLE: MARION RUUGE-ARONSON; PIX: KIM BRENDE-PRICE & MARION RUUGE-ARONSON

SHBC launched its new **Day Cruising Program** out of the **Safety Harbor Marina** on **Wednesday, March 8th**. **Marion Ruuge-Aronson** and **Kim Brenden-Price** went day sailing with **Ann and Mark Kanuck** on their boat, "**Starwind**". At first the wind was not cooperating, but then it turned into a blustery sail. Frolicking dolphins called out and accompanied the boat along the way. A bonus to the late start was a magnificent sunset as we made our way back to port. Great time was had by all. The **next cruise** is planned for **Saturday, April 8th** with **Vice Commodore Ron Carew** who is able to take **9-10 people** out on his **Pontoon boat, "Sassy Lady"**, weather permitting.



MARC BERGER'S NEXT SHBC KAYAK ADVENTURE

BIO & PIX: ARCHIVES



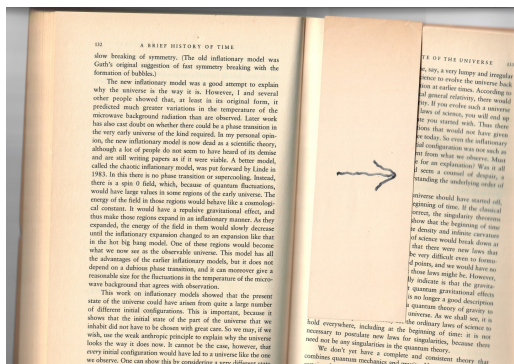
After the fun Kayak trip on Tuesday, March 7th at the Upper Tampa Bay Conservation Park and the subsequent luncheon at Lobster Haven Restaurant (See article and pix elsewhere in this "Sentinel" issue), **Marc Berger** is planning another **SHBC Kayak** adventure, which is scheduled for **SAT., April 15** on the **Dunedin Causeway**, time TBD. As the **April 15th** gets closer, the venue may change, due to the ever-encroaching Red Tide, that's moving North along the Gulf. Stay tuned.

Marc started sailing in college at **Pasadena Cal Tech**. He was racing a **13.6' Flying Jr.** He then took up **Laser** racing while in Medical School and raced in the **Coupe de Defi Voile**, on a **Laser** in a 10 hour down river race ending up in at **Three Rivers in Montreal, Canada**.

This was a **Ski/Sail weekend** of racing, which also involved going through the gates downhill at **Mt. Tremblant near Montreal in Quebec**.

While in **Larchmount, NY**, **Marc** did **Windsurfing** and later owned a **Catalina 22'**, which he sailed out of **Hopatcong, NJ**, while living an hour away in **Stroudsburg, PA**. **Marc** later moved to **Reading, PA** and he had his **Catalina 22'** trucked down to **Havre de Grace Marina in MD**.

Marc's next boat was a **C & C 30' - "The Red Baron"**, which he raced in the **Non-Spin Class** out of **Dunedin Marina** from 2002-2011. He started sailing with Eileen in 2009. There's a special annual Regatta sponsored by **Skip's Bar in Dunedin**, in which **"The Red Baron"** competed. It's called the **"Underwear Race"** and the winning prizes go to the most outrageous costume and slowest boat. **It's basically a poker run race**, in which the competitors wear Life Jackets and Boxer Shorts and Bras. The winner gets their picture framed by a toilet seat. He has since sold **"The Red Baron"** and now has his own single person Kayak.



The Intelligent Bookmark

By Mikey

I read a lot of technical type books, but where I read them I will keep private. I discovered that reading a page or two at a time helps me digest and remember the material. My current book is **A Brief History of Time**, by Steven Hawking.

To keep my location for the next read, I use a bookmark with an arrow on it to point to the next page to read. I will usually stop at the first paragraph on a page. I then rotate (not front to back) the bookmark if needed to act as my place holder. The image illustrates what I mean, but the arrow does not have to align with the starting paragraph..

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