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GUEST SPEAKER FOR **JUNE 7TH** SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - "MARINE DRAWBRIDGES"

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: GEORGE PATTON



Plan to attend our **Wed., JUNE 7TH** SHBC meeting at **6:15 pm** at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be **GEORGE PATTON**, who will give a presentation on the "MARINE DRAWBRIDGES".

George Patton, PE, MSCE is the **Chief Engineer, Principal Associate, and an owner** of the firm **Hardesty & Hanover (H&H)**. **H&H** is a Manhattan based firm with more than **500 employees** and **offices throughout the United States and the United Kingdom**, including **Tampa**, where George works. **H&H** is considered the **oldest engineering consulting firm in the country with a 136-year history**, most known for its **expertise in movable bridge engineering**.



George has lived in **Florida** since **1971** and in **Safety Harbor** since **1989**. He has a **master's degree** in **structural engineering** from the **University of South Florida** and has been **designing movable bridges for more than 34 years**. **George conceptualized and led the design** of some of **Florida's iconic bascule bridges** including:

- 17th Street Causeway Bridge at Port Everglades in Ft. Lauderdale,
- Circus Bridge in Venice,
- Royal Park Bridge over Lake Worth Lagoon in West Palm Beach,
- Treasure Island Causeway Bridge in St. Petersburg,
- Ocean Avenue Bridge in Lantana,
- NW 12th Avenue Bridge over the Miami River in downtown Miami,
- Matlacha Bridge in Pine Island,
- Southern Boulevard Bridge over Lake Worth Lagoon in West Palm Beach, which just completed construction,
- Jupiter Federal Bridge at Jupiter Inlet, currently under construction,
- Beckett Bridge over Whitcomb Bayou in Tarpon Springs, which just completed design with start of construction anticipated at the end of 2023,
- Venetian Causeway East Bridge in Miami Beach, currently in design.
- Dunedin Causeway Bridge, design contract just awarded.

Over his career, he has performed various engineering services on nearly every movable bridge in Florida.

Plan to attend our SHBC Monthly Meeting on Wednesday



6:15PM

AT THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY

RECAP: GUEST SPEAKER FROM MAY 3RD SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - "VIKING SAILORS OF THE ISLE OF SKYE"

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: TODD LEISEK & INTERNET



At our **Wed., MAY 3RD** SHBC meeting, our guest speaker was **TODD LEISEK**, who gave a **presentation** on the **"VIKING SAILORS OF THE ISLE OF SKYE"**.

Todd Leisek has been working in the arts collectively for the **past 15 years** in the **Arts, Education, Museum, Curation, and Administration**. He grew up in **California** and **traveled throughout the United States**, where he **studied** in the **Fine Arts** up in **Minnesota, Wisconsin and Vermont**.



During his **grad school time**, he **concentrated** on **Design, Native American and Celtic Art**. **Todd** has taught at **Fl. State Univ.** and **Rocky Mountain Univ.**, near **Denver, Colo.** **Todd** has a **passion** for the **arts and science**, where he's **studying** today in **contemporary design and research methods**. **Todd is also a descendent of the natives of the ISLE OF SKYE.**

Todd's excellent presentation can be found on the SHBC Newsletter Archive page. If you do not have PowerPoint, you can get the free PPT viewer from Microsoft (Google "free ppt viewer Microsoft").

http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/Newsletter/PDF/Northern_Scotland.pptx

A Decade Long Journey Is Ending

By Mikey



The SHBC Newsletter first issue was in November 2013. If you review that issue, you will see a klunky first edition. As time went on, the style and layout was merged into what it is today. For this I am grateful, being the Editor.

I want to shout-out for Ellen Henderson's work gathering material for each month's issue. Her personality is relentless, which ensured material for publication for the last 10 years. With her help, the journey has been interesting.

Every journey must have a beginning and a destination. For me, that destination is the November 2023 issue of the Sentinel Newsletter. I cannot even remember when I took on the task of Webmaster (2006?), but that journey is also ending. It is time to turn over these tasks to younger blood. I am looking for someone to take what I have created and make it even better.

Newsletter

I use Microsoft Word as my editing software. I then use Microsoft's **Print to PDF** to create the Newsletter for distribution. If the next Editor wishes to continue with MS Word, I will provide all my methods and procedures to them, to help them come up to speed.

Website Webmaster:

There are four (4) components to this duty:

- 1 Website administration, or editing and posting web pages.
- 2 Website hosting management, or where are the web servers?
3. Domain name registration, or how do they find us?
4. Website backup, or is my machine not safe enough?

This can be a different person, but I recommend the Editor and Webmaster be the same person. This will simplify the process Newsletter development to Website posting easier. In any case, there is a lot to learn so waiting until October to start is a very bad idea. Alternatively, someone can build a new website from scratch using their own software and switch the internet pointers to the new site.

I currently use Dreamweaver to develop the website, but any software that manages HTML (web) documents can be used. The site contains HTML and ASP code. The ASP portion is relatively unchanging, so learning coding for this is not necessary. If you use Dreamweaver, just barely a basic knowledge of HTML is required. The software is a dream to use, explaining the name, and does all the technical work for you.

This may sound a bit overwhelming, but you have 4 months to get up to speed. Except for the Newsletter uploads, the website is mostly static, with occasional edits. SHBC uses emails and Newsletters as attachments to provide current activities information. A backup of the entire website is maintained on a USB hard drive (SHBC property) that is insurance against PC failure.

Just so you know:

- I am a Lifetime Member, so I am not dropping out of SHBC.
- Effective November 1st, I am a technology ghost.
- Ten years is longer than any other job I had.

This is my story and I am sticking to it!



SATURDAY RACE SERIES:

Saturday 6/03/2023

Saturday 7/8/2023



Saturday 8/5/023

Skippers and Crew Meet at 09:00 (9AM) for a race start at 10:00 (10AM)



WEDNESDAY Race Series:

Wednesday 6/14/2023

Wednesday 6/28/2023

(Pegasus is not available for this race)



Skippers and Crew Meet at 17:00-17:30 (5-5:30PM) for a race start at 18:00 (6PM)

All boaters are needed to enjoy time on the water: Place marks, pick up marks and be chase and committee boats are needed!

Please respond to this email if you are planning to race or crew, are able to be the Committee boat: set and retrieve the marks and keep times.

Happy Boating!
Safety Harbor Boat Club Officers

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First Wednesday Race

By Linda & Mikey, Pix by John V.

Apparently, everyone was too busy racing, so pictures are all you get. No info on who actually crossed the line first. In fact, three boats went out. Three boats came back. Nobody's talking. And Dale would have been pleased to know that everyone gathered on his old boat for the after-race party.

Pictures from the 1st Wednesday race, 5/10/2023:



Green Eyed Lady and Wanderlust heading to the finish.



Ellen aboard Pegasus.



Wendy and Ron P. Enjoying the sail on Pegasus.

Price Gouging, Targeting Seniors, Jeff Koons

By Mikey



I saw this 60 Minutes program and thought it was worth sharing. My original interest was on the "Targeting Seniors" section, but discovered the first and last sections were worth watching as well.

- **Price Gouging:** Answers to why \$60 Billion does not buy the military what it used to.
- **Targeting Seniors:** A solid argument for Trust, But Verify!
- **Jeff Koons:** The not-a-real-artist artist. You be the judge.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/60minutes-2023-05-21/>

Free Boat Tour Port Tampa Bay



Friday, July 28

Please join us for the **FREE Boat Tour of Port Tampa Bay** on **July 28**. This event will be aboard the **Yacht Starship 1** which has **3 decks**, IS 185' LONG, and is **air conditioned** for comfort. We will have a **Docent** from **Port Tampa Bay** who will explain recent expansions and improvements to the

Port, as well as representatives of local eco-groups explaining the flora and fauna of the local spoil islands.

Details are as follows:

8:00 am - anyone **carpooling** plan to meet at the free parking lot off Main St. between 8th and 9th avenues (across the street from the Stuffed Mushroom) in Safety Harbor.

8:15am - drive to **Tampa's Garrison Channel** for parking (use the parking garage or street parking).

OTHERWISE, meet us at:

9:30am - boarding time for **Yacht Starship 1**.

10am - depart from **Garrison Channel**.

12pm - return to **Garrison Channel**.

Optional lunch after the event next door at the **Food Court** or **Outdoor dining** at **Sparkman Wharf**.

Reservations open for this event starting Monday, May 22. Please contact **Ellen Henderson** at (H) 727-797-9380 or ellenmaehenderson@hotmail.com to **RSVP for the event**. We need a **headcount** to send to the **Port Authority**, so sign up for the tour as soon as possible!!

Please note: this is a **free event** with the exception of parking and **free water** while on board. **Parking will cost \$2 per hour (credit card only, NO CASH)**.

UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE DAY SHBC Dock Party SAT. July 1st, 2023 + Fireworks at the Safety Harbor Marina

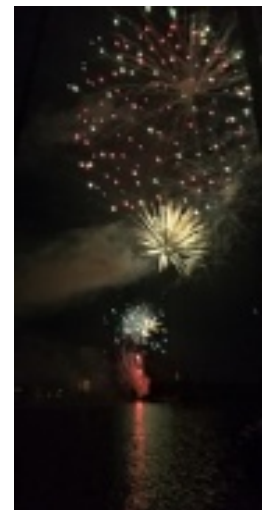
By Ellen Henderson, Pix from Archives & Web



The **City of Safety Harbor** has announced that instead of on the **4th of July**, the Annual **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** will be held on **SATURDAY, JULY 1st for 2023**.

All are welcome to attend our **Annual SHBC INDEPENDENCE DAY SHBC Dock Party on SAT. July 1st, 2023** at the **Safety Harbor**

Marina. The **Dock Party** is scheduled to **start at 6:30 PM** on the **middle finger** of the **docks**. This will be a **POTLUCK event**, so bring your **favorite dish**, your **lawn chair** and whatever special item you like to drink. Remember to dress in your favorite **Red, White and Blue** clothes for the Party. After we eat, if weather is permitting, skippers will motor out just NE of the SH Fishing Pier to anchor out offshore to watch the fireworks. The skippers will decide





whether to venture offshore or not. Otherwise, we'll either sit on the boats or watch the fireworks from our **lawn chairs** on the **Middle Dock**. The **fireworks** are scheduled to **start at sunset a little before 9:00 pm**. So put the **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** at our **SATURDAY, JULY 1st Dock Party** on your **Calendar!**

FREE CPR CLASS - INSTRUCTOR ANDREW HAWKINS

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES



Since we do not currently have regular SHBC Club meetings during the Summer, instead there will be Classes held for Members and Guests. Plan to participate in our **Wed., JULY 5th, SHBC FREE CPR CLASS from 5:00-7:45 pm at the Safety Harbor Library**. Check-in will start at **4:30 pm** and there will be a **questionnaire** to fill out plus you can buy your 50/50 tickets.

Reservations are open NOW for this **FREE CPR CLASS**. Please contact **Ellen Henderson** at (H) **727-797-9380** or ellenmaehenderson@hotmail.com to **RSVP** for your spot in the **class**. We need a **headcount**, as there is only room for 25 participants; so, sign up for the **class** as soon as possible, as it will fill up FAST!

Our **INSTRUCTOR** will be **ANDREW HAWKINS**, who was our **previous Guest Speaker** in Dec., 2022, when he gave a presentation on "**MARINE FIREFIGHTING**".

Plan to attend our **FREE CPR CLASS Wednesday**



JULY 5th, 2023

5:00-7:45 pm



AT THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY

Andrew Hawkins is the **District Chief of Training & Safety** for the **Safety Harbor Fire Department**.



Andrew has been in the fire service for **over 25 years** in **Pinellas County**. He worked for **Clearwater Fire & Rescue for 21 years** and was assigned to stations with **water rescue capabilities** including **jet skis, rescue boats, and fire boats**. During **Andrew's** time with Clearwater, he had several incidents involving **marine firefighting** both **from land** and from a **fireboat**. **Andrew's last 10 years** in the **fire service**, including his time with **Safety Harbor** has been involved in **training members** in the **fire service** including **water rescue** and **marine firefighting**.

SHBC JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES - BON ANNIVERSAIRE!



Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of JUNE, which is truly the month of Brides & Grooms.

EASTER WEEKEND RACE 4/8/2023

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON

After many races that were canceled since our last race (Labor Day), mother nature smiled on SHBC. Finally, we were able to race on Easter Sat., Apr. 8th. Winds started and remained from the S/S-E (120-140 Degrees) @10-13mph. **Tony Marazzo** provided his **Seaswirl** powerboat, **La Bella Vita**, for the **Race Committee Boat**. It was **Kim Brenden-Price's** 1st time ever and PRO, so she relied heavily on her crew: **Ellen Henderson** and **Ron Poirson** for guidance.

Since most of the usual suspect boat owners were either on vacation (**Mark K.** and **Sal F/** had out of town Easter guests and **Brian G.**'s steering system was DOA, so he drove over to crew on **SEAATTACED II**). However, the stalwart crews of **PRANA**, **WANDERLUST** and **SEAATTACED II** were in racing mode.

PRANA had its usual crew of **Marty** plus an add on crew of **David** and **Chris Dollin.**, the Club's former Racing Chair. **WANDERLUST** had a small crew of only one: **Steve**. This was the first time that **SEAATTACED II** had raced with SHBC, so he had a pick-up crew of **Brian Garry** and **Kathy Bledsoe**.

Prana was 1st over the start line and they led the fleet throughout the race. **SEAATTACED II** approached the line on port tack, while **WANDERLUST** was crossing their approach on starboard. For some reason, even though they were in the right, **WANDERLUST** did not protest **SEAATTACED II**, but instead did a 360-degree turn???

The wind brought us white caps. Lady luck of winds were with **PRANA**, **WANDERLUST** and **SEAATTACED II**.

Detailed race results:

Course White->Finish (port roundings).

	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1. PRANA	10:59:41	0:50:26	0:49:46
2. WANDERLUST	11:47:58	1:38:43	1:33:15
4. SEAATTACED II	DNF		

FISHING TRIP TO ALASKA

ARTICLE & PIX: Linda Mills

Alaskan Anglers is the name of the Company of the fishing Camp we used. Alaskan Anglers is located in **Gustavus**. They have very nice Cabins, boat and everything you need for a fishing trip. At the end of the trip, Alaskan Anglers freeze dried the fish, package the fish in a box, tagged as regular luggage on Alaskan Airlines at no extra cost. Once we landed in Tampa, we had our fish to take home.

Alaska fishing boat



Seals hang out on buoy



4 days on fishing boat



Randy's big fish

Randy's biggest fish - around 50 or 60 pounds

The fish that LINDA caught

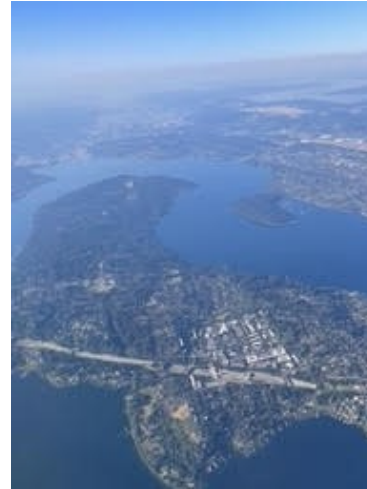


Linda Mills' big fish

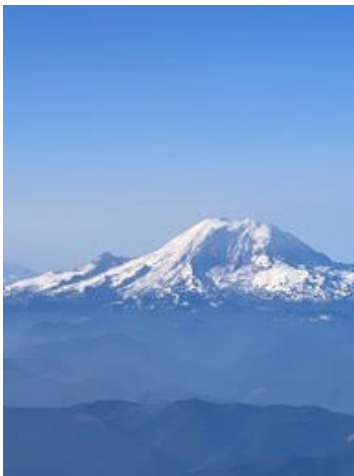
This big one that got away Randy is in blue & Captain



Fishing boat we were on Not all our fish, we had one box Gustavus when leaving.



Alaska Volcano



Packaging fish to take home



This was our box of frozen fish



Mandatory Engine Kill Switch

By Mikey

You may have heard boats are now required to have, or be retrofitted with, mandatory kill switches tethered to the boat operator. After a little digging, I found enough detail to make mostly sense of it. Strangely enough, there was no mention of sailboats in any of the material I found. Can you imagine being tethered in a non-high performance coastal sailing sailboat?

Q6. What boats need to have an Engine Cut-Off Switch installed?

A6. Boats less than 26 feet in length that generate more than 115lbs of static thrust (~ 2-3hp) and were built beginning in January 2020. If the boats' primary helm is inside an enclosed cabin it is not required to have an Engine Cut-Off Switch.

In other words, **this is a non-issue** for us. It is a government regulation that applies to manufacturers.

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Submissions must be complete with text and images. If received after the 24th of the month, they will be held over for publication and not included in this current issue.

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