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## President's Day Weekend Cruise

Brian "Bagman" Garry has organized a cruise to the Manatee River area for the Feb 14<sup>th</sup> weekend (4 days). Read the details online at [http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/ActivesMeets/DOC\\_Files/Heads\\_Up.pdf](http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/ActivesMeets/DOC_Files/Heads_Up.pdf) to help you make preparations.

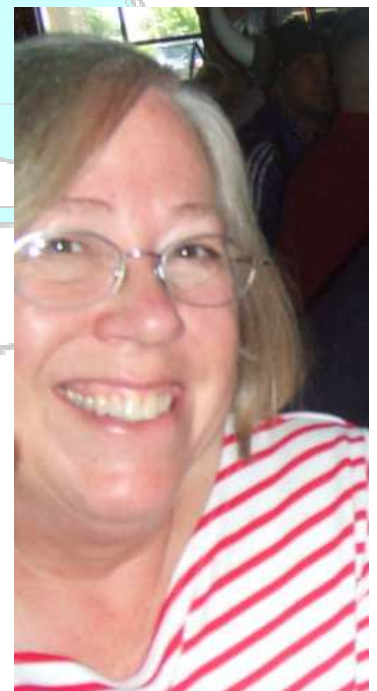
## In Memory

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**Date:** December 28, 2013 at 5:45:55 PM EST  
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**Subject:** Evelyn Lickfeld Hayes

Evelyn Lickfeld Hayes, who crewed on my boat on Labor Day was a Facebook friend, and I'm seeing posts that she passed away.

Sent from android

Alan "Roof" Douglass



## Christy Edwards Picture



I did not get any text with this picture, other than it was “Last Saturday's Race December 7th”, but it looks like whomever took the picture was ahead of everyone else. 😊

## More Christy Edwards Pictures

Mike, here are some pictures from the Boca Club Lit Boat Parade Dec, 14th. Barry, Ellen and I decorated "Watercolor" and had a very good time. We came in 9th out of 25! I was told people worked on their boats for weeks, months, sometimes the year. We come in "one minute you're a new boat on a trailer and a couple of days later loaded with lights ready for the parade". They were impressed. It was for me one of the most wonderful, memorable Christmas celebrations ever.





## FIRST TIME LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

SUBMITTED BY ELLEN HENDERSON

SHBC member, Christy Edwards' new sailboat, "**Water Colors**", a MacGregor 26' had just arrived in Florida via truck from her summer home in East Islip, NY. So Christy, being the adventurous sort, invited Barry Fox & Ellen Henderson to crew on her maiden LIGHTED BOAT PARADE at Boca Ciega Yacht Club, where she keeps her boat on its trailer. Crewing also entailed two days of boat decorating and another half day to raise the mast, launch her boat and take it for a trial run in Boca Ciega Bay.

Since Christy is a professional artist, her lighting plan was exquisite. However, electric power was a quandary. The original plan was to use four batteries & four inverters. Barry concluded that we would have a better chance of remaining lit throughout the 3-hour evening boat parade by renting a generator. He spent all day Fri. researching what would be the best and quietest generator for the most value. We had a shiny new Honda unit, which we decorated like a big gift box amid ships, just aft of the mast. For all three of us, this was a new lighting adventure. Ellen discovered that the female plug on lighting strings should be at the bottom of the mast, instead of at the top. Also no more than 3 strings could be connected together. Hence, lots of extension cords were used. The mast and spreaders were graced with white lights like a Christmas Cross. The sides of the boat had dancing blue icicle lights. The forestay, backstay and shrouds all were adorned in colored lights. The boom was wearing blinking white lights and the lifelines sported blue lights. "**Water Colors**" was gorgeous in her lit tresses!

The BCYC Parade Skipper's Meeting was at 5:00 PM, followed by the assemblage of boats in the staging area, just outside the Club's Marina at 6:00 PM. The judging took place from the boat club's South lawn as we all passed by after first entering the Gulfport Marina's turning zone. This was good planning, as at least one boat's light went dark before the parade ended. We then proceeded to the canals of Town Shores Condos, then on into a lovely boating community of amazing multi-story homes, each with its own boat slip and boat. Since Sat. was a windy night (15-20 kt winds), "**Water Colors**", which is water ballasted, was tricky to steer and helmsmen were rotated to relieve the pressure, especially when crossing the Bay to parade along Isla del Sol.

A fun pot luck party followed the Parade at the BCYC Clubhouse. The party included live entertainment, a fractured sing along of the "Twelve Days of Christmas", etc. and the awards announcements by host "Santa" enacted by Richard Walters, the Club's Cruising Chair. "**Water Colors**", won a "trophy" and was tied with "Shady Lady", which sported a "beach" and "palm trees" all in lights.

This event was so much fun, that SHBC should consider hosting a boat parade in 2014.

## Safety Harbor Christmas Parade

Below are some of the pictures taken (by Connie Pope) during preparations for the City parade. It looks like Mike Denny volunteered his dinghy again this year. I hope they did not make that poor dog pull the boat!



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