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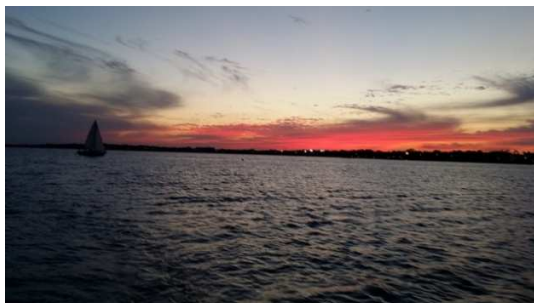
By Mikey

Ellen pointed out that this is issue #13 of the Sentinel, the first issue being November 2013. That means we have completed one full year of publication for the newsletter. I really gave little thought to whether or not it would last a whole year, but I am amazed that the year passed so quickly. I must admit I almost pulled the plug back in April, but for some reason continued to collect the writings and pictures, hopefully assembling them into something reasonably interesting.

Wed Oct 22 Race Results

By Chris Dolin

Thank you to everyone who showed up at the final 2014 Wednesday night race. We had 4 boats and 14 crew out on the water. Mother Nature did her bit - the wind held up, and the sunset was stupendous.

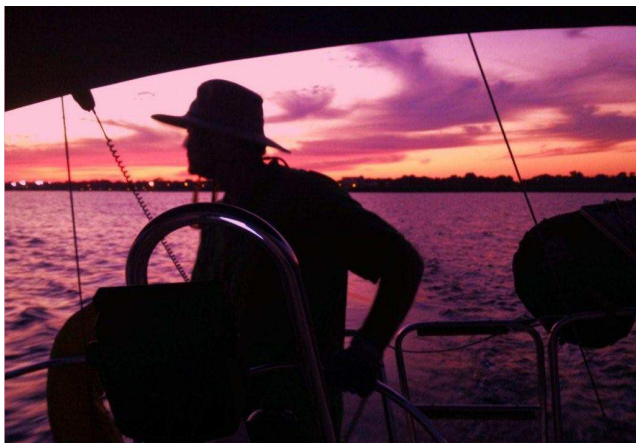


These are
Roof's photos -
thank you Roof.

And thanx again to Dale for hosting most of us for the post-race social.

These photos are from Ed - his captions are

1. Captain Roof Douglas muttering as he crosses the finish line for the fourth consecutive win. "WHERE'S THE OTHER BOATS?", and
2. Amelia racing to the finish line at sunset off Safety Harbor Marina.



Results :

Course #2 Orange -> White -> Finish 4.23 miles

	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1. Wanderlust	19:09:45	1:01:45	19:06:56
2. Pegasus	19:13:50	1:05:50	19:11:01
3. Amelia	19:12:10	1:04:10	19:12:10
4. Incentive	DNF		

Unfortunately, Incentive had to withdraw because of a torn sail.

SHBC FULL MOON RACE - OCT. 18

Submitted by Ellen Henderson

Six sailboats turned out for the recent SHBC FULL MOON RACE on OCT. 18. We had fantastic weather with a cool breeze with winds from the N-NW at about 10 kts. Race Chair Chris D. set up a windward start with a button-hook around the starboard end of the start line. "**Pegasus**" was first boat over the line, followed by "**Incentive**".

Chris D. had put a light on the second (S) white mark & **Commodore Ron P.** lit up the S-F line marks. The first leg was eastward toward the unlit orange mark. The moon was forming, rising from the low-lying clouds over Tampa.

Even though "**Pegasus**" was out front, "**Amelia**", with owner, **Barry F.** on the helm was quickly gaining, as "**Amelia**", is a faster rated boat. "**Pegasus**" saw "**Amelia**", about to overtake her to windward. Rather than



sitting under their "dirty air", **"Pegasus"** came up about 20 degrees before an overlap occurred. For a short time **"Amelia"** also came up, but then quickly ducked down to proper course.

A similar scenario occurred as **"Jewel Anne"** approached. **"Pegasus"** notice that **"Amelia"**, **"Wanderlust"**, **"Sun King"** and **"Incentive"** are were 30 -50 degrees below the course that she & **"Jewel Anne"** were on. All of a sudden, **Barry F.**, who was short-handed for this race with only one crew, new member **Joan M.**, rounded the East mark, with the little pack following them shortly thereafter.

Ooops! **"Pegasus"** and **"Jewel Anne"** were way North of the mark, so both lost time and position to the correct course. They finally approached.

As is normally the case, the wind picks up just before sunset and diminishes right afterward. So the last two lighter weight boats started to gain on the fleet of heavier boats far ahead, as they slowed with the descending winds.

By the second South (white) mark, **"Wanderlust"**, had gained first place. She has a brand new bottom job and a reattached keel after several months out of the water. **"Wanderlust"**, picked up her skirts and just flew ahead of the fleet on the last windward leg, which involved several tacks, which is always fun and contributes to the racing strategies.

"Wanderlust", finished in first place, followed by **"Amelia"**, and **"Pegasus"**, who had caught up because she went farther west than the boats ahead before tacking North and she had gained a lot of distance. But alas, the 18 second lead was not enough over **"Incentive"**, who corrected out to 3rd place.

The setting sun, with Fall Orange skies to the West, was just magnificent. At each crossing tack with **"Incentive"** and **"Sun King"**, **"Pegasus"** got closer and closer. The last tack was only inches away, necessitating **"Pegasus's"** ducking both boats and getting a lift off them at the passing. Even though **"Pegasus"** beat **"Incentive"**, over the finish line, but alas, the 18 second lead was not enough over **"Incentive"**, who corrected out to 3rd place.

Dale C. on **"Incentive"**, hosted another fine party on boat with the stragglers moving to **"Amelia"**, at about 11:30 PM until nearly 1:00 AM, just basking in the glory of this wonderful full moon, with perfect temps. Thanks to Aussie Chris for organizing this delightful SHBC evening.

Results :	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1.Wanderlust	19:27:56	1:08:38	19:25:07
2.Amelia	19:32:13	1:12:55	19:32:13
3.Incentive	19:42:31	1:23:13	19:37:14
4.Pegasus	19:42:15	1:22:57	19:39:26
5.SunKing	19:42:33	1:23:15	19:39:44
6.Jewell Anne	19:47:01	1:27:43	19:45:15



Chili Cookoff

By Von Taylor

Hi Mike,

Please find attached pictures taken at the SHBC 2014 Chili Cook-off and Chris Garill's boat renaming. I've also included pictures of the costumes for the newsletter.

Winners of 2014 Chili Cook-off

- 1st Place John Sherian
- 2nd Place Ed Malek
- 3rd Place Phyllis Garry

Winner of Costume Contest: Jack Meyers

Winner of 50/50: Ed Malek

I have also included a picture of the 3 judges

Kindest Regards,

Von





SHBC BOAT CHRISTENING, CHILI COOK-OFF & 1ST ANNUAL COSTUME PARTY - SAT. OCT. 25 RECAP

Submitted by Ellen Henderson

The decorating committee, consisting of **Dusty**, **Phyllis G.**, **Jack M.**, **Yvette**, **June H.**, **John S.** and **Ellen H.** arrived early to set up tables and hang the Halloween Decorations

The boat christening and name change of **Chris G's** new sailboat was a huge success resulting in the it's new name, the "**John Marie**". **Chris G.**, **Barry F.**, and **Brian G.** all wore their respective military uniforms for the very formal and serious ceremony along the seawall that's adjacent to where the 60 + revelers, near the SH Marina Pavilion, celebrated the occasion, complete with champagne, generously supplied by **Chris G.**

The group then enjoyed the Club's **3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off**, with various chili crockpots full supplied by ten members and guests. This was an increase over last year's contestants. **Dale C.** and two guests from St. Pete were the Cook-Off judges and proved they had very discriminating tastes.

The winners were:

1st Place - **John Sheriann** (Guest)

2nd Place - **Ed Malek**

3rd Place - **Phyllis Garry**

This was followed by the **1st Annual SHBC Halloween Costume Contest**. There were many entrants and the Grand Prize winner was Jack Myers, who was dressed as a grim reaper, utilizing his carving skills to form a mask out of the base of a giant prom frond. So start planning your costume for next year's Halloween Costume Party.

RECAP OF RECENT SHBC GUEST SPEAKERS PRESENTATIONS

Submitted by Ellen Henderson

In case you missed it, **Monique Descent** gave an excellent presentation on her **CRUISE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO ST. PETE** at the Sept. SHBC meeting. It was fascinating to hear about how **Monique** and her then, Hollywood producer husband bought a sailboat, learned how to sail it via weekend cruises from Long Beach to Catalina Island, then cruised up to San Fran with their 3 kids. From there, they went to Baha California in Mexico, with a stop in "dangerous" El Salvador, then on through the Panama Canal, finally ending up at the Harborage Marina in St. Pete. They did probably more sailing than most of us do in a lifetime.

For the SHBC Oct. meeting, our guest speaker was **Glenn Dubose**, who was a recently retired **Bridge Tender at the Dunedin Causeway Bridge**. We learned how after 9/11, the gov't installed bullet proof sidings and windows in the Bridge structures and that within 3 years, all Bascule (upwards opening) and Swing Bridges will be converted to Tall Fixed Bridges with 70' mast clearance. So all SHBC boats will easily be able to do more cruising without waiting for bridge openings. Yes, Glenn did touch on the subject of observing unusual activities, such as the "naked tally" kept by the bridge tender operators.

Fwd: SHBC NOVEMBER ISSUE; Octoberfest SOIREE, at Dunedin Brewery, 5 OCT.

By Brian Garry

Mikey, this little Blurb is for the NOV SHBC.... noting the 5 members, whom showed up at the Dunedin Brewery, at 1600, October 5, We stayed for about 90 minutes, eat, drank some Beer, listened to the Band.. and scrambled.. up to a Wake at Tarpon Springs...

A very small turn-out.. to say the least... 5 Hearty Souls...

Danke shen...

Herr Garry

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Miene Damen und miene Herren,

Guten Tag!.... Wie Gehts..... Was ist Luz?...

Am Fumfe Octubre, 2014,

Zeit; 1600

Frau Phyllis und Ich... haben sehr gut Tag, am Dunedin Brew Haus...

trinken die Beer, und essen die Wurst...

Wunderbar!



SHBC fruendins, Herr Mike Minsk.. und Cap't Ron, mit Aussie Chris, tanzing zu der Muzen... am der Um Pa
Band.. unter das tent...



Ich Libre Dich, zu SHBC Damen und Herren,



Aufviederzehn....

Mo'n Capitan BAG, und der PIG, (Swine)...

Orange Buoy Maintenance

By Chris Dolin

Even though the Orange Buoy was cleaned on August 23rd, it accumulated enough marine growth to need another cleaning. The buoy had been in stealth mode for the last few races. On Sunday after the Chili Cook-Off, Amelia with Barry, Ron and Chris D headed out to the buoy.



It was a lovely day to be out on the water. Buoy cleanup was a new experience for me - I had no idea how it was done, and couldn't believe it when I saw the axes used to scrape off the marine growth.

Barry dropped anchor, then he and Ron suited up and slipped over the side into the water. Lines were tied around the buoy, and attached to the axes and alongside Amelia for a safety line.

I stayed on board as a look-out. A dolphin was heading straight to the buoy, but did a sharp turn just beforehand after sighting the 'Mad Axemen' !! I heard mutterings of 'This is wonderful satisfying work', and thought to myself 'Are they mad !! I know it has to be done - but to enjoy doing it !!'



Lunch for me was a mussel thrown up on board. (Eds. Note – *I hope this means somebody **pitched** it into the boat!*) I said I preferred the sheepshead that feed on the barnacles, but was told they were too small. This time the chain and very bottom of the buoy were also cleaned. Maybe with the colder weather, it will stay clean for a while. We

measured the buoy while we were there, so we'd have the right size bucket at the next night race.



The bottom of Amelia's keel was also cleaned. Amelia hasn't been able to point as high as Wanderlust in recent races - Captain Ron may regret helping out !!

After a few beers and some Rum we headed over to check the White Buoy which is still in good shape.

We ended the wonderful day being out on the water at Barfly where we indulged in Sweetwater 420 and delicious Fish Spread.

Well done Ron and Barry.



EPIC ROAD TRIP TO THE AMERICAN WEST

By Barry Fox

This past summer, my daughter, Dusty, mentioned to me that she had never seen the American West. I thought about my past travels to Grand Canyon, the Rockies, California Redwoods, etc. and about how I really like to travel somewhere every year during the time from Labor Day into mid-October. This planted the seed for our Epic American West Road Trip.



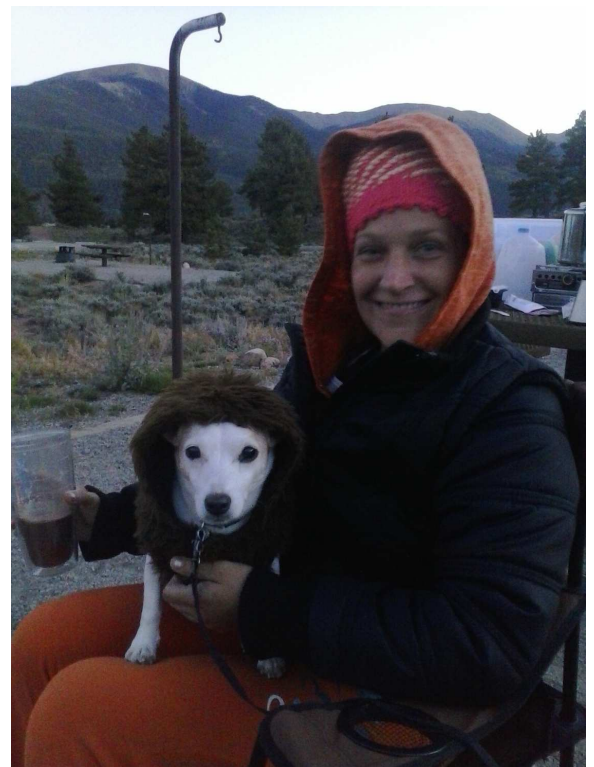
After a few months of planning, on September 5th we packed the Rav4 with a tent, sleeping bags, warm and cold weather clothes, food, and of course Peanut, our Jack Russell Terrier, and headed west. We pulled back into our driveway on October 5th. Here are a few quick stats.

We...

visited 16 States,
drove 7964 miles,
enjoyed 4 National Parks,
experienced 9 State or County Parks, and
camped out 24 nights, each without rain!

We made it to almost all of the intended points of interests...Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado's San Juan Mountains w/Telluride-Ouray-Silverton (great little mountain towns), Grand Canyon NP, Yosemite NP, Calaveras Big Trees State Park (Giant Sequoias), Armstrong Redwoods SP (Coastal Redwoods), Bodega Bay, CA. We didn't make it to Redwoods NP in Northern CA (the intended turn around point) as it was just too far after three weeks on the road. But that leaves Redwoods NP, Oregon, Washington, Montana, & Idaho for another western road trip next fall. Also, travelling with Peanut was a delight; she brightened up each day especially after a tiring drive.

If you haven't been out to our American West...GO!
 Remember, you only have so many heartbeats.



What happened to that Retirement Rest I was promised?

By Mike Hembrey

For some foolish reason, I thought that you got to do what you want, *when you want*, when you retired. I missed that one by a mile. However, I think I am getting closer. ☺ The Sentinel is late this month because a higher priority ruled my life.

We finally got Lance married and set up in his very own domicile. He is still moving his things from his old home (mine) to his new one, but he has always been a work in progress. Now he is Lindsey's responsibility... Ha !!!



While my granddaughters were here, we took a trip to the Children's Museum in Tampa. Did you know they had a nautical training section over there? It took Jasmine a while to tire of her on-the-job training experience there.

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