

# S.H.B.C.

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The S.H.B.C. Sentinel is a periodic publication (terms of submission, last page) containing the stories and pictures of past events. Material is provided by Club Members and Guests and barely edited. Nothing provided here represents an official position of the Safety Harbor Boat Club.

### **GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOV. 2 SHBC MEETING**

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Plan to attend our Wed., Nov 2nd, SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm, at the Safety Harbor Library.



Our guest speaker will be Cryztle Slocum, who will speak on the topic: "Joshua Slocum, the 1st Solo Sailing Circumnavigator". Cryztle is his great-great granddaughter, who lives on her sailboat, a 28' Morgan, docked in Madeira Bch. Joshua's epic journey took place between April 24, 1895 and June 27, 1898. Learn about his harrowing sea voyage, background and triumph.

Cryztle's twin sister, Justine (also a liveaboard in New Smyrna Bch, FL) may possibly join her for this presentation.

# SHBC GET WELL/SYMPATHY WISHES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

SHBC Member Gina Breece was recently in a car accident and she has sustained both whiplash and lower back injuries. We wish Gina a speedy recovery so she can rejoin us soon again racing on Dale's boat.

Our condolences go out to Paul and Connie Pope. Paul's sister, Mary (Pope) Wrenn passed away recently and the Memorial will take place in South Carolina.

## RECAP OF OCT. SHBC MEETING PRESENTATION:

### "Climate Changes and the Effects on Sailing"

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Our guest speaker was **Lisa Hinton**, who is the Executive Committee Chair of the local Pinellas County Chapter of the Sierra Club. **Lisa's** topic was "**Climate Changes and the Effects on Sailing**". This was followed by a short interactive discussion among the members and guests present at the meeting regarding their questions and concerns.

With over 700,000 members, Sierra Club is the oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organization in the United States. Florida currently has 30,000 members, organized into 16 local Groups.

Lisa discussed: Slime, Trash, Sewage & Our Changing Environments Impact on Sailing, including Red tide leads to fish kill, respiratory issues in parts of South Pinellas County. Another major issue was rising tides and its specific effect on the Marinas in our area, i.e.: the Clearwater Beach Marina is looking into floating docks; what are our SHBC Members planning to do when the SH Marina electrical boxes are under water at high tide. How difficult will it be to get on and off the Club's sailboats, etc.? There's a lot to consider. This was a very timely topic as Hurricane "Matthew" was about to roar up the East Coast of Florida, Georgia, So. and No. Carolinas inflicting millions of dollars of damage to Marinas, buildings, roadways, etc.

## New Member Introduction

By Skip Meadows

I would like to introduce our new member John Patrick Estok – but just call him John unless you are arresting him or putting him on an election ballot he says! Actually, I kind of like the idea of writing his name in on our presidential election ballot. John Patrick Estok has a nice ring to it!

John is thinking about putting a bumper sticker on his car that says “no wife, no kids, no alimony/support and no problems. He lives in Safety Harbor not far from Philippe Park and he belongs to the PSTA riders advisory committee and is eager to join the Forward Pinellas citizen

advisory committee. John is interested in the history of this area and would like to learn to speak Spanish. He loves Latin and Swing dancing.

John has never owned a boat, though Irish family members owned one called "The Irish Rover". They ran barges of coal and fuel on the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers to the power plants in KY, OH and WV. Sometimes John dreams about living aboard a nice sailboat. Until then he is happy racing with the Safety Harbor Boat Club and is eager to learn as much as he can.

## **Recap of The Sept. 24 Drift Race**

By Clarence Noles

Four boats ventured out from Safety Harbor marina into upper Tampa Bay. Winds were very light but we were hoping for the best. First out was Capt. John Viverito and a friend on Pegasus. Next was Capt. Dale on Incentive with his usual all female crew (a wise and crafty old man that Capt. Dale). Then came Amelia with Capt. Barry Fox and his mate Ellen Henderson and rounding out the flotilla was Capt. Ron's Wanderlust and his deckhands

We crossed the starting line at about 10:20am in a fairly tight formation. Originally we had planned to round both marker buoys (orange to white to start), but as the light breeze became even lighter and our progress became wallowingly slow, it was decided to round only the first marker buoy and then finish at the starter buoys. A good call because the water became a glassy mirror with barely discernible puffs rippling the surface occasionally.

With no telltales flapping and no breeze on our faces a desperate Capt. Ron had Jack light a cigarette to see where the air was blowing from so we could set our sails accordingly. We watched Jack's lit cigarette anxiously to see which way the smoke was drifting. The smoke was hard to see but we finally made out that we had southerly air flow and with that Capt. Ron roared out "Remain on starboard tack"; and the crew cheered wildly with approval!

For the next couple of hours, we wallowed in and out of the doldrums with just enough breeze to keep us moving. The conversation turned morbid at times with talk of people being marooned and stranded in desperate situations, such as the Donner party and the Andes plane crash survivors.

However, we were sailing in Paradise and as we neared the finish line the wind seemed to be picking up. Pegasus crossed the finish line first, just beating Amelia by a nose. Wanderlust came in several minutes later and Incentive finished out the regatta.

The wind had picked up and Capt. Barry Fox asked if anyone was up for another round, but the nearly three-hour first run had taken its toll on most of us and we headed into the harbor. Still a great day on the water and everyone finished the race.

# A FULL RAINBOW RACE - OCT. 12

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

The pre-race notice was from our Commodore, Ron Poirson, sitting in for Out-Of-Town Race Chair, Barry Fox for our SHBC Race: **Wednesday night racing will take place 10/12, with a planned 6 pm start.** The temperatures are getting cooler, and the winds are picking up.

Here are the tides:

10/12/2016	13:10 EDT	2.69 feet	High Tide
2016-09-14	20:24 EDT	0.63 feet	Low Tide

In **Barry's** absence, "**Incentive**" agreed to run the race. We had a few sprinkles at the dock because of the heavy dark clouds, but they quickly dissipated. The start was from East to West, making the port end of the line very favored.

We on John V's "**Pegasus**" planned to run the line from the port pin, while being aware that our competition was heading straight for us on starboard tack. However we ran out of time to get to the port end and ended up noodling at the starboard end, so as not to be over early.

"**Wanderlust**", with **Commodore Ron P.** and **co-owner Roof Douglas** was first over the line, followed shortly by "**Pegasus**", then **Dale C's "Incentive"** with his crew: **Mark Kanuck, Chris Dollin and guest Kathy**, who is an experienced "snacktician". The last boat to start was **Chris Garrill's "John Marie"** with crew: **Ed Malek**; however, they had a problem when trying to shake out the reef in their Main, (it was from a bigger boat), so they radioed the Race Committee that they were dropping out of the race.

During the first leg on the way East to the Club's new Orange Mark, a beautiful full rainbow appeared in the NE sky. "**Pegasus**", with **owner, John V. on the helm and new SHBC Member, John Estok plus this writer as crew**, followed "**Wanderlust's**" lead and we were very glad that we had reefed the main and had unfurled the jib to only about 100%, as "**Wanderlust**" sometimes was **on her ear**. What started out with avg. winds of 13-15 kts, were now strengthening to gusts of 18 kts. Heavy-hulled "**Incentive**" was loving these winds and just glided through the waves as if she were slicing butter. "**Wanderlust**" maintained her lead **throughout the race, while "Incentive"** was attempting to close in on "**Pegasus**". "**Wanderlust**" finished first.

Just before our finish, as it was starting to get dark, we had an oops aboard "**Pegasus**", in that this writer missed the starboard finish line mark and we mistakenly "finished" outside the line. So we went to the opposite side of the line (which SHBC rules allow) and finished from the North side of the line, thus giving up our lead to "**Incentive**", which even though they finished behind us, we no longer had our handicapped lead. **Dale C. graciously hosted the post-race party aboard "Incentive"**. Race results: 10-18 kts winds.

Start Time 6:20:00pm

	<u>Finish Times</u>	<u>Elapsed Times</u>
1) "Wanderlust"	7:08:53	0:48:53
2) "Pegasus"	7:22:31	1:02:31
3) "Incentive"	7:22:44	1:02:44

The corrected may change the order of the racers.

## OHHHHH CANADA!!!!

(and New York State too)

Part 1 of 3

By Mark Kanuck

Have you ever gone away with your husband, wife, girlfriend boyfriend, significant other, etc....and spent the next 21 days in their presence for the entire time? And still get along? Be honest. If you answered yes to those two questions, Ann and I join you as this is what occurred on our three-week trip to Upstate New York and Ontario and Quebec Canada this past August and September. And being the sailors that we are, we naturally stopped at virtually EVERY FREAKING MARINA on our 1,500-mile adventure. Some people love to travel to see ancient ruins, others travel for the art museums or Broadway shows. Some travel for the animal or plant life. Our vacations now are tied to masts. If we (I) see one on the horizon, we have this obsessive compulsion, albeit a healthy one, to see what's under it. Hell, if we saw anything that floats, we wanted to take a picture of it – and brother, did we see a lot. If you are too tired to read the rest the rest of the story, here's the short ending.....Canadians LOVE their boating, especially sailing. So read on...

OK, let's be honest. We needed to get away from the heat. In August, it's 95 degrees in Safety Harbor, every day. The humidity is in the 90s. And to top it all, there's no wind. NO WIND, Grrrr!!!! The only breeze comes from a thunderstorm. And then you have lightning. So, spending time on or near the water in the dead of summer is, at best, a marginal improvement. And downright disgusting if you are sitting becalmed in the middle of Upper Tampa Bay on any given Saturday (or Wednesday night) with the water glassy and the only breeze provided by the humming wings of a mosquito near your ear. But 1000 miles almost due north of the West Coast of Florida beckon the Great Lakes, the two closest being Erie and Ontario. Before leaving we checked in with a few folks from Ontario. They told us it had been an unbearably hot summer in Canada. Temperatures actually getting into the 90s! Oy Vey. It's Canada for heaven sakes. It's the land of hockey pucks, beaver trapping and polar bears that do Coke commercials. How hot can it be? And besides, it goes down into the 40s at night. Ann and I thought this is just what the doctor ordered.

Our first stop after a quick two-hour flight from Tampa into Buffalo was Niagara Falls. I grew up in upstate New York. 'd visited the falls as a six-year-old kid. It's 300 miles from Albany, NY to Buffalo, a long bloody trip for a six-year-old in a packed 1954, two tone, moss green, Ford station wagon. From that trip I learned that anything past Syracuse was the Great Plains, or more appropriately, the Great American Desert, as it appeared on Rand McNally maps of that era. The only thing I remember is that between my parents, grandmother and aunt they must have broken every finger in BOTH hands clutching on to me for dear life. Going OVER the Falls would have

been a relief. There are all sorts of jokes about how tawdry Niagara Falls has become, especially the US side. The jokes are underserved I think. There is a place for kitchiness and it's called Niagara Falls. (These same jokes about Buffalo are true – just kidding). There are bigger and higher waterfalls in the world. They are in more exotic places where you need a water buffalo and a National Geographic guide and cholera or dengue fever shots, but let me tell you, standing less than 10 feet from the edge of the Falls, listening to 6 million gallons a second whiz by you in a gleaming frothy, brilliant white spray, not only takes your breath away, it does wonders for your gastrointestinal system. Any thought of getting too close or perhaps going over the edge is just the sort of stimulus that results in asking someone how far away to the nearest restrooms. Yes, it's that scary and wonderful and majestic all rolled up into one, far better than any thrill ride at Busch Gardens. You can stand there for hours, which we did, at all hours of the day and night, which we did, and you NEVER seem to get tired of the magnificence of Mother Nature dumping 20% of Earth's fresh water down a chasm 181 feet high. It's really is the perfect honeymoon location. Go to the hotel, then out to watch the Falls, then back to the hotel. Go out at night and see the light show and fireworks and then back to your room for more fireworks. One "MUST DO" is *Maid of the Mist*. It's the icing on the cake. These guys, and the operation on the Canadian side (Hornblower Niagara Cruises), have been taking people up to and under Niagara Falls since 1846! It's probably the oldest continuous scenic boat ride in North America, if not the world.

A few words about Buffalo. We visited the downtown waterfront which has undergone extensive restoration and is loaded with power sailboats plying the eastern fringe of Lake Erie. Adjacent to that is the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Marine Park. It's home to a three-story museum and several decommissioned US Navy ships that serve as memorials: the cruiser USS Little Rock (CLG-4) – which served as the Flagship of the Navy's 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet in the Mediterranean, the destroyer USS Sullivan's (DD-537) – named for the five Sullivan brothers whose ship was sunk by the Japanese at the battle of Guadalcanal in November 1942, and the UUS Croaker (SS-246) a diesel electric submarine. At the same location are the ruins of the western terminus of the Erie Canal. The canal was opened in 1825 and stretched 363 miles from Albany, NY to Buffalo. It took 8 years to build and was the major artery on which the roughly 50-year-old United States moved millions of people and cargo from New York City to the Great Lakes and upper Midwest to settle a new nation.



Remains of western most lock Erie Canal  
(Chris Garill's era)



USS SULLIVAN's DD-537

On day 3 we crossed into Canada at the town of Niagara on the Lake. It is located at the mouth of the Niagara River that flows less than 20 miles from the Falls into Lake Ontario. If there's a more

beautiful little town, it has to be on a Hollywood back lot. Perhaps Leave it to Beaver's neighborhood. When we stopped to ask directions, people would say, "it's the prettiest town in Ontario". Not once, but maybe 10 times along a 20-mile route. Ad nauseum. And they were right. On the way we passed the Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club. It's actually on the mile-wide Niagara River. Had we been there on a Wednesday evening, I was sure they would have needed crew. So if you are ever that way, here's their website: [niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com](http://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com).



My Maid of the Mist



Doing what tourists do



Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club

Continuing on to our day's destination in Toronto we drove through some of the most magnificent wine country that seems to be so extensive it must run a close second to California's wine country or the Loire Valley in France. For a stretch of 50 miles along the southwest shore of Lake Ontario, there are literally hundreds of vineyards and wineries. The other attraction was roadside stands. Yes, the ones you stop at for fresh vegetable picked only hours before. We stopped at one and I gorged myself on cherry tomatoes. I've had these before, hundreds of times. But these, grown out of the rich soil were, without doubt, among the best vegetables I have ever eaten. "So THAT'S what a cherry tomato is supposed to taste like." More cherry, than tomato. Right then and there Ann and I pledged to return to Ontario next year. To steal a line from the Kevin Spacey movie K-PAX, "The vegetables alone are worth the trip."

If you've not been to Toronto, you owe it to yourself to go. I had never heard anything bad about the city, except for former Mayor Rob Ford, who was caught on camera smoking crack-cocaine. He died at age 46 in March of this year. So, Canada has its share of (or at least one) crazy politicians too. It's not all perfect. And, yes it gets cold in the winter, but the summer is so much fun it makes it worthwhile. It is a wonderful city with a capital W. Clean, friendly, cosmopolitan, scenic, you don't need a car to get around, vibrant neighborhoods, people of all colors and ethnicities, great restaurants and places to eat and a sailing community that's right at its doorstep. Canadians ARE different. It's a different country. Hello. We know that although we have a tendency to take that for granted since they are so close. People are friendly. They lack the edginess we have in the States. So many Canadians asked us what in hell was going on with politics south of their border? There are so many neat things to see and do in Toronto. Here's a select list:

**CN Tower** – 1400 feet in the air and they let you dangle over the edge in a harness for an extra few bucks. The views of Lake Ontario are stunning on a clear day. Not for those with fear of heights or irritable bowel syndrome.

**Hockey Hall of Fame** – Eh it's Canada! Puck around there all day.

**Distillery District** – While we were going through Prohibition, guess who was making a fortune?

**St Lawrence Market** – Voted the WORLD's BEST market. Let's me say that again, WORLD's BEST!

**Toronto Harbor Toronto Islands** – A series of sheltered small islands and inlets where there are several marinas and more boats under sail than Annapolis and Newport combined.

**Street Cars** – We parked our rental car and rode public transportation all over the city for four days.

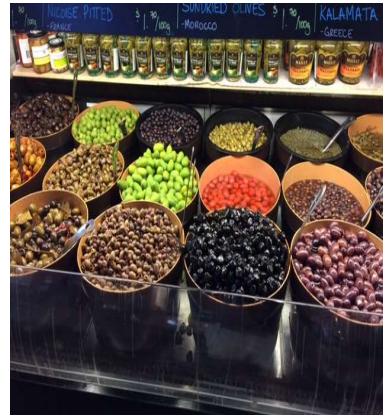
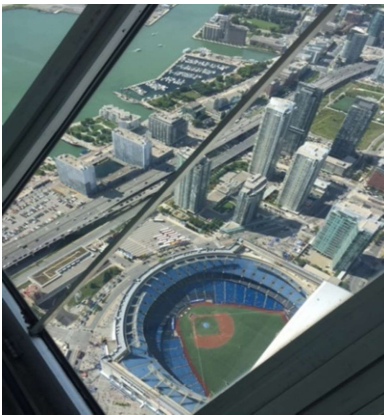
**Shopping** – Yong-Dundas Square and the Eaton Centre are the Times Square and Fifth Avenue of Canada.

**Royal Ontario Museum / Art Gallery of Ontario** – Good weather kept us doing stuff outdoors but these are two among many wonderful museums.

**Rogers Center** – This indoor/outdoor home of the Tampa Bay Ray's nemesis Toronto Blue Jays. They put 40,000 in there and that's a slow night.

**Toronto Botanical Garden** – Four acres that includes 17 different gardens. It's free.

**Parks and Recreation** - All parks and pools in the city are free. We swam at the Olympic size pool complex where Canada's first woman's Gold (Silver and Bronze too) medalist, 16-year-old Penny Oleksiak, trained. She also grew up in the neighborhood where we stayed and they had a big parade for her the time we were visiting.



Rogers Centre Seats from 1400'  
(*"He missed the tag."*)

Toronto Skyline from S/V Kajama

Olives at St Lawrence Market

We arranged for lodging while in Toronto through a rental that we found on AirB&B. It was a lovely little one room place located in the Beach District which was just east of downtown. It was a bargain a \$72/night. The owner was a Ukrainian woman who emigrated to Canada in the early 90's with her young daughter (Katya Tchoubar) who is now a renowned opera singer and teacher in that country. Coming from the "old county" as they say, Eugenia was used to making her own wine. We never quite figured out exactly what berry she used, but her results were fantastic. The picture below attest to her proficiency and the bottle of wine you see was wonderful.





Our residence in Toronto (blue townhouse)



Eugenia Tchoubar starting from scratch

After four days, we fired up the rental car and headed east along the north shore of Lake Ontario to our next destination, Gananoque, a picturesque little town at the northeast end of Lake Ontario where the waters form the beginning of the great St Lawrence River. The area is known as the Thousand Islands. Actually, there are 1,646 islands to be exact.

***Next month, Ann and I day-sailing on the St Lawrence in a 26 foot Tanzer.***

## SHBC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays & Anniversaries fall in the Month of November.

### **Birthdays:**

11-4 Linda Brandt  
11-11 Christy Edwards  
11-21 Ann Scott

### **Anniversaries:**

11-10 Curt and Linda Brandt



# **SHBC Annual Halloween Party and Chili Cook-off**

By Von Taylor

## **Decorating Committee:**

Ellen Henderson, Joe & Jamie Kelley, Bob Sullivan & John Estok

## **Clean-up Committee:**

Joe & Jamie Kelley, Ellen Henderson, John Estok, Ed Malek, Joanie Marzi, Brian & Phyllis Garry, Mike & Sherry Duffy, Chris Dollin plus Mark & Ann Kanuck

## **Chili Cook-off Winners:**

1st Place: Mark & Ann Kanuck

2nd Place: Phyllis Garry

3rd Place: Linda Brandt

## **Halloween Costume Winners:**

1st Place: Brian Garry

2nd Place: Mike Duffy

3rd Place: Valerie West

## **Photographers:**

Linda Brandt, Von Taylor, Ed Malek, & Ellen Henderson,

## **Leader: Zumba/Line Dance:**

Lena Redding

## **Event Organizer:**

Ed Malek

## **Fifty-Fifty Drawing/Tickets:**

Mark Kanuck

October 22, 2016 the Safety Harbor Boat Club held its annual Chili Cook-Off and Halloween Party at the Memorial Park Pavilions in Safety Harbor. Under blue sunny skies, club members brought their prized chili

to be judged. We had a total of six entries. Five regular chili recipes and one vegetarian recipe. They were all good.



Mark & Ann Kanuck took 1st prize with their chili.

Along with the chili we had some great side dishes and desserts. There certainly was plenty of food for everyone.

Let the games begin!!! We had a jumbo Jenga game, and bean bag toss game going. Let me tell you, we have some skilled players that take their games very seriously.



Did someone say Halloween Party? Several of the members and guest dressed up in their finest attire. From Manhattan, New York we had our own Donald Trump to get these festivities going. Even Hillary was there to keep Donald in line. Of course we also had Sister Mary to dispense discipline to those rowdy deplorables. We had a pirate, a bad nasty witch and a good witch with her own wings instead of a broomstick. We also had hockey and football players.



Congratulations to our 50/50 winner, Linda Brandt



A big thank you to our **Clean-up Committee:**

Joe & Jamie Kelley, Ellen Henderson, John Estok, Ed Malek, Joanie Marzi, Brian & Phyllis Garry, Mike & Sherry Duffy, Chris Dollin plus Mark & Ann Kanuck

Nice job on the decorations. Thank You to our **Decorating Committee:**

Ellen Henderson, Joe & Jamie Kelley, Bob Sullivan & John Estok

Finally, with any successful event, there are always special people behind the scenes that make it a success. Let's all thank our Vice Commodore Ed Malek and Joan Marzi for a fantastic job in organizing this event.



## Latest on the Cruise to Twin Dolphins.

By Ron Poirson for Mark Kanuck (*Reprint from email*)

**What:** Cruise to Twin Dolphins Marina, Downtown Bradenton, FL

**When:** December 1 – 4, 2016. Depart Safety Harbor Marina or other locations either Thursday, Dec 1, or Friday, Dec 2, (your choice), and return Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Background:** Final Cruise of the year. We've had two great cruises this year, one to the Tampa Sailing Squadron, Apollo Beach, FL, in April, and a three day cruise to downtown St Pete in July

**Destination:** Twin Dolphins Marina. This is one of the premier marinas on the entire West Coast of Florida! 1000 1<sup>st</sup> Ave West, Bradenton, FL 34205. Phone [941-747-8300](tel:941-747-8300). Transient Rates: \$1.75/ft/day. Electricity, (30 amp \$6.00/day). Amenities include Water, Wi-Fi, Cable TV, Trash, Pump out at your slip, Heated Pool and Spa, Laundry facilities, restrooms and showers, fuel dock, gas grills and bicycles. There is a great restaurant, Pier 22, directly at the marina, <https://pier22dining.com/> that would be a great location for dinner one of the nights. The dock master will do what she can to get all the boats on the same dock.

**For Boat Owners:** Please confirm your interest in participating in this cruise by responding to this email by a simple "YES" or "NO". Mark needs to know by Monday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. Reservations don't need to be made at Twin Dolphins immediately, but this is critical information for planning purposes.

**For All Other Members:** Please indicate your interest in participating in this cruise, and if you'd like to crew on the boats that are sailing down to Bradenton or back.

One hard part for this cruise is the lack of reasonable hotel rooms within walking distance of the Twin Dolphins Marina. This may cut down on the number of club members who choose to participate. What rooms are available are filling up quickly, (i.e. the Marriott Courtyard is already sold out), most likely due to the Bradenton Blues Festival that weekend. Even without this event, hotel rooms are generally \$150 a night and up. For boat owners who plan to stay on their boats, this is still a very desirable cruise destination at minimal cost.

One alternative that we might want to look at is another cruise to downtown St Pete. Please let me know your preferences within the next several days.



## Mystery Picture...

By Mikey

Someone sent this picture, but I cannot find the email. Thus, no text or explanation, but I did think it was worth including due to the incredible composition...

## Terms of Submission:

Material may be slightly corrected for grammatical or spelling errors, but generally left as-is unless you request otherwise. Ideally, a Microsoft WORD document would be easiest to process, but we can work with text, HTML, most word processors, or Google e-mails. *Text and image messaging to my cell phone, not so much.* If you wish to submit your story or report in another word processor or document format, contact the S.H.B.C. Webmaster for discussing.

***Submissions must be complete with text and images. If received after the 26th of the month, they will be held over and not included in the latest issue.***

*Images / photographs:* If using a cell phone to take the picture, please hold the phone in the horizontal (landscape) position. Otherwise, they are rotated 90 degrees at my end. Unless of course it was your intent to put them in sideways, then please let me know.

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