



# S.H.B.C. Sentinel

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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.

## **In Memory – Von Taylor**

As most of you know, Von has passed away from a heart attack (22 Nov 2016). This brings sadness to many because Von was one of the good guys, always polite and respectful. I do not know if he was a Charter Member of the boat club, but he has been attending meetings as long as I can remember. He was also a Navy Veteran. Listed below is information I hope is useful to you.

For the Dropbox info, please designate one person to coordinate the delivery of pictures. The intent is to avoid loading Wayne up with many duplicates of the pictures requested.

### **From Lori, his daughter:**

Obituary and Service Info -

<http://www.mossfeaster.com/obituaries/Von-Taylor/#!/Obituary>

Our friend, Wayne Brown, has created a dropbox account for us all to upload pictures of my dad, family and friends. That way he can create a slideshow for my dad's service on Sunday December 11th.

Please use the following link to upload pictures by Friday December 4, 2016 in order to give him time to produce the slideshow.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/YNhkOeUJIG2mO8liE30M>

Thank you!

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## Gathering of Friends & Memorial Service

[Get Driving Directions](#)

DEC 11, 04:00 PM

Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation Services

1320 Main Street

Dunedin, FL, US, 34698

<http://www.mossfeasterdunedin.com/>

## Burial With Veteran's Honors

[Get Driving Directions](#)

DEC 12, 10:45 AM

Bay Pines VA Cemetery

10000 Bay Pines Blvd.

St. Petersburg, FL, US



# GUEST SPEAKER FOR DEC. 7 SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON



Plan to attend our Wed., DEC. 7TH, SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm, at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be **Barry Fox**, who will give a presentation on "**Imbarcazioni d'Italia**" or "**The Boats of Italy**". **Barry** and his special lady, Sherry recently returned from two weeks touring **Italy**, so they got to see a lot of sailing and motor vessels along their travels.

## Hello all Santa's Helpers!

By Sherry and Mike Duffy

The Safety Harbor Boat Club is getting in the spirit this year by donating toys and/or money to Toys for Tots. If you would like to donate toys for children up to age 14, please bring your **new, unwrapped toys** to the December 7th meeting.

Also, a very generous anonymous boat club member said that he/she would donate a matching \$100 if our members together donate \$100 or more. That would be awesome! Thank you, mystery Santa,!

If you would like to donate by check to help with this endeavor, please make your check out to:  
**Marine Toys for Tots Foundation**

So toys or checks are both welcome at the next SHBC meeting. Sherry and Mike Duffy will take the toys to the Toys for Tots Warehouse the next day and they will also mail the checks to the foundation. Since Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a 501(c)(3), your donation will be deductible. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

In the spirit of the holidays, we really hope everyone will participate in this good cause. Thank you all!

## **2016 COMMODORE' S CUP**

By Dale Cuddeback, s/v Incentive

November 12 began as an almost windless Day of sunshine and with a mild temperature in the mid 70's. Five boats from the Safety Harbor Boat club gathered to compete for the second annual Commodore's Cup trophy. The competing boats were:

**Jewel Ann** with Cap't Jack Meyers and crew Joan Marzi and Ed Malek

**Wanderlust** with cap'ts Roof Douglas and Ron Poirsan with crew Marty and June Horowitz

**Amelia** with Capt Barry Fox and crew Basil Smith

**Incentive** with cap't Dale Cuddeback and crew Clarence Noles

**John Marie** with Capt Chris Garill and crew Mike Duffy, Ellen Henderson and Lynne

The race committee (Barry) set the start line for a south to north windward start. The very light winds were teasing enough to fool Barry into starting the five-minute count-down. The five boats jockeyed around seeking the most favorable start line approach. As the race start was announced Wanderlust crossed the start line first with Marty at the helm followed by John Marie, Incentive, Amelia and finally Jewel Ann who may have drifted into one or more of the start buoys. We'll get back to Jewel Ann's start since there were three differing opinions from crew members on how the start transpired. Interviews are being conducted which may put Jewel Ann's finish in question. I am leaning more in favor of pretty Joan's opinion because Jack and Ed were probably not paying attention and from their past demeanor didn't sweat a start. A search is on for a possible eye witness standing on the pier watching the race which will be critical for a final ruling. In order to further confuse facts Jewel Ann did a 360 (or so they say) and then had a great deal of trouble getting across the start line. In fact it looked for a while that they had abandoned the race and were trying to pick up the start buoys. Again, the facts are elusive. By the way, all the other boat's eyeballs were focused on Incentive who merits watching because it's captain will resort to

whatever devious tactics occur to him when behind or bored.

Back to the race, on the other side of the start line the wind died and boats began to drift. Actually, this is not so unusual in the upper bay. Boat crews began to locate boat hooks to fend off other boats in the drifting. Of all things, Jewel Ann drifted into a wind line purely by accident and after crossing the start line very late began to catch the lead boats. Usually Jack and Ed don't focus enough to sail a good race. It must have been Joan's presence on the boat that kept them in the race. I think she now realizes she took on a big burden when she started socializing with Ed.

The first leg of the race was really slow until the boats approached the orange race buoy. I don't know why we call it the orange mark because it is not orange, it is yellow. Oh well, I guess that makes as much sense as some of the other things we do. For example, we elected Ed as vice commodore in 2016 and now we are trying to re-elect him for 2017. Go figure. (Actually Ed is doing a great job as are all the other officers and volunteer's such as Barry and Ellen. Thank them every chance you get).

After the boats rounded the orange [sic] mark it was an uneventful foot race back to the finish. The finish order was Wunderlust, Jewel Ann, Amelia, Inventive and John Marie. After handicapping, **Jewel Ann** finished in first place followed by **Wanderlust, Amelia, Incentive** and **John Marie**.

Now back to Jewel Ann's start. After listening to the Jack and Ed versions of the start I am not sure they were on the same boat. Maybe we should just pencil in Jewel Ann's name on the trophy until an unbiased observer can be found to get another opinion. Nah, go ahead and make the trophy permanent because of the good-natured abuse we heap on them.

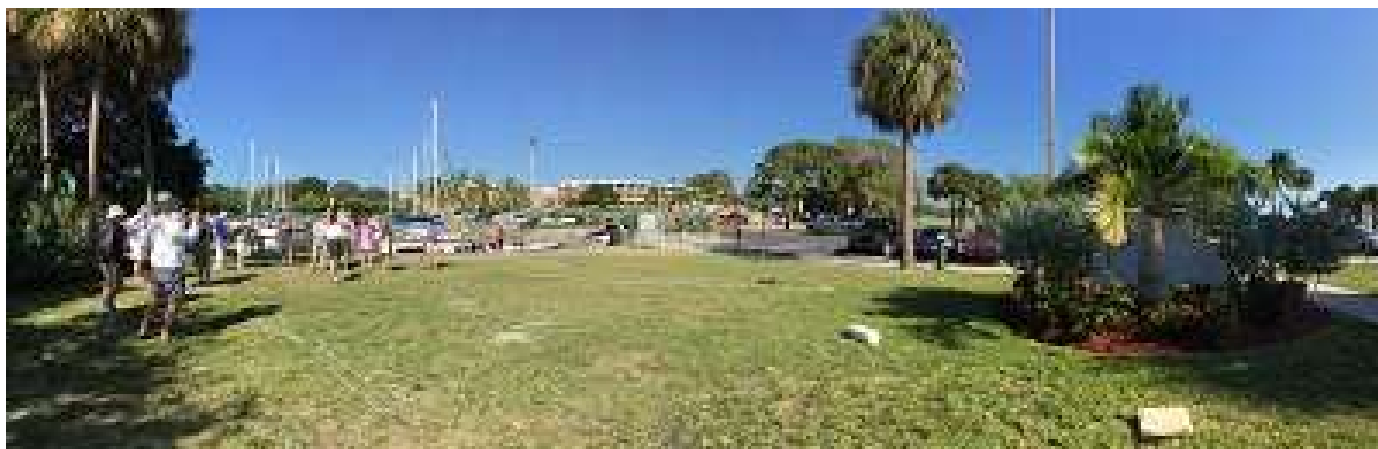
After we finished the race and the boats got back into their slips (surprisingly no boat had to be towed), we had a potluck party on the docks. We did not use the park pavilions because transient "Pokémon go" players tend to invade the shelters and occasionally help themselves to our food. On the docks Barry had set up the wood plank makeshift buffet tables. Party attendees then spread delicious pot luck dishes out for everyone to fill a plate and then retire to a boat to eat under a bimini. There were over 25 folks attending the party. Most of the race participants (especially the crew of Jewel Ann) plus additional spouses and friends enjoyed the great weather and food. Great conversations and food were enjoyed while rehashing the race. Light bantering about the race and other pleasantries were observed with at least three conversations going at once and everyone denying accusations. After eating, Commodore Ron presented the very nice Commodore's Cup trophy to the crew of Jewel Ann. Kudos to all. Behold the Safety Harbor Boat Club at its finest.



# CREW OVERBOARD TRAINING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

SHBC Race Chair, Barry Fox couldn't have picked a better day for the priceless training during his annual Crew Overboard Drill.



We met at the Safety Harbor Marina Park pavilion at 10 am, Saturday Nov. 5th for a classroom session, where we learned the mnemonic:

STPP:

**S**= Shout "Man Overboard"

**T**= Throw a Life Buoy, cushion, etc.

**P**= Point toward the victim ("Oscar")

**P**=Prepare a throwing line



Barry emphasized crew coordination training, and we all practiced tying bowlines and line heaving.

He also emphasized how important it was to come down on the victim, who would be to leeward on a beam reach.

Then we headed out on the water for boat maneuvers, captain/crew coordination, and person-in-the-water retrieval.

The weather forecast was challenging.... Northeast winds @ 11 gusting to 22, temp 74.

Seventeen Souls then headed out in the four boats:

**"Amelia": Barry F., Ann Kanuk, Clarence Noles and Ellen H.**

**"John Marie": Chris Garrill, Jack Myers and Mark Kanuk**

**"Incentive": Dale Cuddeback, Lisa Lanza, Ed Malek, Joanie Marzi, and guests Jack & Bonnie Box**





### **"Wanderlust": Ron Poirson, Joe and Jamie Kelley & John Estok.**

Since the wind was kicking up the beginnings of whitecaps, Barry chose the protected waters for a sailing venue North of the three Towers near Oldsmar. It was a strong outgoing tide and the "Oscar" (a bucket tied to a large fender, covered by a life jacket) kept drifting toward the shallows, so we moved it back out again for easier access. Each crew successfully saved the "victim", either under sail only or by motorsailing.



Later the wind decreased somewhat, so most of us went for a sail South of the Towers.

It was a delightful day, thanks to **Barry**.

## **SHBC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

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

### Birthdays:

12-2	Bob Meadows
12-6	Gerry Corbino
12-21	Joy Sheets
12-28	Phyllis Garry



11-23 Anna (Jack Myers' Girlfriend) (Sorry, we missed the date in Nov.)

### Anniversaries:

11-26 Von & Betty Taylor (Sorry, we missed the date in Nov.)



## **RECAP OF NOV. SHBC MEETING PRESENTATION:**

**"Joshua Slocum, the 1st Solo Sailing Circumnavigator"**

SUBMITTED BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Our guest speaker was Cryztle Slocum, who spoke 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. We learned about his harrowing sea voyage, background and triumph, resulting in his publishing his "Alone Around the World" in 1900.

Mr. Slocum had only a compass and a clock with only one hand to help him navigate on his sailing vessel "Spray", but fortunately previous years at sea, served him well on his journey.

Cryztle's twin sister, Justine is also a live-aboard in New Smyrna Beach, FL. Together they hope to build a replica of their great-great grandfather's boat and sail it together. We wish them the best of luck.

## Road Trip to Toronto, Canada

By Basil Smith

Is there an activity that you simply enjoy from time-to-time that you just have to engage in when the mood strikes you (except sailing, No, that other one does not qualify either...)? Well mine is driving long distances. There is just something to choosing a destination, getting in the car and driving...the varying shades of green of the trees, sound of the tires on changing road surfaces, interesting cloud formations, trucks with interesting cargo, connecting with other drivers as we try to get ahead of each other, changing weather conditions, phone conversations, listening to podcasts, enjoying music, reflections on life and sometimes silence except for rubber meeting road...

So, in Late August, early September of this year (2016) I left Tampa heading for Toronto Canada, I stopped overnight near Charlotte, North Carolina, had dinner with a fellow Jamaican and entered Canada through Buffalo, NY. The drive was amazing fun enjoying all the experiences listed earlier and above all, being present and curious.



During the trip, which lasted about 10 days, ventured to an area in Canada called Edward County. A rural area with some lakes. I drove up into the hills and found a

the top of the hill and

another lake down below with some really



boats. There was a constant breeze and I imagine sailing would be fun.



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The highlight of my trip, however, was visiting a farm which had a small roadside shop that sold a variety of produce. The female owner provided a comprehensive tour of the small farm where the aroma from their herb-drying equipment was almost intoxicating... I went back to the roadside house to buy some tomatoes, etc. and asked where to pay...she pointed to a box where people put money for their purchases and even made change...**the honor system**. I was floored to see that there was still some trust in humanity left in the world. I left there feeling inspired and hopeful in spite of the preponderance of negatives all over the news media.

I left Toronto at 6:00am on a Saturday morning, exited through Detroit, and arrived in Tampa at 3:00am on Sunday. Twenty-one hours of straight driving (except for gas and minimal food). So you see, this must-do activity of mine is not only enjoyable but also energizing and therapeutic. I hope **you** have such an activity and if not, come for a drive with me sometime. Cheers!!!

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*"To furnish the means of acquiring knowledge is the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind. It prolongs life itself and enlarges the sphere of human existence". --John Quincy Adams*

## JACK YOURA'S SAILING ADVENTURES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON



We recently heard from SHBC Member, **Jack Youra**, who said he was leaving Annapolis on his **41' Lagoon Catamaran** and was heading toward **Hampton, VA**, then a road trip by car inland to visit family in **Lynchburg**.

**Jack's** next leg will be to **Albemarle Sound**, then down the **ICW** to **Norfolk, VA**, followed by crossing the state lines to **Beaufort, SC**. **Florida** will see **Jack** at **West Palm Beach**, before he makes the crossing to the **Bahamas**, first at **Freeport**, then on to the **Exumas** and lastly off to **Granada**. WOW! What an adventure.

**Jack** has a crew, **Al** who's still sailing with him. But it hasn't been all fun and games. **Jack** has had problems with his saildrive, batteries, mainsheet block, which crashed and broke his cabin top solar panel, the shackle on his Jib tack came loose, plus his brand-new generator was having an oil pressure problem, which turned out to be a missing 15 cent o-ring. Oh, the joys of boat ownership. Stay tuned.



## WED. NOV. 9 SHBC POST ELECTION MADNESS RACE

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Our SHBC Board sent us this message on the day before Wed. Nov. 9:

"Calling All Racers,

It's time to conduct on-water de-stress from the election madness! Earlier start today, 4 pm, due to sunset @ 5:40 pm. Weather forecast: N/NW winds @ 8, gusts 12, 74 degrees, 20% shower chance (probably light if any)."

Three boats gathered at the starting area: **Race Chair**, **Barry Fox's "Amelia"**, **Dale C's "Incentive"** and **John V's "Pegasus"**.



**"Pegasus"** was first over the start line, after we shook out the reef from the preceding windy day race. **Barry** designed the course to go up to the Electric Towers on the approach to Oldsmar and round the middle tower to Starboard. In order to make the race interesting, **Barry** had opted to start a minute behind the higher WFPHRF rating competitors.

Shortly after the start **"Incentive"**, with crew **Joy Sheets** ran aground, as it was an outgoing tide, so we all had to tiptoe in the skinny waters. After starting her engine, **"Incentive"** quickly motored off the bottom and she was back in the race with her engine off. **"Pegasus"** was first to round the electric tower. With this writer as crew, we rapidly set the pole on the port side to hold out the jib for a very broad starboard reach in the still fairly light winds. We immediately noticed that we could see the bottom, so it was time to head up to deeper water towards the S-S/W. We radioed the fleet to warn them not to follow our path.

By now **"Amelia"**, with crew, Clarence Noles had caught up to the fleet and was passing **"Incentive"**. So we on **"Pegasus"** took notice. However, we were able to stay ahead of **"Amelia"** as we rounded the Orange Mark to the East and to finish first in place, followed by **"Amelia"**, then **"Incentive"**, which actually corrected out to second place over **"Amelia"**.

A fine evening party with wine and snacks was hosted by our perennial party boat, **"Incentive"**; thanks **Dale**.

## Delivery of s/v Michelle to Davis Island

By Mikey

Unfortunately, there was no delivery of text describing the journey of **MICHELLE** to Davis Island Yacht Club. Fortunately, I fear the wrath of our Club Photographer if I do not include the pictures. So here you have it, make up your own story to fit the images. ☺



# New Members Report

By Skip Meadows

This has been a busy month at the Safety Harbor Boat Club. We have several new members for you to meet.

First, I would like to introduce you to **Basil Smith**, (Note .... See Basil's article about his Toronto trip) who lives in Brandon after moving to this area from Los Angeles, CA. You might think traveling to Safety Harbor from Brandon on 275 would be difficult—but I'll bet Basil would say it is no big deal after driving on the 5, etc. near LA! Our reputation of having many experienced sailors who are lots of fun to be with was all the encouragement Basil needed, since he is very eager to learn all he can...and have fun doing it!

Basil originally came to the US in 1980 from the hills of Jamaica, went to school in Miami and became a citizen. He has lived in quite a few places in the United States, travelled to many countries, and in the process, he learned how to simply enjoy life, be useful and grow spiritually. You might want to ask him about an organization he belongs to called "The Friendship Force". Sounds interesting!

Additional new members would be **Jurgen and Cornelia Billhofer** from Port Richey. They had always wanted to sail but never had the opportunity until 2008 when they jumped in with both feet and bought a boat. They own "New Love", a 26' Macgregor sail boat. After learning to sail on San Francisco Bay, they retired in 2012 and moved back to Florida—where they found our shallow waters very challenging. Hmmm, how surprising!

The Billhofers are enjoying meeting like-minded sailors in a relaxed setting and look forward to our parties. They belong to the BCYC in Gulfport and the West Coast Trailer Sailing Squadron. They enjoy flying model airplanes as a hobby and are looking forward to cruising with our club. A special memory they would like to tell you about is boat camping on Cayo Costa.

## Stuff For Sale

By Mikey

Joe and Jamie Kelley are selling their 30' sailboat (1979 S2 9.2A Sailing Yacht \$18,499). They "thought that one of our members might know someone looking for a sail boat. Unfortunately, our boat won't make it into Safety Harbor...so it probably won't be suitable for club members. Although some may be interested just to see the pictures and appreciate all the work we did.

Here's the link...":

<http://tampa.craigslist.org/pnl/boa/5875224353.html>

S.H.B.C For Sale web page: <http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/ForSale/ForSale.asp>

## 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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