



# S.H.B.C. Sentinel

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## GUEST SPEAKER FOR OCT. 4TH SHBC MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Plan to attend our **Wed., OCT. 4TH** SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm, at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be **John Viverito**, who is our SHBC Racing Co-Chair. **John** will give a presentation on the upcoming **Oct. 21** Club event, affectionately known as “**American Football on The Water: Team Racing**”. **John** will review the pertinent basic racing rules, which will apply to this event. He'll also outline how the Teams will participate. This is a first ever event for SHBC, which will take emphasize crew teamwork, strategies and tactics as well as the rules. It should be a really fun event. Put both dates on your calendar.

# THE WRATH OF HURRICANE "IRMA"

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY John Viverito

Having neither a computer nor Broadcast TV, I had purchased an Emergency Weather Radio, just in case my electricity went out. Meanwhile I listened to the local NPR Station (WUSF) for nearly continuous updates on the evening of Sun., Sept. 10, 2017. Since I live alone, I was worried about fellow SHBC Members and local friends, especially those living in the A & B



Evacuations Zones. Since I live in Zone 5 in Clearwater, I wasn't too worried about flooding, unless were to get the torrential rains, as those in the Houston area suffered recently from Hurricane "Harvey". I had filled 5 extra gallons of water and had lots of food for at least two weeks, plus flashlights in every room in the apt. and I wore a watch to be, along with a flash light. I felt ready, except for the anxiety. I had started texting many, many friends, of whom 15 responded that they were without electricity. Only Connie & Paul and planned and were running on a generator, but they were worried about finding enough fuel to keep running it.

John & Renee lost all of their refrigerated food; Ann Scott's back yard



tree fell and broke her water line as well (double whammy). Mikey's front-yard walnut tree blew down, straddled his neighbor's car, and left not a single scratch. Most wrote that their power had returned in 4-6 days. Nine friends escaped this area, some unnecessarily, while others had indeed been glad of their escape from Irma. Surprisingly, fifteen friends reported no outage at all, which is amazing because 76 percent of Pinellas County had no power. Luckily, I never had to turn on my Emergency Weather Radio, so I returned it to Publix.

Dale Cuddeback & John V reported that all of boats in the SH MARINA fared well, because Tampa Bay's water had been pushed out nearly 4 feet by "IRMA" NE winds. Dale replaced the water pump on one boat.

# Sailboat Football Event Scheduled

By John Viverito

Ellen and I will give a presentation about a very special team racing event (well not really a race but a team sailing event):

Saturday October 21, start time 10:00AM -Skippers Meeting @ 9:00 am.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL on the water!

2 teams, one port tack (offense) the other starboard (defense).

First to the opposition's end zone earns a point (within a time limit). Then each team sails to the other end and we start again hopefully the wind gods will allow 4 quarters.



Come one come all and practice or learn your sailing, tactical, and racing skills. All are invited to participate, experience not needed.

So please come and become experienced.

See you there 😁 ⚓

## Upcoming Events Traditionally Visited

By Mikey

### October 14<sup>th</sup>:

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cortez Nautical Flea Market  
Florida Maritime Museum  
Cortez, FL

### October 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>:

36<sup>th</sup> Annual John's Pass Seafood & Music Festival  
John's Pass Village  
Madeira Beach, FL

Th 3pm – 11pm

Fr 10am – 11pm

Sa 10am – 11pm

Su 10am – 6pm

[www.johnspassfoodfest.com](http://www.johnspassfoodfest.com)

# SHBC BIRTHDAYS

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of October. It's a popular month for B-days.

## Birthdays:

10-7      Chrystal Anders  
10-9      Ted O'Brien  
10-14     Gina Breece  
10-16     Basil Smith  
10-20     Rose Mintz  
10-28     Dale Cuddeback  
10-30     Yvette Maldonado  
10-31     Connie Billhofer



## Anniversaries:

10-16    John & Renee Viverito

# Labor Day Race

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

The Sept. 4th SHBC LABOR DAY RACE started off at 10:25 am with three boats: **"Pegasus"** (crew: **John V**, **Chris D**, **Emily W** and **Ellen H**), **"Incentive"** (crew: **Dale C** and **Paul M**), and **"Jewel Anne"** (crew: **Jack M** and **Clarence N**). The start was delayed because **"Incentive"** went back to the marina to tow **"Jewel Anne"** out to the race course.

As the Committee Boat, we on **"Pegasus"** started checking the wind at 9:00 am, when it was from the "S" @ 5-8 kts. By 10:00 am the wind was from the "S/E" at a heading of 155 degrees, eventually veering to the "E-N/E" by the end of the race.

Both **"Pegasus"** and **"Incentive"** were right at the start line, but both were drifting away from the line with the now incoming tide. **Co-Race Chair, John V**, chose a course consisting of: White (South), Red (N/E) and Finish with all port roundings. **"Incentive"** was first over the line, followed by **"Pegasus"**. **"Jewel Anne"** was near the start line, but they tacked away, possibly to avoid any collision on the short START/FINISH LINE.

**"Pegasus"** fell behind **"Incentive"** to windward, while **"Incentive"** sailed off at 15-20 degrees below us, as we were able to point higher. Meanwhile, **"Jewel Anne"** sped across the start line and nearly caught up with **"Incentive"**, who at 10:55 am was the first boat to tack. We on **"Pegasus"** tacked to cover, though by now **"Pegasus"** was 10-15 boat lengths ahead of **"Incentive"**. **"Pegasus"** was the first boat to round the White mark, followed 20 minutes later by **"Jewel Anne"** and finally **"Incentive"**.

The wind was now backing to a source of "E"- "N/E", so the fleet went from a broad reach to a beam reach and finally to a close reach toward the Orange Mark. Both **"Incentive"** and **"Jewel Anne"** were fairly close with **"Jewel Anne"** ahead and then **"Jewel Anne"** closed in on **"Pegasus"** at the second mark and was only 3 min 30 sec behind **"Pegasus"**.

On the last leg, **"Pegasus"** set her whisker on a starboard Jib and starboard Main to keep the jib flying for most of the leg, **"Pegasus"** had to keep heading up to keep the jib full for boat speed. "Incentive" was wing-on-wing, while **"Jewel Anne"** chose to gybe downwind on very broad reaches, which ultimately cost her the second-place spot on corrected time, as "Incentive" finished just 3 sec behind **"Jewel Anne"**.

Most of the competitors went home to rest up for the 4:00 pm Club Party. **Barry F. and Ellen H.** unloaded their cars with the decorations, party accoutrements and water ice chest so that the Decorating Committee consisting of **Emily Wagner, Millie Nasta, John Estok and Ellen Henderson** could get into high gear to adorn the Marina Pavilion in red, white and blue Holiday regalia. They set up the food presentation tables with plates and cutlery, etc.

## LABOR DAY PICNIC 2017

By Dale Cuddeback

So much has happened since the Labor Day picnic that I am struggling to recall details: Irma, power loss, the devastation of the Caribbean Islands that got hit by Irma, the heat of September, the hurricane preparations; the bad news just didn't seem to stop. Cool weather just never seems to get here. Ah yes, the picnic.

Labor Day was September 4<sup>th</sup> which dawned hot, hot, hot. We had the usual sailboat race in the morning but here my memory fails. No worries, Ellen has my back with her article on the race. We arranged with the city to use the Marina park pavilion for our picnic as we usually do. The shelters encircling the flag pole plus the shade trees help tremendously to keep us cool. And of course, the view of the bay provided a very pleasant setting. Contrast that view versus a big city park with tall apartment buildings as backdrops.



The officers did their usual bang-up job of organizing what turned out to be a fun afternoon. Ellen and her band of delightful decorators made our picnic stand out to all the passers-by (or is it pass-byers? - I can never remember) The culinary fare was pot luck with a contest to choose a favorite. Maybe I brought fried chicken but if I did the Colonel cooked it so that took me out of the contest. Anyway, the food was really good and everyone seemed to delight in the devastation left at the serving tables. All those empty serving dishes surrounded by crumbs and spillages tells me the food was much enjoyed.





An interesting thing happened. A shapely young girl stopped near me and began to ask questions about the club and how she could get involved. She said she had seen our banner and the laughing crowd and became intrigued. We'll probably never see her again because several of us gawked unashamedly. So?



Ed (our fearless Vice Commodore) and Joan (our pretty Commodore) organized several games and then strolled through the crowd shaming people into playing. Unless you left the picnic beforehand you had to play something. There was a ring toss, a silver dollar size fastener washer toss into an old western saloon spittoon. And what else? My memory again needs help. We had a door prize drawing and the ever popular 50/50 drawing with the usual accusations of "fix, fix" when the drawing was over and the size of the pot announced.



I know there was lots more that I should describe but that's it for me.



Many thanks to all who participated and if you didn't leave smiling (or burping) then you must have fallen asleep during the festivities. We'll do it again for Halloween so start thinking about your costumes now.

Dale, Capt of SV Incentive.

# FREE OLDSMAR WATER SKI SHOW

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY EMILY WAGNER



On Sat., August 12, **SHBC Club Members Emily Wagner and Ellen Henderson** ventured out to find the Oldsmar Water Ski Show off Tower Lake Rd. After getting local directions in Oldsmar, we found the Lake easy to find. We arrived just in time for the warm up presentation a little after 5:30 pm. Parking was very easy, with only a few steps to the viewing area. We quickly positioned ourselves at a shared picnic table for a pre-show feast, which we had prepared at home. They also sell food at their snack stand. Plus, they have convenient Port-A-Potty's.

We discovered they recently installed covered bleachers to protect the viewers from the sun's heat in the stands. The

Water Ski Show was great and this writer was impressed with the bright costumes on each team. We saw 3-tiered pyramids, jumps, barefoot skiing, plus very young skiers, as well as those on social security. The enthusiasm was infectious. After the 6:00 pm show, we spoke with some officials, who said they would be happy to cordon off a section for SHBC, complete with our Club Banner, if we ever wanted to attend the FREE event as a group. They perform every Sat. evening (weather permitting) until the change of Daylight Savings. This is a fun family event, which could be a great outing for SHBC.



# THE LIGHT WINDS OF AUGUST SHBC RACE - 2017

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX by John Estok

On Sat. August 19 some potential crew members peeked out into upper Tampa Bay and decided there wasn't enough wind to suit them, so they went home. However, the rest of we brave early morning risers, carried on and divided ourselves between the two sailboats that were planning to race:

**"John Marie": Chris Garrill, Jack Meyers + Clarence Noles**

**"Incentive": Dale Cuddeback, Paul Matthews, John Estok, Emily Wagner & Ellen Henderson**

**"John Marie"** motored out of the SH Marina first, followed by **"Incentive"**, but we discovered that the boat's engine was smoking. **Owner Dale C.** after turning his helm over to **Emily W.** rushed below deck to surmise the problem along with crew **Paul M.** Since the engine wasn't overheating, we decide to race, then get a tow back in if necessary. Since this was a Lazy, Hot, Sleepy Summer day, no one on either boat thought to pick up the Start Line Drop Mark. **"John Marie"** also declined being the official **Race Committee** for the day, so **"Incentive"** was nominated by default, plus we had more crew.

Since the wind was coming from the S/E with very light breezes, **Dale C.** opted to set a course to the white (South) Mark and back to the Start-Finish line at the permanent mark for a 2-leg race.

We on **"Incentive"** found there would be lots of tacking on this first windward leg (my favorite). Since this was a two-boat race, there was lots of "tacking to cover". **"John Marie"** quickly passed **"Incentive"** early on the first leg toward the White Mark. But this would later change. With each subsequent tack "Incentive's" position improved.

The S/E wind heading was oscillating from 120 to 160 degrees, so it was important to tack on all the major shifts. We on **"Incentive"** found that **"John Marie"** wasn't able to point as high, so we were gaining ground after each tack, plus we had the entire crew sitting to leeward to help the boat point higher and it worked.

We were accompanied by a friendly dolphin during the last leg, which I think brought us good luck. Plus, by the end of the race, the wind had increased to about 10 kts. Some of **"John Marie's"** crew were suffering from the intense heat (global warming??), so at 12:40 pm, when they were about 6 boat lengths behind, opted to turn on their iron jenny and take down their sails, affording **"Incentive" First Place**, as we carried on toward the finish. Luckily, we got back to the SH Marina unaided.



**Ellen H**, who had previously collected the monies for our **Cuban Sub Party** went to the Deli to get the "goods". We celebrated our post-race party at the SH Marina Pavilion, where we all had an opportunity to re-race the course with embellishments. See you out on the water.

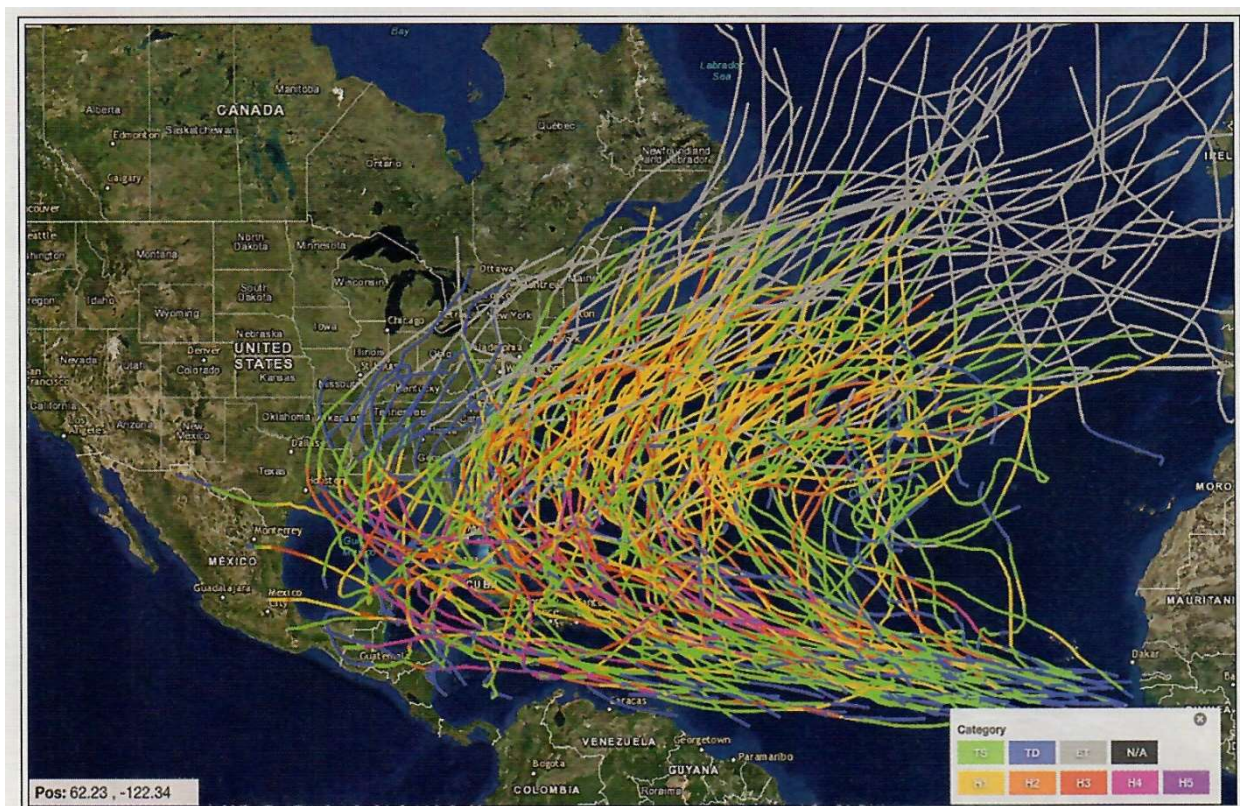
[Editor's Note: Sorry, no dolphin pix, just sexy manitees.]

## History of Hurricane and Tropical Storm Tracks

By Mikey

This 1990-2016 track map puts in perspective just how lucky Tampa Bay really is. Removing the green lines (tropical depressions) has little effect on the overall coverage of the tracks. Based on what I see here, IRMA was inevitable.





**To plan for hurricanes, you first need to understand how they form, develop and travel. This image represents all tropical cyclones in the North Atlantic basin from 1990 through 2016.**

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