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July 4th Dock Party

By Ed

Ahoy Mates!

All are welcome to attend our annual 4th of July Dock Party at the Safety Harbor Marina.

If weather permitting and no rain in the forecast, we have had an interest by several skippers to raft up off shore to watch the fireworks. The skippers will decide then to venture off shore or not.

The dock party scheduled to start at **6:30 PM** on the middle finger of the docks. Again, this will be a pot luck event so bring your favorite dish and whatever you like to drink.

That is all for now so check your email for updates.

NO GUEST SPEAKER AND NO JULY SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Do **NOT** show up at the SHBC Library, as we are **NOT** having a JULY CLUB MEETING, which was decided by the Club Board Members, since it falls on the day after Independence Day.

Instead, there will be a Club **POT LUCK DOCK PARTY** on **TUES., JULY 4TH** at the **SH MARINA MIDDLE DOCK** followed by the **annual Fireworks**. See details in a separate article.

Note on Email Safety

By Mikey

When sending out emails to a **list** of people, please use BCC instead of CC. If you use CC (Carbon Copy), every email address and alias will be visible to the entire group of recipients. Even worse, if someone's email account gets compromised (like by a virus), everyone on the list will also be compromised because the list goes into the recipients Address Book. If BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) is used, the list is not imported.

Unfortunately, some members use their work accounts for club messages. This means their work address book can be compromised, putting the corporate system at risk.

To manage your list, you can create it in a text (*.txt) file and copy/paste the entire thing in the BCC field. This works for Exchange, Gmail, and most other email applications.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: EMILY WAGNER

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX BY ELLEN HENDERSON



EMILY WAGNER started her sailing adventures in Hempstead Harbor, along Long Island Sound, NY. She learned how to sail on her friend's Erickson 34', by cruising with him and she also took lessons at the local Club. Initially Emily discovered she loved cooking aboard and felt "it was like an upside-down tree house". Over the Summers they did 1-2 week cruises, where Emily preferred to be crew rather than "skipper". Since she taught elementary school, she had off during the Summers to enjoy their cruises. Emily later became a Corporate Trainer in the Insurance Industry and she commuted into Manhattan.

With her 2 children now grown and on their own, Emily retired and she moved to Dunedin in 2006, where she immediately joined the Windlasses and she raced on the Club's Sunfish, on St. Joseph's Sound, out of the Dunedin Marina.

Later, Emily found the Boca Ciega YC and fell in love with the Club's Catalina 16.5' Capris, on which she both raced and cruised on Boca Ciega Bay 4-5 days each week. Since the Capris don't have motors, Emily also learned to sail in and out of the Marina slips. Helming had become a real joy for her. While in the Boca Ciega YC, she also had an opportunity to cruise with members on the Gulf.

Emily later joined the St. Pete Sailing Center for new adventures on Tampa Bay, but she was not a happy camper on the Ideal 18's that the Club provided its members.

Since Emily had raced in the Boca Ciega YC's Bikini Cup Regatta with this writer, she remembered our Safety Harbor Boat Club. So, a few months ago Emily showed up at our Club's Monthly Meeting and she's been racing and partying with SHBC ever since. She's mostly crewed on Dale Cuddeback's "**Incentive**" and is looking forward to lots of new adventures with Safety Harbor Boat Club.

SHBC BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY Archive

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of JULY. We have a lot of "Water Baby/Moon Child" celebrants this month.

Birthdays:

7-02	Ellen H.
7-09	Joan M. _____
7-11	Ed M.
7-13	Ann K. _____
7-14	Paul P.
7-15	Dusty D.
7-21	Mike M.
7-24	Karen S.



Anniversaries

7-21	Marty & June H.
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If we missed your special day, it's because you didn't let us know it. So, send your Birthday & Anniversary dates to: ellenmaehenderson@hotmail.com

SHBC MEMBER PROFILE - TED HILL

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX BY LINDA BRANDT

After a recent race, we all sat on Ron P's "*Wanderlust*" to party and after a few beers, TED HILL was sufficiently lubricated to be interviewed.



TED has lived full time in Safety Harbor for the last five years, but he's been coming here as a snowbird since 1985. By his own admission, Ted is a "dyed in the wool" power boater. However, he has owned sailboats, such as his 28' Newport, "*The Dulcinea*". He also had a 22' Spindrift, which he used for trailer sailing.

Ted got into boating as a cruiser. He initially built a 15' wooden boat, which he used in the Columbus, Ohio ponds. He had his first grown-up boat for eight years. It was 1966 27' Chris Craft, which was all wood and was named "*Spare Change*".

After Hurricane "Elena" in 1985, Ted bought a house in Safety Harbor and he got a slip in the SH Marina. Ted would pull the boat each year to store it for the Summer and he discovered that when he placed a big black tarp over the entire boat, it drew so much Summer heat, that it killed any potential mildew his boat might grow from moisture.

In Ohio, Ted was a Slum Landlord for rental houses and a self-employed General Contractor. He met his wife Yvette at the Green Parrot Bar in Key West and the rest is history. Each year he would arrive from Ohio and do his annual Spring cruise back to Key West.

Ted was a licensed aircraft mechanic, which partially explains why he is the "go to" guy for SHBC Members, who are having any engine problems. Ted also worked on Yan Mar engines for 20 years in St. Pete. So, he's well qualified to give advice. Ted truly is the ultimate boat mechanic.

From time to time we will profile various SHBC MEMBERS, so contact us if you would like to be "interviewed".

In Memory

Reported by Ellen

Laurie, the Daughter of Mike and Rose Mintz, as of you may know, has passed away suddenly. This brings sadness to many because her Dad, Mike is one of the good guys, who previously used to cook all of our St. Patty's Day Club Party Dinners. So, our hearts go out to Mike and Rose.

MEMORIAL DAY 2017 RACE AND PICNIC

By Dale Cuddeback, Pix by Ellen

First of all, I get concerned about being assigned (by you know who) the duty of reporting on

SHBC events because I have questionable will-power and have been known to embellish facts when describing some of our sailing fiascoes. I try to lay blame for my literary transgressions onto someone else. I used to blame everything on Frank Fitzhenry but he moved out of state and that put the question of my credibility in doubt. I now target Patrick Whelan because he doesn't get offended and just laughs, most of the time at least. Patrick's friend, Crystal, laughs even louder and claims that Patrick deserves any abuse he gets. So, if anyone is still reading this but doesn't want to risk being blamed for something then stop reading and start burning. Now, with caveats being stated up front, stand by.

Because I didn't win the race I thought about skipping over the details of the race, to conserve paper of course. But since that may cause a riot by the other racers I decided I had better add some details.

The competing boats and race crews were:

S/V Star wind with Capt. Mark Kanuck and crew Jack Box and Bill Foley;

S/V Wanderlust with Capt. Ron and crew Lisa and Paul;

S/V Incentive with the handsome Capt. Dale and crew Clarence, Ellen and Emily;

S/V Jewel Ann with Capt. Jack and crew Ed.

The race was scheduled to start at 10 AM but due to the lack of seamanship in getting sails up it was delayed until 10:11:55. That “:55” recorded in the race start time (that's 55/60 part of a minute) is truly ridiculous in a sailboat race, especially in the very light wind at the start and with the temperament of the damn-the-torpedoes SHBS sailors. Maybe it is necessary in clocking a speeding bullet but not in SHBC sailboat races. When nobody is looking, round up for pity sakes. Better yet, round down.

Incentive set the start/finish line buoys for an up-wind start but since Wanderlust deplores up-wind starts, temporary race committee Ron (self-appointed by the way) declared that it would be a downwind start and a downwind first leg to the orange mark. It's a good thing Marty was not there or the air would have been filled with sulfur.

Star wind crossed the start line first and got a big jump on the other boats. It turned out to be an exciting first leg with the other three boats (Incentive, Wanderlust and Jewel Ann) jockeying (yeah, I know that's not a sailboat term) to be next at the mark. The three boats arrived at the mark almost side by side risking collision in rounding the mark. Miraculously, the three boats rounded without colliding. Someone said he thought he heard cameras clicking away gathering evidence in case of collision. I used to always have a red protest flag ready to hoist but since nobody knows what that means I don't bother with it anymore. Besides, if Marty was at the helm it was the other boats who should have been protesting.

On the first leg Clarence was trimming the port main sheet with Ellen constantly directing him to ease the sheet one inch or trim two inches. On the second leg Clarence stood up and laughingly suggested that Ellen do her own trimming which is what Ellen wanted anyway. Meanwhile on the Starboard jib sheet Emily was enjoying sail trimming and could only laugh along with Ellen and Clarence. Good fun.

On the second leg, the three boats began to separate with Incentive falling behind Jewel Ann and Wanderlust taking the lead. Meanwhile Star wind had increased its lead and rounded the second mark well ahead of the other boats. On the third leg Wanderlust increased its lead to finish second at the finish while Incentive overtook Jewel Ann to finish third.

The boats finished with Star wind first, Wanderlust second, Incentive third and Jewell Ann last. Don't ask me for finish times because distances between boats were significant.

It was a great race with the boats continually trimming sails to get “ :55 ” of a minute faster or was that “55/60” seconds. Does “55/60” negate the :55 Ellen recorded in the start time, or not? I'm getting a headache thinking about that number.

Ellen took notes and approximated the average speed, heading and vertical moments (that's engineering speak for heeling angle) on each leg. Don't ask me why, I guess that's what she likes to do. By the way, Incentive picked up the start/finish buoys at race's end. Guess who I put on the bow with a boat hook to pluck the heavy buoys out of the water? Yep! The pot luck dinner started at 4 PM but the race finished in plenty of time for our volunteers to decorate the pavilion.

The pot luck dinner turned out to be the highlight of the whole Memorial Day picnic. There was plenty of food with lots of good conversations and good cheer, both liquid and conversational. Decorating volunteers were Emily W., Susan J., John and Ellen. Cleanup volunteers included most of the decorators and a few others; Barry, Phyllis, Brian and Aussie Chris. There were still others who stayed part of the time for cleanup. If I didn't mention someone who helped, I sincerely apologize. A big thank you is extended to all who brought pot luck food and to the volunteers.





Everyone's support is what makes our events such a great success. Head counts are hard because of social mingling but I think there were between 30 to 40 in attendance. Thanks from everyone to everyone. It's a great club.

Capt. Dale, S/V Incentive

SAFETY HARBOR BOAT CLUB BBQ PICNIC

by Dale Cuddeback, S/V Incentive, and Linda Brandt, author and club photographer, respectively

Good ol' Ed ... our vice. But I was wondering why a BBQ picnic was being planned without being linked to a holiday. Then it suddenly dawned on me. Ed was probably hungry for BBQ ribs, him being a good ol' southern boy from southern Ohio. I figure Ed realized that if he got ribs only for himself then he may have to share. That's because if anyone got a whiff of the BBQ they would want him to share a rib and Ed didn't want to set a precedent, at least not with his ribs. So Ed decided to have a club BBQ rib and chicken picnic in **Philippe Park**. Ed arbitrarily threw a dart at a 2018 calendar and it landed on June 10th. Ed mumbled he could not wait that long for ribs and changed the year to 2017.

And by golly he did a great job setting it up. As June 10th approached, the weather forecasters began projecting a 50% chance of rain. So, Ed did the easiest thing and called the weatherman and canceled the rain. And while he was at it he canceled the picnic flies. Ed thought of everything. He even remembered to call the caterers and set that up, too, with BBQ ribs, chicken and all the trimmings.

Shelter number 7 in **Philippe Park** was reserved and after several changes the start time was set at 2PM. Ellen and her willing band of volunteers arrived early and put up decorations. The

decorations elevate our shelter as a special place of people who care enough to go the extra step to welcome members. I didn't see any other shelters decorated and they looked rather plain. I extend a big **thank you** to the decorators: Phyllis and Brian Garry, Emily Wagner, John Downen, Millie Nasta, Linda Brandt, Barry Fox, Ron Poirson and ring-leader Ellen Henderson.



Some are missing because Ellen finally gave up trying to get everyone to pose. While we are at it there are others who should be recognized: Joan Marzi and Ed Malek for games and Linda for photographer. Lucky winner for 50/50 was Jack Meyers and the person who bought the ticket Anne for \$60. Ellen sold \$120 of tickets.

The caterers served the food a little later than **advertised** and I think that was planned. We members just sat and drooled over the smell coming out of the smokers parked nearby the shelter. If they wanted us to have a ravenous appetite for the ribs and chicken and trimmings, they knew how to do it. The food was delicious and the ribs were so tender the meat fairly fell off the **bones**. I had the ribs but I heard the same comment on the chicken. The eating time extended longer than expected because of the generous portions. Afterward, I heard a few belches (only from the **gents, of course**) and maybe a snore or two.

And then the games began. A favorite was the beanbag toss trying to land the beanbag in the hole in a platform about 15 feet from the toss-line. I don't think there were any divorces contemplated after several husband and wife teams lost but I speculate separate beds may have been needed that night. I also observed several wives circulating around asking if they could get a lift home. I can't comment on the guys and their sweethearts but I hope no lasting relationships were dissolved. Maybe we should consider introducing the more docile **kids'** game of "fish" into our line-up of games.

Several members brought their own games hoping to embarrass any challengers they could find. Linda, the club photographer, brought her own Scrabble board (with mirrors I suspect) and letter

tiles. Linda goes to out-of-town and out-of-state Scrabble tournaments and does well. Be forewarned I noticed her husband Curt doesn't play [Scrabble!] with her and he was a Green Beret in the U. S. Army.

One unexpected event occurred. Members Dale and Mikey (our esteemed **webmaster**) were standing to one side of the shelter chatting and noticed a woman **lying** very still on the grass nearby. As they watched her they became concerned that she may be in trouble and needed help. Linda the photographer was nearby and took a picture of the woman in case something was amiss. I noticed that many club members were also watching. Mikey and I approached the lady and a conversation ensued. Rather than explain the details of the event I decided to **write and include the following narrative**.



<< “THE LADY IN THE PARK”

Lady speaking to herself: “I'm exhausted and the squirrels are keeping me awake. I'll just rest here awhile. I was told that this was a quiet park and nobody would bother me. Man, I'm just too sleepy to think right now. What I need is a short nap so I can be mentally agile again. Sleep, I need sleep. Pesky squirrels, why can't they go somewhere else and leave me alone. And what's going on at shelter # 7. Buncha people laughing and playing stupid games. And what does that banner say? “Safety Harbor Boat Club.” Don't they have anything better to do than keep me awake? Too much talking and laughing going on. You'd think that with all our world problems that they could be more serious. And what about those delicious smells?

Oh Oh! Here come a couple of guys. ... I wonder what they **want**. I'll bet they are up to no good.

“Lady, are you OK?”

“No, but I will be if you just go away.”

“We heard this car backfire and saw you **lying** on the ground over here and wondered if you were shot.”

“No, but if I had a gun ...”

Lady to herself: I'll bet that guy in the floppy hat and the white shirt can't be trusted. Kinda cute though. I'll bet he is just trying to hit on me. Wish I'd shaved this morning. And I'm worried my deodorant isn't working again. Boy, that food smells good.

“Lady, if you are not shot, why are you lying there?”

Silence.

“Can I borrow your bike?”

“**No!**”

Lady to herself: Now I know he's hitting on me. Wonder who that other guy is. He's kinda cute too. Maybe if I just humor them they will offer me some food. Wish I'd worn my bikini.

“If you won't loan me your bike, you got any spare change?”

Suddenly the two guys took off running when they saw the flashing lights on the police car. One of the guys yelled “Let's split up. You run that way and I'll run this way.”

After sundown, there was a quiet ...

“Dale, are you there?”

“Over here Mikey.”

What a great Party!

Dale Cuddeback author
and Linda Brandt photographer

Mikey Footnote: Dale forgot to mention that I said if she was dead, we should eat before reporting it. Otherwise, the food would all disappear while we get interviewed by the police.





EELS RELY ON MAGNETISM

Reprinted from the New York Times, by Ellen

European eels are born and die in the North Atlantic Ocean, but spend most of their lives in rivers or estuaries across Europe and North Africa. In between, they traverse thousands of miles of ocean and scientists have long suspected that they use magnetism to help guide them. During the time of day corresponding to ebb tide, researchers now report, juvenile eels will face magnetic South, suggesting they pair a biological compass with an internal tide clock. Aligning with the tides may help the eels travel toward shore.

THE RACE OF THE "NEW PERMANENT START MARK" – SAT. JUNE 24, 2017

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Jerry Corbino was kind enough to donate a NEW PERMANENT START MARK, which was positioned just NW of our SH Marina Pier near where our usual drop marks are set. So now the Race Committee needs only to place one Orange Ball mark for a quicker race set up and retrieval afterward.

Mark Kanuck and his **Starwind 22'** crew **SH Member Jack Box** and friend **Bill Foley** headed out early to survey the wind scene and prepare for the day's proceedings.

Paul Matthews, who had recently joined **SHBC** after participating in a few **Club races** and attending the party at **Phillippe Park**, joined **Ron P.** to crew on his boat, "**Wanderlust**" along with **Mike Duffy**. They were followed by **Dale C's "Incentive"** with our **SHBC Club Photog. Linda Brandt, Clarence Noles** and another new Member **Emily Wagner**.

Co-Race Chair Chris D., aboard **John V's "Pegasus"**, instructed the fleet that since there was a S-S/E wind of about 7 knots, the course would be South to the White Mark, then NE to the Orange Mark, followed by the finish, all with port roundings. We (**John V., Chris D** and **Ellen H.**) on "**Pegasus**", after dropping the Start-Finish mark decided we had some time to practice our starting line approaches. We checked the wind heading and it was 150 degrees, which was perfect, as it was the same heading to the South Mark. Another check indicated it was shifting more to the S. So even though a starboard approach near the West Pin was favored, we observed that the "**Starwind**" would be our only real competition along the start line and we

thought they might push us up to be over early before the "gun". However, the **"Starwind"** was a little early and they were heading down the line, while we noodled up to hit the line at our planned position. The **"Starwind"** quickly pulled ahead of **"Pegasus"**. Next over the line was **Dale C's "Incentive"**, followed by **"Wanderlust"**, who was getting pushed up toward the **East** starting line pin, but they were able to avoid it.

"Wanderlust" was the only boat to go early onto Port tack, presumably to catch the wind on the West side of the course, while the rest of the fleet remained in the middle of the course on Starboard tack.

By now the **"Starwind"** and **"Pegasus"** were really duking it out with the former sailing a little faster, but they weren't able to point as high as **"Pegasus"**. So even though they passed in front of us, they were sailing 5-10 degrees below **"Pegasus"**. We observed a substantial wind shift to the S-S/W, so **"Pegasus"** tacked to the new wind, followed quickly by both the **"Starwind"** and **"Incentive"**. **"Pegasus"** had gone from a heading of 90 to 220, the wind quickly backed again and we got a 50-degree lift to 170 (Oh Joy!)

After a few more tacks, the **"Starwind"** was just a few seconds ahead of **"Pegasus"** at the first **Mark (South)** rounding. They seemed to go to a heading of about 50, while **"Pegasus"** started out on 40, then reached up to 45 to accommodate for the now-incoming tide, which would push us up toward the **Orange Mark**.

Since the 2nd leg was mostly a starboard beam-and-aft reach, with some wind correction to a very broad port reach, **"Pegasus"** quickly reset her port jib sheet to the outside track to open the slot, which helped. However, in the heat of the moment, we "forgot" to reset the Starboard sheet, with later consequences.

"Wanderlust" started her move to overtake **"Incentive"**.

As the Fleet approached the 2nd Mark, **"Pegasus"** was overtaking the **"Starwind"** to leeward, thus establishing an inside overlap before entering the 3-boat length circle. As we entered the "circle", **"Pegasus"** announced their position intention to the **"Starwind"**, but the response was "You're not 'Mast-A-Beam'", which is no longer the rule. It's now *"any part of the bow, crossing any part of the stern on parallel lines"*, which **"Pegasus"** had established. Despite our request, the **"Starwind"**, pushed ahead of **"Pegasus"**, crowding us out at the mark rounding. We immediately notified them of their "transgression", but they carried on, choosing not to do the penalty turn*.

After rounding the Orange mark the crew on **"Pegasus"** discovered there was no jib sheet on the starboard side, so we had to quickly scramble to re-lead the jib sheet and control the headsail.

Meanwhile on the last leg **"Wanderlust"** had chosen to go wing-on-wing and she set her whisker pole, which further increase her lead over **"Incentive"**.

The **"Starwind"** was a little off on their calculation and had to gybe. They were now back to being nearly 2 min. behind **"Pegasus"**.

The post-race party was held at the Marina Pavilion with Cuban and Veggie Subs plus Watermelon provided by Chris D.

The following are the raw & calculated race results

Vessel	Crew	Finish time	Elapsed	Corrected Secs.
1) Pegasus	3	11:31:59	1:14:39	4353.6
2) Wanderlust	3	11:35:55	1:18:35	4649
3) Incentive	4	11:42:50	1:25:30	4858
4) Starwind	3	11:33:44	1:15:54	*

* Note: The Penalty Turn mentioned above was applied to this finish.

Remember your algebra? Let's see....

By Mikey

Begin with:	$M=H$
Multiply by M:	$M^2=MH$
Subtract H^2 from both sides	$M^2-H^2=MH-H^2$
Factor:	$(M+H)(M-H)=H(M-H)$
Divide by $(M-H)$:	$M+H=H$
Substitute for M since $M=H$:	$H+H=H$
Simplify:	$2H=H$
Divide by H:	$2=1$
Subtract one from each side:	$1=0$

A waterproof container 4.5" tall by 1.25" diameter with lanyard (holds keys, money, bottle opener, matches, a cigarette, whatever) to the first person that can convince me that **one does not equal zero**. <https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

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