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GUEST SPEAKER FOR **JAN. 3rd** SHBC MEETING

HAPPY NEW YEARS!

Plan to attend our **Wed., JAN 3rd** SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speakers will be **Linda Brandt** plus **Mark** and **Ann Kanuck**, who will give a presentation on their recent "**Adventures in Cuba**".





SHBC BIRTHDAYS

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, Pix by Archive

Congratulations to all of those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays are ringing in the New Year in **January**.

Birthdays:

1-13 **Dick Greenhalgh**
 1-14 **Emily Wagner**
 1-16 **Skip Meadows**
 1-24 **Virginia Stein**
 1-25 **Connie Pope** →
 1-26 **Tom Potter**
 1-26 **Bob Sullivan**
 1-27 **Joe Rezendes**
 1-29 **Alice Rezendes**
 1-31 **Dianne Stebbins**



RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKER FROM DEC. 6TH SHBC MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY LINDA BRANDT

Our December guest speaker was **Captain Mike Zornes (Capt. Z)**, who gave a presentation on the recent **"Isla Mujeures Regatta" (St. Pete to Mexico)**. **Capt. Z** has also led charters all over the world.

Members and guests were greatly entertained by **Capt. Z's** retelling of both his first race to Mexico in 2000 (1st Place). He compared it to his



recent adventure on "**50-50**", on which they took 2nd place, on what was a boat delivery to Mexico with the new owner on board. Lessons learned: don't take lake sailors across the Gulf of Mexico. They were sick the whole way over, but had a good time once there.

Meet our 2018 Safety Harbor Boat Club Officers:

By Ellen Henderson

Commodore: Joan Marzi will be completing her 4th year as a SHBC member. Joan was previously the Club's Secretary, (Scribe) and she initiated the Halloween Costume Party contest to coincide with the Club's annual Chili Cook-off. She also was a big help with our various parties' food set up and assisted in the party decorations process. This will be Joan's 2nd term as Commodore.



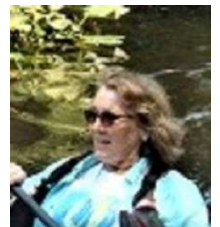
Vice Commodore: Linda Brandt, CPA...has spent 18 years in accounting and has been the Finance Officer for 7 years for the Coast Guard Auxiliary - Flotilla 74, which is an appointed position over 6 Flotillas. Linda has also been our SHBC Club Photographer/Videographer for the past 3 years.



Treasurer: Mark Kanuck is a retired US Naval Officer, who will be continuing his 2nd year overseeing our Club's funds. Mark has also been our Cruising Chair for the last two years, organizing adventures to Tampa Sailing Squadron, downtown St. Pete, and Bradenton.



Secretary, (Scribe): Sherry Duffy will continue her 2nd year in this position. **Sherry** initiated our very successful first Annual Bowling Tournament last August and has organized the Club's Change of Watch Party for the last 2 years plus Thanksgiving canned good collection donated to needy families and Toys for Tots.



You're invited to the

SAFETY HARBOR BOAT CLUB ANNUAL

CHANGE OF WATCH CELEBRATION

*Installation of Officers, Good Food and Drinks,
Door Prizes, Games, Music, Friends and Fun!*

Where: BAHAMA BREEZE RESTAURANT
3045 N. Rocky Point East, Tampa

When: Sunday, January 14th

Time: 12:30PM – 3:30PM

Cost: Members \$16/Guests \$30/Cash Bar
Please reserve and pay at
January 3rd Meeting

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2017 SAFETY HARBOR HOLIDAY PARADE (37TH YEAR)

By Dale Cuddeback, Cap't S/V Incentive
Photography by Linda Brandt and Sherry Duffy

The City of Safety Harbor Holiday Parade is one of the high-lights of the year's end for the Safety Harbor Boat Club (SHBC). The city parade planning probably starts in the early summer months, but thoughts of the creation of floats and marching and other entries don't start until the parade applications are released by the city, usually by email. Dale received the parade notice by email, obtained the application papers and filled them out immediately, vying for an early position in the parade. However, we were relegated to our usual place in the marina parking lot (out of sight behind the marina outhouses) to decorate our float and await the start of the parade. I'm slowly suspecting a message here. Nah! The city loves us.



Since our first parade entry in 2002 (my best guess) the SHBC float entry has always been a sailboat heavily decorated by Christmas ornaments (bubbles, bobbles, bangles and bright shinny beads) and if we can find it, the club banner. Cam Carlin generously provided the small sailboat and modified it with necessary parade adaptations. Good ol' Cam. The boat's real mast was too long (or high) to pass under overhanging tree branches and so it was replaced with a 10 feet long 2 X 4, abundantly-aged, unpainted white pine of pre-Home Depot vintage. Cam's boat is a beautiful highly-varnished wooden sailboat that surely deserved a better mast than an old 2 X 4 but that's all we had. Beware, critics will not be tolerated. The boat was mounted on a garage-painted red boat-trailer more than slightly rusted; but it's tires held air and kept the beautiful sailboat from being dragged on raw street surfaces. Again, critics will not be tolerated (CWNBT).



The ornaments were mostly ornaments saved from our very first parade entry in 2002 (and used every year since) that had been stored in two large plastic containers with loose lids that looked like they were obtained from a World war II surplus sale. While cleaning out my garage last summer I came across an old box of ornaments that I thought could be used in the parade. But, after opening the box I disgustingly closed it again and carried it curbside. Later, when we opened the plastic containers to decorate the boat I had the fleeting thought that I had probably thrown out the wrong box of ornaments last summer.



Our decorating plan was simple. We opened the two plastic containers of decorations and started hanging and taping the ornaments to the boat until we ran out of decorations or tape, which ever happened first. Occasionally, someone would suggest a different way to hang a garland or bobble and would receive eye-rolls until they slunk away in fear. (CWNBT) When supplies were depleted we all stood in front of the float and posed for a group picture snapped by a woman who just happened to be passing. While decorations were being attached to the boat, Linda snapped a lot of additional great pix. Linda has enthusiastically agreed to be our next Vice Commodore. (Insert drum roll here.)



Note: Ellen asked me to list all the decorators herein but I knew I would later tire of hearing folks

trying to correct me on the spelling of their name. So I am including the group picture instead. That will give our our members something to critique other than the spelling of their names. Myself, I always look bad in pix so I don't worry about my pose. However, some of the other men ... Besides, our women looked great and added a large measure of class to our float decorating.



The decorators finished in quick time and scurried away to lunch at Bar-Flys bar and restaurant (mostly bar).

At 1:00 the parade started. Our SHBC parade walkers sauntered along behind Mark Kanuck's SUV towing the sarcophagus while distributing handouts of strings of beads and candy. Just kidding, the boat float looked great. Actually, I detected a large measure of flair in our float. Commodore Joanie had cautioned us not to over-distribute at the beginning of the parade, so we would have some left for the kids at the end of the parade route down Main street. Guess how many ran out about halfway through the parade.



The weather was delightful with temperatures in the high seventies while the sun shone brightly. Most of us were exhausted at the end. The star of our float was Daisy, Chris Edwards's cute little doggie that nobody noticed in the group picture, who sat obediently on the starboard side of the boat looking at people and trying to figure out what all the excitement was about.



At the parade end Mark stopped and we hurriedly undecorated the boat and took down the 2 X 4 mast. Mark then towed the float back to the marina parking lot and turned the boat over to Cam. Actually, we had to wait for the last of the parade entries to start before we could get back to the marina parking lot. It was a great parade for such a small town as Safety Harbor. A great time was had by all.

Just wait till next year. I'm thinking we ought to buy some new decorations and get another dog for the port side of the boat. And, oh yes, we ought to get a classier looking 2 X 4 for a mast. Nah, on second thought let's just borrow an additional dog and forget about the new decorations and better looking 2 X 4 mast. We are a low-budget club and ought to save our financial reserves for our great parties. Some special thanks and a "job well done" to all those members who participated. Yea, Safety Harbor Boat Club is the **best!!!**



Parade Organizer Emeritus (Ret.),
Dale Cuddeback , S/V Incentive

FREE TOUR OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FACILITY-MON., DEC. 11

BY ELLEN HENDERSON - PIX BY LINDA BRANDT

Thirteen SHBC Members gathered at the SH Marina at 11:30 am to form carpools and Mikey H. thoughtfully provided detailed maps for all the drivers to easily find the NWS. One member traveled from St. Pete to meet us for the **FREE TOUR OF NOAA's NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS)** facility in Ruskin on Mon., Dec. 11, 2017. The tour began just before 1:00 pm & lasted nearly 2 hrs.

Our docent was **Rodney Wynn**, a very knowledgeable meteorologist, with 25 years total weather experience including in the military. He initially gave us a tour of the of the outside silo and other weather balloon statistics. Their DOPPLER RADAR has a 20' diameter. The twice a day (7 am & 7 pm) launched balloons go up to 10,000 ft. and measure: dew point, fog, temps, wind velocity and direction, plus has a built in GPS. Their Infra-Red systems have 16 sensors to detect forest fires by their heat signatures.



We next toured the COM Center, where we met some of the 6 among the 21 meteorologists on round-the-clock, 3-rotating shift duty.



Rodney explained the **GOES System**, which stands for **Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite**. Also viewed was the unmanned Amateur Radio Station, **WX4TOR**, that was very active during Hurricane Irma.



The NWS's Storm Prediction Center is in Norman, OK. Whereas, the Ruskin facility's range is a 6-county area. There are 6 NWS Stations in FL.

For those of you who missed it and want to reschedule your own tour, contact the **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**: Tampa Bay Area, FL 2525 14th Ave. SE Ruskin, FL 33570 [\(813\) 645-2323](tel:8136452323) Ruskin FL.

We are currently researching the new NOAA Hurricane Hunter facility at Lakeland Linder Airport, where they will participate in the annual Air Show in April. Stay tuned for details.

RACE OF THE BRIGHT ORANGE SUNSET-11/29/17

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Prior to the race on Wed., Nov. 28, the competitors gathered on **"Incentive"**, while waiting for crew to arrive. The wind at 3 pm was from the N-N/W, but then shifted to the N-N/E, so the impending race course was changed to a S/E beam reaching Start, on which the port pin was heavily favored. **"Pegasus"**, with race co-chairs **John V., Chris D.**, had set a short start-finish line for the 2-boat race. We on **"Incentive"**, owner **Dale C.** and crew **Ellen H.** had to first remove all the Christmas lights before leaving the dock to be race ready. The rest of our fleet was either in people or boat "sick bay" or were out of town.

The planned course was Orange, White, Finish. At the start **"Incentive"** had hovered near the port pin end on port beam reach, knowing that **"Pegasus"** could luff us up as the leeward boat, but they never did. So **"Incentive"** easily crossed first over the start line. Our original heading toward the East Orange mark was 95 degrees, but we observed a persistent wind shift of nearly 20 degrees before arriving at the East mark. We exchanged tacks twice with **"Pegasus"**, but they were able to point higher with their deeper draft centerboard and they rounded the 1st mark 1 min. 20 sec. ahead of **"Incentive"**.

On the second leg both boats went wing-on-wing toward the South white mark. With our larger headsail, **"Incentive"** was able to shave time and only 30 sec. separated us at the 2nd mark.

The wind velocity had been inconsistent, and the wind direction was now backing slightly, **"Incentive"** continuously trimmed for this starboard fetch 3rd leg and was able to pass **"Pegasus"**. However, we had difficulty finding the finish marks in the setting sun after noticing a magnificent orange sunset. It took **"Incentive"** two tacks to finish 3 min. 19 sec. behind **"Pegasus"**. **Linda B.** met us at the dock with some wine for the post-race festivities aboard **"Pegasus"**.



RACE RESULTS:

Start time: 4:29:30 (TCF = Time Correction Factor)

	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Elapsed</u>	<u>TCF</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
1. Pegasus	05:34:28	01:04:58	0.972	01:03:07
2. Incentive	05:37:50	01:08:20	0.947	01:04:42

SHBC "LOTS OF TACKING" RACE - WED. - 12/13/17

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

On Wed., Dec. 13, Skippers and Crew assembled on their respective boats:

"Wanderlust": Ron P. + James Jinright (JJ).

"Pegasus": John V. and Ellen H.

"Incentive": Dale C., Emily W and guest Annie Davidson

"Pegasus" was the Race Committee and we set the start line so that the fleet would have a slightly windward start, and it was skewed toward the port end, with a turn toward the E-S/E. The course was White, Orange, Finish with port roundings. The wind was from the W-N-W at 6.4 kts.

"Wanderlust" barged in at the port pin forcing "Pegasus" to head up to allow them to start between us and the pin. "Incentive" was about 1 min. behind the fleet at the start.

"Pegasus" chose to go wing-on-wing until just before the white mark, while "Wanderlust" went East of the South Mark after being unable to pass "Pegasus". "Incentive" also went wing-on-wing behind "Pegasus".

At the White mark, "Pegasus" was 5 1/2 min. ahead and "Incentive" was 6 1/2 min. behind. At the Orange mark, Pegasus was 1st around, followed by "Wanderlust" 3 min. later and "Incentive" 6 min. to the rear.

"Pegasus" finished first after lots of tacking. Shortly thereafter, Wanderlust and "Incentive" were on a collision course, but "Wanderlust" ducked them.

The following are the raw, un-calculated race results: Start Time: 4:00:52 pm. Wind Direction 320-360 degrees @ 6.4 kts.

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>
1) Pegasus	2	5:44:55
2) Incentive	3	5:49:40
3) Wanderlust	2	5:51:44

Dale hosted our regular post-race party.

Safety Harbor Boat Club Race Schedule 2018:

January:	Wednesday 10	4pm	Race
	Saturday 20	10am	Race
	Wednesday 24	4pm	Race
February:	Saturday 10	10am	Race
	Wednesday 14	4pm	Race
	Saturday 24	10am	Back Bay Triangle Race
	Wednesday 28	7pm	Full Moon Race
March:	Saturday 3	10am	Race
	Wednesday 14	6pm	Race
	Saturday 17	10am	Race
	Wednesday 28	6pm	Race
April:	Wednesday 11	6pm	Race
	Saturday 14	10am	Race
	Wednesday 25	6pm	Race
	Saturday 28	8pm	Full Moon Race
May:	Wednesday 9	6pm	Race
	Saturday 19	10am	Race
	Wednesday 23	6pm	Race
	Monday 28	10am	Steve Doherty Memorial Race
June:	Wednesday 13	6pm	Race
	Saturday 23	10am	Race
	Wednesday 27	6pm	Race
July:	Saturday 21	10am	Race
August:	Saturday 18	10am	Race
September:	Monday 3	10am	Race
	Wednesday 12	6pm	Race
	Saturday 22	10am	Race
	Wednesday 26	6pm	Race
October:	Wednesday 10	6pm	Race
	Saturday 20	10am	Race
	Wednesday 24	8pm	Full Moon Race
November:	Saturday 3	10am	Race
	Wednesday 14	4pm	Race
	Saturday 17	10am	Commodore's Cup Race
	Wednesday 28	4pm	Race
December:	Saturday 8	10am	Race
	Wednesday 12	4pm	Race
	Wednesday 26	4pm	Race

John Vivarito

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