



# S.H.B.C. Sentinel

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## GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE DEC. 5TH MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON - PHOTO BY DAVE BEHRLE



Plan to attend our Wed., December 5th SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be **Dave Behrle** and some of his fellow Rafters, who Rafted down the Colorado River. **Dave** gave a previous presentation in July 2016 after he hiked the Appalachian Trail. So, his presentation should be particularly exciting.

**On Sun, Nov 11, 2018 at 12:24 AM, Dale Cuddeback**

[<decuddeback@gmail.com>](mailto:decuddeback@gmail.com) wrote:

HO, HO, HO Mates!!!

Thanks to SHBC's holiday spirit and energy, SHBC signed up to have a float (boat) in the annual Safety Harbor Holiday Parade, on **December 15th**, again this year. We need decorators and marchers and spectators to make this a big success. We've got member **Cam Carlin's** boat, like last year. Treasurer **Mark Kanuck** is volunteering to tow the boat in the parade. We will double the number of beads to pass out during the parade.

We need decorators to assemble at 10 AM at the Marina parking lot to dress up the boat and make it festive and bright. The parade starts at 1:00 pm. This activity is lots of fun and laughs for everyone. Please let **Dale** know if you can help with the decorating at his email address - [decuddeback@gmail.com](mailto:decuddeback@gmail.com).

## A Kayak Visit to Caladesi Island

By Scott Hood, Pix by Debbie Lund

This trip was spawned at The Whistle Stop after the October meeting of the SHBC. A small group of kayak enthusiasts decided that a kayak outing was in order, and I offered to coordinate it. With cooler weather around the corner, it was decided to schedule the trip in November even though it meant that some of those interested could not participate due to the short notice. With no other SHBC activities scheduled on November 10<sup>th</sup>, that date was chosen; and it was full speed ahead.

It was decided to put in on the south side of the Dunedin Causeway at **Sail Honeymoon**. Kayak rentals are available, and the **High & Dry Grill** offering food and drink would await our return. With a couple SHBC members opting out on the morning of the event; five kayakers including me, Patricia Coyle, Marcus & Debbie Lund, and guest Ed Steponaitis arrived at 10:00 am ready for a two-hour paddle. I brought my Kestrel 140 sit-on-top kayak. Patricia and Ed rented single sit-on-tops, and Marcus & Debbie rented a tandem sit-on-top.



**Sail Honeymoon** owner Glenn Steinke offered some coaching points regarding kayaking in general as well as specifics relating to local waters. And we were off! The tide was still relatively low, so we had to walk on a mucky bottom for about twenty yards before we could get to deep enough water to get underway on our kayaks. Due to a healthy breeze from the north, it was decided to hug the south side of the causeway heading west in the direction of the Ferry Dock for the Caladesi Ferry. Passing the bridge that joins the Causeway and Honeymoon Island, we paddled along the shoreline of the quiet cove that surrounds the Ferry Dock. Once around the cove and paddling along Honeymoon Island's Dog Beach, it was time to cross Hurricane Pass. A hurricane in 1921 split what was then Hog Island into two

islands which are now Honeymoon Island State Park and Caladesi Island State Park.



Crossing the Hurricane Pass channel can be challenging especially on weekends in the summer when jet skiers like to circumnavigate Honeymoon Island. Weekdays and weekends from November through March are much better for kayakers. We had a relatively smooth crossing at the narrowest spot in the Pass. Once across the Pass, it was time to pull our kayaks up on the Caladesi Island's beautiful beach and enjoy the scenery. Patricia, Ed, Marcus, and Debbie all walked the beach; I just sat, looked out over the water, and did a little planning as to how we were all going to get back on our kayaks with an incoming tide and a rather stiff wind in our face. Caladesi Island has been named the #1 beach in the country by "Dr. Beach" and has been in the top 10 the last three years. "Dr. Beach" is Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman, a Professor and Director of the Laboratory for

Coastal Research at Florida International University. He developed 50 criteria to rate each beach, and it took him two years to complete his initial survey of 650 major recreational beaches in the United States.

Off in the distance, we could hear the call of cold draft beer, so it was time to head back. We all got back on our kayaks without incident and retraced our track across the channel toward the south side of the Dunedin Causeway. We did encounter some white caps as we crossed, but



nothing problematic. That is one of the nice things about sit-on-tops...the water just splashes up on the kayak, runs down the hull, and out through the scupper. We again hugged the south side of the causeway back to **Sail Honeymoon**. Taking a direct shot from the north end of Caladesi to **Sail Honeymoon** is obviously the shortest distance between two points, but it can be a real slog when there is wind out of the north...certainly no way to end a leisurely, relaxing paddle. I must say that Marcus and Debbie fared very well in the tandem...they came back with smiles. I have seen couples go out on a tandem kayak venture and come back in need of counseling.

Once back, we all headed to the **High & Dry Grill** for food, libation, and the opportunity to rehash our morning outing. All the food was good, but the shrimp cocktail was the consensus winner of the day! It was great to get out on the water and away from life's challenges for a little while. Let's do it again next year!

## PEGASUS GETS A BOTTOM PAINTED

By Capt. Dale Cuddeback, SV Incentive

Capt. John of the SV Pegasus got tired of finishing second to the slowest boat (Incentive) in the racing circuit while suffering the wrath of his fanatical racing crew Ellen. Or, maybe he got tired of being harangued by Ellen to get Pegasus more race worthy, Ellen-wise. John finally decided to capitulate, get the oysters scraped off Pegasus' bottom and get it painted after six years. Capt. Dale of SV Incentive tried reasoning with Capt. John that Pegasus' bottom was just fine and good for another six years before needing a bottom job. Capt. Dale knew that Pegasus could leave Incentive in the dust with a clean bottom and Dale was naturally campaigning against the bottom job. Fearing a heart attack by Ellen, Dale dropped his guard and let Ellen convince John to get Pegasus' bottom painted. With all that back-story out of the way, let's get on with it.



Figure 1: Capt John of the SV Pegasus

Capt. John and Capt. Dale are very good friends and supportive of the other's needs. So, on Sept 26, Capt. Dale graciously offered to accompany John to the boatyard on the theory that its best to keep one's competitors close and always have at least two people on-board for any adventure lasting over two hours. Of course, Dale had not given up the fight and secretly hoped sea dragons or such would somehow turn the tide in Dale's favor. By the way, the pictures are from Dale's camera because John dropped his camera/smart phone overboard in his excitement to get underway.

Stalwart John took the bit in his teeth and off we sailed for the Viking shipyard, south of the Gandy Causeway, about two hours away. Luckily, we had a nice sail over more than half the trip. It was a delightful day. Nothing unusual happened and Pegasus arrived at the boatyard entrance to get Pegasus hauled out of the water (Figure 2).



Figure 2: Sailboat being hauled by Travel-lift

The haul-out was delayed due to other activities in the boatyard. John's beautiful wife Renee met us at the boatyard and drove ecstatic John and forlorn Dale to the nearby Crab's Seafood House for a delicious lunch. All is forgiven after that wonderful lunch. We decided that the haul-out would be further delayed and John would return the next day for an estimate to service Pegasus. John settled upon a day to pick up the freshly painted Pegasus and we departed for Clearwater, courtesy John's wife Renee.

The next step was for John to pick up Pegasus from the boatyard with Dale as crew. Unfortunately, Dale discovered belatedly that he had an important Dr. appointment the day of the pickup that could not be changed. So, Capt. John brought Pegasus back to Safety Harbor marina solo.

Feeling guilty that John had to solo, Dale met John at the Safety Harbor marina just as John was arriving and helped with dock lines. When asked about the return sail, which was by motor all the way, John's reply was a low-key "uneventful."

Now I have to get braced for Ellen's onslaught of "Pegasus won," "Pegasus won" and on and on....

We gotta get more racers in our races.

## ANECDOTE TO ARTICLE: “PEGASUS GETS A BOTTOM PAINTED”

In reading the article on Pegasus getting a bottom job, did you notice that Figure 2 was not John's boat? The boat in Figure 2 is Capt. Dale's boat Incentive. Questions:

Did Dale pull a fast one and get his boat Incentive hauled in place of Pegasus for bottom paint Did John pay to get Dale's boat painted?

Did John's boat get painted?

Capt. Dale

## "NO" GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOV. 7, MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

SHBC Commodore Joan Marzi requested that the Club not have a **NOV.** speaker, since the SHBC Board requested we have a meeting without a Guest Speaker. So, we canceled our Nov. Speaker, with plans for a reschedule in the future. The Board's plan was to give our attending Members enough time to discuss the Club's potential Code of Conduct, to be voted upon at our Dec 5th Club meeting.

## SHBC BIRTHDAYS

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY ARCHIVES

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays fall in the Holiday Month of **December.**

### Birthdays:

12-5	<b>Chris Dollin</b> <----
12-6	Gerry Corbino
12-21	Joy Sheets
12-28	Phyllis Garry



# CONGRATULATIONS TO DICK GREENHALGH!

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX BY DALE CUDDEBACK



If you go to the SH Marina and walk along the seawall, you'll notice that there's a new **Trawler, a Prairie 29'**, named "**Gail Force**", which **Dick Greenhalgh** recently purchased and brought around from Melbourne. **Dick** previously sold his Island Packet, "Island Girl", which he owned for many years of cruising with SHBC and he even allowed the ladies to "borrow" it for the 2010 SHBC Bikini Cup Regatta, while he was videotaping the race from the photo boat. Congratulations to Dick and Sharon on their new boat.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: JACKIE AND JOE MALLOZZI

ELLEN HENDERSON AND PIX BY JACKIE AND JOE MALLOZZI



**JACKIE MALLOZZI's** ancestors are from **Norway**. They sailed down the **St. Lawrence River** and landed in **Wisconsin** in the **1800's**. Her Great-Great Grandmother was 50 years old and she walked with her 5-year-old son to Iowa. **JOE MALLOZZI'S** family are from **Italy**.

**Jackie and Joe** met in **CT**, where they rented for long weekends **William F. Buckley's** 40' sailboat, the "**Susie Wong**". They moved to **Colorado Springs** as newlyweds and lived there for 30 years.

From 2011 to 2015 they lived in **Malasia**, where **Joe** worked for **Western Digital**.

When they moved to this area, Jackie taught at Oldsmar Elementary School. They have 2 kids: a son, who lives in Tucson and a daughter in Houston and there are 2 "adorable" grand kids, who are 2 and 4 years old.

**Jackie** is now a retired School Teacher. She's been sailing with the **Dunedin Windlasses** in the Novice Division. **Joe** has been sailing big boats and recently started crewing for Mark Kanuck.

WELCOME TO SHBC!

## THE "MOONLIGHT" RACE - WED., 10/24/18

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX BY LINDA BRANDT

All the skippers started to pile their crews onto their sailboats around 5:20 pm. **Chris Garrill** was back racing on his "**John Marie**", along with teenagers **Alex Rothaug**, and his friend **Collin**, whom he "confiscated" from "**Incentive**". Aboard **Co-Race Chair Dale Cuddeback's** "**Incentive**" he had our Club "Ringer" **Paul Matthews** plus **Linda Brandt**. **Emily Wagner** and

Ellen Henderson crewed for **Co-Race Chair John Viverito** on **"Pegasus"**. **"Wanderlust"** was still in sickbay (dismasted).

It was previously decided NOT to light up the Course Marks for this **THE "MOONLIGHT" RACE**, so we started earlier at 6:02 pm in order to hopefully finish before it got dark. Thus, we could party under the Full Moon.

**Co-Race Chair, John V.** set the course for the fleet to start from S. to N., then do a button hook turn, going head East toward the Orange Mark, then on to the South White Mark, then Finish. **"Incentive"** with her crew, while jockeying for the first position, went over the start line on port tack. We on **"Pegasus"** were second to start with a heading of 115 degrees on starboard tack. At the Start the wind was coming from 55 degrees at 6-8 kts., so it was **"Pegasus"** kind of wind. **"John Marie"** was third to start and was about 10 boat lengths behind us.

Both **"Pegasus's"** and **"Incentive's"** crews were positioned to leeward, thus healing their boats to windward, while **"John Marie"** was sailing flat. **"Incentive"** was above and aft of **"Pegasus"** after we passed them. Then they decided to drop behind and to leeward of **"Pegasus"** by about 4 boat lengths. **"Pegasus"** just had a brand-new bottom job, so we thought this might have helped our advantage. Leg #1 was a fetch with a 15-degree wind shift and our wind speed was now up to 10 kts. **"Incentive"** pulled up to windward but was still aft of **"Pegasus"**.

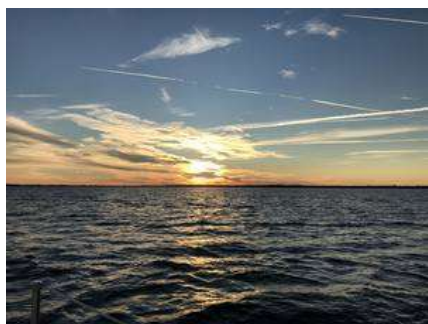


Unfortunately, **"Pegasus"** got below the Orange Mark and gybed (instead of tacking). OOPS! We ended up doing a 360-degree turn, thus allowing **"Incentive"** to pass us and round the mark ahead of us by 01:49. It was time to catch up. Suddenly, we observed that **"John Marie"** had caught up and passed us both! What magic caused this scenario? See below for the reason.



On Leg #2 **"Pegasus"** was on a port broad reach with our whisker pole on the starboard side to keep the Jib from being blanketed by the Main. **"Incentive"** was now going Wing-on-Wing downwind. So, it was time for **"Pegasus"** to do likewise. **"Pegasus"** had passed **"Incentive"**, but they quickly headed us up and took the lead again. Our heading range went from 215 to 265 - a 50-degree sweep.

Meanwhile, **"John Marie"** was first around the White Mark, followed by **"Incentive"**, then **"Pegasus"**. On leg #3 our headings ranged from 355 to 005 degrees. It was time for **"Pegasus"** to get serious, so we **dropped** below **"Incentive"** to get out of their wind shadow and shorten their lead.



We all finished just as the Full Moon was rising from the East in all her radiant glory. After finishing first, **"John Marie"** announced on the radio that they had skipped the first mark rounding (Orange), thus explaining the "mystery". **"Incentive"** hosted another fun Post race Party. **Aussie Chris Dollin**, who is going to classes for her American Citizenship (just in case...) joined us for the party after her class. During the party the bright orange moon continued to ascend in the Eastern sky. It magnificently rose over North Tampa Bay and, but for a brief

cloud-streaked moment, the moon rose to its full yellow glory, shining light over the SH Marina. With great early fall weather, what a glorious evening.

The following are the raw, un-calculated race results:

**Start Time: 6:02:00 pm. Wind Direction 55 degrees at 6-8 kts**

	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>	<u>Elapsed Time</u>	
1)	John Marie	3	7:16:47	1:14:47	DSQ
2)	Incentive	3	7:19:53	1:17:53	
3)	Pegasus	3	7:20:06	1:18:06	

## The Great Halloween Chili Cook-off and Costume Party of October 27th, 2018

Article & Pix by Ellen Henderson

It was a **"GAS"-tronomical** success! But more about that later.

At the appointed time of 2:00 pm on Sat. Oct. 27 the **Decorating Committee (Emily Wagner, Debbie Roberto, Diane Hood, Mary Burnham and Ellen Henderson)** all showed up along with **Mark Kanuck**, who dropped off the "Chili" tables, ice chests and tableware. **Joan Marzi** brought the ice and **Brian Garry** delivered 3 (24 cans ea.) cases of our event Sponsor: **Yuengling Brewery's** finest, **Regular, Black and Tan** plus **Lager Light** beers.

Because it was so windy, it took a full 2 hrs. to decorate the SH Marina Pavilion. Many of the chili cooks arrived early to warm up their crock pots' contents. So, by the time the Official Party started at 4:00 pm the air was wafting with the delicious aromas of all kinds of chili concoctions. There were lots of partiers in a variety of creative Halloween Costumes. Some of which were provided from the Halloween Costume Closet of this writer.



After all of the tasting was completed from the seven crock pots and everyone had also enjoyed the side dishes and desserts, it was time for the annual **Chili Cook-off Contest**. The winners were: **1) Diane Hood** (vegetarian chili), **2) & 3) places were tied** with **Phyllis Garry** and **Joe Mallozzi** winning these prizes. **Phyllis** also won last year. What's her secret recipe? This was also the 2nd year in a row that a vegetarian chili won first place. Do we see a trend or are we all getting more health conscious?

For the **Costume Contest**, **Jack Myers**, perennial winner, always comes through with a creative outfit. This year **Jack** took **first place** as an **Old Lumberjack**, complete with a cigar between his teeth. (Watch out for forest fires). **Patricia Coyle** easily won **second place** with beautifully authentic **Middle Eastern Costume**.

**Third** was won by **moi**, in my "**Pretty-in-Pink**" head to toe **Executive Chef's** outfit. Other costumes included

**Brian & Phyllis Garry as Pirates**; there were several **Witches** (**Diane Hood**, **Debbie Roberto**, **Skip Meadows** and **Emily Wagner**), an **Oriental Man** (**Ted O'Brien**), a **Clown** (**Chris Dollin**), **Sailors** (**Mark & Ann Kanuck**).

Hope I didn't miss anyone.



**Commodore Joan Marzi** announced that it was time to play our favorite Club Game (**Toss the Coins into the Bronze Urn**). **Mark Kanuck** took away the prize for this feat with his good hand/eye coordination.



It was time to dance away the extra calories from all of that chili. So, **Debbie Roberto** brought her music and led several of us in Salsa dancing. There were five guests who participated in the evening's activities: **Alan, Pam & Howard** (from **Manchester, England**), who are visiting with **Mark & Ann Kanuck**, **David** and **Mary Burnham & their little doggie**, who are long term friends and former **Bermuda** neighbors of **Ted & Janet O'Brien**, plus **David** loaned moi his sailboat for the **BCYC Women's Challenge** in the past and **Annette Delligatti**, who's a good Actor friend of **Patricia Coyle** and this writer. We look forward to some of these guests possibly joining SHBC.

By the end of the evening, there was a decided methane gas cloud that was wafting Northwest out over the Marina. We heard that with the strong Fall winds, it landed in the SH Library's parking lot, where scholars have begun hauling out the rare and precious books.





## SHBC - DECEMBER, 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Wednesday	5	6:30 pm	Meeting SH Library
Saturday	8	10:00 am	Race Marina
Wednesday	12	4:00 pm	Race Marina
Saturday	15	10:00 am	Marina - Decorate our SHBC BOAT FLOAT
Wednesday	26	4:00 pm	Race Marina

## Tampa Bay Posse Smoky Mtn. Power Trip

By Mikey, Pix by Bill Wadsworth and myself.

The Tampa Bay Posse is a group of car enthusiasts, mostly Corvettes, that schedule rides for entertainment. Some rides are like a convoy down the highway, but I will not mention the speeds involved. Others are trips to travel on twisty curvy roads where the top speed rarely exceeds 40 MPH. You can probably guess which type was experienced on the Smoky Mountain trip. Don't worry, there will be some boats and water in this story.

There was a run to NC earlier in September, so our group was relatively small. The players were a Dodge Viper, two supercharged Corvettes, my showroom model convertible, and a Dodge RAM pickup. I did say mostly Vettes, right? Anyhow, the trip was scheduled for 7 days. Where the distance between two locations would be maybe an hour, we drove the curvy back roads and turned the driving experience into 4-5 hours. In fact, I think we hit ALL the back roads in some areas.

Here is where I insert a disclaimer. The pictures were taken by a cell phone (mine) and a digital camera (Bill's). I discovered as I write this that the number sequence on the pictures is not always accurate. The picture sequence is wrong (I tried to be accurate here) and was even different between the two picture sources. If you can't trust technology, who can you trust?



Not much between Tampa and Athens, GA, so we did a long boring 475-mile run, up the Interstate to Macon, then scenic highways into Athens. BBQ restaurants are always good, so we stopped at one for lunch. We took it easy on the drive because nobody wanted traffic tickets the first day out.

Athens to Cherokee, NC. We passed thru Suches, Brasstown Bald, Helen, Clayton, Bridal Falls, and then to Cherokee. Google Maps says this is a 2.5-hour trip, but it took us about 6 hours not including lunch in Helen, NC. I still can't plot the route we took considering Helen sits between Clayton and Suches. Helen has an Old German building style and is where we had Mueller's Famous Fried Cheese for lunch.



We stayed at a nice lodge place in Cherokee and went into town for supper. The food was great, but a safety hazard initiated a trip to the emergency room for one of our group. A mat in front of the restroom door caused someone to fall into the kitchen. Really, right in the middle of the door to the kitchen. I am pretty sure she ate for free that night.

Drizzle rain set in, so we decided to not do the infamous Tail of the Dragon, at Deals Gap, NC. Our choice was to head into the Nantahala Forest, starting with the Visitor's Center and a very large field where you are supposed to spot elk. There was one, but it was so far away (look for the pale blue marker near the middle) that even with camera zoom at max, the elk looked like a fence post with antlers.



Lots of wet crooked road with wet leaves took us to the stopping area at Bridal Veil Falls. Obviously, nobody tried to get cute with their driving and wind up in the bushes. Bridal Veil is interesting because you can cross the river by walking under the falls. Notice the tie-in with water here?



Our next stop was the train station at Bryson. NC. Coal-fired steam engines are very rare now, so they convert them over to fuel oil for the burners. But they are still steam powered. If you are thinking low powered, you are right. The train, which was very long, had a common diesel-electric engine for assistance uphill.

At the far end of the tracks, they stop and let kayakers get off. Those people then kayak down what is claimed to be great white-water rapids to our next stop. As you can see in the picture, some of them should have stayed on the train. Personally, driving a sports car with a heater is more fun than taking a dunk in an ice-cold river... Just sayin'.





The train stop was at a tourist trap, I mean recreation center, and was the Nantahala Gorge site of the 2013 ICF Canoe Free Style World Championships. Free Style in a canoe? I don't think so! And calling a kayak a canoe is like calling a Kia a limousine.

Another drive took us to Clingman's Dome, which sits right on the TN-NC line. There were a lot of visitors, so we parked in the RV section. We parked bumper-to-bumper, so the tow truck could not get in to move us. After a short stay and some pictures, we continued on, but bypassed one of the higher-up lookouts. It was reported the road could be closed due to snow. None of us had snow tires, so the decision to skip that one was easy. Did I mention it was cold and windy? The side of the



mountain had white frost on it, further proof it was cold. Not compared to our next mountain stop at Craggy Gardens, tho.



Gatlinburg. Being from KY, I knew Gatlinburg pretty well. Definitely a tourist trap, but fun to visit. They now have a chair lift that takes you to the top of a mountain and back. The view from the top was great. And it was warm.



We had rooms booked at a motel in Chimney Rock, but of course it was not a straight path getting there. A lot of the routes were scenic, if you had the nerve to take your eyes off the road. To quash the myth that we were going really fast, I included a shot that shows Bill's dashboard, specifically the speedometer. This hairpin turn was at 18 MPH. It only seemed fast because the turns were tight. Try turning into your driveway at 15 MPH and you will see what I mean.

We spent a couple of nights in Chimney Rock. The first day before arriving we visited Craggy Gardens, another mountain top lookout. Remember, we are all from Florida and have Florida-weight clothing. This lookout was brutal. It was supposed to be 38 degrees, but a water puddle on a brick wall was solid ice. Even worse, the Visitor's Center only had a wood burning stove for heat. Two little thermo-electric fans on top did not help much. I was glad when we loaded up and moved on.

From there, we took a nice casual drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The trees were a mix of green, yellow, and red, and a little orange too. Of course, we were seeking curvy roads, and landed in New Switzerland for BBQ. Yes, I see the irony here. But move along to looking at the curb in front of the store. Road 226A is famously known as the Diamondback because it is curvy like a snake. To be honest, this was one of the best and easiest challenges of the trip. Tight but well-banked turns made it feel safer than most.



Our last stop for this day was Grandfather Mountain. There is a vehicle charge to get in, but they give you an audio CD or USB Thumb Drive. This place has some interesting spots, like a section

of curve where part of the Forrest Gump movie was shot. One driver said the road to the top was the steepest he had ever driven. My steepest was in Chalet Village, near Gatlinburg.



At the top is a long suspension foot bridge that is a mile high. It was so cold and windy that I refused to cross it. I was reaching my limit of cold. Fur was more appropriate for this area. We did manage to catch a couple of grizzlies, one old and one young, at the mile-high marker. I leave it to you to figure out which is which.



I am guessing the top is about 150 feet above the parking lot. From up there, our cars looked like Hot Wheels. It also looked like we were on the top of the world when looking at the mountains off in the distance. If you want to see the Smokies from up high, put this place on your bucket list.



Our next-to-last day on the trip was a trip up Chimney Rock, and then a drive on to Savannah, GA. I had enough of the cold, a.k.a. "Limit Reached", so I skipped the climb and headed out to Savannah. The rest of the group did the self-guided tour and shared their pictures.



Our last night, in Savannah, was celebrated at a great Italian restaurant. It was recommended by Bill's friends, also present. Nobody besides me drank white wine, so I got the whole bottle to myself. I was not driving, so I drank nearly all of it with supper. Due to a serious medical emergency with one of our travelers this night, I decided to skip the Trolley Tour in Savanna and head on back to Tampa.

Over all, it was a great trip and felt like I was on vacation. Retired people can take vacations, right?

## Pictorial:

"Day sail on The Pearson 323 Ceiliah, Captain Gerrard, Marcus & Debbie (Lund)"



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