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GUEST SPEAKER FOR **APR 4th SHBC** MEETING

BY Ellen Henderson & Mark Kanuck

Plan to attend our **Wed., APR. 4th SHBC** meeting at 6:30 pm at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be **Colin Kiley**, who is an expert on **Nautical Structures**.



Nautical Structures was founded in 1986. It is located in Largo, FL It specializes in producing the finest yachting equipment of its type, specializing in tender-handling and boarding equipment. Nautical Structures designs, engineers, manufactures, distributes, service and supports a complete product line of Marine Davits, Deck Cranes, Overhead Beam Cranes, Tender-garage Launching Systems, Transom Lifts, Gangplanks, Passerelles, Accommodation Stairs and Shell doors."

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: RICHARD PLANAS

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX by Richard

RICHARD PLANAS moved to the US as a child with his family to escape the Castro regime. Later he moved to the Washington DC area to pursue his studies. He lived in both Virginia and Maryland while working for the US Government. Upon completion of Boating Certification Courses ASA 103 – 104 – 105, he began his sailing adventures on the Chesapeake Bay and kept his boat, a Legend 36 sloop, in Galesville, south of Annapolis. While in the DC area he sailed on an O'day 34', Island Packet 36' & 42', and a Hylas 56'. Mostly, he enjoyed cruising up and down the Chesapeake Bay visiting quaint ports including Annapolis, Oxford, Cambridge, Solomon's Island, St Michaels, Rock Hall, Havre de Grace, and Baltimore.



Later Richard relocated to S. Florida on the East Coast. He enjoyed sailing into the Gulfstream off Ft. Lauderdale, where he sailed on a Tanzer 22', Hunter 37' cutter, and a 31' Beneteau.

Four months ago, Richard moved to SH and found our Safety Harbor Boat Club. So, in Feb. he showed up at our Club's Monthly Meeting, where he joined the Club and he's been racing and partying with SHBC ever since. So far, he's mostly crewed on Ron P's "Wanderlust" and is looking forward to lots of new adventures with Safety Harbor Boat Club.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: PATRICIA COYLE

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX BY PATRICIA



PATRICIA COYLE joined **SHBC** at our recent March meeting after having had a taste of sailing with our Club on previous cruises: with **Mark & Ann Kanuck** (aboard their prior boat "Rum Line") out of Clearwater to **Tampa Sailing Squadron** and with **Barry Fox** on "**Amelia**" from SH to the **St. Pete Yacht Club**. **PATRICIA** began her sailing adventures for two years with **Bay Sailors**, another local Club, which organizes a cruise each month. She's also raced as crew on **Dale Cuddeback's "Incentive"**.

She spent most of her career with the USPS and she also worked at a Dermatologists (ask her to check your brown spots).

About six years ago **PATRICIA** took acting lessons at Ruth Eckerd Hall, which led to a "new career" on the boards. She has since acted in many plays all over the Tampa Bay area, including this writer's Play, "**The Regatta**" at several venues. See attached flyer for her next production.



SHBC **APRIL 2018** CLUB SCHEDULE:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wednesday	4	6:30pm	Meeting	Library
Wednesday	11	6:00pm	Race	Marina
Saturday	14	10:00am	Race	Marina
Saturday	14	3:00pm	Car Pools meet @ SH Marina, to go to the SUN & FUN FLY-IN	
Wednesday	25	6:00pm	Race	Marina
Saturday	28	8:00pm	Full Moon Race	Marina

“Official Club Photographer” Needed

By Mikey

As everyone knows, Linda Brandt accepted to serve as the Vice Commodore of the club. Unfortunately, these duties do not allow acting as Club Photographer (which she did exceptionally well) at events and meetings. Ellen has filled in when she can but provides organizational services and is very busy as well.

I am pleading for a volunteer to take photographs for the club...

1. The Club has a camera, so you do not have to provide your own.
2. The camera is a point-and-shoot type, so adjusting settings is not necessary. However, you will need to learn how to turn it on.
3. Professional photography experience is not needed. Just no pictures of the ground, sky except UFO's, or stray dogs please.
4. You do not need to attend all functions. You can hand the camera off to a backup person if needed.
5. I will help you set up a procedure that is mostly painless.

Please feel free to contact myself, Ellen, or any Board Member.

FUN 'N SUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN & EXPO SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH

BY LINDA BRANDT (updated with added details)

As a reminder, we are organizing a group excursion to the annual **Sun 'N Fun International Fly-In & Expo** held at the **Lakeland Linder Regional Airport** on Saturday, April 14. Eleven people signed up for this event at our last meeting. Daily admission is \$37 for adults but **only \$10 after 5pm**. Plus, parking is **FREE AFTER 5 PM**. Saturday evening there is an **airshow from 7:30 to 9:30**. There are several area restaurants within a five-mile radius and there are food vendors within the Airshow. The plan is to meet at the SH



Marina @3 pm carpool, have dinner and attend the airshow. There's also **FREE Tours** of the **Air Museum** plus an opportunity to **see vintage airplanes** on the ground and possibly the **Hurricane Hunters Planes**, that we heard about at a recent Club Meeting. Ellen Henderson has volunteered to organize this event and will be contacting the people who already signed up in March. It's not too late to sign up either at the April 4th SHBC Meeting or by calling Ellen at [\(727\) 797-9380](tel:727-797-9380).

RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKER FROM MARCH 7TH SHBC MEETING

ARTICLE & PIX BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Forty people turned out to hear our guest speaker, **Alder Allensworth**, who "**Did A SOLO CIRCUMNAVIGATION Around THE FL PENINSULA IN A TINY 12' SAILBOAT**". Alder grew up sailing in **Charleston, SC** with her **Naval Officer Dad**. She switched to **Windsurfing** while in **College in MO**.



The '84-'85 Gulf racing season brought **Alder** to **Windjammers of Clearwater**, where she crewed on a **C&C 38'** with this writer and the very well-known local **tactician, Steve Honour** on the original **Polyphonic**. **Alder** also started crewing in **Clearwater Bay** behind the **CL Sailing Center** on a **15' Coronado**. She liked it so well, that she bought one for herself to skipper. This Gulf & Bay racing experience led her to winning the prestigious **Brown Trophy** after scoring **1st Place** in **both Windjammers Bikini Cup Races**.

In 1995 Alder was the **Navigator** on the **only All Female** crewed sailboat in the **296 nm Isla Mujeures Regatta** from **St. Pete** to this **Island**, just off **Cancun, Mexico**. We ladies were aboard **Hexe**, a custom built **40' sailboat**, that had **crossed the Southern Atlantic from South Africa to South America** and finally landed in **Tarpon Springs**. Alder subsequently tried **Offshore Catamaran** racing with **FOMA** on an **F-24**. She competed in **7 Clearwater to Key West Races** on various boats and **helped found the Sailability Program for handicapped sailors** at the **CL Community Sailing Center** on **Sand Key**. Since then Alder has skippered in the **BCYC Bikini Cup Regatta (now known as the Women's Challenge)**. Prior to sailing in the Clearwater area, Alder survived a rare eye cancer in which she lost her left eye, but this didn't stop her love of sailing.

All of these different types of sailing experiences provided a good background for some of the challenges of sailing "**Prevail**", the **12' Bauer**, on her intended trip from **St. Pete to Maine**. Alder embarked on **April 11** on this tiny boat that drew only 4" with the centerboard up and 4' with it fully deployed.

All was going smoothly until upon entering **Gordon's Pass**, a cold front moved through, contributing to confused seas with wind from the West-N/W and strong outgoing tides from the East. Alder held her breath and successfully surfed through the roaring inlet, only to almost be run over by a very large power yacht, that may not have seen her. A unknown sailor **Steve Morrell**, who also came to our Club meeting, assisted **Alder** in a separate boat along the **Shark River** in the **Everglades** and in **Florida Bay**, enroute to Flamingo, where she had to take her

mast down. Later a Park Ranger assisted her, because to negotiate the lift, no boat under 14' was allowed, so they pulled her boat and towed it with a trailer via land for that short distance. Alder found that local knowledge was helpful in charting her way along the next section by finding PVC pipes stuck in the shallow water.

Alder was now enroute to **Key Largo**, where she had to get out of her boat and push her sailboat in **Madeira Bay**. Since this is a rarely traversed area, there was very little trash. Next was **Black Water Sound** and unfortunately there was a Bermuda High in the area. So she and other sailors had to wait it out. It was 50 nm from **Key Largo** to **Dinner Key**; since she had no lights on the boat, she wasn't legally allowed to sail after dark. In **Miami**, Alder met with the folks from **Shake-A-Leg**, which is their handicapped sailing program. Her venture was partially sponsored by the **St. Pete YC** plus the **Rotary Club** and **CNN** also videotaped part of the journey, to bring awareness to handicapped sailing. Alder was able to anchor out at the **Jensen Beach Sailing School** when she had trouble with her little outboard motor.

At **Titusville** a big front came in with golf ball size hail. Alder deployed her **Dutchman Reefing System** and worked her way to the floating dock. She was quite a sight when stepping off her tiny "yacht" wearing pink pajamas, her Dad's old Navy shirt and a tilley hat as sun protection. While in **Titusville**, Alder found an inventor, who fixed her outboard. Her next leg was **Daytona** to **St. Augustine**, where she visited the "factory" where the **12' Bauer** is built. Along the way, Alder discovered that dryer sheets are a mosquito deterrent. The next successful leg was on to Jacksonville.

Stay tuned to hear more about Alder's sailing adventure at a future **SHBC Meeting**.

Stainless Hose Clamps

By Mikey

If you have no boat or do have a boat but it has no thru-hulls, water, or fuel connections, then skip to the next article. Otherwise, read carefully.

BoatUS Magazine April/May 2018 has an article worth reading. The question is, "are stainless hose clamps really stainless?" The answer is "Maybe." Some band-type clamps that have slots and tighten with a screw (known as Breeze clamps) may have a SS (stainless) band, but not the screw mechanism.



As you can see at the arrow in the picture, not good! True SS should be 316-grade stainless and is **100%** non-magnetic.

The article suggested upgrading to **titanium** clamps. When I read that, I thought cha-ching \$\$\$\$!!!. However, a Google search turned up Titan Marine Products (<http://www.titan-marine-hardware.com/titanium-hose-clamps.htm>) where the largest clamps we might use were less than \$9.00 each. Expensive compared to \$2 clamps, but dirt cheap compared to a sunk boat. I am seriously thinking of re-fitting my boat with these. I will definitely check them with a magnet.

By the way, if you bought this type of hose clamp from a car parts store, you might want to keep an eye on it. I actually had one rust like in the picture although it was supposed to be "stainless". Just sayin'....

SHBC BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY Archive

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of **APRIL**.

Birthdays:

4-2 Jan Muller
4-16 Elaine McKenna
4-17 Betty Taylor
4-27 Mike Hornbuckle

Anniversaries

4-17 Christy Edwards and
Tom Potter ->



WOMEN'S CHALLENGE REGATTA

Rhumb Runners Organizing Authority

Boca Ciega Yacht Club

4600 Tifton Drive South Gulfport, Florida 33711

Saturday April 28th, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). If there is a conflict between the RRS and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.
- 1.2 Each competitor shall sail in accordance with class rules and format.

2. ELEGIBILIY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to female-crewed sailboats with current PHRF rating. Boats without current WFPHRF will be assigned one by the Race Committee.
- 2.2 Eligible boats must **register and pay online at www.sailbcyc.org/WomensChallengeRegatta** click on links. **Registration opens February 20th, 2018.**
- 2.3 **Registration and payment must be received no later than Friday April 20th, 2018.**
- 2.4 Entrants will be required to complete a liability release form available at check-in. For convenience a PDF version of the form can be printed from the website.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 Monohull Non Spinnaker Three Divisions:
 - Man on board /Coached
 - Man on board / Not Coached
 - All Female Skipper and Crew
- 3.2 Final divisions will be determined based on the number of entries received by April 20th, 2018.

4. FEE

\$45.00 per boat, due at registration.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday April 28th 10:00AM to 11:00AM Check In.
11:00AM Skipper's Meeting
1:00PM First Class Flag
Dinner provided by Rhumb Runners

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at Check-In.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 The regatta will take place in beautiful Boca Ciega Bay.

SCORING

- 7.2 One race constitutes a regatta. Low point scoring system will be used.

8. COURSE

- 8.1 The course will be set southwest of the club.
- 8.2 Every effort will be made to design a competitive course.

9. BERTHING AND LAUNCHING

- 9.1 T-docks and dry / wet slips may be available. Use of the club ramp is permitted. The hoist is not available to non-club members. All arrangements will be coordinated with the Club Fleet Captain. ***This applies to club members as well.***
- 9.2 Transient slips can be reserved at The City of Gulfport Marina.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 All boats must have a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving.
- 10.2 Regatta transmissions will be on VHF Channel selected at the skippers meeting.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded first through third for divisions raced.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRs 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Organizational Regatta Chair Barb Meyer (727) 430-7241, sunnlover@aol.com, or go to www.sailbcyc.org.



Update on BCYC Women's Challenge Regatta

April 28th, 2018

Article - Barb Meyer; Pix Archives- Barry Fox (June 2015 SHBC NWSLTR)

The **Women's Challenge Regatta**, (see above) formerly known as the Bikini Cup and sponsored for many years by the Windjammers of Clearwater & SHBC is back. The current sponsor, Boca Ciega Yacht Club. It is a goal of the **Rhumb Runners at BCYC** to promote and support women's sailing. This regatta has a rich history of doing exactly that. Women of the Gulf coast, assemble

your teams, find a fast PHRF rated boat and start practicing for the 2018 WCR, Saturday April 28th. **Registration closes April 20th, 2018.**

For Notice of Race and more information go to www.sailbybc.org/WomensChallengeRegatta.

Or contact the Organizational Chair Barb Meyer at (727) 430-7241 or sunlover@aol.com



Rigging Rope & Hardware Source

By Mikey



As you may know, I have a Radio Amateur license, and recently obtained a MARS license (Google it) as well. Part of the hobby is building antennas that often require rigging (guy lines) for support. I found a company with pretty decent prices for lines and hardware. The items for antenna mast and tower rigging have the same requirements as that for sailboat masts. They should not fall down.

I purchased 500' of black Dacron 1/4" rope for \$62. This is UV-resistant, abrasion resistant, very low stretch stuff that costs about 90 cents per foot at Bust Marine. The source is Mastrant Antenna Guying (<http://www.mastrant.com>) They sell on Amazon.

Promises, promises, promises....

By Mikey. Pix by Linda and Ellen

I was never sure who was supposed to do the writeup the St. Patty's Day Picnic, and it is too late to care now. I hate putting in pictures with no text (this does not qualify) because I feel like it is just filler material. However, today you get filler material.....





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