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NO GUEST SPEAKER AND NO JULY SHBC 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 same day as Independence Day and the SH Library will be closed for the Holiday. Instead, there will be a **Club POT LUCK DOCK PARTY on WED., JULY 4TH** at the SH MARINA MIDDLE DOCK followed by the annual Fireworks. See details in a separate article.

Email Safety, Yours and Ours

By Mikey

I mention this at irregular intervals, but emails are a good way to get virus or spam mail into your machine. The mail services cannot trap everything.

When one person sends to a long list of recipients using **CC**, it opens up EVERYONE in the list to the risk of infection. How? I thought you would never ask...

One person in the list receives an email from an unknown source. They are curious about the contents, "*Receive popular magazines at a 45% discount.*" Once they open the email, **that was disguised as a harmless text document**, it executes code that collects all the addresses from the address book on your machine. Those address are sent to a central email spam server in who-knows-where. All this happens in two blinks of the eye.

Or.... It executes code that performs malicious operations on your computer, a.k.a "You got a virus!" One blink.

When you send **BCC** instead of **CC**, the recipient only gets your email address and theirs. They do not receive the entire list (it is blind to each of the other recipients).

I know this sounds cold, but some people are as computer savvy as a box of crayons. Don't put your email list, and eventually everyone's machine including yours, at risk by using **Carbon Copy** for your email distributions. Use **Blind Carbon Copy** instead.

SHBC HAS TWO NEW OFFICERS ON THE BOARD

ARTICLE and PHOTOS BY ELLEN HENDERSON

We are thrilled to announce these new SHBC Officers for the remainder of 2018.

VICE COMMODORE: JURGEN BILLHOFFER:



Jurgen and Cornelia (Connie) Billhofer, who live in Port Richey, became SHBC members in the Fall of 2016. They had always wanted to sail, but never had the opportunity until 2008 when they jumped in with both feet and bought a boat. They own "**New Love**", a **26' Macgregor** sail boat. Since learning to sail on San Francisco Bay, they retired in 2012 after **Jurgen** worked for 35 years with medical lasers for eye surgery. They moved back to Florida—where they found our shallow waters very challenging. Hmmm, how surprising!

The Billhofers are meeting like-minded sailors in a relaxed setting and have enjoyed our parties. They also belong to the **BCYC in Gulfport**, where they met **Christy Edwards and her husband, Tom Potter**, who told **Jurgen** and **Connie** about our club. Additionally, they belong to the **West Coast Trailer Sailing Squadron**. A special memory they have is boat camping on **Cayo Costa**.

Jurgen flies model airplanes as a hobby and is looking forward to more cruising with our club and organizing the Club's social functions as our new Vice Commodore.

SCRIBE/RACING CHAIR: JOHN VIVERITO:



John and Renee were among the founding Members of SHBC in 2000. **John** has been very active in the organizational side of our Club. Among his other positions, John was Commodore three times and is now adding Scribe to his Racing Chair functions. He recently kindly offered to store all of the Club's decorations and party supplies at his home. He campaigns his **Precision 21'**, "**Pegasus**" and frequently wins the Club races. **John** has competed in sailboat races all over the Tampa Bay region. In addition to racing on the sea, John also does Marathon road races in Chicago and locally. **John** is a semi-retired Pediatrician.

4th of July Dock Party at the Safety Harbor Marina

Photo from Internet

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 is 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**.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER: BRUCE MELLINGER

ARTICLE AND PIX BY ELLEN HENDERSON



Bruce Mellinger found out about our club from the SH Library personnel. Bruce started sailing in the 80's on Tampa Bay, where he sailed both day and night. He had been doing maintenance on a 27' Morgan (with a 5' draft), which the owner let him borrow to sail out of the St. Pete Marina.

Bruce started his racing with SHBC on Dale's boat and he joined us for the Air Show at the Lakeland Linder Airport. He's also accompanied the Bikini Cup ladies for post regatta cruising on Boca Ciega Bay on "Aldonza", a Cape Dory 27'. He has lived in Florida most of his life and retired from the medical field.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER: TIM KIM

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY TIM KIM



Tim Kim started sailing at about 15 years old in a Summer Sailing Camp. In 2003 he started racing on Lake Grapevine, Texas, on which he campaigned on J-80's in the Spinnaker Class. Tim also cruised on the Charles River in Boston before moving to Florida. Since arriving in St. Pete with his wife Hyun, he's cruised locally and found SHBC via our on-line profile. (We're honored that he chose our Club out of all the ones available to him in this region.) Since joining SHBC, Tim's raced on "Incentive" with Dale C. and is

known as the "Ringer" when he crews. Tim owns a product branding & re-branding company in St. Pete and he's looking forward to more racing with SHBC and his wife wants to party.

RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKER - JUNE 6TH SHBC MEETING

ARTICLE & PIX BY ELLEN HENDERSON

For our JUNE 6TH SHBC meeting, our guest speaker was **Alder Allensworth**, who at our recent March meeting, spoke about her "SOLO CIRCUMNAVIGATION AROUND THE FL PENINSULA IN A TINY SAILBOAT". For our June mtg., **Alder** continued her journey North of Florida in her 12' Bauer "**Prevail**". Before leaving **Jacksonville**, **Alder** gave a presentation there. She then sailed up to **St. Simon's Island**, where she gave a talk to the Rotary Club, then on to **St. Catherine's**, which is a private island after crossing



a big body of water. **Alder** was able to use her whisker pole to go wing-on-wing and she surfed along. There was a local High, resulting in very strong winds. She found a small creek, for protection, where there was a no-trespassing sign. After speaking with the land owner, she was able to spend the night to rest up. This area was formerly a plantation, where she saw old slave huts and observed turtles and lemurs. It was originally owned by the man who invented **Life Savers Candy**.

The next segment was **St. Catherine's** to **Savannah, GA**, where **Alder** encountered an overhead helicopter from **Mosquito Control**, which dropped a cooler with supplies. It turned out that the pilot, who had done **Sea & Air Rescue** in **Viet Nam**, was a friend of her family's. At **Hell's Gate** she had to go with the tide, where she encountered much rain before arriving at the Isle of Hope, where she obtained free dockage.

Next stop was **Savannah, GA** to **Hilton Head SC**. The tide was running at 6 kts in the main shipping channel and **Alder** endured the afternoon storms. She had to go through locks and stayed there two days. They sent an escort out, so she could safely re-enter the Sound. At **Beaufort, SC** she heard marsh hens barking and observed shrimping boats coming back in from the Atlantic. They stopped quite near her, causing concern. There was no cell service there, but **Alder** did have her flare kit, just in case. It turned out they were just pulling up their nets before continuing on, so she had nothing to fear.

At **Charleston, SC**, where **Alder** learned to sail with her Dad at age 3, it was like a homecoming for her. Next stop was **McClellanville**, which is a very quaint town. While there she borrowed a guy's bicycle to get supplies for the next leg of her journey. From her book **Alder** read a poem about the salt marshes. Next up was **Georgetown** and **Myrtle Beach, SC**, which is power boat heaven, sailors had to take special heed. She traversed the **Wacamaw River** then the **Little River** to **Southport**, on to the **Cape Fear River** in **NC** with 20 knot winds, where her bywords were "Don't Look Back".

Now in **Wrightsville Beach**, she carried on to **Topsail** and **Camp LeJune**, where they train for both the **Marines** and the **US Navy**. Unfortunately, their Community Sailing Program had been disbanded. After that disappointment, **Alder** went on to **Swansboro** and **Morehead City, NC**, where she met a guy from the local newspaper, who let her know he had been following her journey via CNN.

Alder was exhausted, and she needed a break, so he suggested she go back to St. Pete for a rest. While back home, **Alder** decided to start the "**Sailability Greater Tampa Bay**" Program out of the **Clearwater Community Sailing Center**. She wrote and got a grant from the **Christopher Reeves Foundation**, which helped fund the necessary boats for handicapped sailors. This program is still going strong in Clearwater. **Alder's Bauer 12'** was towed on land back to St. Pete., as **Alder** had found her new calling.

Alder is now a nurse, working in a local Pinellas County Hospital, on her way to becoming a Hospice Nurse.

SHBC MEMBERS CRUISE TO SEA CRITTER'S CAFÉ

By Patricia Coyle; Pix by David Wiedenman & Ellen Henderson



The "Aldonza" out of Gulfport Marina was host to three club members, Patricia Coyle, Ellen Henderson, and Lisa Lanza, on June 14th. The skipper of the Cape Dory 27' is David Wiedenman. (Capt. David and "Aldonza" were also hosts to the crew who won a trophy in the Women's Challenge Regatta in April.)

Under wind speed of 11 knots with gusts to 15, the sail across Boca Ciega Bay was a relaxing cruise, which offered the crew an opportunity to enjoy this craft and hone some boat-handling skills.

How exhilarating it was to pass under structure "C" under sail! We were on our way to meet others at "Sea Critters Café" for a birth day celebration for the Skipper and Lisa.

Sea Critters Café is a free "dock and dine" on Pass-a-Grille. Pass-a-Grille is now a part of St Pete Beach. We didn't know that. We all enjoyed our lunch of lobster salads or grouper sandwiches. My grouper was a fresh and generous slab of perfection on a bun.

Having navigated the bridge under sail on our return trip we gybed the main and jib for a wing-on-wing sail across the bay to home port.



Another memorable day on the water under sail with gratitude to Capt. David and "Aldonza" which in Spanish translates to NICE. A nice, nice day.

SHBC GOES TO THE MOVIES: "ADRIFT"

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX BY JEAN PELLEGRINI

Spoiler Alert - - *If you plan on seeing this movie, skip over this section...*



After Lisa Lanza did the preliminary research, on Seniors Discount Day - Tues., June 15 a total of 20 souls (15 SHBC members and 5 guests) showed up at the Cobb Theater in the Countryside Mall to watch the new movie **"ADRIFT"**. Some showed up in Life Jackets and Foul Weather Jackets, while others wore their Sailing Gloves.

We were well prepared for the Hurricane and the 50' sailboat's dismasting and subsequently being adrift for 41 days. We also had extra water and popcorn to sustain us for

the impending ordeal at sea. This was to have been the trip of a lifetime boat delivery from the Philippines to San Diego.

Fortunately, our heroine knew how to use a sextant (how many in SHBC do?) and had paper charts to plot her course. Unfortunately, she forgot that their radio antenna was attached to the top of the boat's mast (which was in the water), so she was unable to get any response to her May-Day calls. She was at least astute enough to cut away the broken rigging, before it could put a hole in the hull. She jury-rigged a mast forward, using the boat's boom and a tiny storm sail.

Peanut butter sustained her and her intermittent ability to spear fish, while line-tethered to the boat. Sushi never tasted so good to a vegetarian. Finally, it rained, so she was able to refill her water supply. She was very lucky and took a left turn (to port) and landed in Hawaii.

The time was 1983 and it resulted in a book and this subsequent movie. This writer highly recommends the film and can hardly wait until it comes out on DVD, where they'll hopefully explain the CGI Effects of the Hurricane.



After the movie, eight of us went to Cody's Steak House, while others wandered over to PF Changs to dine. Another fun day with SHBC.





SHBC BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

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 Henderson
 7-11 Ed Malek
 7-13 Ann Kanuck
 7-14 Paul Pope
 7-15 Dusty Dumond
 7-21 Mike Mintz
 7-24 Karen Sparks



Anniversaries

7-21 Marty & June Horowitz →

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 JUNE 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Wednesday 4 6:30pm 4TH OF JULY POT-LUCK DOCK PARTY/RAFT-UP
 To Watch the Fireworks
 Wednesday 4 No Monthly Meeting - SH Library CLOSED for Holiday
 Saturday 21 10:00am Race S.H. Marina

Jack Willie's Trivia Night

By Renee Viverito



Trivia Night at Jack Willie's on Thursday June 21, 2018 from 7-9pm. A great dinner and fun trivia. We won (last place!)

Innovation from a life at sea

06/25/2018 09:00 AM EDT



The crews aboard buoy tenders like Coast Guard Cutter SPAR, homeported in Kodiak, Alaska, use both sledgehammers and hooks to work on buoys but with so many tools, wouldn't it make sense to combine? That's exactly what Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin Spratt that earned him the 2017 Capt. Niels P. Thomsen Innovation Award after coming up with the hammer hook.

More:

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