



# S.H.B.C. Sentinel

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## GUEST SPEAKER FOR SHBC **FEBRUARY 6th** MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON - PHOTO BY INTERNET



Plan to attend our **1st Wed., FEBRUARY 6th** SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speakers will be Darrell and Leslie Allen, co-owners of Island Packet Yachts. As many know, Island Packet is considered to be the premier yacht designers.

# Jack Meyers, in Memoriam

By Ed Malek, Pix by Anna Meyers



It is with great sadness to report to you that we lost one of our most popular and lovable members this past month. Captain Jack Myers passed away on January 11th after a long battle with cancer.

He will be most remembered for his wit and dry humor along with his love for being on the water sailing and racing the Jewel Ann, his favorite toy, a 22 ft sailboat. He spent much of his free time tinkering on his boat or motor always fixing what wasn't right. He had that Rube Goldberg gene. He actually earned Eagle Scout status when he was younger, which only 2 percent of scouts ever achieve, so he had a knack for fixing things with chewing gum or duct tape or the ultimate persuader, the hammer. When he wasn't working on Jewel Ann, he spent his free time at the Marina helping others with their boat or just taking in the salt air. He just had a passion for the outdoors, animals, and life.

He loved racing the Jewel Ann and I was fortunate to have crewed for him since 2012 when I first met him. I had recently moved across the street from him separated by a vacant lot. One Saturday morning I headed out to run errands and as I was passing his house, I noticed a garage sale sign. I had never met him before, so I decided to see what was for sale and introduce myself. I can honestly say that day changed my life. Before I knew what happen Jack found out I loved sailing and he invited me in his home, and it was like a small nautical museum. Pictures and paintings and nautical items in every room. An hour or so later he asked me if I would like to crew for him. I held my arm out so he could twist it so I would give in and say yes. That was the beginning of Jack and Ed show on the water. I left happier than ever anticipating the excitement of being on the water again. So much so I couldn't sleep for the next few nights. After that there was several years of good times and then those days we try to forget when coming in an embarrassing last. Regardless I wouldn't trade those times for anything.

About three years later a fence was put up between our homes and we could no longer walk across the yard to visit or see each other without walking all the way around the block. So, Jack using his ingenuity made me a periscope out of a long narrow cardboard box with two mirrors in it so I could see if he was at home or not. It came in handy whenever one of us ran out of a beer or to borrow whatever.

The following years till he passed away it was always an adventure when racing and then afterwards sharing stories about the race with the other racers. Jack never talked much but when he did with that slow Catalina accent, he would crack everyone up with laughter. He had a special talent for thinking out of the box. Even if he was having a good time, he would leave the after-race parties early letting us know that Anna, or Mama as he called her, had dinner waiting for him. That reminded me of when we would share our secret pulled pork on occasion, but his homemade Carolina pulled pork was the best. I swore I would never revel the recipe, so don't ask.

Besides being an avid sailor Jack could have had a lucrative career as a fashion designer. Well perhaps, I exaggerate, it would have been limited to the costumes he created for our Club Halloween parties. He usually won one of the top prizes for best costume and they were works of art.



There are so many stories to share about Jack I'll save them for another time. I always think if I had never met Jack, I would not ever have met all the fine people and enjoyed experiences I had sailing and being involved with such a great group of people. In closing I would like to say, "Captain Jack, wherever you are, whatever sea above the clouds, Thank You for the Memories".

## **RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKER FROM JAN. 9TH SHBC MEETING**

ARTICLE BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Our guest speaker was RN RALPH BEYHL, who's presentation was "First Aid for Medical Emergencies at Sea". Ralph and his wife, Barb have done extensive cruising both independently and with the Seven Seas Cruising Association on their sailboat, a Columbia 36'.

Ralph started out sailing in his teens racing lasers on the Mississippi river in his hometown of Moline, Illinois. After many years of sailing other's boats and chartering, he bought his own boat, "Shibumi", a Columbia 36 [Ed. Note: not to be confused with the Shibumi in our marina]. With a background in Emergency Nursing he took off for points south in 1997. Getting as far as Georgetown, Bahamas he ran aground on the invisible reef of love.

He moved to Boston with his soon to be wife, Barb and they prepared to travel the Caribbean together the next year. In the spring of 1998 they left Daytona and visited every medical center they could find between Florida and Trinidad dropping off supplies and equipment that Ralph had gotten donated for such a project. Ralph also helped set up a medical response group in Chagaramas, Trinidad while on the hard there.

Returning to Georgetown in 2000, Ralph and Barbara got married and moved into their home in St. Petersburg, Fl. With a total of 21 years of nursing, mostly in the Emergency Department, Ralph recently has taken a position as a Care Coordinator providing educational training, telephone triage and case management support for Humana Medicare and Medicaid recipients in a region from Virginia to Louisiana. He is currently working from a home office and hoping to transition to onboard to facilitate a cruising life while generating income. They have sold "Shibumi" and are in the process of refitting "Wakea", their Gulfstar 44 motorsailer.

Ralph has made numerous presentations on a variety of issues related to healthcare for the cruising or casual boater. Presentations have been in person as well as online webinars with SSCA University. Ralph and Barbara were awarded the Clean Wake Award in 2008 for their efforts to support and assist the cruising community.

# Scam by Phone Alert

By Mikey

I don't remember where the text below came from, but I thought it was worth sharing...

Just passing along another fraud scam that has started in south Florida again this week.

Foreign speaking person calls and state they are from "Microsoft" or "Office" or "Microsoft 365", and even sometimes state they are from the "Orlando Florida Office of Microsoft", and tells you that you have a refund of \$\$\$ from the company. They ask you to turn on Google Chrome and type in an address.

## DO NOT DO IT!

I had 2 such calls this week. I hung up on them both times.

I did confirm with Microsoft that there is no refund plan being called to people. The caller just wants to get into your computer and steal your information. Make sure everyone in your family is aware of this scam.

## UPCOMING TOUR OF ISLAND PACKET YACHTS - TUES., FEB. 26

ARTICLE BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY ADAM BEATTIE, I.P.

This is the Last Call for the **FREE TOUR OF ISLAND PACKET YACHTS** in Largo on **Tues., FEB. 26, 2019**. At the Jan. mtg. several people signed up for the tour.

The tour will be at 10:00 am & will be 1-1/2 hrs long. We will meet at the City Parking Lot between 8th & 9th Ave. across from the Stuffed Mushroom on SH's Main Street @ **9:00 am** and form carpools & will leave by 9:15 am. After the tour, we'll have lunch at the nearby Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant, which is very near ISLAND PACKET YACHTS.



You'll get a preview from our Guest Speakers at our Feb. 6 SHBC Meeting, where you can also sign up for the tour.

Call or text Ellen Henderson (727) 238-1807 with any further questions & to reconfirm your plan to join us for the **FREE TOUR OF Island Packet Yachts**.

# SAILING AT SEA VIDEOS

available on the internet

By Dale Cuddeback, S/V Incentive

See the excited look on the face in the picture below? Well, maybe not so exciting as some of the bikini clad maidens cruising on sailboats at sea you will find on the internet if you Google the right site. Try Googling the following and then start selecting from the many at sea video clips presented free for your entertainment. There are videos of how-to perform some tasks on sailboats, frightening scenes of sailboats caught in storms at sea, and videos of cruising the world on a sailboat. Want to see some how-to-sail videos? Did I mention lots and lots of bikini clad babes? There are some powerboat videos also. Give a look!

Google: "sailboat cruising at sea videos" (quotes not needed)

Good one... <https://youtu.be/Nf7FddPO5QM>



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: MARCUS LUND AND DEBBIE IRVING

By ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY DEBBIE IRVING

**Marcus** was originally from **Oneonta, NY**, where he started skiing in grade school. He majored in Economics at Hartwick College in Pittsford, NY. After graduating, his love of skiing took him to **Breckenridge, Colorado**, where he worked in the Hospitality Industry. He started out as a ski bum but stayed nine years. Meanwhile, his resume improved as he started moving up in the Hospitality sector. He also skied in **Utah** at **Snowbird** and **Alta** (my favorite) for wonderful powder and in **California** at **Heavenly Valley, Tahoe, Squaw Valley** and **Mammoth Mountain**, where the snow is wetter, because of the nearness to the Pacific Ocean.



In 1980 **Marcus** went to **Newport RI** for the **Americas Cup**, where they rented a Bareboat Charter for 3 weeks. He learned the basics of sailing and became addicted. After returning to **Colorado**, he raced a few times on **Lake Dillon**, but he decided that he preferred cruising. In 1983 **Marcus** went back to **Newport RI** for another **Americas Cup**, where he saw **Dennis Connor** get beaten by the **Australians**.

Subsequently, **Marcus** bought a brand-new **Morgan 38'**, which he named "**Sno-Virgin**" at the **Miami Boat Show**. He put the sailboat into **Charter** for 3 years in the **Virgin Islands**. He was able to sail his boat before and after ski season each year. He then moved to **Marco Island** and his boat partner put the boat on high and dry. **Marcus** had a friend who lived in the **Bahamas**, whom he hired as Captain to move the sailboat to **Edisto Island, SC**. **Marcus' Doubletree Hotel** career promotion took him to **Coconut Grove, FL**, where, after relocating the boat again, he was a Live-Aboard for 3 years, until **Hurricane "Andrew"** reared its ugliness and his boat was blown ashore (**Marcus** was NOT aboard) off **Biscayne Bay**. Fortunately, the hull was sound, but the storm destroyed his rigging and stanchions. The boat got fixed and sold.

In 2001 **Marcus** rented an **18' Day Sailor**, which was **Debbie Irving's** first exposure to sailing. They got married and raised 3 kids (from her previous marriage). Her youngest is pursuing a nursing degree at the **University of Michigan**. **Debbie** is a **Certified Monitor Tech (CMC)**, who also got her nursing education at the **University of Michigan**. She's originally from **Flint**, where she went to the same High School as **Michael Moore** (of "**Fahrenheit 911**" and "**Roger and Me**" fame). **Debbie** is also a **Health Unit Monitor (HUC)** in ICU and she worked at both **Morton Plant** and **Largo Med Hospitals**.

In Feb. 2018 **Marcus** and **Debbie** joined the **Tampa Bay Sailing Meet-Up Group**, which has afforded them an opportunity to day sail on "**Raven**", a wooden 1970 35' boat out of **Tarpon Springs** and "**Ceildh**", a **Pearson 32'**, (coincidentally, on which this writer cruised to **Marathon**) and which is docked at the **Gulfport Marina**. They are looking forward to **cruising** with **SHBC**.



"Raven"



Sailing out of Tarpon Springs

# SHBC MARDI GRAS PARTY & RACE

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX FROM ARCHIVE



Make sure to mark your calendars for the **Sat, Feb, 23** annual **SHBC MARDI GRAS/VALENTINES PARTY**. There will be the pot-luck MARDI GRAS/VALENTINES THEMED PARTY @ **4:00 PM**. Decorators will show up @ 1:30 pm, so please volunteer by contacting Ellen Henderson @ (H) (727) 797-9380 or text (C) (727) 238-1807. Plan to dress for the party & bring a New Orleans type dish for the pot luck. If you would like to assist Scott Hood, he's in charge of setting up the party supplies. Scott can be reached at (727) 543-2317 (text or phone).

## SHBC BIRTHDAYS - FEB 2019

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY ARCHIVE

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays fall in the Month of FEBRUARY.

### Birthdays:

2-4 Tim Kim  
2-9 Millie Nasta  
2-12 **Bob Meadows** ----->  
2-20 Barry Fox  
2-22 Cindy Anderson  
2-24 Jill Lunt  
2-26 John Estok



## Safety Harbor Boat Club Schedule 2019:

**Dates are subject to change**

### **Club Meetings:**

@ Safety Harbor Library 1st Wednesday of month (except July & August).  
Doors open at 6pm/meeting starts promptly at 6:30pm – **Guests welcome!**

### **Races:**

Committee & Skippers will decide if the race will take place and the course on race day. If you wish to crew, then be at the marina 45 minutes before the start of the race.

### **Cruises & Other Social Events:**

Are announced to Members as they are planned.

## 2019 Schedule:

January:	Wednesday 9	6:30pm	Meeting	Library
	Saturday 12	10am	Race	Marina
	Wednesday 16	meet 3/4pm start	Race	Marina
	Sunday 27	1:30pm	Change of Watch Party	Sheriff's Youth Ranch, S.H.
	Wednesday 30	meet 3/4pm start	Race	Marina
February:	Wednesday 6	6:30pm	Meeting	Library
	Saturday 9	10:00am Start	Race/Back Bay Triangle	Marina
	Wednesday 13	meet 3/4pm Start	Race	Marina
	Saturday 23	4PM	Mardi Gras/ Valentines Party	Marina
	Tuesday 26	9am	Tour Island packet St. Pete.	SH Lot on Main St (Across from the Stuffed Mushroom)
	Wednesday 27	meet 3/4pm start	Race	Marina
March:	Saturday 2	9:30am	Bike Ride	TBA
	Wednesday 6	6:30pm	Meeting	Library
	Saturday 9	10am	Race	Marina
	Wednesday 13	6pm	Race	Marina
	Saturday 16	10am	St Patty's Race	Marina
	Saturday 16	4pm	St. Patty's Day Party	Marina
	Wednesday 27	6pm	Race	Marina
	Thursday 28	TBA	Tour Port of Tampa	TBA



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