



# S.H.B.C. Sentinel

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## GUEST SPEAKERS FOR SHBC MAY 1st MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON – Pix by GERI ESPY



Plan to attend our Wed., MAY 1st SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speakers will be [Jean Pellegrini](#) and [Geri Espy](#), who's presentation will be "**Cruising Down the Nile in Egypt**". If you've ever seen the Agatha Christie film "*Death on The Nile*", you'll see and hear about the actual Pyramids, Sphinx, etc., plus the people of Egypt and no one gets killed.

# RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKER - APR 3RD MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON + PIX BY MARK KANUCK & ELLEN

Our guest speakers were **CYNDI FOISY** plus **Cameron Kemker, Evana (Evie) Foisy, Vivian Summer** and **Katie (Operations Officer)** who's presentation was: "**SCUBAnauts International**".



"**SCUBAnauts International**" is an organization with branches in **Florida, NC** and **Texas** in the US and **Honduras** in Central America. The teen members go out on dive boats and do scientific dive surveys creating data on reefs, used in various scientific fields. They work with **Mote Marine, USF, NOAA, FWC**, etc. **Cameron Kemker** described the Coral Surveys, fish count and varieties on the reefs. Among them were Goliath Grouper and his first shark encounter (it swam away) and White Grunts. He explained how they constructed a Reef Ball from mixed concrete with a 3-3 1/2' beam. They'll be doing

upcoming sea grass research by the Skyway Bridge and will be counting corals in Honduras. **Cameron** has done more than 60 deep dives. He is a 2nd Class **SCUBAnaut**. He was certified in 2017 with 30 open water dives.

Our next speaker was **Evie Foisy**, who every June goes to Washington DC for Capitol Hill Ocean Week. They've met with Florida Senate President Bill Galvano (<https://www.sarasotamagazine.com/articles/2019/2/27/new-florida-senate-president-bill-galvano-outlines-his-2019-priorities>) and his Sub Committee. **Evie** is a 1st Class **SCUBAnaut** with 85 dives.

**Vivian Summer** discussed working with combat wounded veterans at **Mote Marine** and how they are creating new coral reefs and how they are checking the PH of the reefs. **Vivian** went to Germany last year for her "Masternaut" Project where they produced a "Practical Fish Field Guide". She's done over 100 dives and has 50 dive hours in the FL Keys taking underwater photos and using her own data sheets, she has created a Blog/Website. **Vivian** is a Masternaut with 100-120 dives. She's been certified since 2014. She's a Master Diver and works at a Dive Shop. She also discussed Coral Bleaching research to determine if they were dead or just stressed. They've also done fossil research



in the Peace River.

All of the teens were extremely knowledgeable and excellent presenters on their area of expertise.

**Katie, the Operations Officer, has** spent many years with the organization, helping to organize scientific expeditions, developing the kids' character and leadership skills. "**SCUBAnauts International**" is a 100 per cent volunteer organization and is a registered Non-Profit, which was started in 2001. **Katie** said that they need new members as the teens age out of the program.

The annual fee is \$400, which includes all of the dives. Their branches in **Florida** are in Tampa, Tarpon Springs, Sarasota, Orlando and Tallahassee. Each year they take 50-60 kids along with a parent on each of the dives. They do 12-18 scientific dives per year. Local research sites are the Dunedin and Treasure Island Reefs. They have enough boats but are seeking Licensed Captains to volunteer their time for the program.

**CYNDI FOISY** volunteers her time as the **Organization Development Director** and **New Member Coordinator**. She has a background in **English Education** and has devoted most of her time to homeschooling her four children, who have all participated in **SCUBAnauts**. She's also the wife of the group's President, so their family is totally involved with **SCUBAnauts**.

Lastly, special thanks to **SHBC Member Lisa Lanza**, who brought "**SCUBAnauts International**" to our attention. If you have any cool ideas for future speakers, please contact Ellen Henderson by phone or text at 727-238-1807.

SCUBAnauts contact email ... [info@scubanautsintl.org](mailto:info@scubanautsintl.org)

Volunteer inquiry: <http://www.scubanautsintl.org>

Vivian's Fish ID Project: <http://Scuba-fish-id.webnode.com>

## FREE TUES., MAY 7 - USF COLLEGE OF MARINE SCIENCE "THE SHIPWRECK HUNTER" TO BE HELD AT THE MAHAFFEY THEATER

BY ELLEN HENDERSON



Plan to join **SHBC** for a group excursion to the **FREE TUESDAY, MAY 7 - USF COLLEGE OF MARINE SCIENCE** sponsored "**THE SHIPWRECK HUNTER**" TO BE HELD AT **THE MAHAFFEY THEATER at 7:00 pm**. The presentation will be given by **David L. Mearns**, who will discuss "**Solving the Mysteries of the World's Most Famous Wrecks**".

We will meet **@ 5:30 pm** at the Parking Lot between 8th & 9th Ave., a **cross from the Stuffed Mushroom on SH's Main Street** and form carpools& will leave

by 5:45 pm and drive to the **Mahaffey Theater @ 400 First Street South, St. Pete, 33701**. **Parking** is available in the next-door **Parking Garage for \$10.00 CASH ONLY** per car. There's a covered above ground walkway from the Garage to the Mahaffey Theater.

Even though this event is **FREE**, it's by **Reservation ONLY**. I've reserved 20 seats for **SHBC Members and Guests**, so you **MUST** let us know if you & your guests plan to attend. **RSVP: Ellen Henderson by text or phone @ 727-238-1807**.

# Safety Harbor Boat Club Schedule 2019:

[SafetyHarborBoatClub.com](http://SafetyHarborBoatClub.com) - **Dates are subject to change**

**Club Meetings:** @ Safety Harbor Library 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

May:	Wednesday 1	6:30p	Meeting	Library	
	Saturday 4	10am	Race	Marina	
	Tuesday 7	5:30p	Shipwreck Hunter	City Lot, 8 <sup>th</sup> &Main	
	Wednesday 8	6pm	Race	Marina	
	Thursday 16	6pm	Happy Hour/Trivia	Jack Willies Oldsmar	
	Wednesday 22	6pm	Race	Marina	
	Monday 27	10am	Steve Doherty Memorial Race	Marina	Monday
27	4pm	Memorial Day Party	Marina (John)		
June:	Support Safety Harbor Summer Youth Sailing Program (Mark) TBA				
	Saturday 1	10:00AM	Race	Marina	
	Wednesday 5	6:30pm	Meeting	Library	
	Saturday 8	TBA	Kayak Trip	Weedon Island (Scott Hood)	
	Wednesday 12	6pm	Race	Marina	
	Tuesday 18	5pm	Taco Tuesday	Bar Fly, Safety Harbor	
	Saturday 22	10am	Lunch at Bahama Breeze	Marina (Sail or Car)	
	Wednesday 26	6pm	Race	Marina	
July:	No Meeting 3				
	Thursday 4	TBA	Independence Day	TBA (Mark)	
			Dock Party/Fireworks		
	Saturday 6	10am	Man Overboard drill	Marina	
	Wednesday 10	TBA	"SHBC Fun"	TBA	
	Saturday 20	10am	Race	Marina	
	Wednesday 24	TBA	"SHBC Fun"	TBA	

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS JACK YOURA!

PHOTOS and CAPTIONS BY JACK YOURA

**JACK YOURA** is now at **Coron** in the **Philippines**. When he first arrived in the **Philippines**, **Jack** connected with **SHBC Member Jill Lunt's son Ralph Walker**, who met him in **Manila** at **Jill's favorite rooftop bar Cebu**.





## SHBC BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY Archives

Congratulations to these many SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of **MAY**. We have a boatload of celebrants this month.

### Birthdays:

5-4	Joe Kelley
5-8	Don Gaye
5-9	Renee Viverito
5-11	Sherry Duffy
5-13	Kathy Walker
5-14	Janet O'Brien
5-15	Meg Roseen
5-21	Chuck Stebbins
5-22	Jamie Kelley
5-23	Jurgen Billhofer----->
5-25	Michele Hardy
5-26	Jay Basinger
5-28	Marty Horowitz



### Anniversaries

5-28	Brian & Phyllis Garry
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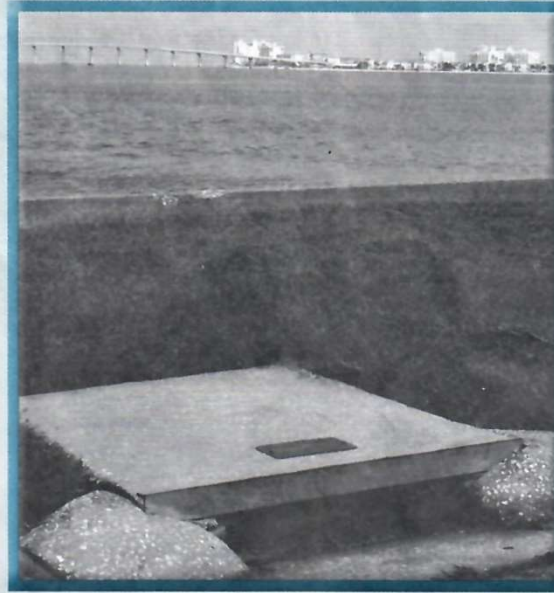
If we missed your special day, it's because you didn't let us know it. So, send your Birthday & Anniversary dates to:

[ellenmaehenderson@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenmaehenderson@hotmail.com)

## Keep the Summer Safe for Our Waterways

Summer rains wash fertilizer into our lakes and bodies of water, spoiling our water and ruining the summer's fun. That's why it's illegal in Pinellas County to fertilize lawns during the rainy season, and it's also the reason slow-release products are required the rest of the year.

Now through September, skip the fertilizer. Fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus cannot be applied to lawns or landscape plants, according to Pinellas County ordinance. Incorrect use of fertilizer can allow nutrients to leach into the groundwater and wash into storm drains that flow to creeks, lakes, Tampa Bay or the Gulf of Mexico. Excess nutrients can cause harmful algae blooms, which lower oxygen levels and lead to fish kills.



## New Boat Owners Rejoiced!

By Ellen, Pix by Connie



**Congratulations to Connie and Paul Pope**, who have purchased an as-yet named **Hunter 17'**. They also bought **3 Kayak's**. These all are being sailed out of their newly acquired waterfront property in **Lakeland**.

We hope to see them trailer their **Hunter** to the **Safety Harbor Marina** to come out and compete in our SHBC races in their new boat.



## In case you missed it...

By Mikey

# Marv's Weather Service

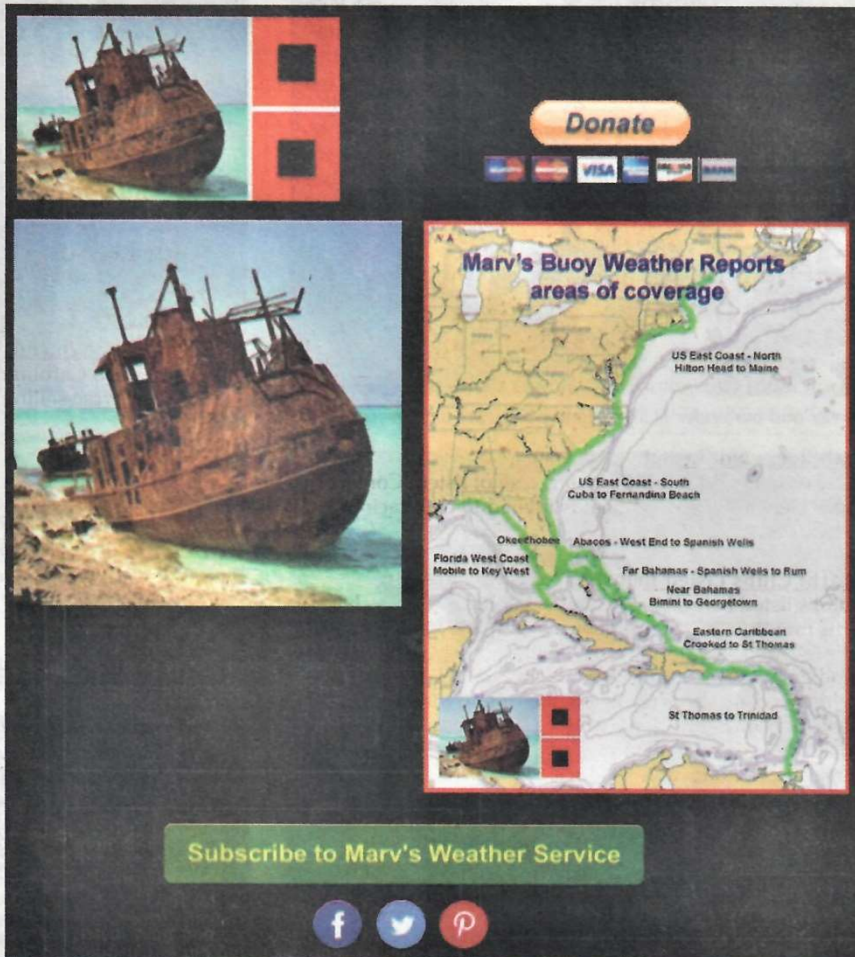
By Fred Braman

For boats like my Catalina 30, *Rhombus*, long trips have one major reoccurring problem: What's the weather? Boats equipped with a single-sideband (SSB) radio have the capability to tune into both standard and subscription weather broadcasts easily providing weather information. Boats without SSB are dependent on passing cruisers coming from where you are going to, plus whatever information you can get any time you pass an island with a cell tower on it! There are a lot of online weather sites, and they all have one thing in common: you have to get online to use them. Fortunately, many locations for starting a cruise are fairly well connected.

I discovered Marv while acting on a tip from a sailing friend. Marv has been an avid cruiser himself who repackages available information from the various weather buoy reports into his own display. What is unique about his displays is he provides information for the routes that people actually do: Miami to Bimini, Bimini to Great Harbour Cay, Great Harbour Cay to Nassau, Highbourne Cay to Cape Eleuthera, or Spanish Wells to Cape Eleuthera. In my recent two-month cruise, Marv had every leg covered, although I did some in reverse order like Cape Eleuthera to Spanish Wells. No problem! Subscribe with Marv ([www.marvsweather.com](http://www.marvsweather.com)), and you will get a daily email. Click on the larger ship in his emailed image and you will soon get all the route choices. Pick the one you need.

There's one additional trick in using Marv's Weather Service. Cruisers know that while traveling among the islands, email is much easier to receive than signing onto a website. Catch a whiff of a cell signal, and bingo—emails suddenly appear on your phone. Even if you witness the event, chances are that immediately signing onto a site will be unsuccessful. I have a sailing friend who kept track of where I was and copied the applicable Marv display into the body of his daily email to me. No website needed!

Another thing about Marv: You can talk to him! We had a nice enroute exchange. I was focused on Cape Eleuthera to Spanish Wells, preparing to sail along the west coast of

A promotional graphic for Marv's Weather Service. It features two images of the ship Rhombus on the left. On the right, there is a map titled "Marv's Buoy Weather Reports areas of coverage" showing various Caribbean routes. Above the map is a "Donate" button with logos for Visa, Mastercard, and American Express. Below the map is a "Subscribe to Marv's Weather Service" button and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.

Eleuthera in the lee of, and a couple hundred yards off, the island. Marv was showing 4- to 5-foot waves in 20- to 25-knot winds across the island. I couldn't understand how such large seas would build in such a short fetch. So I asked Marv about it and he answered right away, confident of his projection. He'd been accurate for a thousand miles, so I didn't go. He was right!

Marv also provides a tropical weather update anytime there is tropical activity. You can sign up for that service at the same time as registering for the buoy report. Marv's Weather Service is free, but he does have expenses. If you find his work helpful and use it, please help pay the bills.

Captain Fred Braman, USN (ret) sails his Catalina 30 *Rhombus* out of Fleming Island, FL. Contact him at [fredbraman@hotmail.com](mailto:fredbraman@hotmail.com). After decades of liveaboard cruising in their M/V *Dee Light*, Carol and Marv Market are now ICW "cliff dwellers" in Ft. Myers, FL. Contact Marv at [marvsweather@gmail.com](mailto:marvsweather@gmail.com).



# Boat Tour, Port of Tampa

By Patricia Coyle, Pix by Ellen Henderson, Debbie Irving, and Mikey

On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, SHBC members and guests combined with some members of Friendship Force for a boat tour of Port Tampa Bay. The members who joined the tour were Patricia Coyle, John Estok, Mikey Hembrey, Ellen Henderson, John Herrick, Scott Hood, Lisa Lanza, Debbie Lund, Marcus Lund, and John Viverito. Our guest was Karl Schraegle. Five Friendship Force members who toured with us also joined us for lunch in Ybor City at Carmine's Restaurant.



The Florida Aquarium provided our tour guide, Tom, and the Tampa Port Authority provided the boat. Ellen arranged for our tour, and tours are available Wednesdays and Thursdays. A great experience for young and old. Our tour group included some home-schooled students and their families.

The Port Tampa Bay continues to impress with its growth towards international commerce. It's the largest Florida port. The Container Terminal alone covers 160 acres with five gantry cranes which load and unload the container ships. Because Florida has no refineries, all gas and oil products are brought into Port Tampa for shipping inland. Port Tampa has become a busy cruise port. Fertilizer and building materials and orange pulp for animal feed are shipped from here. The banana docks and shrimp fleet and flour mill are still there after all these years. Seeing huge freighters in dry dock was an impressive sight too.

We all found something of interest on the tour and collectively recommend the tour to everyone.







## UPCOMING SHBC MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION - MON. MAY 27

By JOHN VIVERITO / ELLEN HENDERSON; Pix - Archives



**Two events** are being planned for the **SHBC MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**: On **Mon. May 27th** there will be a **10:00 am race**, with a **9:00 am Skippers Meeting**. The **race** will be held in **memory of Steve Doherty**, who was instrumental in establishing sailboat racing as a key event in the SHBC Club activities.

Later on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th** the **Memorial Day a Pot Luck Party** will be held at the **SH Marina Pavilion** to again

remember **Steve Doherty** and recently departed SHBC Members, **Jack Myers** and **Christy Edwards**. For the **party at 4:00 pm**, the SH Marina Pavilion will be decorated in a **red, white, and blue theme**. The **Decorations Committee** headed up by **Ellen Henderson** will need volunteers to help create an atmosphere for the party. **Decorators** will need to be at the Pavilion by **1:30 pm**.

**John Viverito** will be the **Party Host**. We also need a **photographer**, and **clean-up crew**. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our next SHBC meeting on May 1st. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and we need a ticket seller. We suggest you come wearing red, white, and blue, as photos will be taken for our Facebook Page and Newsletter. Our Master of Ceremonies will announce the winner of the **Steve Doherty Memorial Race**. Remember to **save the date - MON., May 27<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar

## Weedon Island Preserve Kayak Trip on June 8th

By Scott Hood



Saturday, June 8th is the date for our upcoming SHBC paddling trip to Weedon Island Preserve. Weedon Island, just south of Gandy Blvd, has a fascinating history. Information about Weedon Island can be found at <http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org/>. June 8<sup>th</sup> was selected based on favorable tides for us to be able to navigate the paddling trails. You can bring your own kayak or rent one from Sweetwater Kayaks located on Weedon Island. Those wanting to carpool will meet at 8:00 am at the free parking lot on Main Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave across from the Stuffed Mushroom. For those driving directly to Sweetwater Kayaks, they are located at 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg 33702. This address will bring you to the Weedon Island Preserve Visitors center where parking is available. Please arrive by 9:00 am; our guided paddle is planned to be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Special group rates have been arranged for the kayak rentals. There will be sit-ins and sit-on-top kayaks available...both singles and doubles. Singles will rent for \$30 for the 4-hour period (normally \$40) and \$35 for doubles (normally \$56). We will all share in the cost of the guides which will run between \$10 and \$15 per kayak depending on the final number of kayaks in our group. That will include kayaks rented as well as those which members bring themselves. Credit cards will be accepted by Sweetwater Kayaks.

### WHAT TO BRING

- Drinking water (1 liter or more per person)
- Dress in quick drying clothing
- Cell phone (dry bag will be provided with rentals)
- Water shoes or flip flops. *Plan of getting at least your feet wet.*
- Sunglasses and a hat

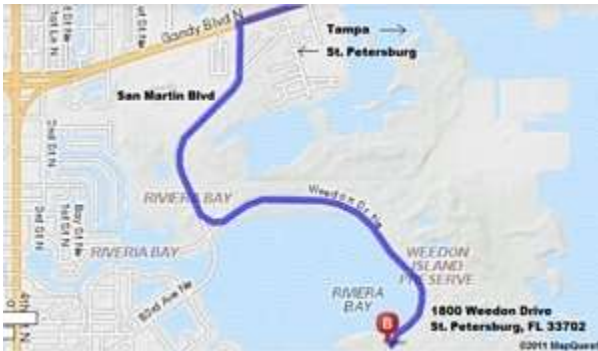
- Sunscreen
- A life jacket if you prefer yours as opposed to the one that will be provided by Sweetwater Kayaks with their rental kayaks.
- If renting, to save time at check-in, you can bring your Weedon Rental Form already filled out. That form is available at:  
<https://sweetwaterkayaks.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/2018-weedon-rentals.pdf>

### THINGS NOT TO BRING

- Weedon Island Preserve prohibits alcohol & pets except Service Dogs.

For those wanting to have lunch before driving back to Safety Harbor, Kahuna's Bar and Grill is recommended. The people at Sweetwater Kayaks tell me that is "where the locals go". It is at 10515 Gandy Blvd. If you want to check out the restaurant in advance, their website is <https://www.kahunasbarandgrill.com/>.

Weedon Island Preserve, at approximately 3,700 acres, is an ecological jewel within an urban landscape on the shores of Old Tampa Bay. This coastal system, comprised of aquatic and upland ecosystems, is home to numerous species of native plants and animals. This setting should provide the backdrop for a very enjoyable paddle.



A few paddlers signed up at our April meeting when the trip was first announced, and there will again be a sign-up sheet

at the May meeting. You can also email me at [rshood66@gmail.com](mailto:rshood66@gmail.com) to reserve a spot indicating whether you will be bringing your own kayak or renting along with your email address and phone number. If you will be renting a kayak, please also indicate whether it will be a



single or double. If you are familiar with kayaking and know that you prefer a sit-in or sit-on-top kayak, it would be helpful to know that in advance as well. I need to give a "hard count" to Sweetwater Kayaks on May 31<sup>st</sup>, so I won't be able to add additional paddlers at our June meeting which is just a few days before the trip. So if you are interested in going, please sign up as soon as possible but no later than May 30<sup>th</sup>!



Happy Paddling!

## SHBC April Cruise to 'Little Harbor'

By Brian Garry



Ahoy Matey's.





Our Motley Crew of Phyllis Garry, 1st Mate. Jim Turner, 'Chang'. and Jill Lunt, Medical officer, and I, Cap'n BAG shoved off at 0720 from our dock in Tampa. A beautiful morning with 8-10 kt. S/SE wind's, allowed us to close haul, and 'Beat' the Wind on a heading of 138, from CCC span, through **the** Gandy span. Flying only the Main, we then came to 215 heading slightly S/SW sailing at 5 kts, south past St. Pete, and correcting our heading to 100 E/SE, from Coquina Key, to day marker R/W LM. (Little Manatee River). Approaching the entry channel at 'Little Harbor', we were still under Sail. Heading S, we into the channel we were in Iron's, so we dropped the Main. A quick 90 turn W, then, a 'Button-Hook' around the point, allowed us an easy entry into LH's main Marina basin, berthing at F-Dock, Slip #12. ETA: 1410.

We were served breakfast & lunch aboard, by the 'Good Phyllis', and her culinary talent. The cruise down was uneventful, pleasant, and Sunny. Jill was amazed with all of the Sailing jargon, and trimming we did to maintain our **headings**. Jim, as always provided his strong/sturdy body with trim/sail handling. Phyllis tuned up the 'Jimmy Buffet' 'Cheeseburger in Paradise' CD and the setting was brilliant.

Our hotel room at 'Little Harbor' was quite large, with a splendid balcony looking Westward. Saturday am., yours truly fired up the electric skillet, using Egg's, Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Onions, Peppers, and Spinach, for a 'Humongous W.I.R. Irish Omelet, accompanied by Sausage, English Muffin's, Fruit, Coffee.

At 1000, we took on new member's **Eileen & Marc Berger**, as **guests** for a very pleasant sail W out to the Skyway Bridge and back. Observing a Shark feeding fest on schools of bait fish. with aerial attacks, by Sea birds on the scraps. Plus, many Dolphin's, and a number of Commercial Tanker's and Freighter's, heading in/out of Tampa Ports. **Marc**, handled the W.I.R. expertly, as a seasoned Sailor and corrected my Lowrance GPS, with his deductive logic skill set. We lunched aboard and came about as wind's began to subside to 5 -7 kts. We passed broad side of our other Sailing mate's, aboard SERENITY, a brand spanking new '45' Catalina'. Arriving dockside at 1603. We all took a welcoming 'Dip' into both of our pool's, then headed for our A/C in and the 'Master's on TV'. Our appetites were satisfied by a delightful culinary experience, along with our



20 + **shipmates** and **guests**.

Sunday provided the real challenge. Should we, or should we not head out to sea, with 14-20 steady, gusting up to 25, then later 30, later afternoon? As we on-loaded our gear, food, drink's etc., I told Jim and Phyllis, we are going to have a 'Rocket-Ride', up, NW, then NE, and again NW, then E, back to home port. So, we fueled up at Antigua Bay marina, only taking on 2.8 gallons of diesel...WHAT? Holy Mackerel, my wooden dip-stick gauge must be slipping? After running the engine most of Friday, at least 4 hr.'s, then again, for at least 90 minutes of Saturday, how pleased was I. As we shoved off, I instructed 'Young Jim', and the 'Good Phyllis' to Haul the Main, in a protected basin area. That secured, we sailed out, with right, left, right, left correction's on into Olde Tampa Bay. heading West, **close** hauled, we dropped the center board to 7', and gained **control**. **Rounding** the L/M marker, we changed our heading to NW, 300, and zoomed across the lower bay, towards the Vinoy basin. There were many competent Sailor's out on the

water, and to my surprise, not one was 'Reefed'? We had been 'Running' all the way, to the beginning of J-Cut. Correcting our heading to 30 N up through the Gandy. Once thru, we came to 320 N/NW, and had tremendous 'Weather Helm' to contend with. Each 3.2, nm, and 3.3 nm passage, was a 'Surfing Ride', trying to maintain our heading. Once through the CCC span, we rounded to 90 E, again still able to 'Run', with the 'Boom' out to 90 degree's abeam. All the way into our main BCP channel, at ATON #12, the crew dropped the Main, in front of Cap'n Sullivan's, Condo on the point. Our estimated, (Time on the water), 4 hrs, 22 minutes...! WOW! Average speed over the ground, 7.7 kt's.. Now that's What I'm Talking About...Sailing! \*\*\*\*\*

The only SNAFU, unfortunately... was Ye Olde Cap'n, coughing up his wallet to 'Davey Jone's Locker'. Yep, as we were underway, on Friday am., my 'Cargo Pants Vel-Pro tab, allowed me valuables to exit overboard, as I set atop the 'Cockpit Coming' to Port, while at the Helm. Dummy right? You should of heard my First Mate's 'Sound-Off'. A scathing review of my lack of nautical,

situational awareness.... Blistering.



Well, a few 'Shekels' lighter, \$482.00, not to mention the ID's, License's, Membership Card & Credit Card's, I am positive 'Davey Jone's', and the Lad's are whooping it up, with a few mugs of 'Pusser's Rum'.

Many Kudo's to the 'Wind God's', and a safe, wonderful weekend was completed.



Cap'n BAG & the PIG

WILD IRISH ROSE

## SHBC CRUISE OUT OF LITTLE HARBOR IN RUSKIN

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY MARK KANUCK & ELLEN

On Sat., April 13, Lisa Lanza and this writer arrived at 10:00 am by car at Little Harbor in Ruskin to meet up with Skipper SHBC Commodore Mark and Safety Officer Ann Kanuck, First Mate Jack and Bonnie Box plus crew: Medical Officer Chuck and Jeanie, Pam and Howard aboard "Serenity", the Catalina 44' chartered out of St. Pete. After loading our gear & hearing about the boat fundamentals by Safety Officer Ann K., we departed the floating Dock F, Slip 8 at 11:15 am and Mark K. motored out using the very handy bow-thrusters, while monitoring VHF Channel 68. Our heading was 269 degrees on our way through the channel, which took about 25 min.



By 11:52 am we were under mast-unfurled Mainsail followed by opening our roller furling Jib on a port tack to windward with First Mate Jack B. on the helm. At 12:05 pm our boat speed (B/S) was averaging between 6.8-7.5 kts. on a heading of 250 degrees. We were on our way towards the Sky Way Bridge. It was DELIGHTFUL with temps in the low 80's, a PERFECT APRIL DAY!

Interestingly, our winds were backing from the N/W to West, counter clockwise, which occasionally occurs on Tampa Bay, but rarely in Safety Harbor.

At 1:00 pm our crew was served a wonderful Charcuterie Lunch prepared mostly by Ann K. and Bonnie B. By 1:15 pm we passed Brian (our Cruise Trip Leader - see separated article) & Phyllis Garry's "*Wild Irish Rose*" with their crew Jim Turner, Lisa Lunt plus Marc & Eileen Berger. Since they had departed over an hour before us, they were on their way back to Little Harbor.

At 1:30 pm we tacked and fell off to 63 degrees, now sailing on a starboard very broad reach. However, our B/S was down to a very slow 2-3 kts. Since both Jack B. and Mark K. are fishermen, out came the rod and reels.

Jack caught 2 1/2' long King Mackerel, which he named "Sidney". Once he put a knife to it, they put it on ice. During this fishing exercise, this writer was on the helm and I spotted a tanker coming straight toward us, so we gybed twice to be out of harm's way.



By 2:00 pm our dauntless Skipper Mark decided it was time to roll up the Jib, so we gybed again and turned on the Iron Jenny. At 2:15 pm we rolled up the Main into the mast. We passed a modern Barge at 2:30 pm (we saw surprising few boats out for a lovely Sat.) and shortly thereafter at 2:45 pm we again passed

On our way back, our crew told war stories from when we were all kids in the 50's and 60's and lots of laughter. We docked back at Little Harbor by 3:30 pm.



Ann K. wanted me to include her commentary: The Women's head had a lovely floral shower curtain, that was lavender and gray on a cream background, while the Men's head was unremarkable.

We want to extend a big THANK-YOU to Brian Garry for organizing this SHBC Cruise and to Mark Kanuck for making a special trip by car to check out the Little Harbor facility in advance and for Chartering a brand-new lovely sailboat for our crew of ten. Kudos to both of you.







## WELCOME NEW MEMBER: JOHN HERRICK

by ELLEN HENDERSON and PIX by JOHN HERRICK

**John Herrick** was born in **Bangor, Maine**, where his family relocated 22 times within the state, as his Dad worked as a Soil Conservationist for the US Govt. In 1972 John move to **Oldsmar, FL** where he took up sailing on a Hobie **14'** on the North end of **Mobley Bay**. He also sailed on a **P. E. Ward 8'**, a Styrofoam-plastic sailboat.



In 1982 **John** was a live-aboard on a 24' sailboat for a year with no A/C. In 1985 he acquired a **Hunter Legend 45'**, on which he was also a live-aboard until 1997. That year he sailed his "home" to **Cuba** as a cruiser in the **St. Pete** sponsored **Regatta**. They took along a wheel chair and legal Pharmaceuticals to be distributed among the Cuban citizens. **John** also had a moped lashed to his aft deck.

**John's** next vessel, a **20' power boat** with a center console, was acquired in 1999. He used it for fishing and pleasure and still has it after 20 years of usage.

On the non-sailing side of his life, **John** graduated from the **Univ. of Maine** at **Orono**, where he was an **Engineer**. He was the **City Engineer** for **Port Richey** and then later **Tarpon Springs** and **Dunedin**. From 1985-89 **John** worked for **Greiner Engineering**. He worked on the Environmental portion on the building of the **new Skyway Bridge**. He also worked on the building of the **Largo Mall**. From 1989-96 **John** was the **City Engineer** for **St. Pete**. He later became the **IT Director** for **Chittister** in **Tampa** from 1996-2003. **John** became the inventor of the **Continuing Education** on the **Internet's Red Vector**.

**John** volunteers as "**Lighting and Sound**" **Director** at the **Catherine Hickman Theater** in **Gulfport**, where he met **SHBC Member/Actress Patricia Coyle**, who brought him to our **Club**. **John and Patricia** have been racing with **SHBC** on **Dale's** boat "**Incentive**".

He also has given speeches on "**Black Skimmers**", "**Epigenetics**", "**Metamorphosis of Animals and Humans**", "**Nuclear conditions**" and "**Katrina**", where he had worked on in New Orleans in the aftermath of the Hurricane.

In his "spare time", **John** rides horses, both **English** and **Western** at his brother's ranch in **Bushnell**. He started riding at 10 years old and rode all through his college years.

I am sure many SHBC Members have lots in common with **John Herrick**, who was our audio/sound engineer with all of his equipment for our recent **Club's St. Patty's Day Party** and he'll be doing it again for our upcoming **Memorial Day Party** on May 27.

## SHBC AT THE SUN 'N FUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN & EXPO SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX BY Mark Kanuck, Marion Ruuge-Aronson and Ellen Henderson

A gang of **SHBC Members** and their guests met on **Sat., APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>** @ 3:00 pm at the FREE Parking Lot (next to the Harbor Bar) across from the **Stuffed Mushroom** on **SH's Main Street** and formed carpools. The carpool drivers were **Mark K., John Downen** and **Rosalind Pernayan** to attend the **SUN 'N FUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN & EXPO Airshow**.



As planned, we arrived at the **Lakeland Linder Regional Airport** about 4:00 pm. So we joined a bunch of locals parked across the road from the entrance to watch the ongoing daytime Air Show of the **Blue Angels** and other small planes fly directly over us during our "Tail Gate Party" until 5:45 pm, when the Parking Lot started to empty out for the night time participants to enter. The good news was the rates did indeed go down from \$39.00 (daytime fee) to \$10.00 for the evening show plus \$10.00 per carpool for parking (still a bargain).

We followed SHBC **CLUB COMMODORE Mark Kanuck** to the **Military "Warbird Country "** area. After surveying our **US Tax Dollars** at work, we then took off to see the **Sport/Aerobatic Planes**, this writer's area of interest. I was ready to buy a bright red **Aerobatic Pitts Special** (if only I could win the Lottery). We were amazed how glammed-up even the lowly workhorse Cessna 2-



seaters (150, 152's) had become over the last ten years. The **Homebuilt Vintage, Rotorcraft** and **Seaplane** exhibits were indeed interesting. We also got to see all of the new and vintage airplanes, which have flown in from all over the country. The On-the-Ground portion of the **FLY-IN** has grown exponentially over the years, with a huge variety of planes and vendors of flying-related organizations and aeronautical supplies and the ubiquitous food trucks. **Piedmont Airlines** was represented with one of their big passenger planes. (Boeing was NOT represented with its 737 Max.)



It was now time for the Saturday evening **airshow from 7:30 to 9:30 pm**. After all of our walking, we decided not to trundle back to our cars (we had wristbands for re-entry) to get our lawn chairs, after-dark warm clothes and flashlights. Despite our plan to stand throughout the Airshow, we were lucky and got a great viewing area to watch the excitement. As darkness was descending upon the spectators, the **Aerobatic Teams** each had LED lights to outline their planes as they did their amazing maneuvers.

Our own SHBC drama started just before dark as the **Parachutists** and **Hang Gliders** started their portion of the Show. One of our crew fainted (we later found out from heat exhaustion, as we had been in the sun since 4:00 pm). The paramedics told us 45 other rescues had been done that day, so the six of them, who descended on the scene were well prepared. Due to the fact that their "patient's" blood pressure was very low, they called an ambulance, so off our Carpool went to meet up at the Lakeland Regional Hospital. After 2 bags of IV Fluids and lots of tests, our companion was released about 1:00 am. We missed most of the night time show and arrived back at SH about 2:00 am.



Meanwhile, the rest of the gang got to see the **Aerobatic Teams**. Each of these performers were shooting spectacular fireworks out of their LED lit up planes as they did their maneuvers. This was followed by the most incredible Fire Works display that any of them had ever seen! They mused on how well they coordinated the music with the flying and the fireworks. They were exhilarated from the **45th Annual SUN 'N FUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN**.



Those dots in the sky...







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