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What about MY pictures???

By The Editor

I have been [1] told that the Newsletter is too large and should be limited to 10-12 pages, and [2] we should not be trying to compete with *National Geographic Magazine*. This means no more large spreads of pictures that fill up our pages. This also means I must be very selective and try to select the pictures relative to the text content. If you want a copy of ALL the pictures supplied for a particular month, give me a thumb drive (8 Gb minimum capacity) and I will provide them in an unsorted and unlabeled (filenames only) batch of files. It will include the reduced-size images (name prefixed with “sm_” in most cases) I created, for technical reasons, for the Newsletter. This will not include pictures held over for the next month’s publication.

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR SHBC **MARCH 4th** MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON - PHOTO BY BRIAN GARRY



Plan to attend our Wed., **MAR 4th** SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speakers will be **Brian and Phyllis Garry**, who's presentation will be "**North to Alaska-Part 2**". Their video will include both a sailing and a land adventure.

NEED DECORATORS FOR SHBC **ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY-SAT., MAR. 21**

By Ellen Henderson

Our annual SHBC **ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY** will be held on **Sat. March 21**. We're again heading up the Decorating Committee. It's always a lot of fun to transform the Pavilion into a "sea of green & white decorations" to help celebrate our Club's biggest annual event. A few regulars will be helping, but we need more helpers. You'll need to be at the SH Marina Pavilion by 1:30 pm to get started. We should be finished between 3:00-3:30 pm in time for the Party to start @ 4:00 pm. It's a very easy task: setting up plastic tablecloths, putting green streamers around the Pavilion's 12 support poles, hanging decorations & the SHBC Banner, putting on the table decorations & putting out a few pinwheels. We already have all the supplies ready to go. Just **call or text Ellen Henderson @ (727) 238- 1807**, if you would like to help.



The Party Hosts will be [*volunteer name goes here*] and the event will be Catered by Stuffed Mushroom. The cost is \$ TBD and you should bring a check (made out to SHBC) to our March 4th Club Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: **FUN 'N SUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN & EXPO** **SATURDAY - APRIL 4th**

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY ARCHIVES



We are planning our 3rd annual SHBC group excursion to the Sun 'N Fun International Fly-In & Expo held at the Lakeland Linder International Airport on Saturday, April 4. Daily admission is \$37 for adults, but only \$10 after 5:00pm. On Saturday evening there is an airshow from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

There are several area restaurants within a five-mile radius. There's also plenty of food/drinks sold in the Food Tents at the Airshow.

We will meet @ 3:00 pm at the Parking Lot between 8th & 9th Ave. Across from the Stuffed Mushroom on SH's Main Street and form carpools & will leave by 3:15 pm to attend the airshow and get to see all the new and vintage airplanes.

Last year we arrived at the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport about 4:30 pm and found we couldn't get in, as the General Parking Lot was FULL. So, we joined a bunch of locals parked across the road from the entrance to watch the ongoing daytime Air Show (Blue Angels, etc.) until after 5:00 pm, when the Parking Lot started to empty out for the nighttime participants to enter.

More information will be available at our March 4th meeting in March SHBC Mtg. and to sign up for the Air Show.



RECAP: FEB. 5th SHBC PRESENTATION & POST MEETING GATHERING @ THE Whistle Stop Restaurant

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES



On Wed., FEB. 5th, SHBC hosted our guest speaker **Keith Law**, who gave a presentation on **"Sir Francis Drake"**. Among the many things we learned about **"Sir Francis Drake"** was that he was the first to circumnavigate the world. Keith returned to SHBC, as he was a most interesting speaker 3 years ago on the subject of **"Captain Bligh"** of the infamous **"Mutany On The Bounty"** & **"The Real Pirates of the Caribbean"**, so Keith's presentation was informative as well as entertaining.

After our regular monthly SHBC Meeting a group convened at the **Whistle Stop Restaurant**. The diners included: **Commodore Mark & Ann Kanuck, Treas. Joan Marzi, Ed Malek, Scott & Diane Hood, Skip & Bob Meadows, Jill Lunt, Jack Youra, Tony Mazaro, Ted Hill, Eileen Berger** & her comfort dog, **Linda Brandt, John Estok, Mikey Hembrey, Ellen Henderson** and brand new SHBC Member **Marion Ruuge-Aronson**.

SHBC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES - MAR, 2020

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX by Ellen & Archives

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of MARCH. It seems there are a lot of Pisces water folks born this month.

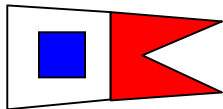
Birthdays:

3-13 Mark Lewalski
3-18 Eileen Berger
3-18 Marilyn Mabe
3-19 Patti Lowery
3-24 Brian Garry
3-26 Paula Taylor <-----

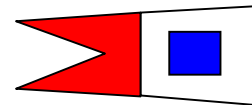


Anniversaries

3-18 Joe and Alice Rezendes <-----



Safety Harbor Boat Club



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Safety Harbor Boat Club Annual Schedule 2020

Meetings in Blue

Races in Red

Special Events in Green

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SafetyHarborBoatClub.com - 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 60 minutes before the start of the race.

Cruises & Other Social Events: Are announced to Members as they are planned.

2020 Officers: Commodore: Mark Kanuck, 727-422-4249 (Slip Renter)
 Vice Commodore: John Viverito, 727-797-5632 (Slip Renter)
 Secretary: Chris Garill (Slip Renter)
 Treasurer: Joan Marzi

**Meetings: First Wednesday of each month (except July-August),
 In the Safety Harbor Library**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location (Lead)</u>
March:	Wednesday 4	6:30pm	Meeting	Library
	Saturday 7	9:30am	Bike Ride	TBA
	Wednesday 11	6pm	Race	Marina
	Saturday 21	10am	Commodore's Cup	Marina
	Saturday 21	4pm	St Paddy's Day Party	Marina
	Wednesday 25	6pm	Race	Marina
	Thursday 27	6pm	Happy Hour/Trivia	Jack Willies Oldsmar (Joan)
April:	Wednesday 1	6:30pm	Meeting	Library
	Saturday 4	3:00pm	Lakeland Linder Night Air Show	SH Lot on Main Street (Ellen)
	Wednesday 8	6:00pm	Race	Marina
	Saturday 18	10:00am	Race	Marina
	Fri. 24-Mon. 27		TBA	Cruise
			Tampa/Harbor Is. TBA	(Brian)
	Wednesday 22	6:00pm	Race	Marina
May:	Wednesday 6	6:30	Meeting	Library
	Saturday 9	10:00am	Race	Marina
	Wednesday 13	6:00pm	Race	Marina
	Saturday 16	10:00am	Man Overboard Training	Marina (Chris)
	Thursday 21	6:00pm	Happy Hour/Trivia	Jack Willies Oldsmar
	Monday 25	10:00am	Steve Doherty Memorial Race	Marina
	Monday 25	4:00pm	Memorial Day Party	Marina
	Wednesday 27	6:00pm	Race	Marina

Back Bay Triangle Trophy Winner

Reported & Pix by John Viverito



Here is Gerry "Butch" Corbino, skipper of Rum Boogie the 2020 winner of the coveted Back Bay Triangle trophy!

Congratulations to the skipper and crew of Rum Boogie, Gregg Winston (left) and Gerry "Butch" Corbino (right) winners of the 2020 Back Bay Triangle Race which was held Saturday February 15. A great sail and race were had by all.



"Permission to board! – Permission granted!"

Article & pix by Christiana Drapkin

As a relatively green sailor and first-time guest at the SHBC, I learned the very first rule of naval etiquette before I even stepped on the boat *Incentive*, you ask for "Permission to come aboard?". But let me start at the beginning.



Looks like ET, no?

My name is **Christiana Drapkin**, and I'm a **Jazz vocalist**, coming down to the Tampa area each winter now for the past eight years. I have the great fortune of being friends with the fabulous guys from the band "**La Lucha**," and we play almost daily performances from Clearwater down to Bradenton in those short weeks that I'm down in Florida. As it so happens, the dynamic staff at the Safety Harbor Library had discovered me several years ago, and each year I am returning with a new Jazz program for their fundraising concert.



Last year, after our lively concert "Straighten Up & Fly Right," I met a woman in the audience, who was so full of energy and enthusiasm that we struck up an easy friendship. Of course, you club members must all know her, it's **Ellen Henderson** who seems to be your go-to-girl when fun things have to get done. It quickly became clear that our shared interest, apart from the music we played, was sailing.

I've been performing up in Maryland for the past twenty years with my favorite guitarist, **Mike Gellar**, who sails **Flying Scott** vessels up at **Deep Creek Lake** in the mountains of **Maryland**, just across the state-line from West Virginia. (In the winters he sails with a sailing club in Arizona near Phoenix.) I've learned the basics of how to hoist the jib, help with the main sail, not step on the sheets, and, most importantly, how to duck when I hear "Hard Alee!" Throwing my weight around from one side to the other and hanging way out over the side of the boat with the exhilarating spray of water hitting my face, and even helping to get the spinnaker up, is a thrill for me each sailing season.

On the spot, Ellen invited me to come sailing with her and her friends at the club. I gratefully accepted but had to take a rain check until the following year. How quickly a year can go by! We stayed in touch, and I let her know when I was returning on my 2020 music tour. She picked my one free day without performances, instructed me on sensible clothing for the weather, and to bring a snack, and we were on. How nice to meet more SHBC members, first of all **Dale Cuddeback**, who captained the **Incentive**, and Ellen's friend **Marion Ruuge-Aronson** who was fun company and a great storyteller, too. The weather looked a bit threatening across the bay, but the rain showers held off for our entire trip.



We headed out, everyone falling into the chorus of "What Shall we Do with the Drunken Sailor." Before long, we all felt that serenity out on the water, the seagulls following us for a bit, a (very) gentle breeze supporting us, the ripples on the water where we'd expect a nice little wind gust to come our way. We were the only boat out on the entire bay on that Monday afternoon. Perfect to break out all the snacks and some bubbly and let the conversation and the wind take us where we may. We tacked a couple of times, and suddenly we were greeted by two, no, three dolphins who kept swooping up out of the water, blowing their waterspouts, gamboling alongside, diving, turning up again on the other side of the boat. Maybe they were bored? They kept hanging around and accompanied us for a good half hour. I was truly enchanted and couldn't help myself but to sing to them Raffi's "Baby Beluga in the Deep Blue Sea..."

What a beautiful afternoon, and what an unexpected gift of spontaneous hospitality, from Ellen and Dale at your club. To top it off, several members came out that Thursday evening to the Safety Harbor Library, where **La Lucha** and I performed our swinging Jazz concert. And that's where we also met **Linda Brandt**, the owner of the **Incentive**, who was rocking and bobbing along in her seat through our numbers. Funny, how simple things like music can bring joy and acts of random kindness. I'll always think back to this SHBC afternoon with big smiles. And, if you'll have me, I'd be thrilled to come again next year. Thank you!

Christiana Drapkin

www.ChristianaDrapkin.com

SHBC MARDI GRAS PARTY / VALENTINES PARTY

- **Sat., Feb, 22**

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: PAULA TAYLOR, MARION RUUGE-ARONSON & ELLEN HENDERSON



The 5th Annual **Mardi Gras/Valentine's Day** Potluck Party was held on **Sat., Feb, 22** at the SH Marina Pavilion and was a big success, even though it was a little cold and windy earlier, it warmed up with the sun out by time the party got started at 4:00 pm. **Party Hosts: Jack & Bonnie Box** did an excellent job of setting up the party and **Ellen H's** decorating team did an outstanding job on the three pavilions (2 were decorated in the **Mardi Gras** theme and the 3rd commemorated **Valentine's Day**) at Safety Harbor Marina. Those who dressed up in either **Mardi Gras/Valentine's Day**

costumes were **Marilyn Mabe, Paula Taylor, Teresa Klinger, Judy Wright, and Ellen Henderson**. And everyone did a great job. As is well known, a party without decorations can be rather bland. There was an abundance of food. 20+ people came and some even brought family members. Before and while we dined, we listened to **Mardi Gras** music on **Marc Berger's** sound system. Attendees participated in the Karaoke, danced to tunes from our teen years and sang along with **Ron (of Ron and the Classics Band)** to Valentines Love Songs.



Party Hosts: Jack & Bonnie Box



Member Attendees: John & Renee Viverito, Jack & Bonnie Box, Marc & Eileen Berger, Jack Youra, Marty Bindeman, Paula Taylor, Lisa Lanza, Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Marilyn Mabe, and Ellen Henderson. Guests: Teresa Klinger, Judy Wright, Linda & Art Parton + their little dog, Ron Ocerino, Marc Berger's parents and two ladies from the Seafood Festival, who wandered in to dance with us, because they liked our music better.

Decorators: Ellen Henderson, Marilyn Mabe, Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Jack Youra and Marty Bindeman plus Scott and Diane Hood.

Clean-up: John & Renee Viverito, Jack & Bonnie Box, Ellen Henderson, Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Marilyn Mabe, Marc Berger, Ron Ocerbo & Jack Youra.

Mardi Gras Sound System: Marc Berger; Mardi Gras Music Curator: Ellen Henderson

Valentines Love Songs Band: Ron Ocerbo of Ron and The Classics

Dancers: Lisa Lanza, Ellen Henderson, Marc & Eileen Berger, Jack Youra, Marty Bindeman

Karaoke Singers: Jack Youra, Paula Taylor, Linda Parton & Ellen Henderson

Party Photographers: Paula Taylor, Ellen Henderson & Marion Ruuge-Aronson

Party MC: John Viverito

50/50 Winner: Bonnie Box

50/50 Ticket Seller: John Viverito

Food: The Mardi Gras food was excellent: Seafood Gumbo, Home made Vegetable/Sausage Soup, Rice, Pasta/Spinach salad, Cold Slaw, Roll-ups, Mardi Gras cake, chocolate hearts, chocolate & caramel ice cream cones, etc. A GREAT PARTY!



CRUISE & LUNCH ON THE COTEE RIVER

ARTICLE: RENEE VIVERITO; **PIX:** Debbie Irving, Linda Brandt & Ellen Henderson

Cruising ‘Old Florida’



On Thursday February 20, 2020 SHBC Members: Mark & Ann Kanuck, John & Renee Viverito, Pat Moyer, Brian & Phyllis Garry, Scott & Diane Hood, Bob & Skip Meadows, Ted & Janet O'Brien, Marcus Lund & Debbie Irving, Joe Mallozzi, Linda Brandt, John Estok, Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Marilyn Mabe, Patricia Coyle and Ellen Henderson and their guests from the Friendship Force: Art & Candy Hays, Francine Silberman, Jaren Sherrets, Kathleen Jamison, Christopher Jamison and the Clearwater Power

Squadron: Peter & Eileen Ubillo, cruised the Pithlaschascotee or Cotee River in Port Richey, Florida on the “Miss Daisy” with Captain Ray and his Mate John.

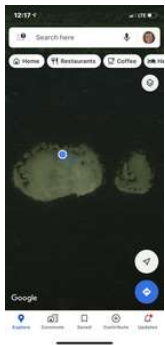


It was a comfortably cool and hazy day; the perfect kind of day to sightsee and enjoy “old Florida.” We learned about the Nature Coast and about the times when Port Richey was “Hollywood.” We passed houses owned by some of the most famous actors of the 1920-30’s. Charlie Chaplin, Gloria Swanson, Shirley Temple and Lucille Ball were but a few of the many old stars’ homes that we passed by. Ester Williams also had a home on the river and used to enter the river to practice her swimming from stairs in her backyard.



From the river we entered the Gulf of Mexico and enjoyed dolphins, many species of Florida birds, stilt fishing houses and very shallow and

clear waters. After the 2-hour cruise we gathered at “Whiskey Joes” for lunch. Our own Ellen Henderson organized the trip. Thank you, Ellen,! All had a fun time!



For Sale

Sailboat, 1976 Pearson P28-1



S/V EMPIRE

U.S.C.G. Documented Vessel, 10 Ton Displacement
Universal **Atomic 4** 28hp Engine with [Monel](#) gas tank
Qualifies for FL Antique Vessel Tax Discount
Bottom paint and all thru-hulls + valves replaced Summer 2015

She is in good shape, only needing a few lines/sheets to feel comfortable. This is a turn-key sale. There is too much to list here, but includes drifter, jibs, spinnakers & 12' pole, wheel steering, electronics (including new-in-box Garmin ST-600s S1 Wheel Pilot w/Remote), new start and house batteries, navigation tools, engine manuals, tools, and spare parts.

View at Safety Harbor Slip #5.

NOW asking \$8,500 and will slightly negotiate lower offers. This is an as-is price, where as-is means it needs some new lines, the oil changed, but no major repairs necessary. I will pay all USCG Documentation and FL license transfer fees (but not taxes).

[View pictures in separate browser window here...](http://www.mikeyhelpme.com/P28-1/Empire.htm)
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