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CANCELLATION OF THE SHBC WEDNESDAY, APRIL. 1st MEMBERSHIP MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PHOTOS: INTERNET

Do NOT show up at the SHBC Library, as we are NOT having the APRIL CLUB MEETING, since the SH Library will be CLOSED on Wed., APR. 1 because of the Corona Virus (COVID 19). Since there will NOT be an SHBC meeting on Wed, APR. 1st, our planned guest speaker, Chief Forecaster Mr. Chris Parker of Marine Weather Center Services will be rescheduled for a future meeting after the Library reopens.

Dear Members:

With what's going on in the world, our nation, our state and our towns about the COVID 19 and the steps to mitigate exposure to the virus, we believe it makes sense to advise you that **SHBC will be cancelling all our scheduled Meetings and gatherings through at least April 30.**

While the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizations cancel or postpone in-person visits of 50 or more people, other organizations have recommended gatherings be as low as 12 people. The advice from FLDOH and the CDC are continuously evolving. Just Last night a recommendation was made that bars and restaurants limit themselves to 50% capacity and close early.

Many of our members fall into the "high risk" category of people who are most vulnerable.

One of the ironies of this situation is that, only two or three people need be captain and crew of a power or sailboat, and one of the least risky places to contract the illness is out in the middle of Upper Tampa Bay. With that in mind, our race chair and Vice Commodore John Viverito will poll individual sailboat owners regarding Wednesday and Saturday races during the month of April. **For the month of March, all scheduled races have been cancelled.**

While we are all living with a new phrase, "social distancing", keep in mind that should not be akin to social isolation. We urge all members to keep in contact with others in our club and your other organizations to whom you may belong. **If you find yourself in need of a friendly voice, remember these words:**

"Sailors, with their built-in sense of order, discipline, should really be running the world." Nicholas Monsarrt, British Naval Officer.

Also Remember:

"Mariners prepare for trouble long before it arrives." Chris Garill.

Amen,

Mark, John, Joan and Chris

Useful Links for Killing Time

By Mikey

Boating Safety Course (Required in FL)

<https://www.boatus.org/florida/>

Introductory Chart Reading Video (BoatUS)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lCcM_03-Nw&feature=youtu.be

State and Local Consumer Agencies in FL

<https://www.usa.gov/state-consumer/florida>

SHBC BIRTHDAYS - APRIL 2020

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX: ARCHIVES

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

Birthdays:

4-2 Jan Muller (Hornbuckle)
4-5 Rainbow He
4-10 Jack Box <-----
4-16 Elaine McKenna
4-17 Betty Taylor
4-19 Susanna Lewalski
4-27 Mike Hornbuckle
4-30 Debbie Irving (Lund)



WELCOME NEW MEMBER: MARION RUUGE-ARONSON

By ELLEN HENDERSON

Marion Ruuge-Aronson had previously participated with SHBC on the Port Tampa Boat Tour on the Hillsboro River and the Sun & Fun Fly-In at the Lakeland Linder (International) Airport as a member of Friendship Force. She enjoyed herself so much, that she decided to join SHBC.



Marion originally sailed on a **Sunfish** with her first husband on a lake in Upstate NY. She joined **Friendship Force** to get involved in traveling. She's now retired, but she had been a Professional Designer of Children's Clothing and had also worked in Computer Graphics for Dillard's in the Advertising Dept. (She designed our Commemorative Program Flyer for our Safety Harbor Boat Club-**20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**). Marion studied Fashion Design at the Fashion Institute Technology (FIT) in NYC. She also has a degree in Computer Graphics. She grew up in Queens, NY.

Marion has lived in Florida for 25 years and she also has a home in the mountains of Tenn. Her hobbies are: Pottery, Jewel Design, Hiking and Kayaking (she wants to sign up for our Club's next Kayak Trip). Marion has been racing with SHBC has crewed on **"John Marie"** and **"Incentive"**. **WELCOME TO SHBC!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: GREG WINSTON

By ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX by GREG WINSTON

GREG WINSTON had previously participated in **SHBC** races on both **"Pegasus"** and **"Incentive"** before joining our Club. **GREG** owns a **MacGregor 26X**, which he docks at the **MacDill Air Force Base Marina**. He is a **retired Army Tank Officer** and was a **Defense Attaché** in **SE Asia** for **6 years**. **GREG** is fluent in the **Hindi** language.



He crewed in **High School** on a **Tartan 10** out of **CT** on **Long Island Sound**. **GREG** graduated from **West Point Academy** before joining the Service. In **College**, he sailed **Lasers** on the **Hudson River**. **GREG** also sailed in **Hawaii** on a **Catalina Capri 25'** and an **American 18'** on **Kaneohe Bay**. While in **Botswana**, **South Africa** **GREG** sailed on **15' boats** with the **Gaborone YC** on a reservoir that was filled with crocodiles. This was in the middle of the **Kalahari Desert** near the **De Beers Diamond Mines**.

After moving to **FL**, **GREG** sailed a **Pin Tail 15'** off the **Dunedin Causeway**, before sailing his **MacGregor 26X** out of the **MacDill Air Force Base Marina**.

GREG has two sons (19 & 23 years old), who are both in College. We look forward to **GREG's** cruising and racing with **SHBC**.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SALE OF "EMPIRE"

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY ARCHIVES & Mikey

Recently, SHBC racing Members **Paul & Shannon Matthews** bought the S/V **"EMPIRE"**, a 1976 Pearson P28-1 from our **Newsletter Editor/Website Manager, Mikey Hembrey**. Congrats to you both. See elsewhere in this issue how **Paul** and crew won their first SHBC Race on **"EMPIRE"**.

Mikey Note: Paul and Shannon have been all over **"EMPIRE"** like kids on a birthday cake! I am happy that buyers who appreciate the Pearson were able to find me. I feel it found a good home. The pix is where it was originally berthed on the Anclote River.



Electric Power Towers Epilogue

By Patrick Whelan, Pix by Patrick

On March 28, 2020, the electric power line towers at the upper end of Tampa Bay were dismantled and removed by a mesmerizing helicopter dance. The three towers were only a mile or so from the Safety Harbor Marina. For years, the boat club raced around the center tower. Rumor has it: Single pole towers will be erected on the standing bases



Cycling Sailors

By John Viverito, Pix by Renee's Camera

On Saturday March 7th Brian, Phyllis, Joe M and John V braved the 13-15 knot head winds (both ways) of the Pinellas Trail from Dunedin to Tarpon Springs on their trusty bicycles. They passed local landmarks like the Suncoast Primate Sanctuary and stopped to enjoy the Wall Springs Park.



Jack and Bonnie happened to be walking the trail and were encouraged to join the bikers for lunch at Johnny's Tap House in Tarpon Springs. Linda, Chris D. and Renee also joined the cyclists for lunch. It was a fun afternoon and stress-less 13-mile trip for the cyclists but a harder trip for the lunchers who had to endure US 19!

Music She Wrote (A Jazz music presentation)

By Ellen Henderson, Pix by Linda Brandt and Marion Ruuge-Aronson

On the evening of January 30th, Christiana Drapkin and the La Lucha Band presented a lively romp through jazz standards of female songwriters. The audience at the Safety Harbor Library swung along with jazz vocalist Christiana. She performed a sampling of music from the great American songbook. This included, *I Can get away without you very well* and *The way you look tonight*. Christiana sang music from Ella Fitzgerald, the Queen of Scat (vocal improvisation) such as *A Tisket, A Tasket* and *Lady be Good*. The concert was attended by SHBC members Linda Brandt, Marion Ruuge-Aronson and their guests.



2020 Change of Watch/Celebration

By Dale Cuddeback
Edited by Linda Brandt

As the title suggests the Safety Harbor Boat Club celebrated its **20th year** of existence along with inducting the slate of new club officers. Three incumbents, plus one new member, were elected to serve in the officer slots. These are:

Commodore	Mark Kanuck
Vice Commodore	John Viverito
Treasurer	Joan Marzi
Secretary	Chris Garril (new)

All of these officers have served in previous years in several officers slots including Mark. This is his second year as Commodore. May they all have fair winds and following seas for many years for their willingness to serve as officers. Inevitably, when an officer burns out, his position must be filled, hopefully by a new member with new ideas and new enthusiasm.

The following information was extracted from notes taken by Ellen Henderson. (Thanks Ellen. You bailed me out once again.)

Safety Harbor Boat Club (SHBC), Annual Change of Watch Party

January 26, 2020. 2:00 – 6:00PM

Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Enterprise Road, Safety Harbor, FL

Party Hosts: Mark & Ann Kanuck

Decorators: Ellen Henderson, Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Jack & Bonnie Box, Joe & Jackie Mallozzi, Patricia Coyle, Mark & Ann Kanuck, John & Renee Viverito & Marilyn Mabe

Audio/Visual Engineer: John Herrick

Photo Slide Show: Wendy Pioquinto

Music Curator: Ellen Henderson

Party Photographer: Linda Brandt

Party Scribe (Mar. SHBC Nwsltr): Dale Cuddeback

MC: Mark Kanuck

Commemorative Program Flyer: Marion Ruuge-Aronson

50/50 Ticket Sales: Renee Viverito

Check-In & Party Game: Joan Marzi

Party Stuff Schleppers from the Viverito "shed": John & Renee Viverito

Additional A/V Equipment: John Herrick + Mark Kanuck

Archival Video Source: Dick Greenhalgh

Historian Scrapbooks: Betty Taylor

Historian Albums: Ellen Henderson

Clean-Up: Marty Bindeman & Rainbow He, Mark & Ann Kanuck, John & Renee Viverito, John Herrick & Patricia Coyle, Joe & Jackie Mallozzi, Jack & Bonnie Box, Marilyn Mabe, Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Linda Brandt & Ellen Henderson

Congratulations to our 2020 Officers.

Commodore: Mark Kanuck

Vice Commodore: John Viverito

Treasurer: Joan Marzi

Secretary, (Scribe): Chris Garrill

SHBC COMMODORES 2000 - 2020:

2000 - 2001 - Frank Fitzhenry

2002 - 2003 - 2004 - John Viverito

2005 - Mike Penley

2006- Mikey Hembrey

2007 - 2008 Chris Garrill

2009 - 2010 - Dale Cuddeback

2011 - Von Taylor

2012 - Von Taylor & John Viverito

2013 - John Viverito

2014 - 2015 - 2016 - Ron Poirson

2017 - 2018: Joan Marzi

2019 - 2020: Mark Kanuck

Other Members who attended the Party: Skip & Bob Meadows, Dale Cuddeback, Ted & Janet O'Brien, John Estok, Jack Youra, Chris Dollin, Ed Malek, Scott & Diane Hood & Marcus Lund



SAVE THE DATE

FUN 'N SUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN & EXPO SATURDAY, - MAY 9th

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY MIKEY HEMBREY (ARCHIVES)

Due to the Corona Virus, the April 4th Sun 'N Fun International Fly-In & Expo, which was to have been held at the Lakeland Linder International Airport has been **RESCHEDULED** to SATURDAY - MAY 9th. This will be our 3rd annual SHBC group excursion.



Daily admission is \$37 for adults, but only \$10 after 5:00pm. On Saturday evening there is an air show 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 of 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 via emails from SHBC as we learn updates on the Corona Virus.

Musings by Mikey

By Anonymous

Starman, or Star Trek (Spock), or somewhere else, I heard the saying that "Humans are at their best when things are at their worst." The spread of COVID-19 seems to reinforce this view. Too bad we can't get it right when things are good.

Social distancing has its advantages, at least for me. My spending is down dramatically, and my completed projects are up a lot. I am not saying I like social distancing, but that we can make the best of it for now.

They close the beaches, and the next day I see a camera shot showing 1000+ people on the beach. I think Darwin was on to something.

At first, I thought they were calling it the Corroded Virus because it was attacking old people.

Did you notice how long it took Congress to come to agreement on the emergency funding? That was because they have money and were not expecting to suffer.

With everyone(?) working from and/or staying home, I am totally stunned that I see little difference in Internet speed and connectivity.

Now is the time to start a new hobby. How about Morse Code? As sailors, we need to be prepared to communicate in an emergency. Scene: **Upside-down ship hull**. Audio: **"Do you hear that tapping? Sounds like Morse Code!"** Even if you don't need it, it is good to keep the brain muscle exercised (not exorcised!).

And finally, comparing COVID-19 to other virus outbreaks does not fly. I don't ever remember hearing a virus killing so many people so fast, old and young. At least not in my lifetime.

Pray to whatever higher power you believe in that we can use some help down here.

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