



# S.H.B.C. Sentinel

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## July SHBC Meeting Canceled

By John Viverito

We trust you are all healthy and practicing safety measures (wearing a mask in public places) during this time of the Covid 19 epidemic.

We were recently informed by the Safety Harbor Public Library that our monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday July 1 has been canceled. As of today, it appears our next meeting MAY be Wednesday September 2nd. We look forward to seeing all of you then and hopefully sooner!

Also all of our activities are still canceled as well. We will schedule activities as soon as it is safe for us to gather. Happy Boating!

## Calling all SHBC members:

Ahoy Mates! Your officers, Mark, John, Chris and Joan had a Zoom meeting and decided to have one with all members invited. Joan, your treasurer has graciously agreed to host the meeting.

We are planning on July 8 at 6:30PM. Just click the link below:

Joan Marzi is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

*Topic:* Safety Harbor Boat Club Zoom Meeting

*Time:* Jul 8, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87507385252?pwd=ZUZhUzBJb3hQZUcxWThyVmVHbFNmdz09>

Meeting ID: [REDACTED]

Password: [REDACTED]

The platform is really easy to use on a PC, iPad or Mac.

If you have questions or concerns let me know by a response to this email and I will pass it along to someone with knowledge about Zoom.

The officers and I are looking forward to seeing all of you July 8th at 18:30 (6:30PM). ⚓

Happy Boating!

Safety Harbor Boat Club Officers, your Vice Commodore, John

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## **DO NOT SAVE THE DATE:**

**4th of July Dock Party at the Safety Harbor Marina**



Due to the Corona Virus, The City of Safety Harbor has decided for everyone's health and safety, to cancel the Annual 4th of July - **Independence Day** Fireworks and all other holiday festivities, so therefore all plans for our annual SHBC 4th of July Dock Party at the Safety Harbor Marina have been CANCELED. Hope to put the SHBC 4th of July Dock Party & Fire Works watching on our Club Calendar for 2021!

[Ed. Note: See previous article about the **July 8<sup>th</sup> ZOOM meeting.**]

# SHBC BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, Pix Archives

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. Plus it seems July is a popular month to "get hitched".

## Birthdays:

7-02 Ellen Henderson  
7-11 Ed Malek  
7-13 Ann Kanuck  
7-13 Greg Winston  
7-14 Paul Pope  
7-15 Dusty Dumond  
7-21 Mike Mintz----->  
7-22 Dale Niemann  
7-24 Karen Sparks



## Anniversaries

7-3 Marcus & Debbie (Irving) Lund----->  
7-17 Dr. Marc & Eileen Berger  
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](mailto:ellenmaehenderson@hotmail.com)

## LIVING IN THE TIME OF CORONA VIRUS

Pix and Article By Karen Gray Furnish As Told To Ellen Henderson



The fire had started in Karen's garage, destroying its contents before the fire dept. arrived. The smoke had quickly spread into the house, damaging furniture, clothes, carpet, draperies and all vertical & horizontal surfaces.

Karen had to move out. She initially stayed at a relative's "Snowbird" home in St Pete, but the daily commute to North County became too arduous, so she rented a nearby place while dealing with the daily repairs. Karen recently moved back into her home before there was hot water. Slowly things are getting done.

## Anniversary Celebration

Reported by Ellen, Pix by Brian



Brian and Phyllis Garry enjoying their Wedding Anniversary dinner at Maggiano's Restaurant. Wow! 54 yrs!

## PICNIC CRUISE TO OLDSMAR BEACH

Article By Dale Cuddeback As Told To Ellen Henderson, Pix by Archive



Since Club Racing has been put on hold due to Social Distancing, an impromptu Picnic Cruise was held on Sat., May 23. Two SHBC boats participated: Sailboat "***Incentive***" with owner Linda Brandt and crew: Dale Cuddeback and Chris Dollin plus Trawler "***Gail Force***" with her fresh new bottom job and co-owners: Dick and Sharon Greenhalgh and Tony Mazaro.

Both boats motored North past the ghost High Tension Line Electrical Towers (Conductors) to their rendezvous anchorage just off Oldsmar Beach. After carefully rafting-up together, both boats' crews did the Corona Virus version of Pot Luck - everyone brought their own individual food with no sharing.

It was a beautiful day and after "***Gail Force***" motored home, "***Incentive's***" crew chose to go cruising, so they hoisted sails and ventured down the Bay under the Courtney Campbell Bridge to about half way to the Howard Frankland structure, where they reversed course. It had been a great day for a picnic cruise.

## CABIN FEVER ESCAPE - SAILING ON THE GULF

BY TED O'BRIEN - AS TOLD TO ELLEN HENDERSON



Other than grocery trips to Publix, working out at the Gym with my Wife Janet and the daily visit from our teenage granddaughter, it was time to dust off our sails. Since we dock our Cape Dory 25', "***We Three***" at the Clearwater Beach Municipal Marina, we always sail on the Gulf.

There were very few sailboats on the water, but the Jet Skiers were out everywhere like scurrying ants in search of a sugar mound. There were often 3 people on many Jet Skis with NO Life Jackets. Janet expressed concern that we might be rammed on our slow moving sailboat in the light Summer breeze, but fortunately we survived another day on the Gulf.



## CRUISE TO TAMPA CONVENTION CENTER

BY BRIAN GARRY-SHBC CRUISE CHAIRMAN

Over Memorial Day Weekend, Phyllis and I did the planned a SHBC Cruise-A-Cade, that was rescheduled from late April, from SH down, across Tampa Bay and up to the Tampa Convention Center Marina, at Harbor Island Basin.

What a great sail we had, both down and on return. We had dinner at Joe Khabbaz's, "DIO" Mediterranean Restaurant, at Franklin & Twiggs, on Friday evening. On Sat. night we rode the Free Electric trollies round-trip to YBOR City for dinner at the "Accropolis", all Greek cuisine. The "Marriott Waterside" hooked us up with a guest key card, for the Pool, Gym, Showers, etc.

I cooked breakfasts aboard the Wild Irish Rose. Lunches were either "bagged" or grabbed on the run while walking, biking, along the 2.5 mile Tampa River Walk.

The activity was enormous from all forms of water crafts, bikers, hikers, roller skaters, scooters, paddle boarders, etc. Music filled the air until midnight each day. There was a huge flotilla parade, on Saturday down the Seddon Channel...1,000 boats...



## THE LAST RACE BEFORE CORONA VIRUS WED., MAR. 11, 2020

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX BY ARCHIVE

After a half-hour time delay, we finally got started on what would be our LAST RACE before the CORONA VIRUS SHUT DOWN. The usual gang showed up: Linda Brandt's "**Incentive**", with Dale Cuddeback, as guest helmsman along with Linda, crew: Chris Dollin and Paula Taylor. John V. (Racing Co-Chair)'s crew were Marion Ruuge-Aronson and Ellen Henderson on his 21' Precision, "**Pegasus**". The newly purchased "**Empire**" was helmed by new owner Paul Matthews and his crew: John Herrick and Paul's friend, Steve.

The wind was from the the W-N/W and was averaging 8-10 kts. with gusts up to 12-13 knots. It would be a good sailing evening on Upper Tampa Bay. "**Pegasus's**" crew dropped the start-finish line mark after John V. had decided we would have a windward start, heading West-North/West, with a button hook turn heading east toward the Orange Mark, with a turn around after 30 minutes and then back to the Finish Line.





"**Pegasus**" was the first boat over the Start Line at 6:33:00 pm. However, we hit the mark, as it was a strong outgoing tide and we therefore did a 360 degree turn to exonerate ourselves, so that "**Empire**" was officially 1st to start. After our button-hook turn to the east, our heading was 120 degrees for a Wing-on-Wing leg on port.

By 7:03 pm both "**Pegasus**" and "**Empire**" tacked in place for the turnaround toward the finish.

"**Pegasus's**" new heading was 010 degrees going to weather on Port. By 7:13 pm we tacked onto Starboard for a new heading of 265 degrees. Twelve minutes later, at 7:25 pm we tacked back onto Port at 015 degrees and again at 7:30 pm on Starboard to return to 265 degrees. Our wind shifts were slight, so it was easy to predict the finish:



## RESULTS:

- 1) "**Empire**" 07:58:23
- 3) "**Pegasus**" DNF (we couldn't find the finish line (as it was now dark).
- 4) "**Incentive**" DNC (their roller furling head sail was fouled and their sail was twisted at the top of the forestay, so they couldn't compete.)

Now the real fun began. While we on "**Pegasus**" were attempting to turn on our outboard engine, it wouldn't start and since it was now dark, the earlier good winds had died to nothing, so we were not able to sail back into the slip. We hailed "**Incentive**" on our VHF Radio. They had already docked, but were very willing to come to our assistance by towing us into the Marina. What a crack Team! Bravo!

"**Incentive**" hosted another fun post-race party.

Hopefully, all will have their sails and engine's repaired before our next Club race.

## Boat Service at Pitman Boat Yard

By Dick Greenhalgh

Fellow Boaters:

Does your boat need bottom painting and/or service that require it to be out of the water? We found ourselves needing to have the bottom painted on our vessel, "Gail Force". Tony Marazzo is my dear friend and co-owner of this 29 foot trawler which was made in Clearwater in 1978. We, (mostly Tony) have worked hard to bring this classic coastal trawler up to near original condition. Alas, that is another full story for another time. In our search for a boatyard, we contacted all the obvious choices, including Viking, Endeavor and even two boat yards down in Palmetto. Most were courteous, some were not responsive and all were very expensive.



After these contacts were made, we heard from some fellow boaters at our marina that Pitman Boat Yard in Tarpon Springs might be a good choice. Tony and I drove to Tarpon to check it out. There we met the yard supervisor named David Matway who

quoted us a flat rate of \$50/ foot for bottom painting. This included all the prep and 2 coats of ablative paint and 3 coats of ablative at the waterline. This was about \$500 cheaper than the other bids that we had received. He even gave us a firm date that was mutually convenient for our arrival.



Tony and I agreed to have the work done there. So on Saturday May 2nd we headed to Tarpon on the 74 mile trip from Safety Harbor. We were accompanied by our good friend, Ted Hill. The day trip was uneventful and enjoyable despite the heavy boat traffic. We arrived at Pitman some 11 hours later averaging about 6.5 miles per hour. Pitman is on the north side of the Anclote river directly across from the sponge docks. It was a Saturday, so the yard was closed, but an on-site security person had been notified of our pending arrival and helped us dock "Gail Force".



Pitman pulled our boat first thing Monday as promised and started the work. While the boat was on the hard, David allowed Tony and I to sand and varnish a piece of teak near the waterline that we could not reach while it was in the water at Safety Harbor. Because their rate was reasonable, we asked them to buff and wax "Gail Force" as well. We checked on the work progress on Wednesday and they were on schedule to complete the work by Thursday. We arrived at Pitman early Friday morning with transportation help from Patrick and were again assisted by the security guard because the yard had not yet opened. We then headed back to Safety Harbor. We made better time (10 hours) because it was a Friday and the boat traffic was not as heavy.



The purpose of telling our story was to share our experience at the Pitman Boat Yard with you. It is a long trip, maybe even two days in a sailboat, but well worth it. The service was courteous, professional and there were no surprises as to additional fees. Tony and I will use this yard again and would recommend them to anyone.



## IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH FOR SHBC MEMBERS

Announcement by Dale Cuddyback

For those members who have following the adventures of Cap't Linda of the S/V Incentive, stand by for some exciting news. As you know Linda bought the S/V Incentive as her "she shed" retreat. Ex-Captain Dale had finally found someone who would love the boat and enjoy it as much as he did. Linda leaped right into the spirit of sailboat ownership and started improving things such as getting new cushions throughout to add more color to the interior of the boat. And the new cushions are beautiful, no doubt.

In addition Linda wanted to learn to sail the boat. Under the watchful guidance and support by Dale, Linda slowly learned to command the boat and the crew. In the beginning Linda would meekly issue the command to “stand by to cast off bow lines,” followed by “cast off bow lines.” Dale soon had Linda authoritatively issuing such commands as “Stand by to cast off bow lines” and “cast off bow lines.” She learned to back the boat out of the slip and to motor it out into the bay, although she was very nervous at first. (Never mind that she trashed S/V Prevail's protruding solar panel.) With practice Linda became confident and competent, learned sail handling and to bring the boat back into the slip. And she does a great job of it. Dale no longer needs to sit nearby in the cockpit in case she needs guidance or advice. Captain Linda of the S/V Incentive has earned her captain's rating!

So what is the news flash!!!?

**HEAR YEA, HEAR YEA!**

**Captain Linda Brandt of the S/V Incentive has successfully completed her first solo sail without Dale aboard.**

## **FATHER'S DAY AT SEA**

BY BRIAN GARRY



We took the “Wild Irish Rose” out on the Olde Tampa Bay on Father's Day. There were hundreds of people on the water, in every conceivable water vehicle possible. Plus thousands were packed in like Sardines, along the Courtney Campbell Cswy on the South side all doing their thing. Plus Ben T. Davis Beach was also packed to capacity....

Just ducked lots of crazy Personal Water Craft (Jet Skis) cowboys. There were Police boats patrolling everywhere. Beautiful day, 8kts.



## **MAKING MUSIC DURING THE CORONA VIRUS**

By Christiana Drapkin , Pix by Archive

I do hope, you and your fellow-sailors all got yours. And I hope you're all staying safe and sane out on the beautiful Bay.

Bob and I have not yet made up our minds whether we should come down to Florida next January. Of course, like everyone, we're concerned about COVID, and so far we've considered ourselves lucky to live in splendid isolation in our little home. If at all, I would like to find a temporary rental apartment (not the sketchy arrangement I ended up with via Air B&B this past



year). If you should have a trusted source or recommendation in or around your beautiful Safety Harbor, I would definitely consider it for two or even three weeks, January into February.



Here at home in Maryland, I'm still working from my computer, and Bob keeps himself busy with his writing. Oh, and I've used these past three months to learn how to play the ukulele. How much fun! Now Bob and I are giving a neighborhood concert every evening (unless the rain's coming down), to cheer up the neighbors and passers-by. He is playing the snare drum and cymbal, and I sing and strum the uke like nobody's business. It's been going on for three months already, and this happy daily routine keeps us in good spirits. Oh, here's a recent picture. We intend to keep this up until the virus is no longer a threat. I guess we're in for a Marathon.

All the best and stay in touch,  
Christiana & Bob

## When you're landlocked, for any reason and in any season, get your fix by watching boating flicks.

By Mikey

Is your boat on the hard, in the shed, or whiling away the winter under shrink-wrap? Tired of watching talk shows and news channels? Take heart. Nautical films can keep your spirits high when you're landlocked and feeling low. Here, in chronological order, are some of the best films ever made, both classic and contemporary, that revolve around boats and the sea.

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