



# S.H.B.C. Sentinel

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Calling All members: we will have a **SHBC meeting**

**Wednesday Sept. 2nd 2020**



via **Zoom** @ 6:30 pm

our guest speaker will be **Skip Rowland**.

He will present:



**" Sailing to Tahiti And Beyond"**

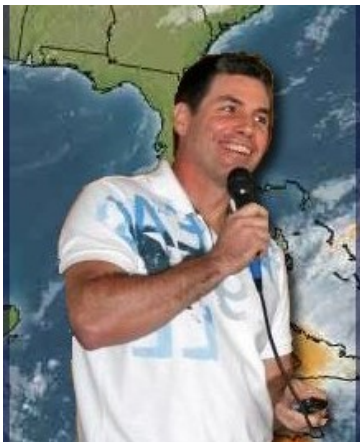




[Ed. Note: Skip has seasoned a bit since this picture was taken.]

## RECAP: **AUG. 5th SHBC PRESENTATION**

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: INTERNET



On Wed., AUG. 5th, SHBC hosted our ZOOM Meeting with guest speaker CHRIS PARKER, who gave a presentation on "Marine Weather And Cruise Planning". Among the many things we learned was that:

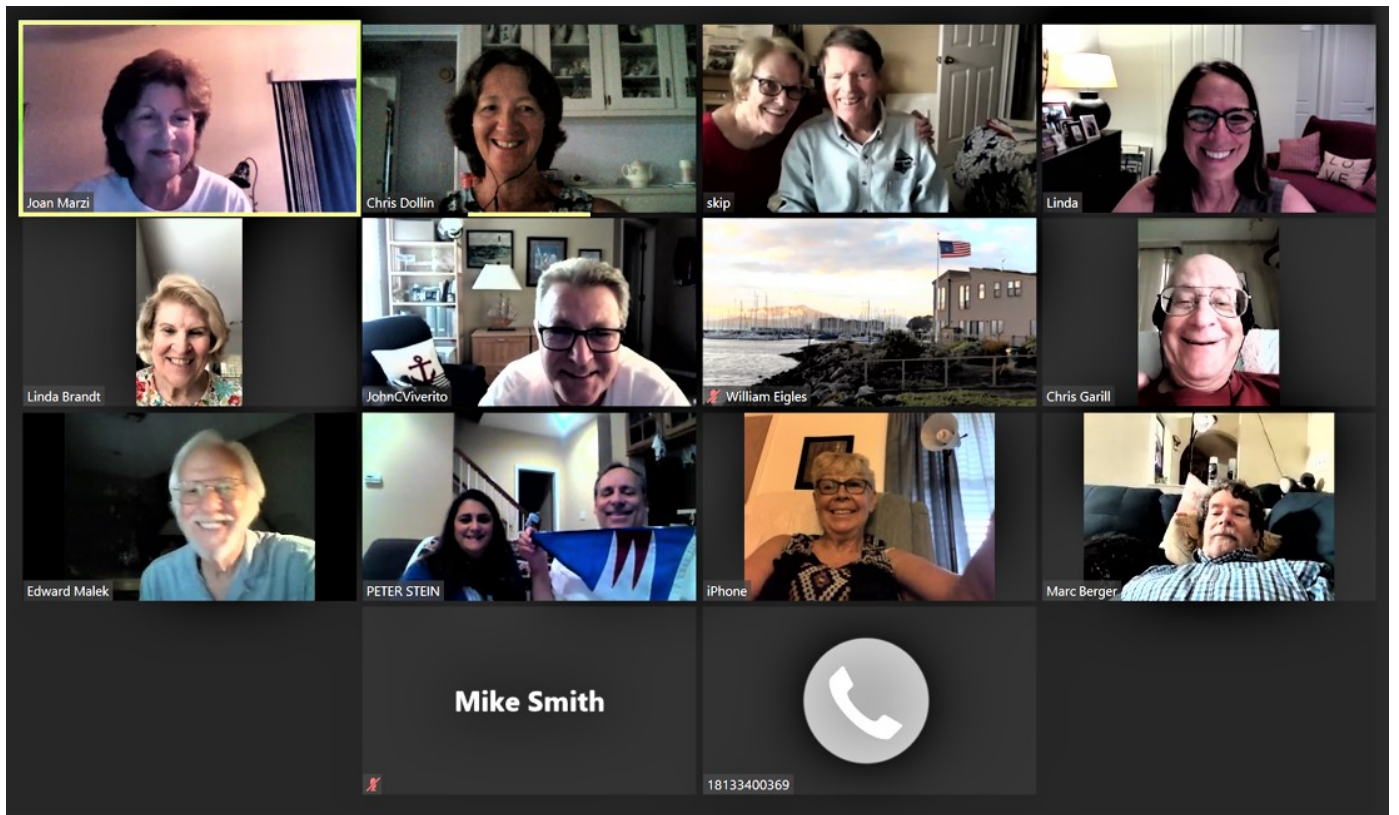
- The Marine Weather Center and Chief Forecaster Chris Parker provides vessel-specific weather forecast and routing advice via SSB Voice Radio (SSB = Single Sideband), simultaneous Internet Webcast, daily regional emails for the Eastern Caribbean, Western Caribbean, Bahamas, and Florida, as well as custom weather forecasting by phone, email and fax. A variety of economical options are available from annual SSB and ...

BACKGROUND ON GUEST SPEAKER CHRIS PARKER:

- Weather Forecasting & Vessel Routing  
Weather & Communications - Hardware, Software, Sales, Consulting, Books, Seminars  
[www.mwxc.com](http://www.mwxc.com)

so CHRIS'S presentation was informative as well as entertaining.

In attendance at our SHBC ZOOM Meeting Included: Vice Commodore/Co-Race Chair John Viverito, Treas. Joan Marzi, Club Scribe Chris Garrill, Ed Malek, Scott & Diane Hood, Skip & Bob Meadows, Chris Dollin, Marc & Eileen Berger Linda Brandt, Ellen Henderson and Marion Ruuge-Aronson. Guests included: Peter & Antoinette Stein in NC plus William Eagles in CO.



## Report on a Fellow Sailor

By Email Composites

One of our members, Patricia Coyle, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Her daughter, Michelle, is with her at home, with John assisting as well.

Patricia is accepting text and calls on her cell phone. She remains at home under Hospice Care. She would love to receive a card or hear from any of you.

Her address is:

**2027 Lakeview Dr.  
Clearwater, Fl. 33763**

Please keep Patricia in your prayers.



# SHBC BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX FROM ARCHIVES

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose **Birthdays** and **Anniversaries** fall in the Month of **September**. It's interesting to see all of the multiple B-days and Anniversaries on the same dates.

## Birthdays:

9-9 Joan Marzi  
9-9 Jack Youra  
9-10 Mike Duffy  
9-17 Fritzi Strom  
9-21 John Viverito  
9-23 Mikey Hembrey  
9-23 Curt Brandt <----  
9-28 Sharon Kline (Greenhalgh)



## Anniversaries:

9-15 Ted & Janet O'Brien  
9-21 Connie & Paul Pope  
9-21 Ron and Brenda Poirson

## CONGRATULATIONS:

### MARK & ANN KANUCK NEW GRANDPARENTS

BY MARK KANUCK

Dear Friends,



The kids called while we were out walking this morning. We are headed up to Pensacola now on Wed for about a month since Caroline is due (baby girl) first of Sept., but who's to say she won't blast off early too. Ecstatic are we!! OK, this will get your day off thinking.

What male member of the **Kanuck** family going back to **Grandpa Kanuck** (and even counting our extended families...) has ever delivered his own progeny?

Ding, Ding, Ding, We have a winner Johnny. **Matt** can now put that on his resume!

**Matthew and Alicia** delivered their own baby at 3:06 eastern time this morning. **7 lbs 4 oz, Rylan Kanuck** entered this world in this year of the pandemic. Incredible. The news is 1/2 hour old to us as they called when we were out walking. We



were planning to leave for Pensacola on Thursday to get there well before Alicia's due date on the 18th. So much for the plans of mice and men. We are over the moon with **another grandson** and with a first granddaughter on the horizon less than a month away, the future is starting to look brighter.

All of you know this joy that Ann and I are experiencing now. We love you and wanted to share it with you first.

Stay safe.

## Pegasus Gets Her Wings

Text and Pix by John Viverito

Well, in case you didn't hear, it's been a busy month for Pegasus. She lost her center board. Thankfully, this happened in her slip and in the hands of the diver from Down Under Diving. All is well now- she's good as new after some hefty repairs!

Views of the centerboard before repairs:



Views of Pegasus on the hard:



View of the failed pin bracket, 1/2 is gone:



Gerry (Butch) Corbino and I (John) braved the shoals to deliver Pegasus to Viking Boatworks and will retrieve her 8/17. If we are successful Pegasus will be back in her slip.

Here is Pegasus in the straps to be launched for her voyage home.



**Update:** The voyage home was smooth with a little motor sailing. We (Butch Corbino) and I experienced a short light shower near the Gandy span and again a heavier shower between the Courtney Campbell and Safety Harbor Marina. Thankfully a thunderstorm held off until Pegasus was safe in her slip and all buttoned up.

## LIVING IN THE TIME of the CORONA VIRUS

### Birdwatcher's Website, Updated Often

By: John Herrick

Kayak this morning and photo of the day 8-12-2020  
This is one thing I can do and not be in a crowd!

[http://www.herrickhomepage.com/florida\\_birds.htm](http://www.herrickhomepage.com/florida_birds.htm)



# RELAXING ON BOARD MISS SHERRY IN THE FL PANHANDLE

BY MARK KANUCK

Yes, this is the place we escape to every evening after days with kids and grandchildren. [Was] Still one on the way. But there is rare time to relax (**Ann** in the cockpit of our **Endeavor 37'**) and this is one of them tonight. Started cleaning the bottom of "**Miss Sherry**" today and tomorrow with use a guy's pressure washer. Then pay someone to do it. Getting comfortable with the rigors of living aboard.



## Brian and the Land Cruisers

Text and Pix by Brian Garry

The good Phyllis and I cranked up our Land Cruiser, for quite a summer excursion, from Sea to Shining Sea.



Beginning, with a quick Southern ride to Venice, FL., for a Boxing assignment 17 July. With early am rise, we headed back North, to Charleston, SC, Mt. Pleasant to be exact, along the Cooper River. Visiting Patriot Point, and the WWII YORKTOWN, USS LAFLEY, a WWII diesel boat, Sub, and Vietnam War encampments, with simulated live exhibits...4 hrs. aboard the "Yorktown", ( the second edition, first was sunk in the Battle at Midway ).



Fabulous aircraft on display, top-side Flight Deck.. Hanger deck, many of the USN WWII aircraft. Phyllis was up close and personal, with the 4 "Restraint Cables ", and she examined the "Tail-Hooks" on each fighter aircraft. Afternoon, took us out to Fort Sumter, birthplace of our National Anthem...via motor launch. Quite a nice on-water tour of Charleston Harbor, plus an excellent narrative on how the first rounds of our Civil War were exchanged.





Next day, we toured downtown Charleston with its super Southern ambience. Homes, were absolutely in great condition along the Bayshore walkways...an intercity. That night, we took an historic "Ghost Tour", along the olde city streets, called, Charleston Ghost & Dungeon, walking tour. Intersting but a little "Spooky", while in the Dungeonous caverns. Had,a strange moment, when snapping a picure, of Phyllis. As I steadied my SMART phone cam, my finger never touched the snap button, yet Bingo, a Flash...as if a ghost, or someone else fired the shot??? The guide, noticed, as he was near me...but it was fairly dark in that chamber. I posted a pic here...see, if you see another image, besides the Pirate dummy?

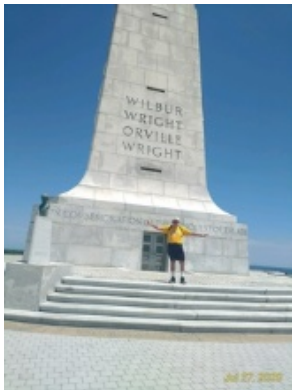


Later, we dined on the waterfront at the Olde NAVY Yard, called "Fleet Landing". Day three, found us exploring the Mt. Pleasant side of the river. Surprisingly stumbling upon a "Fantastic Biscuit" eatery for breakfast delight. Motored South, on the shoreline, to Sullivan's island, and Fort Moultrie, NE of Ft. Sumter. Tremendous Military history in this neck of the woods. Last stop, the "Citadel", where our next door neighbor US ARMY RANGER/ZAPPER, Patrick McAbee graduated from. A beautiful, West Point styled Military school, located Northside of Charleston.



Next stop, Ashburn, VA. to CAPT John & Anne Garry's homestead. A few days of wrestling, soccer, model train playing, as well, scooter & electric car driving lessons for 'Baby Jack'. It was his Third an anniversary on Earth. Big Party, 25JUL20, great 'Cook-Out',

family/friends. Sunday, 0530, "Rise & Shine" shipmates..we are off to "Buck Island, NC. A solid 5 - 6 hr. "Windshield Time". Eleven of us...the Del Fiori's, an two Garry clans. 7 days, in a fabulous Air B & B, 9,500 sq. ft. 3 level, 6 bedrooms, 6 baths, balconies on three sides.. A 350 yd. hike to beachside. But E-Z. Poolside, opposite direction. Located just South of Carrola, NC, on the Outer Banks. Our citst full day, the P.I.G. & B.A.G, headed South down the 185, to "Kitty Hawk, NC.", birthplace of aviation..walking the walk, of Oroville & Wilbur Wright. Super museum, flight path, and "Devil Kill Hill". A dynamic, 95 ft. vertical mound of Dune,



that offered the Wright brothers, a launching pad, for 1,000 Glider flights, before mounting their 12 HP gasoline. engine. The wooden, cable & wire. Glider weighed 400 pounds. alone. With Orville aboard, fuel + engine, she weighed 640 pounds. Saw two framed structures they worked and slept in. Did the Monument, ( pics included ). Spent an entire morning there. Kitty Hawk, is one of the 7 Windiest Cities/Locations, in the USA.



We did the beach thing daily, playing with the kids, sand, etc. Poolside afternoons, and Go Karts, etc. evenings. We cooked & dined in, each day...except for a quick exploratory run North, to see Wild Mustangs that "Free Range" the upper end of the Outer Banks. Great relaxation week...hilling & grilling.

On the road again, heading 546 miles due East, to Cherokee, NC. the following Sunday. 8 hrs.22 minutes... "Whoa Nellie".







Bless the Cherokees, for their long time suffering, an Oklahoma displacement. But, their "Piano Rings" loudly now...\$\$\$\$ Casino, on the reservation. Buzzing like a Bee Hive. We spent 3 days, doing the "Blue Ridge Parkway", Clingman's Gap, the city/town of Cherokee...Indian "Hoop Dancing", museum,



etc. Donated a few ducats to the Tribe, playing Draw Poker. Rode up to Gatlinburg, and took the Swiss Tram ride, to "Ober Gatlinburg". Wonderful, atop the Mtn. Ski Lodge, many rides, water park, etc..loads of Humanoids up there. X COVID-19 masks applied. Did a run up to "Dollywood", at Pigeon Forge, TN. Huge amusement park similar to Busch Gardens.



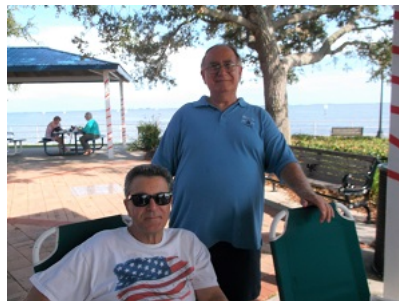
Headed, SW, on to Warner Robins, GA to visit with deceased nephews bride, Susy Bertram. A couple of days, recollecting the many great times with Kenny B. What a sad, yet needed visit, only a month or so after his passing. Still, Family counts big time and we were happy we rolled by.

Landed back on Cobblestone, 22 days after shoving off. Glad to catch some Bike time.

## DO NOT SAVE THE DATE - LABOR DAY RACE AND PARTY - MON., SEPT. 7th

By ELLEN HENDERSON; Pix: Archives

Do NOT plan to attend our **SHBC Labor Day, Race & Party**. In the past Our Club Calendar also celebrated this event as the "**Commodore's Cup**"; but the Corona Virus is still keeping us from racing and partying. So enjoy the pix from previous years' **LABOR DAY RACE AND PARTIES**.



# How to Build a Dog Bowl Solar Vent

by [Joseph Crawley](#) | [Dogwatch](#), [Projects](#)

(<https://goodoldboat.com/category/dogwatch/>)



When we bought our 1976 Westerly Centaur, *Breaking Wind*, it came with an ancient-but-working Marinco solar-powered vent. Then, on a sporty day sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, the fan, poorly attached to the top of the forward hatch, flew off and was lost for good. After seeing the cost of a new replacement Marinco model, my dignity forced me to attempt to make my own. A quick search on eBay led me to a pair of 6-volt solar panels that claimed to deliver 1 watt a piece. Mounted side-by-side, the two panels cover an area roughly 4 ½ inches by 4 ¾ inches. With the dimensions in hand, I went to the pet store in search of a stainless steel dog bowl with a bottom at least large enough to accommodate the panels.



Next, I bought a 4-inch computer muffin fan for about five bucks. The fan required .18 amps at 12 volts, (which my new panels could deliver) and was rated to move 61.2 cubic feet per minute (CFM). I realized that if the fan could move anything close to that amount of air, it would blow the doors of the Marincos unit it replaced (rated at less than 17 CFM)



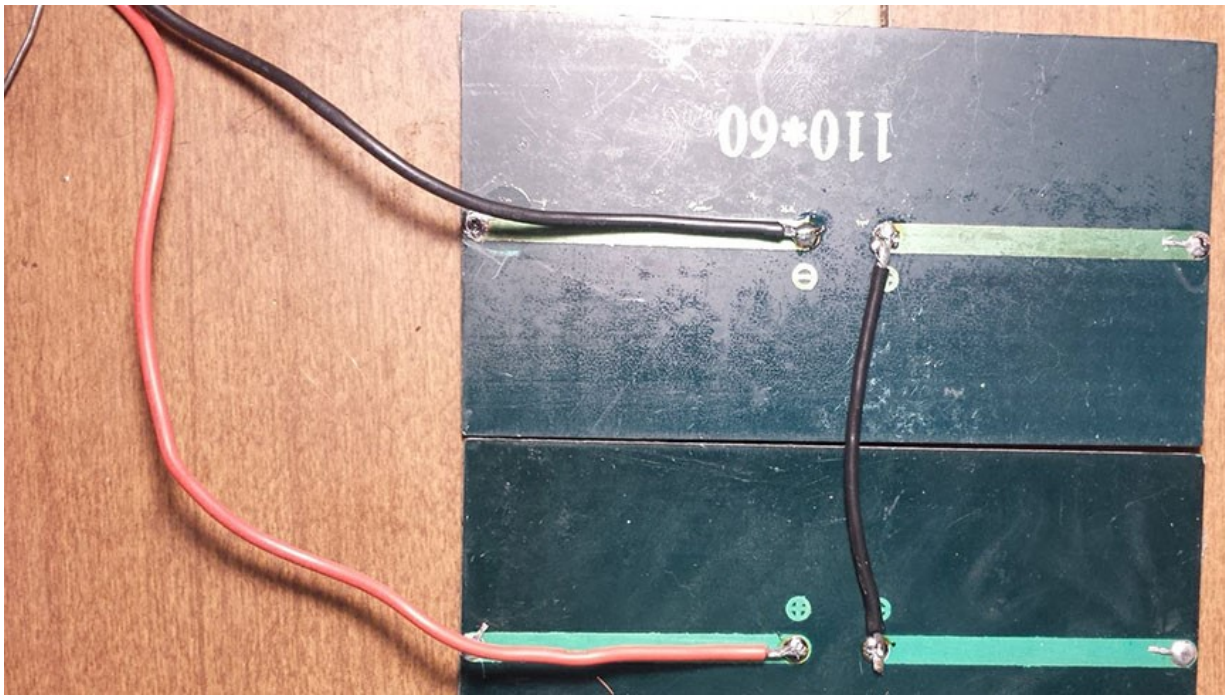
*Portions of two PVC couplings stacked to form the baffle. The notches cut in the upper portion will allow air flow and prevent water intrusion. In the background is the dog bowl with the mounting bolts attached.*

There was an existing 4-inch-diameter hole cut into the hatch from the installation of the Marincos vent, so my next stop was the plumbing supply store, to find a fitting to go inside that 4-inch hole and to which I could attach the fan and bowl. A 3-inch PVC coupling has an outside diameter of 4 inches and is about 4 inches tall. Perfect, I only had to cut notches in it for air flow.

I'll note here that I originally decided to mount the bowl directly to the surface of the hatch—hence the holes in the side of the bowl—but I later realized the

Marincos vent had been elevated to feature a dorade-like baffle to prevent water intrusion, so I scrapped my plans and followed Marincos's lead. I hope that because my PVC baffle is taller than that of the low-profile Marincos, it will do an even better job of preventing water ingress in heavy seas.



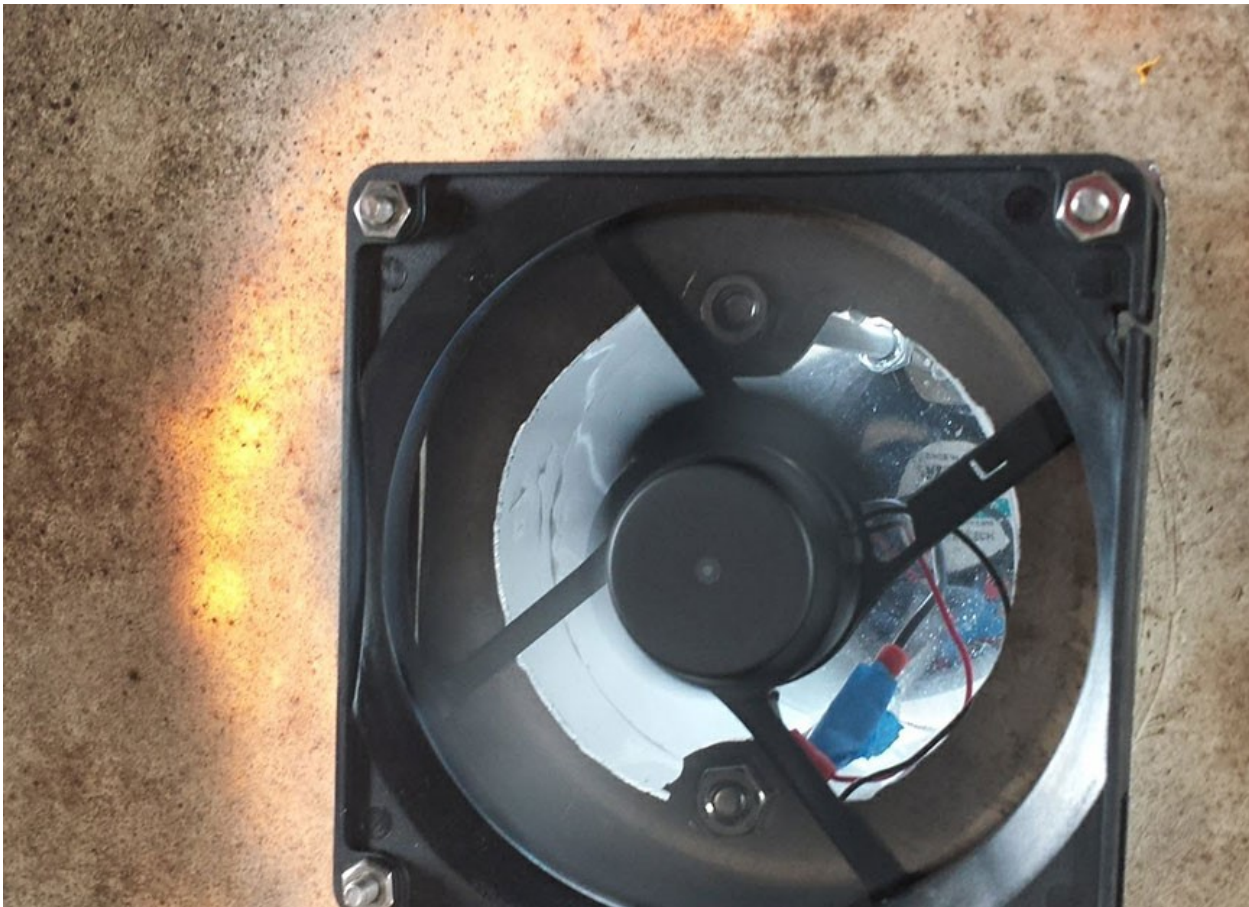


*Two 6-volt panels wired in series to power the 12-volt fan.*

At the scrap yard, I found a small piece of 1/8-inch-thick aluminum sheet metal. On the aluminum plate, I drew an outline of the computer fan. At the center of this outline, I placed the PVC coupling and traced the interior diameter. Within this circle, I drew two ears through which I planned to drill holes to receive long bolts I planned to protrude out the top of the inverted dog bowl. I cut the aluminum plate using a jigsaw and a drill.

Next, I glued the PVC coupling to the hatch hole using LifeSeal caulk. (And I had to add a 1-inch-tall PVC collar to the coupling to compensate for the depth of the dog bowl and to get the above-the-hatch clearance I wanted.)

In the bottom of the dog bowl, spaced apart to fit just inside the inside diameter of the PVC coupling, I drilled two holes for the 1/4-inch machine screws I planned to use to mount the bowl and PVC coupling to the hatch. After inserting and securing the 5-inch screws, I glued the solar panels to the bottom of the bowl using 3M 5200 (of which I made an unfortunate runny mess, that I'll blame on the 95-degree July weather).



*The installed, operational solar-powered vent as viewed from the underside of the hatch. The four nuts/bolts in the corners secure the fan to the aluminum plate. Looking through the spinning fan blades, the two long bolts attached to the ears cut into the aluminum plate are visible. These bolts sandwich the PVC baffle between the inverted dog bowl and the top of the hatch.*

Next, I attached my fan to the aluminum plate using #10 stainless steel screws. Then I set the bowl atop the PVC coupling (the baffle), with the screws extending through the 4-inch hole in the hatch. Finally, I held the fan/aluminum plate assembly up against the inside of the hatch, lining it up so that the machine screws passed through the holes in the ears on the aluminum plate, and tightened nuts on the ends. I wired the panels to the fan using spade connectors for easy disassembly should the fan not hold up in the marine environment.

I'm pleased with my solar vent. It quietly moves a lot of air and doesn't let any water down below. In hindsight, I would have used a smaller muffin fan given the final inner diameter of the hatch vent. I'm considering modifying my vent to include battery storage for day and night operation, using a small bank of rechargeable batteries and a simple charge circuit.



All told, I spent about \$35 on this vent, about \$145 less than the cost of a manufactured vent. It may not be as pretty, but my vent performs better and heck, she's an old boat.

**Article Source:** Boat US  
“*Dogwatch*” email.

## Hurricane Isaias Report

By Ellen Henderson

More Hurricane “Isaias” From Walt Barry, in PA, who crewed on ‘Incentive’: “We had a lot of rain and trees down, which caused electricity outages. I was without electricity and hot water for 3 days. Some people were without for weeks. All is well”







**Note:** Overall, **Hurricane Isaías** caused over \$4.20 billion (2020 USD) in **damage**, with over \$4 billion in **damage** alone in the U.S., making **Isaías** the costliest tropical **cyclone** to affect the Northeastern United States since **Hurricane Sandy** in 2012

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