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Calling All members: we will have a **SHBC meeting**
Wednesday APR. 7th 2021
via **Zoom @ 6:30 pm**
our guest speaker will be
Chris Kreitlein



He will present:



"Celestial Navigation"



Chris Kreitlein is a **retired naval officer**, having served for 28 years on both ships and aircraft. He is the **author** of the instructional manual: **"Simple Celestial, Navigation by the Heavens Made Easy"**. He has **taught** celestial navigation at **Pensacola State College** as well as at various yacht

clubs in Florida. He has also been a **regular presenter** at **boat show seminars** in both **Miami** and **St. Petersburg**, Florida. He currently sails a **Beneteau 331**, "**PELIKAN**".

CONDOLENCES TO COREY KNOWLES



Corey lost his brother recently. SHBC Members offer their sympathy

Do's and Don'ts of COVID-19 Vaccines

Source: BayCare Medical,

As Researched by Dr. John & Renee Viverito



Since a number of SHBC Members were making great progress getting vaccinated against Covid-19 and some of you have already received the two-shot regimen for Pfizer or Moderna, while others indicated they were getting their shots scheduled, we recommend you review the info that was researched by Dr. John & Renee Viverito from the BayCare Medical website:

https://baycare.org/newsroom/2021/march/dos-and-donts-of-covid-vaccines?utm_source=salesforce&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=covid-19&utm_content=dosanddents-article

**** This information does not constitute nor replace medical advice from your physician. It is simply web-sourced material offered for review by and for SHBC members..**

Several of us from **SHBC**, who have had difficulty getting on-line for our **Covid Vaccinations**, were successful in getting them from **Dr. Amy Ross's Office @ Palm Harbor Dermatology**, which is located adjacent to the **Boot Ranch Shopping Center** at **4197 Woodlands Parkway**, just **North of Tampa Rd** and just **East of McMullen Booth Rd**.

Their office is available to set up **appointments from 8:00am - 5:00 pm**, (although I was able to get a **vaccination (Pfizer) appt. at 6:30 pm**; so, they are very accommodating. They will of course honor your insurance. They've been so busy, that they've set up a toll free # to take your

C-shot reservation: (855) 743-4968. Leave a message & they promise to return your call with an appointment that's **convenient for you.** Good Luck and hope to see you soon at our **upcoming SHBC Social Event.**

RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE MAR. 3rd SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX ARCHIVES

On **Wed., MAR. 3rd SHBC ZOOM** our guest speaker, **Ron Regan** gave a ZOOM presentation on their "**Corona Cruise**".



Ron Regan, after many years of sailboat cruising, discovered Big Boat Cruising over the last few years, which led to their "**Corona Cruise**" in **Feb and March of 2020.**

Ron moved to Pinellas County from Boston at the end of 1999. Two things he looked for were a computer club and a bicycle club. He met **Joyce Runion** in the St Pete Bicycle Club and she introduced him to Bay Sailors Sailing Club for single adults. They did a lot of sailing around Tampa Bay and the Gulf. His first offshore experience was with **Joyce and Mary Stoltz**, when they sailed to the **Dry Tortugas** and **Key West**. **Joyce and Ron** were also lucky enough to get asked to sail to the **Bahamas**; and to participate in the **Sol Al Sol (Mexico) Regatta**, plus **International trips** in **Greece** and **Southern France**. They did quite a bit of sailing with John Burns from the **Bahamas** to the **Dominican Republic** and with **SHBC Member Jack Youra** in the **Bahamas** and to the **Dry Tortugas**.

Ron and Joyce started their cruise out of **Ft. Lauderdale** with 10 days in the **Caribbean** in Feb. 2020 and 20 days to **Europe**, the **Canary Islands** on the **Italian Costa Cruise Lines**, which was supposedly the oldest and best European Cruising company. In the **Bahamas** they transited to **Port Lucaya, Freeport**. They enjoyed laps on the deck and exercise classes in their indoor fitness center and the food was really good.

While in the **Caribbean**, they sailed to **Amber Cove, Porta Plata, Dominican Republic** where it was **Carnival Time**, then on to the **Cayman Islands, Roatan** in the **Bay Lee Islands** off **Honduras, Cozumel Mexico, Puerto Maya**.

By March 9, the ship didn't stop at **Antigua** and they were told they would go on to **Tenerife**, but by then passengers were sick from **Covid -19** and some had already died. The activities on board dramatically changed. There were no big shows, limited gambling, then no more entertainment at all, no buffet. They had to stay in their state rooms. By March 12-13, both **Ron and Joyce** had sore throats and a cough, so they were given masks. There was an Italian Doctor on board, who spoke no English and they told by the ship's Captain that there was no Covid-19 on board the Ship. Management had the deck hands stack up the Deck Chairs.

At **Tenerife** in the **Canary Islands** the ship docked for fuel and provisions, so some passengers got off. They were met by locals wearing hazmat suits and guns. Aboard ship, Happy Hour was at 11:00am with either beer or wine or free cigars.

Their next stop was **Marseilles**, where they received texts from their friend **Mary Stoltz**, in which they learned what was really going on. Some passenger contacted **Mitt Romney**, who put them in touch with the **Ambassador**. Suddenly there was a plane available to fly the **230 Americans** and about **60 Canadians** to **Atlanta**, where they were again greeted by personnel wearing hazmat suits and the **Atlanta Police** and finally they flew to **Tampa**.

They self-quarantined for 14 days and discovered **17 passengers** from their cruise had **died**.

Costa Cruise Lines credited them their internet fees and \$50.00 port charges. **Ron** and **Joyce** got tested and she had antibodies and mild symptoms. **Ron** wants to cruise again in the future, perhaps while wearing a mask.

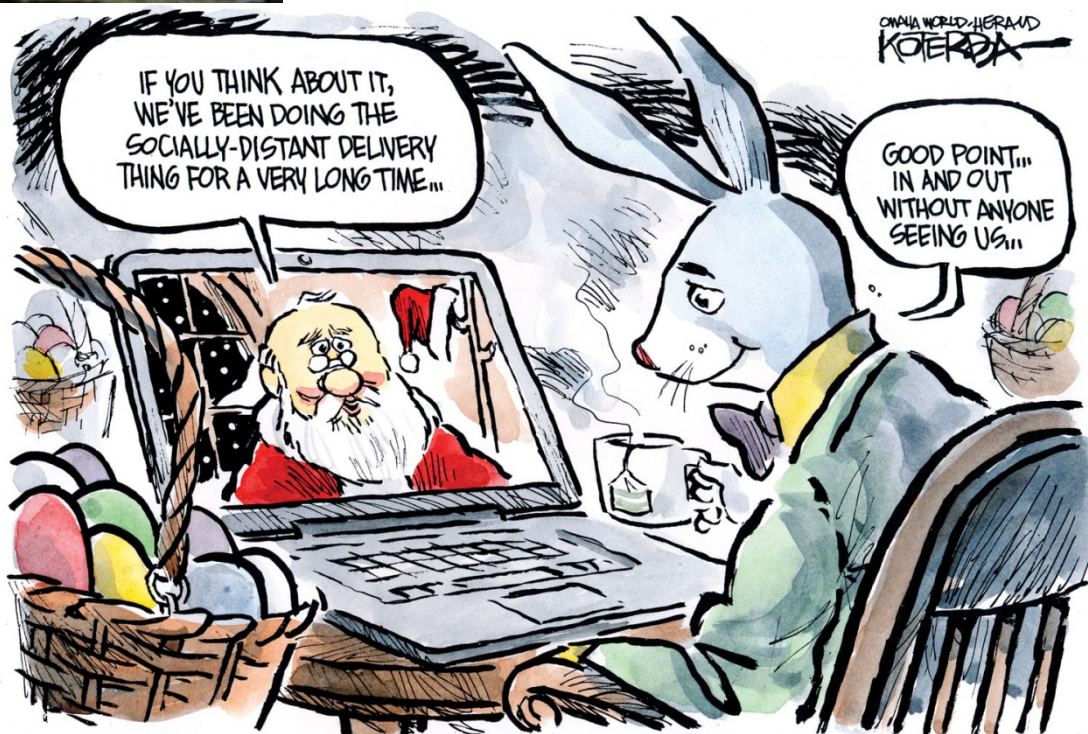
The 16 ZOOM Meeting attendees included: **Vice Commodore/Race Co-Chair John & his Wife Renee Viverito**, **Treas./ZOOM Mtg. Host Joan Marzi**, **Sec./Scribe Marion Ruuge-Aronson**, **Ellen Henderson**, **Jack Youra**, **Linda Brandt**, **John Herrick**, **Brian & Phyllis Garry**, **Ron Poirson**, **Patrick Whelan**, **Marc & Eileen Berger** and guests: **Chris Dollin** and **Tom Garvey** (Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club).

HAPPY EASTER - APRIL 4

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX- INTERNET



We hope all **SHBC Members** and their families have a nice **EASTER** celebration and that your **EASTER BASKET** contains your favorite chocolate bunnies.



HEAR YE! HERE YE!

Calling all members

report to

The Safety Harbor Marina Pavilion

Saturday, April 24

1600 hours - 4pm

Funday Picnic

Nautical Trivia - Prizes

Music - Dancing

Zumba

Please bring your own lunch, beverages & ice

Decorators will show up @ 1:30 pm, so please volunteer by contacting Ellen Henderson by phone or text (C) (727) 656-4089. Plan to dress for the party (Red & White & Blue)

SHBC BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES - APRIL, 2021

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX: ARCHIVES

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays (including 2 Hornbuckles) and Anniversaries fall in the Month of **APRIL**.

Birthdays:

4-2	Jan Muller (Hornbuckle)
4-2	Riza Youra
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)

Anniversary:

4-16 Jack and Riza Youra<---



CONGRATULATIONS TO SAL AND NANCY FARINA!

By Ellen Henderson Pix - Archives

This is to introduce **Sal and Nancy Farina** and their recently acquired sailing vessel “**Shibumi**”, a **Hunter sloop**, berthed for many years in the **Safety Harbor Marina**. It was **formerly owned** by **Mike Hornbuckle**.



Sal Farina started sailing in **Clearwater** out of the **Municipal Marina** in **1983**. He took the **ASA Certified Cruising Course** and **USCG Power Squadron Courses** and **cruised locally** in the ICW and on the Gulf on his **Hunter 22'**, which he owned from **1983-90**. Meanwhile **Nancy Farina** sailed with the **Windlasses** from **1979-89** and she raced in the **Windjammers Bikini Cup** along with skipper **Cheryl Twining** on her "**Sea Mist**", a **Seafarer 29'** (which competed with **my Irwin 32' "Secant"**) in the **All-Female Non-Spin Class** and also on **Jay Myers' "Mystic"** a **Morgan 27'** in the **Spinnaker Class**.

In **1989** they moved to **Long Island, NY** and had their boat transported to **Port Washington, NY** and they sailed on **Manhasset Bay** until their **Hunter 22'** sank at its mooring, after it was hit by a runaway barge during **Hurricane "Bob"** in **1990**. They next owned a **Pearson 26'** from **1990-**



2006, which they sailed on **Long Island Sound** and on the **Atlantic Ocean** along the **coast of Long Island**. During this time, they mostly cruised, but **Sal** did a little racing as crew. They also currently have a **Hunter Cherubini 30' "Ava Rose"** with a **5'6"** draft, which is docked at the **Manhasset Bay Ship Yard**. They also belong to the **Harlem YC** at **City Island, NY**.



CONGRATULATIONS TO RON POIRSON!

Ron finally sold his half of "Wanderlust". He's now **RICH!**



BOAT FOR SALE - Catalina 28 MkII

ARTICLE & PIX SUBMITTED BY JULIE KNOWLES

JULIE KNOWLES, a former SHBC VICE COMMODORE:

Wanted to let you know that they are selling "**O'Malley**", their **Catalina Mark II 28' sailboat**.

They just listed it on Boat Trader in case any of you are interested or know of others that may be interested. They are **in search of a 36'-40' trawler** for their future cruises! Hope you all are well!
Julie

<https://www.boattrader.com/boat/2002-catalina-28-mkii-7798162/>



[Used 2002 Catalina 28 MkII, 33903 North Fort Myers - Boat Trader](https://www.boattrader.com/boat/2002-catalina-28-mkii-7798162/)

Check out this Used 2002 Catalina 28 MkII for sale in North Fort Myers, FL. View this Cruisers and other Sail boats on [boattrader.com](https://www.boattrader.com)
www.boattrader.com



Connie and Paul at Alexander Springs

(Connie was about **here**.)

"CRUISING BY MAILBOAT" - BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY FRED BRAMAN

On **JAN. 13th**, **Captain Frederick Braman, USN (ret)** gave a lively presentation on "**Cruising by Mailboat**". **Fred** lives in **Fleming Island** (not really an island), near **Jacksonville, Florida**.

A lifelong sailor, his sailing adventures led to **Fred's** writing as he described his **cruises** along the **US East Coast, Cuba, the Caribbean** and throughout the **Bahamas** over several decades. He has published **over fifty magazine articles** and his **first book, "Too Old Not to Go"**, chronicled his 2012, **two-thousand-mile single-handed voyage** throughout the main island groups of the **Bahamas** on his trusty **Catalina 30' Sloop "Rhombus"**.

Fred's presentation included legacy and modern **Mailboats** as well as **Fast Ferries**. It's important to have a **Mailboat** strategy with a Float Plan and a rendezvous plan. The best departure day is **Tuesday**. The cost is very reasonable at **\$30.00 or \$45**. The Mailboats load cargo all day and depart in the evening and arrive the next am. Consider alternate transportation. Have a flexible travel schedule. Extra costs: renting cars or golf carts + Mom & Pop Hotels.

If you want to learn more re: "**Cruising by Mailboat**" or to purchase this book for future reference, contact: **Fred Braman** <fredbraman@hotmail.com> or (C) (904) 866-6862

(Book Cover Wrap...)



A modern MailBoat is being loaded at Potters Cay with the backdrop of Mega-Resorts located on nearby Paradise Island.

A lifelong sailor tried a different way to cruise The Bahamas - MailBoats! Spared from navigational duties and weather planning requirements of cruising sailors, mailboats brought their own set of travel challenges. It all turned into a grand adventure for this sailor and old septuagenarian friends! Travel along with us and visit the real Bahamas and meet real Bahamians! Learn something about a beautiful, interesting, and friendly country and about mailboats and how to travel on them. Partake in our adventures, and then maybe go yourself!!



Cruising by MailBoat

Captain Fred Braman, USN (ret)

Cruising by MailBoat



History, Culture and Adventure in the Bahama Islands

By Captain Fred Braman, USN (ret)

With Photographs by Dave Blake and Paintings by Randy Curry

With the Suez Canal Unblocked, the World's Commerce Resumes Its Course

Almost a week after an errant cargo ship brought a vital maritime passageway to a halt, the Suez Canal is open for business again.



Here's what you need to know:

- ❖ And the winner is . . .
- ❖ We pulled it off!' After days of arduous labor, a ship is free, and salvagers are triumphant.
- ❖ Canal chief says ships are moving again after a shutdown that cost Egypt tens of millions.
- ❖ A multinational tangle in the Suez grounding, but a Japanese shipbuilding giant may end up holding the bag.
- ❖ Not beached, but marooned: 14 ships once spent years in the canal.
- ❖ Oil prices fall after giant container ship is freed.
- ❖ Delay threatens tens of thousands of animals aboard ships queued at the canal.
- ❖ The forces of nature, from the moon to the wind, played a key role in the crisis.
- ❖ Even with the ship free, it will take time to clear the backlog of ships.

The End of His Rope

Excerpt from article by John Vigor, Good Old Boat magazine (By Mikey)

The Takeaway - JV

I was a lucky kid in this episode, doing what I could to survive—and I did survive. Now, with decades of wisdom gained through sailing and boating, I have a few common-sense **rules that can lessen the risks of being towed**, should you have to be towed.

- ✓ Especially if you are singlehanded, make sure you can cast off the towline from the helm position. To make this possible, lead the line through a fairlead at the bow or take a turn around a forestay or Samson post, and take the end back to a sturdy cleat in the steering cockpit. You may want to keep a sharp knife handy in case the line won't come off the cleat for some reason.
- ✓ Don't allow yourself to be towed at more than your hull speed. A displacement boat towed too fast will go down by the stern to the extent that the stern wave will curl over into the cockpit and probably sink the boat. If your towboat speeds up too much, simply slip your towline. This is knowledge that should be shared with the towboat operator before the tow begins.
- ✓ Raise your plate if you are a centerboarder.
- ✓ Work out some means of instant communication between the two boats. A handheld VHF radio in the towed boat should suffice, provided it doesn't get swamped with spray and provided the towboat is listening on the same frequency. At night, a powerful flashlight might attract the attention of the towboat. Ideally, by day or night, someone on the towboat should be designated to keep a full-time watch on the towed boat.

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