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Calling All members: we will have a
RESCHEDULED SHBC meeting on
Wednesday **AUGUST 4th** 2021
via **Zoom @ 6:30 pm**
our guest speaker will be **Fred Braman**
He will present:



"Cruising the Great Northeast (Florida)"





Captain Frederick Braman, USN (ret) was our Club's Guest Speaker in Oct., 2020 on the topic of: "Cruising from Jacksonville, FL to the Bahamas" and in Jan., 2021 on the topic of: "Cruising by Mailboat". **Fred** lives in **Fleming Island, Florida** with **Louise**, his **wife of over fifty years**. **High School Sweethearts**, both are originally from **Bay City, Michigan**. Having lived on three continents, the **Bramans** have traveled the world, much of it during a **quarter century** long **Navy career**. They have called several places in **California, Virginia, Yokosuka, Japan and Naples, Italy** home, before landing in **Florida**. Following Navy retirement in 1994, **Fred taught High School Math** (including **Geometry**) for fifteen years in the **USA** and in **Italy**. **Fred** is a graduate of **Kettering University** with a **B.S. degree in Engineering** and from the **US Naval Post Graduate School** with a **M.S. Degree in Management**. **Fred and Louise** have a **daughter** and **two grandchildren**.

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"**. He repeated the trip in 2018. His **AUGUST 4th** talk will focus on "**Cruising the Great Northeast (Florida)**".



**SHBC Monthly Meeting Wednesday
August 4th**

Via Zoom at 18:30 (6:30PM)

Fred Braman will present: "Sailing the Great N.E. of Florida"



As you may recall Mr Braman gave a presentation on Mail Boat Cruising. Here is a link to an interview he gave on the radio:

From Fred: MailBoats! Check out my NPR radio interview with Melissa Ross, host of First Coast Connect on Wjct Radio. Available on-line Thursday and beyond.
Enjoy, Fred

<https://news.wjct.org/programs/first-coast-connect-melissa-ross>



Sailboat Races:



Saturday August 7

Skippers' meeting at the Safety Harbor Marina at 08:00

Race Start at 09:00

**Saturday September 4th is the
Labor Day Race in Honor of our first Commodore,
Frank Fitzhenry**

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Race Start at 09:00



**Labor Day Party
Saturday September 4th
17:00 (5:00PM)**

Under the Pavilions at the Safety Harbor Marina
Veteran's Memorial Park

It is a BYOBF&I (bring your own beverage, food and ice) event.



**FYI We will resume our monthly meetings in
the library beginning in September, 9/1/2021**



***Happy Boating!
Safety Harbor Boat Club Officers***

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SHBC BIRTHDAYS

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX from ARCHIVES

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

Birthdays:

8-6 Marty Bindeman--->

8-8 Bruce Gotts

8-15 Patrick Whelan



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

Just So You Know...

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mark Lewalski** <>

Date: Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 2:51 PM

Subject: Thanks to our SHBC Members

To: Safety Harbor Boat Club SHBC <shbc4fun@gmail.com>

I don't know who specifically may have done it but I believe I once again found myself and my boat the recipients of boat club charity when I went to my slip on Tuesday morning.

My mother passed away Saturday morning and I was dealing with all the different things associated with that. I didn't get down to secure our sailboat until early Tuesday to find it had already had it's lines doubled.

Although I haven't been active in our club for years, I still feel part of the family when I come across this type of help, boater to boater.

Life has taken a few unexpected turns over the past decade but I still long to get back out on the water, turn off the motor, and hear that wonderful sound of the wind filling the sails.

Please pass on my thanks to whoever may have done me a great favor prior to the storm.

Thanks,
Mark Lewalski
Little Wind
Slip 2

HURRICANE - TROPICAL STORM "ELSA"

- 7/6 & 7/7/2021

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX by MARK KANUK & INTERNET

Here's my "LOG" of the Hurricane-T/S "ELSA" - Tues/Wed. July 6 & 7, 2021

Members of our **SHBC Boat Club** secured their boats with **extra dock lines** and some **removed all of their sails**, while others **securely wrapped their sail covers** with lots of extra line.

6:08pm: Just left PUBLIX, Cloudy w/ 20-25 kts. wind gusts from the SE. GOOD SAILING WINDS for a big sailboat.

6:48pm: The rain HAS NOT started yet. HURRICANE landing Prediction is North of HERE & is between 10pm & 3am.

10:53pm: The rain HAS started, but the HURRICANE landing Prediction is still North of Pinellas County & is still between now & 3am.

1:20am: **Winds 40 mph - gusting to 50**. HURRICANE landing Prediction is heading here from the SE. There's a Tornado Warning in SE Pasco Co. until 1:30am. Several thousand households without Power.

1:58am: The rain started about 10 pm until midnight. Winds still 40 kts - gusting to 50 kts. Two ambulances here - one of my neighbors in my building had a medical emergency. HURRICANE landing Prediction is North of Pinellas County & is still between now & 3am.

5:56am: The rain started up again @ 1:30 am & is still **raining, 4"-6" so far**. Top Winds had been 40 mph - gust to 50mph; **12,000 Households without power** (I am ok). T/S "Elsa" is moving out of the area.

6:16am: Winds are now down, but **storm surge** of up to **3'-5' above normal** is expected **@ high tide**. Rain to continue until mid-afternoon. **20,000 households now with no electricity**. Our Club's ZOOM monthly Meeting has been Rescheduled for Next Wed., 7/14 @ 6:30pm. (It was Rescheduled again for Wed., 8/7 @ 6:30pm due to computer ZOOM Link problems on 7/14.)

6:40am: I never lost power, but will have to reset clocks, as the electricity flickered several times. The T/S "ELSA" is now N/W of our area w/ **Max Winds @ 65mph**.

7:38am: Just went out the front door to look for my Wed. Newspaper.; very light drizzle & wind down to 15-20kts - it was basically a **"Non-Event" here in Clearwater**. The Storm is due to **come ashore** from the Gulf **@ Cedar Key**, considerably No. of here @ about 2 pm.

Meanwhile, in Jacksonville, FL: **Re: "Elsa"**: Our **ZOOM Guest Speaker (Fred Braman)** in JAX, FL said: "It's rained all day. They had a **waterspout** in the **St Johns River** about 6 miles from his location. A little windy and nasty. **Flooding in Jacksonville** and a **driver killed by a falling tree close to Fred's boat**. Some **tornadoes** around the area. Not great, but could have been worse."



Free of Covid Zone

Pix by Connie Pope

Connie & Paul Pope Kayaking at Alexander Springs



SAVE THE DATE: LABOR DAY RACE AND PARTY - SATURDAY, SEPT. 4th

By ELLEN HENDERSON; Pix: Archives

SAVE THE DATE: Since **PRE-Labor Day, Saturday, September the 4th** is right around the corner; this means skippers get your sails and crews ready for our **annual Labor Day Race**, which will be in **honor of Frank Fitzhenry, a former Club Commodore and one of the Founding Members of SHBC** for 2021! The Race is scheduled to start at 9:00 AM. Plan to show up at the Marina @ 8:00 AM for the Skippers' Meeting and crew assignments.

To all members, their families & guests, we are going to have a **Party starting at 5:00 PM** at our favorite gathering place, The **Safety Harbor Marina Pavilion**. The Club will be providing the usual eating utensils, plates, cups, etc. **This is a bring yours to eat gathering.** Members are welcome to bring water, tea, soft drinks, or their favorite libation. We will be having various games, in which to participate. Bring CASH for our 50/50 & win some bucks. Please RSVP at shbc4fun@gmail.com so we have an idea of how many people plan on attending. Also, if you would like to **volunteer to help Decorate the Marina Pavilion @3:00 PM**, contact: **Ellen Henderson (c) (727) 656-4089 CALL OR TEXT**



Safety Harbor July 4th Parade

By Mikey

The American Legion Auxiliary hosted a patriotic parade down Main Street on the morning of July 4th. People were wearing red, white, and blue, and were ready for a good time. There was a 1 hour Patriotic Ceremony immediately following the parade at the Gazebo on 4th and Main. Snow Cones, Popcorn, Cookies, Juice and Water, Gifts for Children, Stars for Veterans, Live Music, and Patriotic Presentations, were all FREE and sponsored by The Santa Claus Drill Team and American Legion Post #238.

I participated (red arrow) in the parade as a member of a group known as the "Tampa Bay Posse Corvette Owners". The group motto is "**WILL RIDE... EVEN IF THERE IS NOWHERE TO GO**" You may have seen this somewhere. My favorite saying is, "There is no such thing as an old Corvette or a new Corvette. You either have one or you don't!" There was an estimated attendance of 18-20 Corvettes.

We had strict orders from Safety Harbor to "Do no burnouts!" But that was okay because Main Street was lined with about a gazillion munchkins. I had a panic attack every time one of them jumped up from their seat. This is also why I only have pictures prior to the parade...



I realize this article has nothing to do with sailing, unless you consider sailing down the highway with the top down. 😊

JULY 4th DOCK PARTY

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: MARK KANUCK + ARCHIVES

Independence Day, July 4th, 2021, and the Boat Club had another well attended picnic on the Middle Dock at the Safety Harbor Marina. It is quite usual for a day in July to have rain showers, but this year it rained in the morning, so we were spared the afternoon and early evening showers. **Ellen Henderson and her decorating crew: New Members Quinton Smith & Sue Olnick plus Guest Colleen Baxter (from Studie 1212)** were at the docks getting the pilings decked out in Patriotic Pinwheels and Flags. Even some members put out their "Brag Flags" flying from their shrouds and flag halyards plus the **Safety Harbor Boat Club Banner** was conspicuously hung on the railings of the parking lot overlooking the marina, announcing the presence of "those lucky boat people" with those ringside, unobstructed vantage points.

The Red, White, and Blue still waved and looked beautiful in the sun.. **Commodore Mark Kanuck** was the host for the picnic and **Mark and John Viverito** set up the Planks between the Dock Pilings to serve as the staging area for plates, utensils, etc. The Party started at its regular time of 6:30 pm. The picnic was a BYOF&B affair. What good cooks the members are! No one went away hungry. **Twenty-nine people attended.** The participating members were: **Brian & Phyllis Garry**, who sailed their boat over from their **home dock in Tampa**, **Mark & Ann Kanuck**,

Jack & Bonnie Box, Marc & Eileen Berger, Sal & Nancy Farina, Lisa Lanza, Ellen Henderson, Chris Dollin, Marilyn Mabe plus brand new **SHBC MEMBERS: Wendy Pioquinto & JB** and **Leslie & Tim Sindt** and of course **Quinton Smith & Sue Olnick**, who have become very active in the Club since joining.



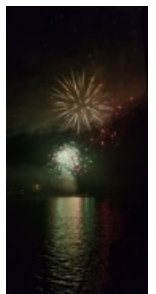
The dock was crowded with lots of lawn chairs. We're always glad when no one falls in. Our guests are always welcomed; they were **Haley Rae, Colleen Baxter** plus **Adam & Christina**. As the late afternoon turned into evening and the Safety Harbor Fireworks were nigh, **Cam & Karen Carlin** plus their guest on their boat **"Playtime"** and **"Empire's"** owners **Paul & Shannon Matthews** took **Larry & Candy Pritchett** as passengers out and anchored in the bay to watch, while aboard **"Green Eyed Lady"** owner **Linda Brandt** entertained with her **Hubby Curt** and they and their neighbors observed the Display from aboard their sailboat.



The magnificent annual pyrotechnics display would be launched skyward for the viewing pleasure of hundreds of spectators. The Pier and the Marina park were filled with people anxiously awaiting the start of the fireworks. The technicians were prepared to launch as long as the fireworks could be clearly observed. Vender booths were set up in the marina parking lot to sell food, t-shirts and the usual tourist fare.

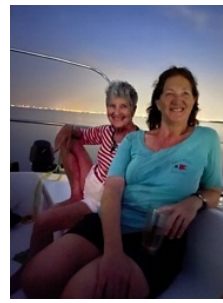


The boat captains chose to either anchor or motor outside of the "DMZ" established by patrolling marine police boats with flashing blue lights. Several members chose to stay on the docks to watch the fireworks. The fireworks were great and the rain held off. In summary,



everyone seemed to have a good time. At least no one called the police on us.

Yes, the place needed to be cleaned-up (a necessary part of every good party.) **Ellen** was joined by **Marc & Eileen Berger** and their neighbors **Adam & Christina** and **Mark Kanuck** disassembled the planks. Thank you for all your help in making another **JULY 4th DOCK PARTY** a huge success.



FREE WINE & CHEESE TOUR of the STUDIO 1212 ART GALLERY

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX- MARILYN MABE +INTERNET

During the rainy season over the summer, since we're not doing much sailing, we've been planning fun activities for SHBC Members and their Guests. We had met our **Tour Guide Colleen Baxter** during the recent SHBC May 19 outing at the Seaside Seabird Sanctuary, in which she was our Carpool Driver.



During that outing **Colleen** informed us of a fun EVENING at the **STUDIO 1212 ART GALLERY**. So, arrangements were made for SHBC Members and Guests to attend on **Dunedin's Second FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021** - from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for a **FREE WINE & CHEESE TOUR of the STUDIO 1212 ART GALLERY**.

Some of us met at 4:30 pm In Safety Harbor's Main St parking lot (that's across the street from the Stuffed Mushroom). We put our Carpool together and departed at 4:45 pm, while others met us at 5:30 pm at the GALLERY.



We were introduced to the **Gallery's President - Sherida**, who also answered everyone's many questions about the various artists and their interpretations. **Colleen** shared with us the **50-year history** of the Gallery and its previous location in Clearwater before moving to Dunedin. The various artists worked in a variety of media: oil, water color, etc. and there were lots of individual artifacts

represented.



Those SHBC Members who attended the Tour were **Brian & Phyllis Garry, Skip & Bob Meadows, Peter Ubillos, Marilyn Mabe, Ellen Henderson** and new Members **Leslie & Tim Sindt**, while our guests were **Kim Young & Scott McClane** (potential New Members), **Jackie Kimball, Jean Pelligrini & Terry Marillo** plus **Marilyn Whelan & Petra Gonzales** (Friendship Force Members) for a total of **16 attendees**. Several of the attendees purchased artwork pieces.



Following the Tour - Several of us enjoyed Dinner at the nearby **Restaurant: Hog Island Fish Camp**, which had excellent seafood, while others wandered along Main St for the optional ambience of Downtown Dunedin's Second Friday activities.

If you missed this fun tour and want to see a variety of artwork visit: **Studio 1212 Art Gallery 234 Monroe Street, Dunedin, FL 34698** Their Website is www.Studio1212.org. No map on the website but put 234 Monroe Street, Dunedin, FL into Google maps to get directions. The Gallery is one short block north of Main & Broadway (Alt. 19) in Downtown Dunedin. Questions: Contact: **Colleen Baxter or Sherida @ (727) 999-1524**.

We also found out that **Brian Garry** went to **art school in Ct**.

Did You Know Tampa Bay Also Has Range Lights?

By Mikey



North Pier Inner and Outer Lights in St. Joseph, Michigan

This pair of lighthouses on [Lake Michigan](#) is known as range lights. Two beacons paired up in this way help indicate to mariners that they are in a safe sailing range when the two beams are in alignment. And that's exactly what the North Pier Inner and Outer Lights did for maritime traffic around St. Joseph from the early 1900s until their decommissioning in 2008. Following this, the iconic structures didn't molder. Instead, a donation fund was established, and the lighthouses were restored to their original glory. Good thing too, as they are among the most picturesque lighthouses on the Great Lakes, whether on a clear day like we see in our image, or draped dramatically in ice and frozen waves come winter.

[St. Joseph North Pier Inner and Outer Lights - Wikipedia](#)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Joseph_North_Pier_Inner_and_Outer_Lights

Sailor Parts at Non-Sailor Sources

By Mikey

As you might remember, I am always trying to alternate-source sailing-useful products. I learned long ago the sailing store prices seem to be about double what they should be. When I find a lower-cost source, I will share it.

This one can be found on Amazon by using the search text below. Look at the incredible tensile rating for what is basically 1/4" line.

Samson Amsteel Blue 7/64" 600' spools, 100' Hanks Coated Blue, Black or Yellow **Dyneema** Fiber 1600lb. Average tensile Strength (600 ft. Spool, Black)

\$130.00 spool, Amazon (that is 26 cents/foot!)

You can also find a plethora of Samson Amsteel lines by Googling "**Samson Amsteel Amazon**".

Foreign Correspondent Jill Lunt in New Zealand

Pix and captions by Jill



01 = US super yacht in Auckland Harbour. July 5th. 2021



02 = One of many large car carriers that visit Auckland NZ., where Jill Lunt has been forced to stay. She is waiting for Manilla in the Philippines to open up during the Pandemic, delaying her arrival at her new waiting condo.



03 = Sharks endless replacement teeth



04 = Model of foil sail boat hull on Sailing Club, Half Moon Bay, near Auckland



05 = (no text)



06 = Shark teeth in restaurant on Waiheke Island New Zealand



07 = Various foils for sail boats used in Americas Cup



08 = Foil on hull for above water sail boats



09 = City of sails Auckland



10 = Car carrier in Auckland Harbour.



And of course, JILLIAN LUNT, World Traveler

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