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Calling All members: we will have a **SHBC**
meeting Wednesday SEPT. 1st 2021



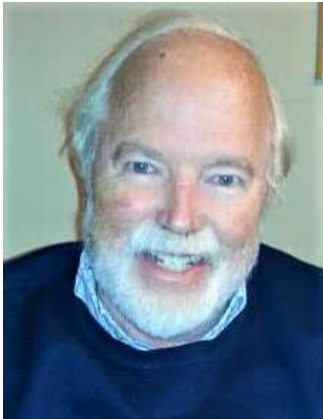
via **ZOOM ONLY**

@ 6:30 pm
our guest speaker will be
John Herrick

He will present:



"Hurricane Katrina "



John Herrick was born in **Bangor, Maine** and in 1972 he move to **Oldsmar, FL** where he took up sailing on a **Hobie 14'** on the North end of **Mobley Bay**.

In 1982 **John** was a live-aboard on a 24' sailboat for a year with no A/C. In 1985 he acquired a **Hunter Legend 45'**, on which he was also a live-aboard until 1997. That year he sailed his "home" to **Cuba** as a cruiser in the **St. Pete** sponsored **Regatta**.

On the non-sailing side of his life, **John** graduated from the **Univ. of Maine** at **Orono**, with a **BS** in **Structural Engineering**.

John volunteers as "**Lighting and Sound**" **Director** at the **Catherine Hickman Theater** in **Gulfport**.

John was our audio/sound engineer with all of his equipment for our **Club's** previous **Change of Watch Party**, **St. Patty's Day Party** and he did it again for our Club's recent **Memorial Day Party**.

John was our previous **Guest Speaker** in **May 2021** and his Topic was: "**Everything You Wanted to Know About Seabirds, But Were Afraid to Ask**". He was subsequently our **Tour Guide/Docent** at the **Seaside Seabird Sanctuary**, where we were able to view the actual **Black Skimmers** nesting on the **Beach** behind the **Seabird Sanctuary**.

RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE AUG. 4th SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY FRED BRAMAN



Captain Frederick Braman, USN (ret) was our Club's Guest Speaker in August, 2021 on the topic of: "**Cruising the Great Northeast (Florida & Georgia)**". **Fred** previously talked to us in Jan., 2021 on the topic of: "Cruising by Mailboat" and in Oct., 2020 on "Cruising from Jacksonville to the Bahamas". **Fred** lives in **Fleming Island, near Jacksonville, 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"**.

Fred's presentation included his vast knowledge of these area and he shared his journey on a great circle to from **Daytona Beach North to Jekyll Island** via the **ICW, Kingsley Plantation, Fernandina Beach, St. Mary's, Kings Bay, Cumberland Island, and Brunswick, Ga.**

While at **Jekyll Island**, **Fred** went to the **Oak Harbor Pub**, N/E off **Sister's Creek**, where you can dock for **FREE** for up to 3 days along the Long Pier. **Jekyll Island** has an **historic district** and there are **Free bicycles** available. The **Kingsley Plantation** was from the late 1800's. The owner had been a big-time land owner. This was along the **Port George River**, which is **not** very busy during the week, but on the weekends is filled with power boats and jet skiers.

Fernandina Beach along the **St. Mary's** is and all-weather entrance. It's 21 miles to the **St. John's River**. Along Florida East Coast ICW, the Red Marks are on the land side (to port as one goes North). There's the **Palace Saloon** and the **Dog Star Tavern**, which were featured in the **1980's Movie "New Adventures of Pippy Longstocking"**.

St. Mary's, Ga is along the **St. Mary's River** with an anchorage and dinghy dock & there's plenty of dock space.

Kings Bay has a **Submarine Museum**, in which the Periscope looks around the town.

Cumberland Island is pristine and there's a **Sea Camp dock** and a **Ranger Station**. There's also the **Dungeness Ruins**, which had been the summer home of **John Carnegie**. There are currently wild horses on the property. **Plum Orchard** is a good anchorage.

At **Brunswick, Ga** there's **FREE BEER**.

The 16 **ZOOM Meeting** attendees included: **Commodore Mark & Ann Kanuck, Vice Commodore/Race Co-Chair John & his Wife Renee Viverito, Treas./ZOOM Mtg. Host Joan Marzi, Sec./Scribe Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Ellen Henderson, Ron Poirson, Dr. Marc & Eileen Berger, Patrick Whelan, Quinton Smith** and guests **Chris Dollin, Kim Young & Scott McClane, Leslie Morgan, and IPhonedog?**.

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:

9-6 Quinton Smith
9-6 Paul Matthews<----
9-9 Joan Marzi
9-9 Jack Youra
9-10 Mike Duffy
9-14 Sal Farina
9-17 Fritzi Strom
9-21 John Viverito
9-23 Mikey Hembrey
9-23 Curt Brandt
9-28 Sharon Kline (Greenhalgh)



Anniversaries:

9-5 Sal & Nancy Farina<----
9-5 Mark & Susanna Lewalski
9-11 Quinton Smith & Sue Olnick
9-15 Ted & Janet O'Brien
9-21 Connie & Paul Pope
9-21 Ron & Brenda Poirson



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: LESLIE + TIM SINDT

by ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX Submitted by LESLIE SINDT



Leslie Sindt found us through our **SHBC WEBSITE**, as they have been **members** at the **Clearwater Community Sailing Center** for a second year now, and wanted to move up to sail on bigger boats.

Leslie is married to **Tim Sindt** and they moved from **CA to FL** in **1994**. **Leslie** was educated to be a **teacher** and enjoyed teaching a **Nutrition and Health Education curriculum** at the **University of FL** through **2014**. In her past, **Leslie** sailed on a **Balboa 20'** around **Southern CA**. Then was an owner of a **new 1978 Pacific Seacraft 25'**. **Leslie** sailed as his **first mate** and eventually made a voyage **across the Pacific from San Francisco to Dana Point, CA** before **spending 23 days** making an **ocean crossing to Hawaii**. From Hawaii, **Leslie** was fortunate enough to get hired to be the **head cook** on the **100-foot Barkentine Schooner, s/v "VARUA"**, and also was the **2nd mate** when they **traded jobs 2 days a week**. **Tim and Leslie** owned an **18-foot Finn** and sailed a bit on the **Monterey Bay**.

They are **both retired** now and are busy looking for activities to add fun to their experience living in **Dunedin, FL**. They are excited about participating with the SHBC and have already joined us for our recent **Free Wine & Cheese Tour of Studio 1212 Art Gallery** in **Dunedin** and have **crewed** in the recent SHBC **July 3rd Sat. Race** aboard **"Starwind"**, owned by **Commodore Mark Kanuck** plus partied with SHBC at our **Annual July 4th Dock Party**.

We look forward to **Leslie and Tim Sindt 's** participation in future **SHBC Cruising and Racing** plus other Club activities.

LONG TIME SHBC MEMBER MIKE MINTZ HAS PASSED AWAY

BY ROSE BIFULCO (MINTZ) & ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES

Mike Mintz passed away Aug 11, 2021. Rosie said that Mike was at **East Lake Manor in Long Island, NY**.

No other information is available at this time.



Mike had been our long-term **Chef** for our annual **SHBC St. Patty's Day Party** at the **SH Marina Pavilion**. A Prep Team (led by **Mike**) cut up many pounds of potatoes, carrots, onions, cabbage and of course Corned Beef and **Mike** always manned the Pots of Food Cooking for several hours while the rest of us were out on the Windy mid-March Race Course. This activity transpired for several years until after one Party, **Mike** had heart problems from spending many hours presiding over the hot vittles. That was the last time SHBC Members prepped this Irish Feast. In subsequent years we hired a Caterer (usually The Stuffed Mushroom) to prepare our annual St. Patty's Day Club Meal.

Mike was moved into East Lake Manor as his condition worsened. We will miss **Mike's** participation at our Club's parties.

Remembering: Patricia Louise Coyle: NOVEMBER 25, 1946 – SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

PIX Submitted by Linda Brandt and Christine Hamacher; ARTICLE by Ellen Henderson & John Viverito

It has been a year since we lost our dear friend **Patricia Coyle**.



As of **September, 18, 2020**, we lost one of our **SHBC members - Patricia Coyle** after her battle with **pancreatic cancer**. For all of us who knew her and her indomitable spirit in the face of great odds and her love of sailing (and sailors), she was a joy to be around.

SHBC Member Patricia Coyle's life was briefly honored at our recent **SHBC MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**. However, many of our **SHBC Members** missed this event, so here's another opportunity to honor **Patricia's life**:



We were contacted by **Lauren Logan** from **Patricia's Church: Unitarian Universalist (UU)**:

Subject: Patricia's Memorial

Thank you so much for agreeing to help with **Patricia's** memorial. Below is an outline for the service to be held **Sunday, September 12 at 2 pm**. It will be **approximately 30 minutes in length**. Plus, we are in the process of also **checking on the availability of technical support to provide Zoom accessibility (for those who can't be there in person)**.

PROGRAM:

Welcome
Meditation (opportunity for everyone to sink into being present there)
Reading
Reflections on Patricia (4 people who have prepared something in advance.)
Music
Closing Words
Invite people to visit the paver placed in the meditation garden honoring Patricia

We would like your help with the following:

1. Speakers. We are looking for a total of 4, each speaking for 3 minutes. Susan Gore, who was in the "Vagina Monologues" with Patricia is one speaker leaving 3 more openings. Please let me know if you'd like to share your memories. If not, perhaps you could contact someone who does.
2. Pictures for projection on the screen above/behind pulpit

2. Suggestions for music
3. Suggestions for readings

I thought for flowers, we could ask people who are interested to contribute Florida friendly plants for the meditation garden. Thoughts?
Again...thanks!

Lauren Logan <llogan565@gmail.com>

"Acquaintance softens prejudices". - The Fox and the Lion

SAVE THE DATE:



**SHBC Monthly Meeting Wednesday
OCTOBER 6th, 2021**



18:30 (6:30PM)

SHBC Member - Jack Youra will be the Moderator for:
“Boating Foibles”

Plan to **Share your Stories** with SHBC. If you have any **Pix**,
email them with Captions to:
johnyoura@yahoo.com

...more details to follow.

WITH PEAK 2021 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON APPROACHING, ARE RECREATIONAL BOATERS PREPARED?

From: **BoatUS News** <CWyngaard@boatus.com>

NEWS From BoatUS

Photo Caption: The storm preparation information from BoatUS was gleaned from nearly four decades of BoatUS Catastrophe Team experience salvaging vessels after hurricanes.

**With Peak 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season Approaching,
Are Recreational Boaters Prepared?**

BoatUS Hurricane Center offers free, effective hurricane prep information

SPRINGFIELD, Va., August 20, 2021 – It was back on May 22 when Tropical Storm Ana became the first named storm of the 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season – and also the seventh consecutive year that a storm formed before the official start of the season. Today, eight named storms later, and with Tropical Storm Henri setting its sights on New England, the peak of the official June 1 to November 30 hurricane season is approaching. Up to 21 named storms are predicted this year, according to [NOAA Climate Prediction Center's midseason report](#), with the potential for 7 to 10 to reach hurricane strength (winds of 74 mph or greater), qualifying this as an “above-average” season.



The nation's largest advocacy, services and safety group, BoatUS, is urging boaters to be ready and is offering free recreational boat-, yacht club-, and marina-preparation information at [BoatUS.com/Hurricanes](https://www.boatus.com/Hurricanes). Also offered is an extensive [library of hurricane-preparation videos](#) and *BoatUS Magazine* articles containing proven tips and techniques amassed from the BoatUS Catastrophe Team's nearly four decades of experience. “How to Find and Fix Potential Breaking Points on Your Boat” and “How Not to Read a Hurricane Map” are just a couple of the helpful short reads available.

More extensive downloadable guides include “BoatUS Magazine Hurricane Preparations” and “Preparing Boats and Marinas for Hurricanes.” The easy-to-download “BoatUS Hurricane Preparation Worksheet” is a great checklist to have while getting a hurricane plan in place. The website also features an Active Storm Tracker, and to help keep boaters up-to-date on the direction and intensity of incoming storms, the [BoatUS App](#) offers text alerts anywhere you go.

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Suggested social media post:

With peak 2021 Atlantic hurricane season approaching, are recreational boaters prepared? The BoatUS Hurricane Center offers free, effective hurricane prep information, worksheets and videos <https://bit.ly/380mKJH> @BoatUS #hurricaneprep #hurricanestrong #beready

About Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS):

Celebrating more than 50 years, BoatUS is the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters with more than 800,000 members. We are the boat owners' voice on Capitol Hill and fight for their rights. We are The Boat Owners Auto Club and help ensure a roadside trailer breakdown doesn't end a boating or fishing trip before it begins. When boats break down on the water, TowBoatUS brings them safely back to the launch ramp or dock, 24/7. BoatUS offers GEICO boat insurance policies that give boat owners affordable, specialized coverage and superior service they need. We help keep boaters safe and our waters clean with assistance from the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. Visit [BoatUS.com](https://www.boatus.com).

Boat Owners Association of The United States

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Read this press release online at: <https://bit.ly/380mKJH>

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Photo Available at: <https://www.boatus.com/news-room/Images/Releases/Ins Peak Hurricane Season Preparation Photo 08 20 21.jpg>

More Rope, I mean Line

By Mikey

I am not sure if I mentioned the KF7P website, but I know I did not mention the large ½” Polyester rope, where a 100’ roll is only 62 cents/foot! This source has a rating of 7050 Lbs breaking strength. This is a good size for dock lines, but I would not use it without a snubber because it does not stretch much.

The website is <https://www.kf7p.com/KF7P/Dacron Rope.html>

This blurb is from their website...

"Double Braided Polyester Rope

The engineered design of all of our rope is to maximize strength while providing excellent flexibility and handling while being resistant to harsh outdoor environments. Our rope serves many applications and has special qualifications for use with antennas (wire or otherwise), tower and mast support, hauling, marine, banners, and signs. Other uses include shade sail support, tarping, and archers' bow string follower line. Also perfect for vertical structures such as scaffolding or tree limb control.

High breaking strength: Our ropes are made in USA mills and have the highest breaking strengths available in comparable diameters than our competitors. Why pay for lower strength when you can get comparable rope that is much stronger?

Polyester vs. Dacron™, what is the difference? Dacron™ is a registered trademark of the DuPont corporation. Dacron™ is also double braided polyester rope (just like ours), but due to the trademarked name, it commands a higher selling price. All of our rope is also double braided polyester.

Laughing at the elements: All our rope is resistant to UV light, mildew, rot, and stretch (unlike nylon which does stretch). It also has a very low coefficient of friction (it is somewhat slippery and can glide over tree limbs, etc. without digging in or sawing through.)"

Sailing Vessel with Ham Radio History Marks 100 Years

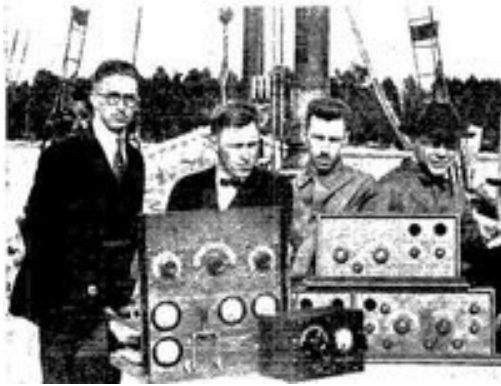
Sourced by Mikey: The ARRL Letter, Aug 19, 2021

The schooner [Bowdoin](#) is a century old this year. Now owned by the Maine Maritime Academy ([MMA](#)) as a training vessel, the ham radio history of the 88-foot (LOA) *Bowdoin* is often neglected. Constructed in Maine specifically for Arctic exploration, the vessel relied on amateur radio for communication during explorer Donald B. MacMillan's Arctic Expedition of 1923 and on the MacMillan-McDonald-Byrd Expedition of 1925 -- thanks in part to ARRL co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW. The venerable vessel, the official vessel of the State of Maine and the [flagship](#) of Maine Maritime Academy's Vessel Operations and Technology Program, recently underwent a complete hull restoration and refitting and has done a little touring to mark its centenary. Its home port is Castine, Maine.



The longwave transmitters MacMillan used on his earlier missions had proved "unable to penetrate the screen of the aurora borealis," ARRL historian Michael Marinaro, WN1M, explained in his article, "Polar Exploration," in the June 2014 issue of *QST*. In 1923, MacMillan turned to ARRL for help in outfitting his next expedition with better wireless gear. Marinaro recounted, "It was enthusiastically provided." Maxim and the ARRL Board recruited Donald H. Mix, 1TS, of Bristol, Connecticut, to accompany the crew as its radio operator.

M.B. West, an ARRL Board member, designed the gear, which was then built by amateurs at his firm, Zenith Electronics. The transmitter operated on the medium-wave bands of 185, 220, and 300 meters, running 100 W to a pair of Western Electric "G" tubes. Earlier exploratory missions had used gear that operated on longwave frequencies. The shipboard station on board the *Bowdoin* was given the call sign WNP -- Wireless North Pole.



"WNP transmitted weekly 500-word press releases and listings of stations worked and heard," Marinaro said. "Once received by amateur stations, these reports were delivered to local affiliated newspapers of the North American Newspaper Alliance; from there, they were distributed syndicate-wide by telegraph."

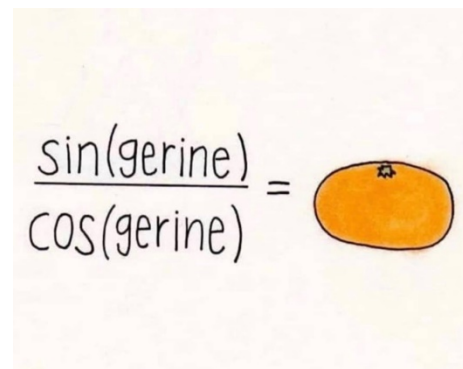
MacMillan's subsequent attempt at the North Pole centered around wireless. The objectives supported by the Navy and the National Geographic Society were to determine the full capabilities of radio north of the auroral belt and to explore the northern reaches by air. The outstanding accomplishment of the 1925 expedition was in the sphere of radio. Utilizing shortwaves, the expedition was in consistent contact with the outside world throughout the journey, to the delight of the amateurs who were able to work them. The phenomenal success proved to the Navy that shortwaves were definitely superior to the longwaves and ultra longwaves that fleets had been using.

How is Your Math?

By Mikey

My son Jason sent me a math quiz that I want to share with everyone. I realize not everyone took Trigonometry in high school or college, but you should be able to solve this with even just a basic knowledge of math and science. Bet you thought your **STEM**** education would never be put to practical use!

The question is: Convert the graphic image to its proper algebraic form:



Answer = _____

** <https://www.snhu.edu/about-us/newsroom/2016/05/what-does-stem-mean-for-you?form=MY01SV&OCID=MY01SV>

NAUTICAL PICTURES BY PAT

Article: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX PAT MAHAN

In July, sixteen of us went to the **FREE WINE & CHEESE TOUR** of the **STUDIO 1212 ART GALLERY** in **Dunedin**. So, in keeping with the Summer heat doldrums, in which we are doing very little sailing, we can dream about our favorite **nautical activity**.

PAT MAHAN has been a **long-time artist in jewelry making** and has also been **producing works of art** by utilizing the **Diamond Art process**. Here are three examples of her talent and interest in all things Nautical. If you like these and want to see more of **Pat's works of Art**, contact her by either email: **Pat Mahan** <gems16@gmail.com> or by **phone** or **text: (727) 946-8627**. **Pat** will also be most happy to give you price quotes on any of her pieces of art or her jewelry.

**TREASURE ON
THE BEACH**



**REFLECTION
AT NIGHT**



**SAILOR'S
AT REST**



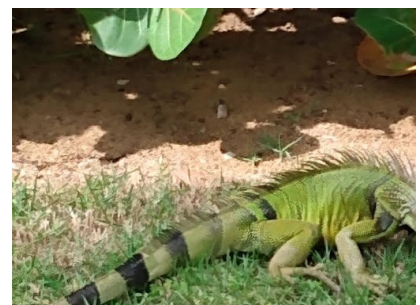
TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

PIX & CAPTIONS: MARILYN WHELAN



Beach in front of our Hotel - the **Wyndham Rio Grande Resort in San Juan Puerto Rico**. Did not see sailboats any time during our visit.

At resort Hotel **Wyndham Rio Grande Resort in San Juan Puerto Rico**. This **Giant Iguana** was very comfortable around people. The resort was **next to the rain forest**. **Marilyn** and her **Daughter Ivy** flew out of **San Juan** just before **Tropical Storm "Fred's"** outer Bands hit the area.



Dockbox Repairs Attempted by Our Leaders

By A. Nonny Moose, Pix by a Stranger



Hi Mikey/Ellen

Here are two pix of John and I re-enforcing our SHBC dock box on Wed of this week. I'll do a little write up and send it in for next month's Sentinel. Mark

Mikey: Mark did not say how SMALL his writeup would be, so it seems what you see is what you get? Anyhow, when I met with John to drop off some ropes (LINES!!!), he told me about the fix.



Somebody apparently wanted the box and did not care about the contents. The lock assembly was not disturbed. They tried to remove the box and caused one corner to separate (the box is made of slotted panels). John and Mark put a cargo strap around it to hold it together. They then bolted corner braces in all 4 corners to reinforce the joints. And that's all I know.

UPCOMING LABOR DAY RACE AND PARTY -

SAT., SEPT. 4th

By ELLEN HENDERSON; Pix: Archives

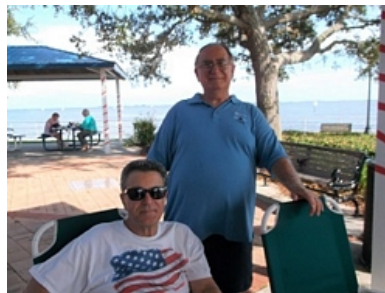
This year were doing something **DIFFERENT** for **Labor Day**. Instead of on **Monday, September the 6th**, SHBC will be **Celebrating** on **SAT., SEPT. 4th**.

So, 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 Bulletin Board @ 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. Members are asked to **bring YOUR own food, water & their favorite libation**. We will be having various **NEW 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. SHBC Commodore **Mark Kanuck** will be our **Party Host**.

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**.

Last year's Party Animals...



“Ava Rose’s” (nee Shibumi) Modifications, Repairs and Maintenance.

By Sal Farina, pix too



On July 15 we took “Shibumi” to Viking Boat Works and She returned home on July 27 to Safety Harbor as “Ava Rose”.



Ava is our 15 yr. old Granddaughter in New York and an award winning Sailor on the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club Junior Team. Rosemary is our 2 yr. old Granddaughter in Tucson and has yet to see an ocean!



Our crew on both voyages consisted of Nancy, me and Linda Brandt, whose seamanship and “local knowledge” was invaluable to our successful voyages. Apart from a scrape (literally – VHF antenna) with the Howard Frankland bridge and a strong current alongside Gandy Blvd., it was a very (thankfully!) uneventful cruise!

While at Viking, the boat was thoroughly washed, and the hull compounded and waxed with the old name removed and the new name applied. The hull was sanded below the waterline to bare gel coat; barrier coated and then treated to three coats of the Petit Trinidad “hard shell” bottom paint. Hopefully, this will frustrate crustaceans for next couple of years!



Additionally, the depth sounder transducer's wooden backing plate was rotted replaced with a fiberglass plate. Since "glass work" was being performed, I had the knot meter removed and the hole glassed over (one less potential intrusion point!). Also, the stuffing box was repacked and the verdigris was removed.

Shibumi was well maintained during her previous ownerships, so she wasn't a "project boat". Nonetheless, she did need a good cleaning and some "sprucing up".

Here are some of the modifications I've made since my ownership (effective January 2021).

The Bimini top was removed, restitched and the bows reconfigured for clearing the boom.

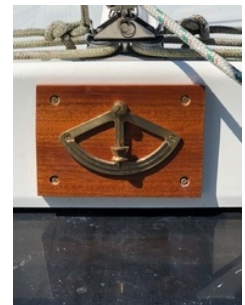
The deck gel coat has a substantial amount of crazing and cracks, so I've begun experimenting with methods and materials to repair them. Once the weather cools down, I'll begin to seriously attack this issue.

Luckily the boat has very little wood to maintain, but I do like the nautical look of some wooden "touches". So, I replaced the "starboard" instrument panel with a varnished mahogany panel and I mounted my inclinometer (from three of my previous boats) onto a mahogany panel and installed it, centerline, on the companionway hatch cover.



A final "touch" for now, was to replace the throttle control knob from a silver skull to a ceramic rose (in keeping with the theme of the name).

I have a list (as does everyone else) of tasks and tweaks, but my primary goal now is to get out there and sail!! I'm looking forward to the cooler weather and many, many hours of sailing and cruising on the Ava Rose.



Lipton Cup Races at Squantum Yacht Club

By Peter Ubillos, with Pix

I had the opportunity to attend the Lipton Cup Regatta held at the Squantum Yacht Club in Quincy, MA on August 7 and 8 this year. Quincy is a large city located just south of Boston. Not far from Dorchester Heights where George Washington's cannons threatened British General Thomas Gage's troops in Boston.

See this link for history of the cup: <https://sdyc.org/liptoncup/history> . The Squantum Yacht club is located on Wallaston Beach on Quincy Bay, MA. See: <https://squantumyc.clubexpress.com/> The club has been around since 1906 with the clubhouse located directly over the water.

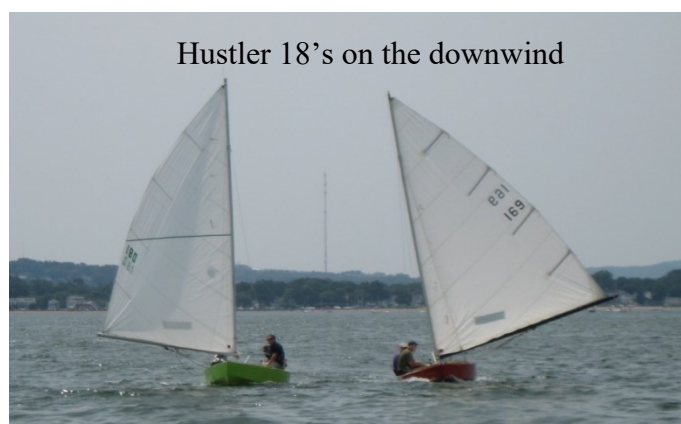
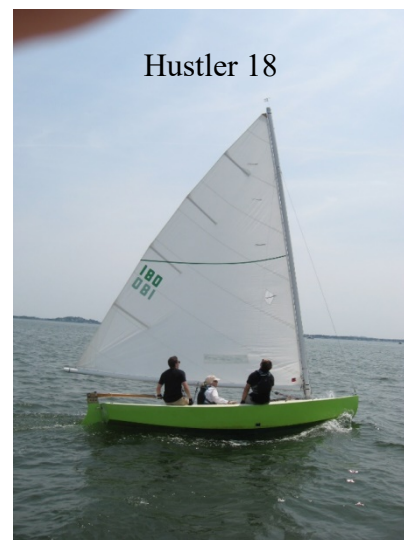


My two grandsons, Will and Owen, usually sail 420's. Unfortunately for this event, Will had to monitor the young Optimist Pram sailors and Owen ran one of the club launches.

The races were run over Saturday and Sunday, as usual. Each day there were three separate race courses set. One for the 420's. Another for the Opti's. And, a third shared by the Thunderbird 26's and Hustler 18 catboats.

More info on the Hustler 18 at: <https://sailboatdata.com/sailboat/hustler-18-massachusetts-bay>
And, the Thunderbird 26 at: <http://thunderbirdsailing.org/about/> Both of these boats are hard chined.

On Saturday, I was stationed on the Committee Boat running the Thunderbird 26 and Hustler 18 races. They only ran a straight windward/leeward race course. Sunday I was on a mark boat chasing the 420's. I was not able to photograph the Opti's since I was too far away. Saturday, the sun finally came out, but Sunday was overcast all day.





Check Your Rankin Bottoms

Pix and Info by Marion Ruuge-Aronson

Marion Ruuge-Aronson has been kayaking at Rankin Bottoms Wildlife Refuge, an area of Douglas Lake in TN, known for bird watching. It is a seasonal remote area that floods in the summer months. The wetland is fed by the Nolichucky and French Broad Rivers just north of Newport. TN.

Nolichucky River copy-paste...

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Fish Bar Harbor and Jordan Pond

Pix and Captions by Marty Bineman

Fish Bar Harbor, 1-7

1. Egg Rock Lighthouse
2. Gull with crab dinner
3. Gull with sushi dinner
4. Lobster fisherman
5. Sailboat in front of fog bank
6. Seals near Egg Rock
7. Tourist boat
8. Lune (Jordan Pond, Acadia National Preserve)



Living the Good Life

Pix and captions by Quinton Smith

Looks like Quinton is on vacation. He sent us some pictures related to one of his hobbies.

01 At Pimlico Stakes horse race in Baltimore, May 2021 with my traveling partner of 12 years, Jay Berg

02 The grandstands at the 2021 Kentucky Derby in Louisville

03 The homestretch at the Kentucky Derby



Weather or Not, Ambient Weather Rules!

By Mikey

I have had a PWS (Personal Weather Station) for a long time. Over the years, one thing or another has given it up. I finally reached the point where I ordered a new station via Amazon. Not a recommendation, but I chose the Ambient Weather WS-2902C Wi-Fi OSPREY model. This was after sending back two Sainlogic WS0310 Pro units.

Being Wi-Fi capable, It was very easy to broadcast my readings to multiple websites. One is the Ambient Weather data servers. Some PWS units require you to send to their server if you want to send to other weather services. For Ambient Weather, each sending process is independent of all the others. The two listed below and the ones I use, but you can even send your data direct to NOAA. I did not because they pull from Wunderground anyhow.

Feel free to bookmark my sites (copy-paste the URL), but the farther you are from my house, the less reliable the readings will be compared to your own location. If that makes you unhappy, buy your own PWS and I will help you install it!

Ambient Weather

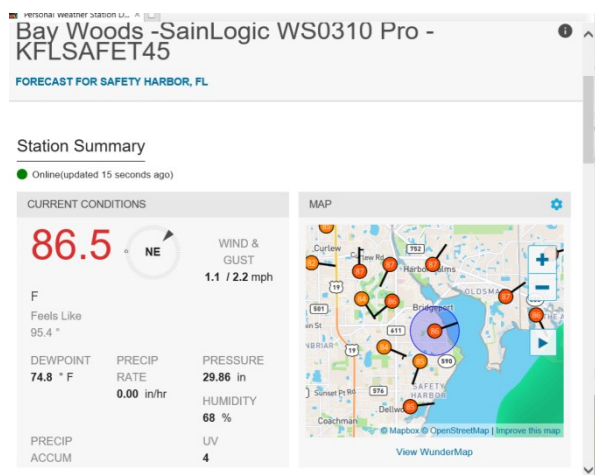
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Wunderground

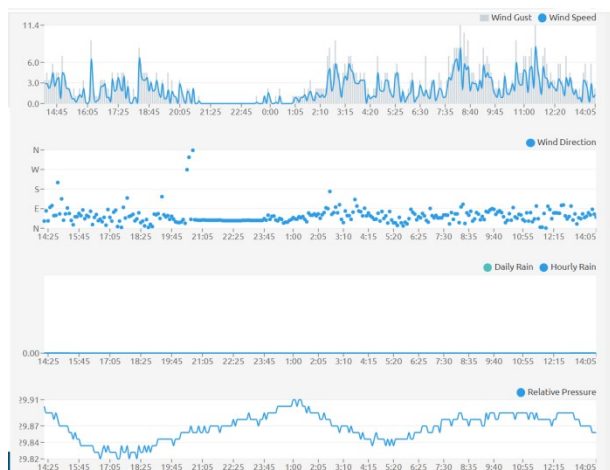
<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KFLSAFET45>

P.S. Both sites show maps with dots all over the place. Each dot is the location of a personal weather station. Ambient Weather shows only their brand of stations.

From Wunderground page



From Ambient Weather page



SAT. 8/7/21 RACE: ANOTHER LOST MARK & LOTS OF CONFUSION

By ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX MARC BERGER, MARK KANUCK, WENDY PIOQUINTO

The eighth SHBC Race of 2021 took place on **Saturday, August 7th**, with the regatta scheduled for a **9:00 am start**. The fleet consisted of **"Empire"** with new owner **Paul Matthews** on the helm and his crew were **Chris Dollin** (who was our **PRO** in place of

Race Chair John Viverito's absence) and **Paul's** friend **Tony**. The **Rogers 22' "Playmate's"** Co-owner **Cam Carlin** had **Linda Brandt** along as crew, as her boat **"Green-Eyed Lady"** was in temporary sick-bay, while **"Starwind"** had owner **Commodore Mark Kanuck** and crew **Quinton Smith** and **Ellen Henderson**.



Before the start, the anchor went missing on the **START/FINISH Line** and one of the Line Marks disappeared. So, the **Race Committee Boat "Empire"** had to replace the mark with a fender tied to another anchor. There was an Incoming Tide, which was at its lowest @ 8:45pm, so it was surging in during the entire race. Because of this predicament, the fleet got a bit of a late start at 9:17 am with **"Empire"** leading the way. **"Playmate"** was 2nd over the start line.



However, with the strong incoming tide, both **"Playmate"** and **"Starwind"** drifted down to Leeward and **"Starwind"** caught the anchor line (we were to leeward of **"Playmate"** and we both were on port tack). Once we untangled, we did our 360-degree penalty turn and **"Starwind"** was off and running. By 9:30 am **"Starwind"** passed **"Playmate"** and tacked onto port after experiencing two headers. We didn't know our headings, as **"Starwind"** doesn't have a compass on board. By 9:44 am the wind started picking up from the E-S/E. At 9:58 am a new wind moved in and **"Empire"** tacked onto Port. By 10:10 am there was another header, so, **"Starwind"**

tacked onto Starboard. For some reason, **"Playmate"** was still hugging the north shore near Oldsmar (watch out for oyster beds in those shallow waters).

By 10:20 am **"Empire"** tacked onto Starboard sailing along the **Courtney Campbell Causeway**.



At this point the wind was 8-10kts from the S/E. By 10:24am **"Empire"** tacked again onto Port and 2 min. later tacked back onto Starboard. By 10:29 am **"Empire"** passed the **1st Mark (White)** to port. Instead of heading N/E toward the Orange Mark, **"Empire"** took a N-N/W heading and set their Spinnaker. We on **"Starwind"** were surprised and a little confused by their tactic, but decided it was to our advantage to carry on toward the N/E Orange Mark once we rounded the **1st Mark (White)** to port at 10:42 am, 13 min. behind **"Empire"**. At 11:14 am **"Starwind"** passed the Orange Mark & the **Race Committee** promptly asked us to pick up the Mark.

What we didn't know aboard **"Starwind"** was that the **Race Committee** had made a VHF Radio announcement (which none of our crew had heard), in which there would only be two legs for this race, despite the fact that the day before three marks were set out. BIG lesson learned today.

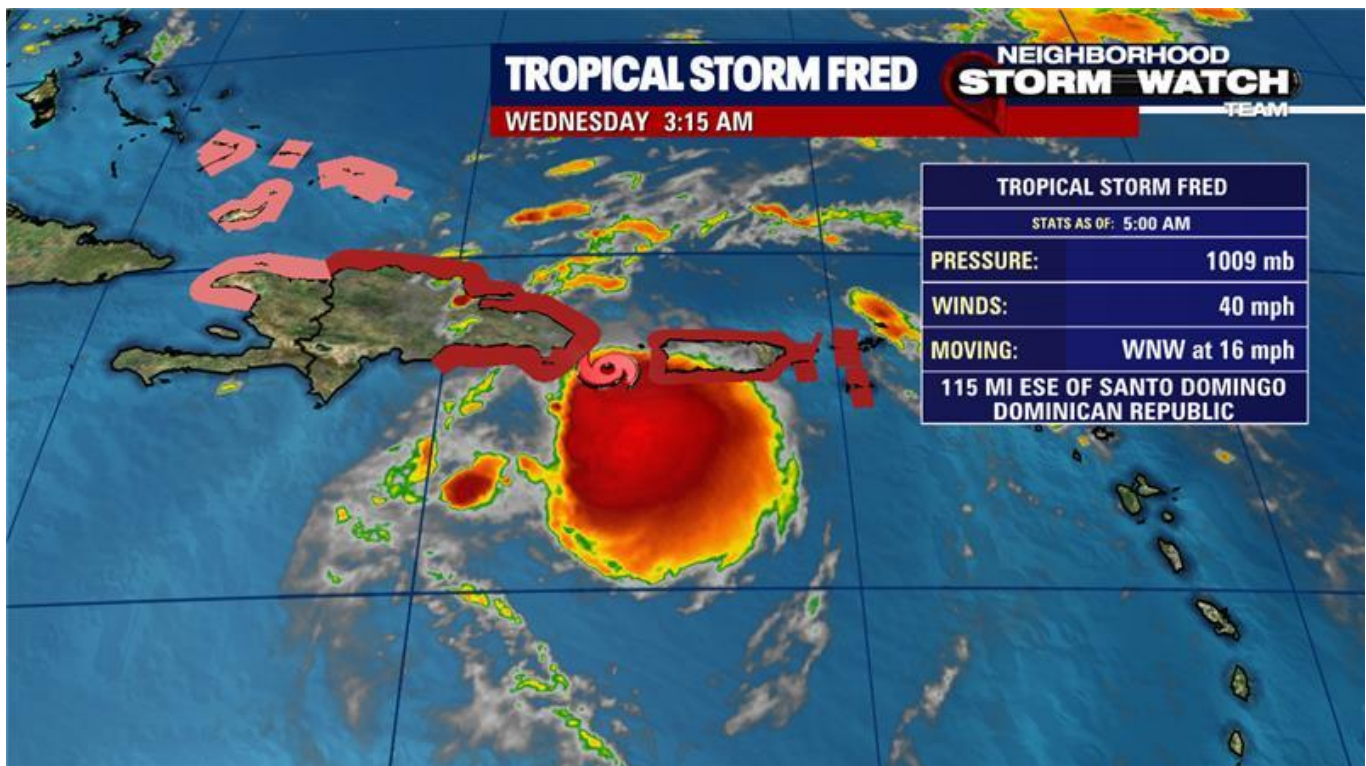
TROPICAL STORM "FRED"

CAPTIONS: JOHN HERRICK + ELLEN HENDERSON;

PIX: JOHN HERRICK

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Marilyn Whelan left Puerto Rico just in time as the outer bands were hitting her vacation spot.



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Tropical Storm "Fred" is moving away from us in Pinellas County.

Our **Commodore** keeps his "other" Sailboat in the **Pensacola** area & his Kids & Grandkids all live there.

Fingers crossed NO Damage.

Monday, August 16, 2021 7:08 AM

We are lucky that **Tropical Storm "Fred"** is out north and west of us, but we have winds and it is overcast.

Due to the waves and no sun, John Herrick will not be kayaking today.

Tropical Storm Fred is moving away from us.

Our Commodore keeps his "other" Sailboat in the Pensacola area & his Kids & Grandkids all live there.

Fingers crossed NO Damage.

HUGS,
ELLEN



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