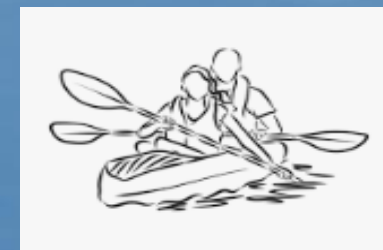




# THE SENTINEL



## Safety Harbor Boat Club Newsletter



# COMMODORES' CORNER...



Greetings Safety Harbor Boat Club Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and got to enjoy quality time with friends and family!

As we wrap up 2025, we want to look forward to 2026 and what that looks like for SHBC.

A big thank you to the officers who are continuing in their positions for 2026. I want to say thank you for putting in the time and effort to keep this club going! I think we have learned it takes all of us to make it work!

The marina is under repair, our boats are scattered around the area, but we need to remember this is a temporary situation and we **WILL BE BACK** on the water soon! In the meantime, we are working on keeping club members engaged with activities such as Duffy Boat outings, planning events such as touring the St. Petersburg Boat show and doing some cruising on Sassy with Captain Ron Carew weather permitting. We are always looking for suggestions that will keep us active and engaged as we go through this transition period.

We have been attending Safety Harbor Third Friday to keep the boat club in front of the public, and I am happy to say we have several new members thanks to the club members who are showing up and promoting the boat club! I really appreciate everyone's efforts to help keep the club growing!

May we continue to have fair seas, winds in our sails and friends on our boats

Kim Brenden-Price, Commodore

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# I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...!

**In case you missed any meetings, here is a recap of the presentations we had -**

**At our September meeting, Fred Biscard shared his experiences “Diving in the Caymans and Bonaire”**

**In October, Cam Carlin presented “Racing Tactics”, teaching us some do’s and don’t’s of racing.**

**For the November meeting, Debbie Lewis shared “The Art of Sailing and Power Boating”, providing us with an exhibit of her artwork.**

**December Ellen Henderson quizzed us on “The ABC’s or Sailing and Powerboating”, checking to see how well we know our nautical terminology.**

**Remember all upcoming guest speakers are announced in the SHBC Monthly Meeting emails!**

# RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



From the Race Committee:

Even though our racing season has been on pause, there's finally some encouraging news on the horizon. The latest updates suggest that the Safety Harbor Marina reconstruction is still on track for completion in December 2026 – and there's even talk that it may wrap up ahead of schedule. We are all eager for the day we can return to our slips and resume racing in our home waters!

The City of Safety Harbor is currently working thru the details of the new rental fees and slip agreements. You can follow the progress and review the discussions on the City Commissions website: [City Commission | Safety Harbor FL - Official Website](#)

I recently made it out onto Old Tampa Bay to check on the race marks we deployed some time ago. The “white” mark has unfortunately gone missing, but the “orange” mark is still in place. It does need some attention – barnacle growth has it riding low in the water, and if we don't tend to it soon, it may end up fully submerged. I would like to assemble a small crew to head out and take care of it before that happens.

Let me know if you are available to assist with cleaning up the mark.

That's all for now, if you have any questions, ideas, or comments please reach out to Safety Harbor Boat Club Race Committee Chair at [shbc4fun@gmail.com](mailto:shbc4fun@gmail.com) (attention Race Committee)

John Viverito

Race Committee Chair

Safety Harbor Boat Club



# MARINA UPDATES



The marina repairs are in process. Thank you to everyone that has sent in updates, pictures or video so we can see the progress being made. We are still looking at a Dec 2026 opening of the marina, but we are hopeful it will be sooner than that!

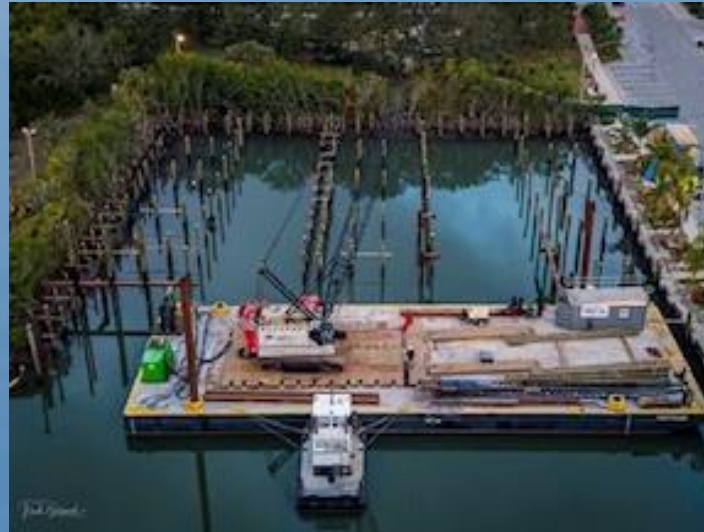
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# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



We have kept a strong presence at Safety Harbor Third Friday on Main Street over the past few months. The weather has mostly cooperated which has helped! A big thank you to members that are helping set up, man the booth and break down at each event! We have moved to a new location on the street – we are now at space 806 which is in front of the public parking area and foot traffic has been great there!!





# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



We brought back the Annual Chili Cook off with 5 entries! Thank you to Linda Maksel for hosting the event at her house.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place to Linda Maksel with the first pot of chili she ever made (kudo's to her son's recipe)!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Marion Ruuge-Aronson with her vegetarian chili!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Ron Carew for his chunky chili!





# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



Thank you to everyone that came and participated in the Safety Harbor Holiday Parade. We had a great turn out to decorate the boat, a new addition to the flotilla with Mikey Hembrey and his special ride!





# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



Here is a blast from the past provided by Richard Greenhalgh! Many of you may recall this event! It was before this editor's time with the club so it was very cool to see how vibrant the club was and hopefully, we can grow back to that again!!

Take a walk down memory lane and revisit the 2009 Bikini Cup hosted by the club!

<https://youtu.be/0evnGXttHKc>

# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



## Art, Wine and Buffet Tour – Studio 1212 Art Gallery

Submitted by Ellen Henderson; Pix Linda Mills

Even though it was short notice, for those with out previous plans, SHBC members and their guests were invited to a free wine and cheese tour of the Studio 1212 Art Gallery in Dunedin. This was the first art show of their season From 1pm-4 pm ten of us viewed the work of local artists while enjoying a light buffet. We attended this event four years ago and also had a wonderful time. At that time, we discovered SBHC Club member Brian Garry had gone to art school and was also an artist. Several of us took home interesting pieces of art. This event was organized by Ellen Henderson.

Ellen Henderson and Marion Rugge-Aronson attended a second time which included the music of Roger Anderson's smooth jazz for entertainment.





# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



## Three O'clock Big Band Concert

Submitted by Ellen Henderson; no pix submitted

The **THREE O'CLOCK BIG BAND**, a large jazz band brought us a wonderful program of Big Band, American Standards and Jazz favorites. The 3 O'clock Big Band usually performs in Dunedin. We enjoyed the Concert of live music, solos and dance styles including swing, ballads, waltzes, polkas and Latin music at the Peace Memorial Church in downtown Clearwater on Sunday, October 12 at 3 p.m.

This 18-piece Big Band is led by Ed Geimer who has led the US Air Force Band and has played in Broadway Shows for over 20 years. We also enjoyed the music of Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, and the sounds of the 1940s.

# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



## An Evening of Nan Colton's Portrayal of Mary Shelley

Submitted by Ellen Henderson

A group of us enjoyed a presentation at the Safety Harbor Library and learned a lot about the life of charismatic Mary Shelley, who is known as the mother of science fiction. Those attending were Karen Brubb, Catherine & John Connover, Ellen Henderson and Teresa Farr-Klinger





# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



## Seaside Seabird Sanctuary Tour

Submitted by Ellen Henderson; Pix by Marion Rugge-Aronson and Teresa Klinger

**A group explored the Seaside Bird Sanctuary. In attendance were Mikey Hembry, Linda Maksel, Docent John Herrick, Marion Rugge-Arronson, Ellen Henderson. Not pictured are Linda and Randy Mills.**

**Unfortunately, pictures of the birds were unable to be copied for the newsletter as submitted.**



# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



## Art of Sailing and Powerboating

Submitted by Ellen Henderson; Pix from Debbie Lewis Watercolors website

**Debbie Lweis is a watercolor artist and dog lover with a firm belief that every home should make you smile the moment you walk in! Debbie has been called the second Grandma Moses because her art has taken off in her mid 70's.**

**For Debbie, there is nothing more rewarding than seeing the joy on someones face when they hang a painting of a Florida scene, such as sailboats or powerboats that brings back nostalgic memories.**

**Below are few examples of Debbie's work with coastal scenes from Florida. In addition to Florida, she has scenery California and Australia to whimsical umbrella lined streets that spark conversation.**





# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



**Members of the Safety Harbor Boat club enjoyed a cappella holiday concert by the Bay chorus held at the Safety Harbor Library.**

Submitted by Marion Ruuge-Aronson





# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!

We wrapped up the year with our annual Duffy Boat ride. Again, this year, we had two boats on the water, with members bringing sharable snacks, taking turns on the helm, enjoying a nice temperate, calm evening viewing holiday lights along the Hillsborough River.

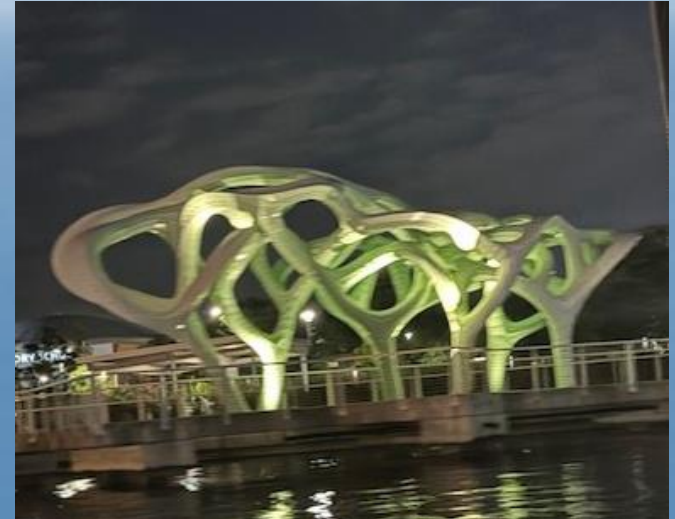




# CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



Holiday lights continued...



# FROM THE EDITOR...



We have reached the end of the year, and while we have had some disruption to our normal club routines and have had to make a few adjustments, we carry on!

Remember, the newsletter is now published quarterly. Publication dates will be in time for meetings in March, June, September and December for 2026 and will be attached to the meeting notices for that month. Please submit any articles by the 24<sup>th</sup> of the publication month. Please feel free to send in any article at any time during the quarter as long as it is submitted before the publishing deadline.

Since are land locked for now, I would like to submissions of you doing fun and interesting adventures/events, your travels or relevant boating articles that tie into the club. All articles can be submitted in a word document, it does not have to be long, a brief description of the even with pictures makes a great article!

As always, please feel free to send in any constructive feed back or suggestions you may have to improve the newsletter.

Please send articles for the newsletter to [kbpshbc@gmail.com](mailto:kbpshbc@gmail.com).

Thank you!

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