



THE SENTINEL



Safety Harbor Boat Club Newsletter



COMMODORES' CORNER...



The Safety Harbor Boat Club participated in the Safety Harbor 3rd Friday in May for the first time in our almost 25 years of existence!

We found recently that our club is a well-kept secret in the community and felt that this could be a good way to spread the word and promote community awareness of who we are.

This project was a collective effort. Our Treasurer, Linda Brandt, set us up with the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Our Vice Commadore, Ron Carew supplied everything needed to set up our tent, including box fans and lights! Our Scribe, Kim Brenden-Price, created a professional power point about the club that we will share at the next meeting for all to see. Thank you to Club Member Sandra Velasco for providing a tent for us to use!

Linda Maskel, our Membership Chair, Ron and I manned the tent and spoke to a lot of people, handed out applications and invited people to join us at our meetings.

We look forward to reaching out to our community again on 3rd Friday in the fall when the weather cools once again.

I wish you fair winds and following seas,

Joan Marzi, Commadore

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I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...!



We have had very engaging speakers at our meetings over the past quarter with a lot of great information for us. Here is a summary of the presentations in case you missed them.

We did not have a formal meeting in March.

In April we learned about flying drones from former firefighter John Yankouris. John flies drones over local areas, capturing images of our beaches and waterways.



Our speaker in May, Steven Henkind talked about his 13 years on coast guard training ship "Eagle" as a navigator.



For the June meeting we met Susanna Lewalski, an avid traveler, who shared her "Iceland Adventure" while chasing her lifelong dream to see the Northern Lights.



CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



In March we held our annual St Patrick's Day Celebration and the rescheduled Change of Watch at Maggie's Café. Maggie wowed us again this year with her corned beef and cabbage meal!



Club members enjoyed a beautiful April day out at Fort DeSoto. Marc Berger and Brian Garry got some kayaking in while Ellen Henderson and Phyllis Garry toured the fort. The group then hiked the fishing pier and wrapped up the day taking a tour by auto of local beaches, landings and Egmont Ferry Pier and Marc was able to fly his kite. Unfortunately, no pics were submitted for this event.

MORE CLUB ADVENTURES...!!



Fun times in March for SHBC Mates Joan, Kim, Linda Maskel, Brian and Phyllis, Marion, Nancy and her daughter Joi on the Hillsboro River in Tampa. All enjoyed beautiful weather, scenery along the river and the fun hop on / hop off stops of the Pirate Taxi! We enjoyed lunch at Steelback Steakhouse at Armature Works, drinks at Malones, and dinner at Malones before heading back to port!



In May, SHBC participated in its first Safety Harbor 3rd Friday celebration. We set up a booth to interact with the crowd and promote our club, letting the community know what we do and why we do it. Thank you to Commodore Joan Marzi, Vice Commodore Ron Carew and Membership Chair Linda Maskel for manning the booth, Linda Brandt for doing the leg work for us to be able to have a booth for 3rd Friday, and Kim Brenden-Price for creating the power point for us to run as a loop for people to watch.



MORE CLUB ADVENTURES...!!



Marc Berger organized a day of kayaking in May. Four adventurous souls went on a 3-hour paddle from Crystal River Beach in Palm Harbor out 2 miles to the fourth spoil island that is north of Dunedin Cause Way in St. Josephs Sound between Honeymoon Island and Crystal River Beach.



MORE CLUB ADVENTURES...!!



Memorial Day started with a boat race and ended with full bellies, games of Corn hole and Jenga, singing and dancing. Sending out a huge THANK YOU to Commodore Joan Marzi, Vice Commodore Ron Carew and Membership Committee Chair Linda Maksel for hosting another fun event and to all that participated in the boat race.



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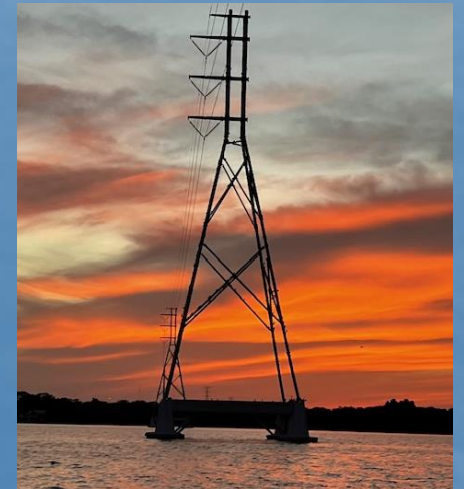
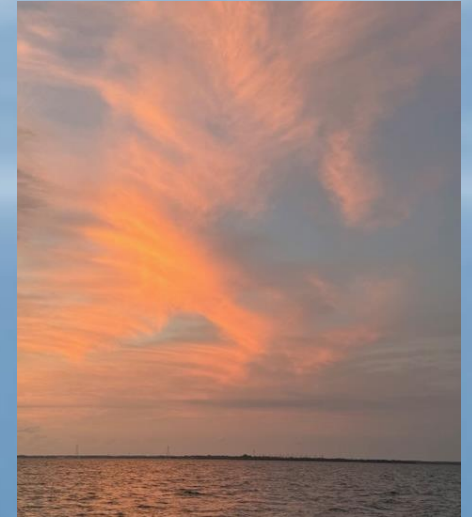


More Memorial Day! Let the Games begin...Jenga teams organized, held a pregame meeting, developed strategy and kept a running banter for each turn!



LET'S CRUISE...!!

Captain Ron Carew offered sunset cruises in March and May on Sassy, his pontoon boat for us to enjoy! Including a let's shake off the week impromptu sunset cruise that included picking up the temporary white mark after the Wednesday race



The Captain's Cruises are a very popular event, so make sure to sign up when a cruise is announced during a meeting or RSVP when announced by email. The cruises are first come first served and those in attendance at meetings will get to sign up first.



RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...

So far this year we have had 5 races. The wind has been great but sometimes a bit too much, which is a very unusual occurrence for Old Tampa Bay off the shore of Safety Harbor.

The current 2024 standings are:

- **First Place: Wanderlust**
- **Second Place: Prana**
- **Third Place: Tied between Pegasus and Laser**
- **Fourth Place: Starwind**
- **Fifth Place: Green Eyed Lady**

This Saturday May 4th race was canceled due to mechanical problems. That day the committed boat retrieved the “white” marker which was sinking due to heavy marine growth. But don’t despair! The club has purchased and received new inflatable markers which will be much more visible for the boats when rounding the marks.



RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



The Safety Harbor Boat Club has been hosting sailboat races since the club began about 22 years ago! We have always had regularly scheduled races and special event races and that tradition continues. We are competitive, and yet friendly. Our goals are to always have fun on the water and to become better and safer boaters.

For planning purposes, races are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month usually ending around sunset and on the 1st Saturday of the month usually in the morning. Starting times for the races are determined by weather, sunset, tides and the availability of the boat owners.

We always want more participants. This is a fun event! All Safety Harbor Boat Club members can participate as race boats, committee boats, chase boats, race crew and spectators. Everyone can come out and enjoy some time on the water. Watch your email for announcements, updates and information about race times, instructions and crewing opportunities.

The next Wednesday races are on June 12th and 26th. The next Saturday races are June 1st and July 6th.

Our upcoming special race event is:

Labor Day, Monday September 2nd 2024. The Labor Day race is the Annual Frank Fitzhenry Race in honor of our first Commodore.

RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



The 2023 Race Series awards were presented on March 6, 2024, at Maggie's Café and Smoothies, 500 Main St, Safety Harbor.

To recap -the winning sail boats and skippers are:

First place: Wanderlust – Roof Douglas with Cam accepting the award

Second place tie: Green Eyed Lady – Linda Brandy and Prana – Paul Mathews

Third place: Starwind – Mark Kanuck



For questions or comments please reach out to the Safety Harbor Boat Club Race Committee at:

shbc4fun@gmail.com (Attention Race Committee)

John Viverito, Race Committee Chair



TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR...

Our members love to travel and participate in local events! Here are a few highlights from recent activities! Thank you to all that have shared their adventures for the newsletter, keep them coming!!

In April Linda Maksel flew to Sacramento California, explored and then drove to San Francisco to explore Fisherman's Warf and across the Golden Gate Bridge to drive up Muir Woods to hike through the historic redwoods.



TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR...



Vice Commodore Ron Carew took a road trip to visit points of interest and memorial sites, starting with the 1st battle War of 1812 at Ft Mackinac, stopping in Youngstown Ohio on the way to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pa ,then on to Ft McHenry where the fort is much the same as it was in 1814. This was the location of the last battle of the war of 1812. The daily raising of the flag each morning is impressive. Three different sizes of flag are used depending on the wind, with the largest being 30x40 ft . Additionally there were stops at the Arlington Cemetery, the Canadian side of Niagara falls and the larges Christmas store in the USA located in and old Bavarian village. A stop in the Upper Peninsula of MI to stay with a buddy who he does mission trips to Alaska with. The bridge to UP is similar to the Skyway in that it connects two pieces of land to make travel easier. When going to Mackinac we had the ferry ride to Mackinac Island to ourselves. Mackinac island has a million visitors in the summer and the season had not started yet! Also, there have been no cars allowed on the island since 1912. There are over 500 workhorses (Belgian and Percheron)that deliver all supplies and for doing trash collection. Here are a few moments from his travels!

Mackinac Island



TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR...



More from Ron's travels!

Fort McHenry



Niagara Falls – Canadian side



Flight 93 Memorial





TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR...

Marion Rugge-Aronson enjoyed a trip to Austin, Texas, which she describes as a “weird and wonderful city”. Marion and friends got to go “honky tonking”, explore waterfalls, visit the LBJ Library, enjoy entertainment with Esther’s Follies and bands that were set up at attractions and restaurants. While there were wildflowers everywhere, Marion said they really enjoyed the Wildflower Research Center where so many different flowers are raised. While there they also got to take a scenic boat tour through downtown Austin on Lady Bird Lake. The lake is named after the former first lady for her work in beautifying the shoreline.



TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR...



Jack Youra and Linda Mills enjoyed a day at the 2024 Lakeland Linder Sun & Fun Airshow.





TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR...

Marielle Skille had a Andes Mountain Adventure where she spent time in a high energy vortex of a crystal city under where she was, time in Cusco, and visiting Cinchero which is a small city located along ley lines. One of the local myths says that Cinchero is the birthplace of the rainbow (Kuichy)



SHBC AT THE ST PETE SAXOPHONE QUARTET CONCERT



SUBMITTED BY ELLEN HENDERSON

On Thursday, May 9th a number of SHBC Members and guests enjoyed the musical stylings of the St. Pete Saxophone Quartet performing at Safety Harbor's John Wilson Park Gazebo on main street.

The concert organized by the Safety Harbor Library as a fund raiser for the new construction at the library.

The band handed out song sheets for people to participate in sing a long's to old favorites such as "Hello Dolly"

In attendance were Commodore Joan Marzi, Membership Chair Linda Maksel, Guest Speaker Coordinator Ellen Henderson and Judith Overcash. John and Renee Viverito who thoroughly enjoyed the concert! The concert was enjoyed by all!



NEW\$ FROM THE TREASURER ...



Now that it is March, everyone should have paid annual dues. If you have not already done so, please send payment to the club ASAP. We don't want any one on the Delinquent list!!

As we have new members, I have requested a quote from the Image Depot, a company who personalizes polos and t-shirts for the club. You will see current members wearing the shirts at meetings and club events.

The polos come in sizes for men and women and the cost is \$31.29 each. If we get 6 or more orders, the cost goes down to \$27.39 each. The polos come in white, royal blue, kelly green, and pink. The sizes are small, medium, large and extra large. Please add an additional \$2.00 for 2x, \$3.00 for 3x, \$4.00 for 4x, and \$6.00 for 5x.

T-shirts are white and come in either long-sleeve or short-sleeve. They are 13.19 each, but we do need a minimum of 36 shirts ordered. It has been difficult to meet that minimum in the past, so it has been a while since we ordered any.

If you would like to order a polo or a t-shirt, we will pass around a sheet at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the next meeting, please send a detailed email to the club at shbc4fun@gmail.com to place an order.

Linda Brandt

shbc4fun@gmail.com

SENDING A WARM WELCOME...!!



Please send a warm welcome to our newest members and to a few returning members. Keep a welcoming eye out for them at our meetings and events!

Our membership is growing, and we are always looking for ways to gain more participation in the boat club. Please reach out to those you know or boat with that may be interested in joining the club

Dennis and Dianne Quinn join us from Tarpon Springs where they currently live. Dennis and Dianne are both originally from Virginia. While living in Virginia, they were members of the Hampton Yacht Club where they spent time day sailing their Pearson 26 on the Hampton Roads Harbor and the Lower Chesapeake Bay waters. Dennis also participated in racing and crewing with friends. After moving to Florida, they joined the Clearwater Community Sailing Center for a year and now have found their way to SHBC to continue enjoying time on the water and participating in club events!

SENDING A WARM WELCOME...!!



Thomas and Annette Connors are also joining us from Tarpon Springs where they currently live. They also previously lived in Virginia, and owned a Pearson 26 for 15 years. They were members of the Langley Yacht Club and the Cruising Club of Virginia where Thomas was Commodore. Thomas was also involved many years with the yacht club race committee. Thomas has a background in logistics and please thank him for his 22 years of service in the Air Force!



In addition to new members, this month we are happy to announce that we have returning members! Please welcome Laura Wilson back to the club!

We are excited to see our membership is growing, and we are always looking for ways to gain more participation in the boat club. Please reach out to those you know or boat with that may be interested in joining the club

FROM THE EDITOR...



I hope you enjoyed the our 2nd quarter edition of the SHBC Sentinel!

Please note that member Nancy Peterson has requested a correction to be printed for information that was submitted erroneously in her bio in the last newsletter. In the it was stated that Nancy graduated from multiple universities when she attended multiple universities but was not a graduate of them.

As previously announced, the newsletter is now published quarterly. Publication dates will be in time for meetings in March, June, September and December for 2024 and will be attached to the meeting notices for that month as we have done in the past. Articles need to be submitted by the 24th 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.

Submit any article in a word document, it does not have to be long, a few words with some pictures makes a great article too! Please do not reference any archived material to find pictures or articles to carry forward. We are looking for new and exciting articles for the newsletter!

Please feel free to send in any constructive feed back or suggestions you may have to improve the newsletter.

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Thank you!

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