



THE SENTINEL



Safety Harbor Boat Club Newsletter



COMMODORES' CORNER...



Ahoy Safety Harbor Boat Club Members,

I hope you had a wonderful summer! I wanted to send out some information on upcoming club happenings.

Changes:

It seems a lot of our members are not back from their summer vacations, so the Seafood Boil has been rescheduled for Oct 12th. The cooler air will be with us and the peak of hurricane season will be past.. A perfect time to meet at the Safety Harbor Marina Pavilion for a fabulous meal and club comradery.

Updates:

We hope to participate again this fall with Safety Harbor 3rd Friday. Members are welcome to participate and to visit our tent. It's a fun night and an opportunity for us to speak to others about SHBC.

A Blessing of the Fleet is being planned and will be given by club member Pastor Douglas Poole, from Cypress Meadows Church. A cookout will be provided by the Safety Harbor Officers. More information to follow!

Christmas Lights by Duffy Boat adventure is in the planning stages. We will enjoy the holiday lights while cruising on the Hillsborough River.

Fair winds and following seas,

Joan Marzi, Commodore

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I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...!



In June, our guest speaker was Susana Lewinski giving us a presentation on her recent “Iceland Adventure. She and her daughter love to travel and explore new areas.



Our speakers will start again now that we are back from our summer break. Look for any speakers you might miss in the December issue of the newsletter.

CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



We have been on summer break, so no club events to report at this time. As usual, our members have been busy through the summer with travel and adventures. Thank you to those that submitted articles of their summer fun!

Marion Ruuge-Aronson enjoyed experiencing the magic of Watch Hill, Rhode Island again on a recent trip north to visit family and friends. Watch Hill is an affluent coastal neighborhood nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Little Narragansett Bay. This exclusive summer resort with its Victorian style cottages along the peninsula is the most sudden point of Rhode Island. Taylor Swift's house, the white fortress on the beach is protected by huge boulders. The flying horse carousel is the oldest in the country.



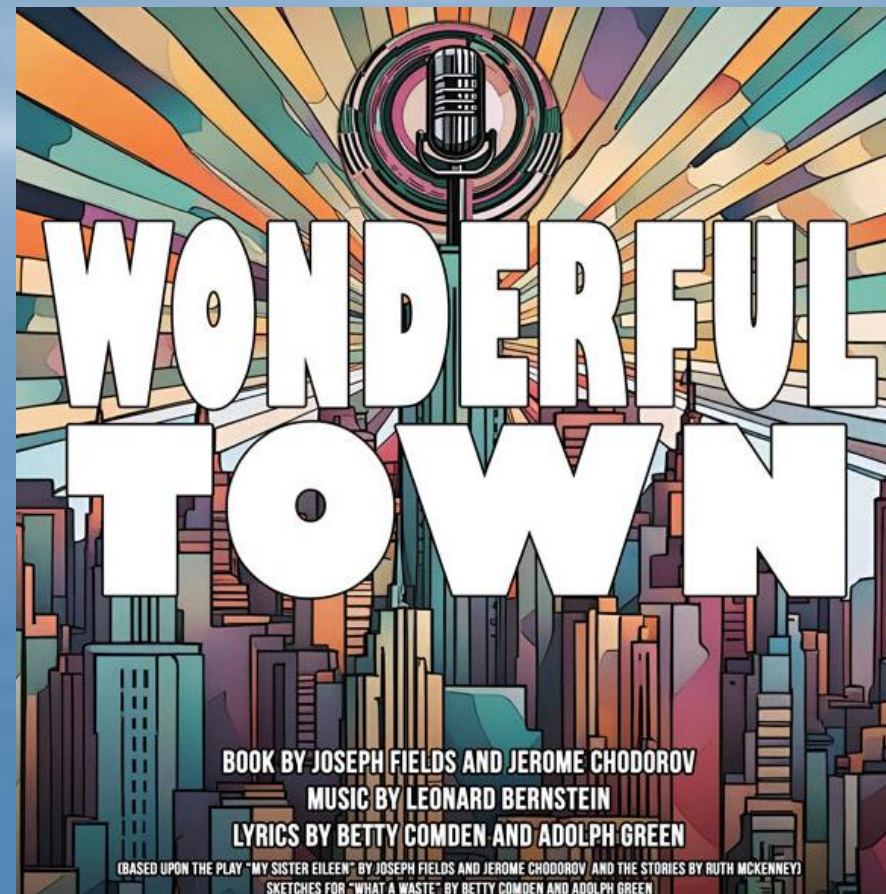
MORE ADVENTURES...!!



Summer Fun – The Play “Wonderful Town

Submitted by Ellen Henderson

A total of 11 of our club members attended the play “Wonderful Town” which is based on the Broadway play and movie “My Sister Eileen”. The play was held at the new Arts Auditorium Theater on the Clearwater Campus of St. Petersburg College. The singing was great and the choreography was sharp and included a huge cast of actors, with some having multiple parts. Everyone had a fun time.



MORE ADVENTURES...!!



Strawberry Moon

Submitted by Ellen Henderson.

In case you missed it, June's full Strawberry Moon was the lowest full moon of 2024. It's great to live so close to the Gulf of Mexico that we were able to see this spectacular moon. The Strawberry Moon was at its fullest on Friday, June 21st, one day after the Summer Solstice and shone in the Constellation Sagittarius. The moon also appeared bright and full on June 20 and June 22.



MORE ADVENTURES...!!

Road Trip!

Members Joan Marzi, Linda Maksel and Kim Brenden-Price went exploring to check out Palm Island, take a ferry over to the Rum Bay restaurant on the island for lunch and then make the trip home hopping key to key exploring different areas along the way and ending up at Ana Marie Island for dinner and sunset. Overall, we traveled over 200 miles that day and counted at least 7 different areas that we explored.



MORE ADVENTURES...!!



Flying Water Taxi

Submitted by: Ellen Henderson

This is a compact electric boat called “The Bubbles”. The Bubble is lifted on two foils, so it functions exactly like an airplane. When the speed is taken the water resistance allows the boat to lift. There is zero noise, and now wake created. Maybe we shall see some in our area soon!



MORE ADVENTURES...!!



Tropical Storm Debbie blew through the area causing Tropical Storm Warnings and Watches to be issued, causing flooding and damage in the area. Here are some pics of the area as the storm moved through. With flooding the landscaping at the Marina was washed away, some lost dock lines and fenders, and some local private docks were destroyed.

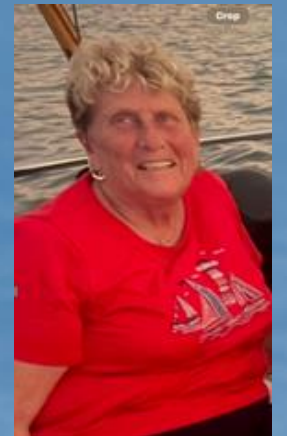


MORE ADVENTURES...!!



July 4th on the Water!

Several club members gathered on Starwind to spend the day at the marina listening to music, playing card games, and crowd watching before setting out onto the bay to enjoy the spectacular fireworks show and music from the water. Thank you Joan and Linda for braving the heat during the day and Mark and Ann for joining us later and helping get out on the water to view fireworks on Starwind. I hope to turn this into an annual event!



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 encourage participation from our member. 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 September 11th and 26th , then October 9th and 23rd . The next Saturday races are September 7th , October 5th , (same day as Safety Harbor Beer Fest) and then November 2nd (same day as the Safety Harbor Wine Festival)

The first Saturday of December is the Safety Harbor Holiday Parade, the SHBC has participated with a float and members always have great fun participating in the parade.

RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



Some pictures from one of our recent races.



RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



The current 2024 standings are:

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

For questions or comments please reach out to the Safety Harbor Boat Club Race Committee at shbc4fun@gmail.com and put Attention Race Committee in your subject line.



SENDING A WARM WELCOME...!!

Please send a warm welcome to our newest members and to 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

Let's welcome previous member Tim Hutchinson back to the club. He is now one of the new owners of Mystic and will be participating in club races and events.

FROM THE EDITOR...



I hope you enjoyed the our 3rd quarter edition of the SHBC Sentinel!

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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