



THE SENTINEL



Safety Harbor Boat Club Newsletter



COMMODORES' CORNER...



Ahoy Safety Harbor Boat Club Members,

This is my last message as an Officer. This is my 2nd time as Commodore, totaling 4 years. I have also had the pleasure to serve as Scribe and Treasurer.

You may remember that after the pandemic, there was a time when it was difficult to bring people together. There was a consensus of most of the Officers to close the Safety Harbor Boat Club. I felt we should try again. With the help of a great team of Officers, in 2022, we started the process of revitalizing the SHBC.

Two years later, I feel the revitalization process is nearly completed and believe SHBC will continue towards this goal with the incoming 2025 Officers.

There will be some constraints in the near future because of the reconstruction work that will be done at the Safety Harbor Marina. With those constraints in mind, I plan on continuing to serve by setting up Captain's Cruises and Day Cruises for our Safety Harbor Boat Club when possible.

I wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Joan

Joan Marzi, Nearly Past Commodore

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SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2025



Submitted by Ellen Henderson (edited)

Following the SHBC bylaws, we will have elections at the December Club Meeting. Here is the Slate of Officers for 2025:

Commodore: Kim Brenden-Price

Kim joined SHBC Dec 2022, initially as a member, then assisting co-scribes Marion Ruuge-Aronson and Linda Maksel and then becoming primary Scribe in 2023. Kim was the driving force behind the Seafood Boil Party Sept 2023, she is an active kayaker and participates in Marc Berger's Kayak Adventures and is a became a member of the Race Committee in Dec 2022 helping to organize and encourage race participation. Kim became Editor of the SHBC Newsletter in March of 2024



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Vice-Commodore: Ron Carew

Ron attended our Club's Feb. 2022 Monthly Meeting and was introduced to the Safety Harbor Boat Club by receiving an email letter from our former SHBC Officer Mark Kanuck, who is the Commodore Emeritus. Ron joined SHBC in March 2022. In May 2023 Ron was the Co-Chair of our annual SHBC Memorial Day Party. During 2023 Ron was Co-Vice Commodore along with John Viverito & Ron Poirson assisting him. In 2024 Ron took up the reins as solo Vice Commodore. Ron also hosted Sunset Cruises for SHBC on his Pontoon boat "Sassy".



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Treasurer: Linda Maksel

While growing up in New York on Jamaica Bay, Linda Maksel's grandparents lived on the water and had a boat. Linda spent a lot of time there and loved the water doing a lot of fishing and crabbing.

Linda attended our Club's Annual Change of Watch Party in 2022, where she was introduced to the Safety Harbor Boat Club by Marion Ruuge-Aronson and subsequently joined SHBC.

Linda looked forward to participating in upcoming SHBC Sailboat Cruises, Kayak Trips and future Party Events. During early 2023 Linda was the SHBC co-Scribe with Marion Ruuge-Aronson and Linda became the primary scribe during 2023. In 2024 she added Membership Chair to her duties.



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Scribe: Mark Lewalski

Mark Lewalski has been sailing on and off for about 25 years. As a young teenager living in Turkey, he participated in a tough Sunfish summer camp. He got back into sailing by crewing on his boss' 48-foot Morgan ketch which eventually led him and his wife to purchase a 1996 Catalina 250 water ballast sloop. He sometimes crews on other people's boats and likes the change of setups and sailing styles. Mark has been a Safety Harbor Boat Club member for most of the 25 years he has lived here. In addition to Club Scribe, Mark will also be assisting the club as the new Education Chair.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE !



Many thanks to our 2024 Officers for a job well done !

Commodore: Joan Marzi

Vice Commodore: Ron Carew

Scribe: Kim Brenden-Price

Treasurer: Linda Brandt / Interim Linda Maksel

Thank you to our Third Friday Street Celebration contributors:

Tent provided by Sandra Velasco

Club power point by Kim Brenden-Price

SHBC Flyer created by Mark Lewalski and Kim Brenden-Price

Event lighting and music provided by Ron Carew

Thank you to other committee heads:

Membership Chair: Linda Maksel

Newsletter Editor: Mikey Hembrey / Kim Brenden-Price

Webmaster: Mikey Hembrey

Race Committee Chair: John Vivirito

Guest Speaker Recruiter: Ellen Henderson

Cruising Chair: Brian Garry

Kayak Trips: Marc Berger

Club Merchandise: Linda Brandt

Party Hosts: Joan Marzi, Ron Carew, Linda Maksel

Party Sound System/Music Curator/Dance Organizer: Ellen Henderson

Party Grill Master: Ron Carew

Party Games: Joan Marzi

NEW\$ FROM THE TREA\$\$URER ...



Reminder that we are collecting 2025 Safety Harbor Boat Club annual dues in December. Please pay dues by mailing in a check to the club at 690 Main Street #62, Safety Harbor FL 34695 or by sending payment electronically through Zelle using the club email shbc4fun@gmail.com. The deadline to have annual dues paid is 12/31/24

Annual dues remain the same this year at \$30.00 per family/boat.

Thank you,

Linda Maskel

Treasurer (Interim)

shbc4fun@gmail.com

RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



From the Race Committee:

The Safety Harbor Boat Club has been hosting sailboat races since the boat club began about 22 years ago! We have always had regularly schedule races and special event races that have been competitive, and yet friendly. But not now..!

Unfortunately, damage to the Safety Harbor Marina and unsafe conditions in Old Tampa Bay due to Tropical Storm Debbie, and Hurricanes Helene and Milton, our races are on hold. As of now, there is not a projection for the start of completion of the rebuilding of the Safety Harbor Marina. I will keep you posted as I learn more.



RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...



2024 YTD Race Standings are:

- **1st Place: Wanderlust, Skipper, Roof Douglas**
- **2nd Place: Laser- Skipper, Peter Doyle**
- **3rd Place Tie: Pranna, Skipper Paul Matthews and Pegasus, Skipper John Viverito**
- **4th Place: Starwind, Skipper, Kim Brenden-Price**
- **5th Place: Mystic, Skipper, Tim Hutchinson**
- **6th Place: Tie: Green Eyed Lady, Skipper Linda Brandt and Wild Irish Rose, Skipper Brian Garry**

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.

John Viverito

Race Committee Chair



I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...!



In September, our guest speaker was Ellen Henderson with a presentation on “Skiing Tuckerman’s Mountain, NH

In October, our guest speaker was Neal Harvey with a presentation on racing the 51 ft Friers Acadia in the Fastnet Race

In November our guest speaker was Peter Doyle with a presentation on “Racing the J-22 Worlds”

Upcoming guest speakers are announced monthly on the SHBC Monthly Meeting announcement emails.

MORE ADVENTURES...!!

Starship Cruise

Submitted by Linda Maksel

In September a group of SHBC and Friendship Force members met at Chanel Side to board the Starship to enjoy a 2-hour cruise along the Hillsborough River. The talk during the cruise was about how the harbor is managed and functions. Lunch was enjoyed by all after the cruise.



CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



At the October meeting it was voted on and approved that the club would support the library by adopting a chair.

Let's Build a Story
SHP LF SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC
Library FOUNDATION
Building a Legacy for the Future

Adopt a Chair

Thank you for your donation to the Adopt a Chair fundraiser. We appreciate your support!

Together We Can Adopt a Chair and All Take a Seat.

SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org

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MORE ADVENTURES...!!



Hurricane Helene came roaring thru and left behind a swath of damage across the area. Safety Harbor Marina sustained a large amount of damage to both the pier and the boat slips. One boat was sunk, and a few other sustained damage. Once again, the dock box was pulled loose, and we had to rescue race marks. Luckily, we were able to find them!



MORE ADVENTURES...!!



More Helene pics..



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Safety Harbor Third Friday Street Celebration

SHBC participated in its second Third Friday on Nov 15th. Members Ron Carew, Joan Marzi, Linda Maksel, Marc Berger and Kim Brenden-Price manned the booth. We handed out our SHBC flyer, gave meeting info as well as Marc informing people the kayaking we do as a club, and of course, the whistles were a big hit (sorry Moms and Dads!) Thank you to Ron Carew, John Vivirito and Mike Hembrey for helping with set up.

Third Friday Street Celebration will be an ongoing event, with any and all members welcome to participate!



CLUB EVENTS AND ADVENTURES...!!



Club members Marion, Katie and Ellen enjoyed an evening attending the Celtic concert in Safety Harbor.



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Submitted by Marion Ruuge-Anderson

Our long-awaited holiday E-boat ride took place on Saturday Dec 14th on the Hillsboro River in Tampa. The 18 riders on Duffy type vessels were delighted as the sky darkened and the river lit up! Our Captains, Ron Carew and Mark Kanuck did a marvelous job of navigating the river. Some of the other mates took the wheel to give the Captains a break on our 3-hour excursion. The two boats shared refreshments, enjoying Kim's holiday cookies, a variety of snacks and then onion rings from Rick's on the river where we made a stop. It was good to see everyone that attended, especially Phyliss and Brian being able to join! The weather was mild, and we had a super moon lighting our way. Please enjoy the pictures taken as we cruised the river!!



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More Duffy Boat pictures..



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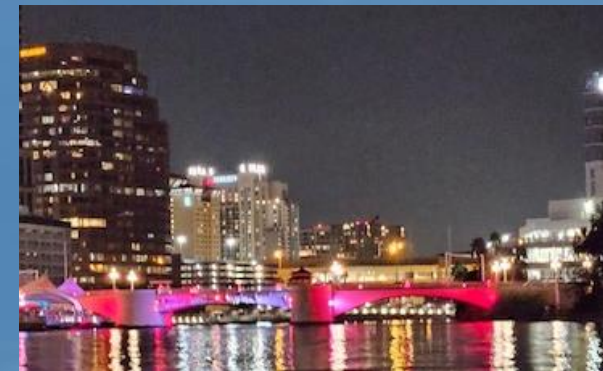
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LET'S CRUISE...!!



Bahama Breeze Lunch Cruise was on November 9th. Captain Tony Marazzo took 6 souls on a cruise over to Bahama Breeze where we met up with other club members that drove over to enjoy a nice lunch on a beautiful Saturday.



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.



TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR...

Key West The Way It Was

Submitted by James Keenan (edited)

Before my grandfather changed the name to "Captain Tony's Saloon" in 1964, it was called "The Oldest Bar" because it actually was the oldest bar in Key West, and if I'm not mistaken, the third oldest bar in the state of Florida, lots of drunken pirates back then and as there still are today!

The building was built in 1859, and it was the original city morgue and icehouse which serviced the morgue with ice it needed. Before it was called "The Oldest Bar" the name of it was "The Duval Club" as you could see on the neon sign on the side in this photo, that's sometime in the 40s when my grandfather first arrived in Key West, I like the Schlitz beer sign in front. Those are definitely two drunk sailors or fisherman hanging out front, when my grandfather took that bar over in 1964.

It was off-limits to all military personnel. It had a reputation for 50 years of gambling, prostitution, smugglers. The reason why that sign was sideways on the building was so the people from Duval Street could see that it was a club. That's why my grandfather hung that big fish above the sign in 1969 and the quarter in the fish's mouth thing was created by my grandfather's manager, Peter and me in 1976.

The building is haunted. I stayed above it enough times to know and closed it at 4 o'clock in the morning by myself to really feel the energy. It's the reason why I was inspired to write a book about its history.



FYI...



From Mikey Hembrey –

Free to anyone, limit of 10 per person. I receive 2-3 ice packs each month with medicine that is delivered to me. I have too many and hope to share to a good home. They are 5"x6" and about ½ in thick. They are perfect for small coolers or to stabilize the temperature in your freezer. They are currently frozen and ready to go. Please email me at mikey.cell@gmail.com if interested.

Marc Berger is planning more kayaking trips in December.

December 8, 2024 will be on the Anclote River in Tarpon Springs. Plan to meet at the Splash Park and Launch at 830 am.

Depending on tides the trip may be up river to the mangroves toward Salt Lake or down river under the bridge past the Sponge Docks to Spring Bayou (site of the Epiphany Cross celebration). Plan to go to lunch after at one of the Greek restaurants at the Sponge Dock. As usual, loaner kayaks may be provided but you will have to meet at Marcs house with your vehicle and a way to secure the kayak to your roof(roof racks).

Dec 21 is TBD at this time.

Reach out to Marc at marcsberger@yahoo.com or text/call at 813-340-0369

FYI...



Freedom Sailing Camp is working on sailing year-round! We now have a home school group on Friday with 12 homeschool sailors, five of them independent sailors in our Sunfishes. We also have a Saturday continuing sailing group that we require volunteers to assist with sailing on our Hobbie Waves. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let me know. Please reach out to freedomsailingcamp@gmail.com with any questions or if interested in volunteering.

Our group cannot wait to walk in the Christmas parade! Hope to see you all soon, and I will keep you up to date on future events.

Thank you,

Bonnie Monroe

Freedom Sailing Camp of Florida, Inc.

FROM THE EDITOR...



I hope you enjoyed the 4th quarter edition of the SHBC Sentinel! As we round out 2024, we can reflect on the many events each of us have been through this year. I for one am excited about 2025 and what it might bring to the club and all of us personally. I wish all a happy and fulfilling holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone at the club meetings and events!!

As previously announced, the newsletter is now published quarterly. Publication dates will be in time for meetings in March, June, September and December for 2025 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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