

# THE SENTINEL E



Safety Harbor Boat Club Newsletter











# COMMODORES' CORNER....



**Greetings Safety Harbor Boat Club Members,** 

Congratulations to the new officers for 2025! And a huge thank you to all of those that came before us laying the groundwork for the club. We look forward to working with everyone to take the club into the future!

I wanted to address a few things that have been brough up at recent meetings. On the question when will we be returning our meetings to the library. We have found out that once the library is available, the cost will be \$85.00 plus tax per hour for the meeting room we need. That unfortunately is not financially feasible for the club. Per the library, to avoid that cost, the club would have obtain a 501c3 status. The officers are looking into what would entail and we are actively looking for alternative spaces. For the foreseeable future we will continue to meet at Maggie's Café If you have any suggestions for meeting spaces, reach out to any officer or email the club .. All ideas are welcome!

It has been brought to our attention that here is some confusion around attending meetings and being expected to order food. While it was agreed to guarantee Maggie a total of 10 meals to make it feasible for her to open after hours and accommodate us, it has never been mandatory to order food to attend a meeting. Up to this date, we have met the 10-meal agreement and usually end up with more than 10 people ordering. If you prefer to not participate in a meal and just come for the speaker and meeting, you can adjust your arrival time. Speaker starts around 630, with meeting to follow. The meeting structure remains the same, we have just added the social aspect of getting together to the beginning of the meeting instead of at the end of the meeting.

After discussion and at the request of some members, we will be bringing back events, such as Halloween and Chili Cookoff, Labor Day etc and adding some new events. Now that we have an alternative event space that is not weather dependent (a huge thank you to Linda for hosting the club at her home!!) we will be able to hold events at both the marina pavilion and Linda's residence as needed. Watch the club email for future event announcements.

May we 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 -

In January, we started out the year with a presentation from club member Cam Carlin taking us through his boat delivery trip from Aruba.

For February, club member Marc Berger gave us tips and tricks to use when we go kayaking that encompassed paddling techniques, gear to use to secure your kayak for transportation.

And for March, Chris Dolin brings us a presentation on the America's Cup race from 1983.

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



# RACE COMMITTEE NEWS...

#### From the Race Committee:

The race we had scheduled on 2/8/2025 ended up being canceled due to no wind at time of race, even with a later start time. Several racers opted to get out on the water anyway and enjoy a beautiful day!

Wednesday races are still on hold for now.

Information for upcoming Saturday races -

March 8th - meet at 1200 for a 1245 start

March 22nd - meet at 1000 for a 1045 start

April 5th - meet at 1000 for a 1045 start

**April 19th – meet at 1200 for a 1245 start** 

Awards for 2024 race series are on hand. We will plan to hand them out at the March meeting to those captains that attend. First place – Wanderlust, Second place –Laser and there is a tie for third between Pegasus and Prana.



The club has been busy over the past few months enjoying outings, lunch cruises and special events like the Seafood Boil!

#### **A Windless Saturday Afternoon**

**Submitted by Marion Ruuge-Aronson** 

On February 8th, the Safety Harbor Boat Club sailing race was canceled because of calm winds. Nevertheless, some members decided to enjoy the lovely day on the water. We also inspected our permanent markers and assessed the storm damage to the marina and pier.









# **Cruising with the Dolphins!**

**Submitted by Marion Ruuge-Aronson** 

The February 7<sup>th</sup> excursion down Tampa Bay to Doc Fords in St Petersburg left the marina in a dense fog. Under the skillful navigation of Captain Tony, with Ted Hill at the helm, we carefully found our way through the three bridges in our path. The cruise was en joyed by members Linda Maksel, Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Kim Brenden-Price, with guests Rick and Leslie McColgan as we watched dolphins swimming and playing in the boat's wake as we motored along. We arrived a bit late due to the fog, but had members John Viverato and Dick Greenhalgh, who drove by car, holding a table for us where we enjoyed a great lunch and then cruised back to Safety Harbor in

beautiful sunny weather















After a lot of hmm how do we do this between John Viverito, Kim Brenden-Price and Ron Poirson, several hours of trial and error, we built and deployed new permanent marks in the bay for our races. Thank you Tony for taking John and Kim out to deploy the marks after your cruise to Doc Fords! And for our efforts we got to see a great sunset!









**Safety Harbor January Third Friday Street Celebration** 

SHBC set up a booth in front of Maggie's Café this month with members Ron Carew, Linda Maksel, Kim Brenden-Price, Mark and Ann Kanuck and Marion Rugge-Aronson manning the booth. We interacted with many people in the crowd as they walked by, handed out our SHBC flyer, gave meeting and event info, as well as obtained 15 contacts for people interested in the club. Thank you to everyone helping with setting up, manning the booth and then breaking it all down at the end of the evening!

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









#### St.Pete Jazz Quartet

Submitted by Ellen Henderson with pics by Marion Ruuge-Aronson

This event was held in Dunedin and attended by club members Marion and Ellen, along with friends Petra Gonzalez and her guests. This is the second time enjoying this quartet as they previously played in Safety Harbor last summer.



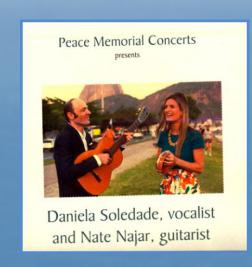




#### **Bossa Nova Concert**

**Submitted by Ellen Henderson** 

On a recent Sunday, a group of sailors Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Chris Dolin and Ellen Henderson attended a concert of Brazilian Jazz presented by world famous vocalist Daniela Soledade with Nate Najar accompanying her on guitar. The concert was held at Peace Memorial Church in downtown Clearwater.





**Tampa Bay History Center Tour** 

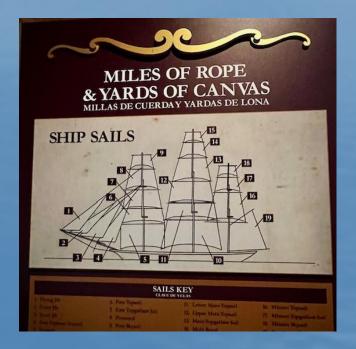
Submitted by Ellen Henderson, pics by Marion Ruuge-Aronson

On Sunday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Marion Rugge-Aronson and Ellen Henderson spent a fascinating three hours touring the Tampa Bay History Museum on Waters street to see the current exhibit of four films addressing the Pirates Fate: Treasure Seekers Gallery, Florida's First People: the Seminoles and Miccosukee and then the

Tampa Cigar Industry.









Our annual Seafood Boil was held Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at Linda Maksel' home. A huge thank you to Linda for hosting this event at her home. With a little effort we turned her lanai and back patio into a Mardi Gras themed venu, with members enjoying outdoor seating and conversation while the boil cooked and then moving inside to enjoy a great meal and more conversation!! Thank you to all that attended and made this a fun

event!!









More Seafood Boil pictures..













# **ALWAYS REMEMBER...**



Sadly we have had two members leave us in the last few weeks. Our condolences go out to their family and friends.

Gerrard "Gerry" "Butch" Corbino", a founding father of the Safety Harbor Boat Club passed away on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2025. He was a great sailor, mariner and friend and will be greatly missed.



Phyllis Garry, a long-term Safety Harbor Boat Club member passed away on February 11<sup>th</sup>. She was a wife, mother and a sailor and will be greatly missed.

## FROM THE EDITOR....



I hope you enjoyed the first quarter edition of the SHBC Sentinel for 2025! We are looking forward to an exciting year of club events and adventures!

Remember, 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. 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.

Submit articles 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! looking for new and exciting articles for the newsletter!

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.

Thank you!

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