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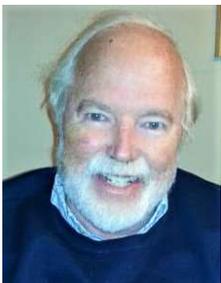
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SHBC MEETING - JAN. 5TH @ 6:30 pm @ the Safety Harbor Library

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX ARCHIVES/JOHN HERRICK



Calling All members: we will have a **SHBC meeting Wednesday Jan. 5th 2021** at the **Safety Harbor Library @ 6:30 pm** our guest speaker will be **John Herrick**

He will present: "**Machu Picchu Adventure**"

John Herrick was born in **Bangor, Maine** and in **1972** he moved to **Oldsmar, FL** where he took up sailing on a **Hobie 14'** on the North end of **Mobley Bay**. In 1982 John was a **live-aboard** on a **24' sailboat** for a year with no **A/C**. In **1985** he acquired a **Hunter Legend 45'**, on which he was also a **live-aboard** until **1997**. That year he sailed his "home" to **Cuba** as a cruiser in the **St. Pete sponsored Regatta**.



On the non-sailing side of his life, John graduated from the **Univ. of Maine at Orono**, with a **BS in Structural Engineering**. John volunteers as "**Lighting and Sound**" **Director** at the **Catherine Hickman Theater** in **Gulfport**. John was our **audio/sound engineer** with all of his equipment for our **Club's previous Change of Watch Party, St. Patty's Day Party, Memorial Day Party** and he did it again for our Club's recent **Halloween Party**.

John was our previous **Guest Speaker in May 2021** and his Topic was: "**Everything You Wanted to Know About Seabirds, But Were Afraid to Ask**". He was subsequently our **Tour Guide/Docent** at the **Seaside Seabird Sanctuary**, where we were able to view the actual **Black Skimmers** nesting on the Beach behind the Seabird Sanctuary. In **Sept. 2021 John** spoke to us about **Hurricanes Ida and Katrina**.



IT IS SO GOOD TO BE BACK - LIVE & IN PERSON @ THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY!



**SHBC Monthly Meeting Wednesday
January 5**

Safety Harbor Library at 18:15 Hrs (6:15PM)

John Herrick will present: "Machu Picchu Adventure"
more details in Guest Speaker article.



Sailboat Races:

Wednesday Series will resume During DST

Saturday Series January 8

Skippers' meeting at the Safety Harbor Marina at 08:00
Race Start at 09:00



SHBC ANNUAL Change of Watch Party

13:00-16:00 (1 PM- 4PM)

North City Park, Safety Harbor (adjacent to North Bay Hills and Bay Woods subdivisions in Safety Harbor)

Happy Boating!

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MEET OUR 2022 SAFETY HARBOR BOAT CLUB SLATE OF OFFICERS

By ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES

According to our bylaws, we were supposed to have elections at our December Club Meeting, but it got postponed until our January 5th Club Meeting.

Here is the Slate of **SHBC** Officers for **2022**:

Commodore: ? {Come on people, this will look good on your resume'.}



Co-Vice Commodore: John Viverito, a semi-retired Pediatrician, was **one of the founding members of SHBC** and most recently is still **Race Co-Chair**. Other Officer positions held by John were **Commodore, Vice Commodore several times** plus he filled in as **Co-Scribe for 2019-21**. In addition, in the pre-Covid years, John & his wife Renee organized Summer fun events: Trivia Nights at JACK WILLIE'S & GRIND HOUSE + Taco Tuesday @ Bar Fly plus Pinellas Trail Bike Ride to Johnny's Tap House in Tarpon Springs. Cruise to to BAHAMA BREEZE Restaurant, MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK PARTY and a previous HALLOWEEN / CHILI COOK-OFF PARTY.



Co-Vice Commodore: Ron Poirson, who has been a **SHBC member since 2008** and was **formerly the Club's Treasurer, Vice Commodore and had 3 terms as Commodore**. Ron has participated in Pinellas Trail Bike Ride from Dunedin to Tarpon Springs and he raced his former sailboat, a 1989 Pearson 27 ft sailboat "Wanderlust" for several seasons.



Treasurer: Joan Marzi will be completing her 8th year as an SHBC member. **Joan** was previously the **Club's Commodore for two terms and Club Secretary**,

(Scribe) Joan initiated the Halloween Costume Party contest to coincide with the Club's annual Chili Cook-off. She also was a big help with our various parties' food set up and assisted in the party decorations process, as well as organizing the Decorating of the Club Float in the SH Annual Holiday Parade. **Joan** will be staying on for her **4th year as Club Treasurer**.



Secretary, (Scribe): Secretary, (Scribe): **Marion Ruuge-Aronson** will be taking "pen in hand or computer at fingertips" again for her **2nd year** during our 2022 Club's Meetings. Marion has been in the Club since March 2020. **Marion** had previously participated with SHBC on the Port Tampa Boat Tour on the Hillsboro River and the Sun & Fun Fly-In at the Lakeland Linder (International) Airport as a member of Friendship Force. **Marion** originally sailed on a Sunfish with her first husband on a lake in Upstate NY. She's now retired, but she had been a Professional Designer of Children's Clothing and had also worked in Computer Graphics for Dillard's in the Advertising Dept. (**Marion designed our Commemorative Program Flyer for our Safety Harbor Boat Club-20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**). **Marion** studied Fashion Design at the Fashion Institute Technology (FIT) in NYC. She also has a degree in Computer Graphics. She grew up in Queens, NY. Marion has lived in Florida for 25 years and she also has a home in the mountains of Tenn. Among her hobbies are Kayaking (she wants to sign up for our Club's next Kayak Trip). Marion has been racing with SHBC and has crewed (preCovid-19) on "John Marie", "Incentive" (now "Green Eyed Lady") and "Pegasus".

Many thanks to our **2021 officers for a job well done:**

Commodore: Mark Kanuck

Vice Commodore: John Viverito (+ Co-Race Chair)

Treasurer: Joan Marzi + ZOOM COOR.

(Scribe) Marion Ruuge-Aronson and John Viverito

Commodore Emeritus: Ron Poirson

Other Future Committee Heads (It takes a Village) during 2022:

Newsletter Editor & Webmaster: Mikey Hembrey

Facebook Manager: Paula Taylor

Co-Race Chair: Chris Dollin

SH Christmas/Holiday Parade Float: Dale Cuddeback(Reservations)/Organizer: (TBD)

Guest Speaker Recruiter & Head Party Decorator : Ellen Henderson

SH Christmas/Holiday Parade Float Provider : Bonnie Monroe

Cruising Chair : Brian Garry

Liaison to Safety Harbor Public Library: John Viverito

Club Merchandise Manager: Linda Brandt

Party Hosts : TBD

Club Photographers & Videographers: Linda Brandt, Dick Greenhalgh, Debbie Irving & Renee Viverito, Paula Taylor and Ellen Henderson

SHBC FREE GPS CLASS : Peter Ubillos

SHBC FREE RACING CLASS : CLASS Instructors: TBD

Funerals at Sea Organizer: Dick Greenhalgh

Trips Organizer: (FREE BOAT TOUR OF THE PORT OF TAMPA, FUN 'N SUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN & EXPO): Ellen Henderson

TOUR OF Cortez Maritime Museum, etc. TBD

Liaison to City of Safety Harbor:TBD

Kayaking at (to be determined) : TBD

SHBC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES - JAN., 2022

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY ARCHIVES

Congratulations to all of those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays & Anniversaries are ringing in the New Year in January. It seems we have multiple members, who were born on the same day!

Birthdays:

1-7 Nancy Farina
1-13 Dick Greenhalgh ->
1-14 Emily Wagner
1-16 Skip Meadows
1-16 Wendy Pioquinto
1-21 Peter Ubillos
1-24 Virginia Stein
1-25 Connie Pope
1-25 Debbie Roberto
1-26 Tom Potter
1-26 Bob Sullivan
1-27 Joe Rezendes
1-29 Alice Rezendes
1-31 Dianne Stebbins



Anniversaries

1-2 Jack & Bonnie Box--->

RECAP: DEC. 1ST SHBC PRESENTATION & POST MEETING GATHERING @ THE WHISTLE STOP RESTAURANT

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX ART WORTH, ARCHIVES & Internet

Art Worth was our Club's Guest Speaker in Dec., 2021 and his topic was: "*ADVENTURE IN THE ROCKIES - NATIONAL PARKS: RIVER RAFTING IN THE TETONS*" at the Safety Harbor Library. Art prefaced his presentation by letting us know he had sailed in the Grenadines.



On their 10-day trip with his wife Gretchen, they started out in Denver CO, went up to the Rocky Mountains to Fairplay, which hosts gambling, then on to Breckenridge to an area called **SouthPark**, where there's a town replica from the mid 1800's, which included a Blacksmith Shop, a Saloon,, Little Red School House with an organ, a Dental Office with foot-peddle drill and an Engine with a Caboose. When they arrived in nearby Frisco, they saw kids riding their bicycles down the ski slopes at the Keystone Ski Area.

Next was **Rocky Mountain National Park** near Bolder, where there's a timed entry, as it is so popular, despite the Beetle blight. Even so, there was still snow on the mountain tops in July. At Ft. Collins, they went to the University of Colorado's "**Trial Garden**". There was also a Museum of Discovery, where you can play a musical instrument and assemble gears and PVC pipes - great for the kids.

From there they traveled to Rapid City, SD. While there, they observed statues of US Presidents on every corner. The **Indian Museum of North America** is under construction and when it's finished, it will be 4 times the size of Mt. Rushmore, which they also visited. At Deadwood, which is a Gambling Town, they heard about Wild Bill Hickok, who was shot in the back. Custer's Last Stand was intriguing at the Little Big Horn.

At the **Buffalo Bill Center** in Cody WY, they saw over 2,000 guns. Yellowstone has the highest Waterfalls in the US. Due to the Minerals, the Mammoth Springs' color changes weekly. Old Faithful's Geyser delivered at West Yellowstone. The dark blue water is **500** degrees. You don't want to fall into it.

It was time to go to the **Grand Tetons**. At Jackson Hole, they had individual cabins and there were chuck wagons. They went rafting on the Snake River, which is fed from water released water from the nearby lakes. At Afton WY, there's the largest horned arch in the country. From WY, they traveled to Salt Lake City to learn about the Mormon Church and from there they flew home.



ART WORTH moved to Florida in '72 to work for Florida Steel in Management Development. He has had multiple careers and is still working two part time jobs. This is ART'S 7th year teaching Woodturning at the **Dunedin Fine Art Center** and his 14th year as the General Manager of a small Private Equity Fund. In addition to woodturning, he builds custom cabinets and furniture. ART is active in several Woodturning clubs, Friendship Force and the Methodist Church. Their **Woodturning Club** turned 90 Belaying Pins for the "**Bounty**" replica and ART got to sail halfway to the Sunshine Skyway Bridge on the "Bounty". He also climbed into the Crow's Nest on the "Bounty".



For those who arrived early at the SH Library @ 6:00 pm, they were able to view some examples of Art Worth's Woodturning objects, which were

also for sale

After our regular monthly SHBC Meeting *a group of 16 convened* at the **WHISTLE STOP** restaurant. The diners included Brian and Phyllis Garry, Commodore Mark & Ann Kanuck, Marcus & Debbie Irving Lund, Treas. Joan Marzi, Jackie & Joe Malozzi, Linda Brandt, Skip Meadows, Marilyn Mabe, Mikey Hembrey, Ellen Henderson and guests Chris Dollin and Haley Rae.

SHBC CHANGE OF WATCH PARTY - SAT. - JAN. 29th, 2022

By Ellen Henderson; Pix: Archives



You're invited to the **SAFETY HARBOR BOAT CLUB ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH CELEBRATION** Installation of Officers, Good Food and Drinks, Door Prizes, Games, Music, Friends and Fun!

Where: NEW VENUE Safety Harbor North City Park Shelter, 2075 Swan Lane, Safety Harbor, 34695

→>> IT IS (adjacent to North Bay Hills and Bay Woods subdivisions in Safety Harbor)
LOOK FOR SIGNS & THE SHBC BANNER

When: Saturday, January 29th

Time: 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Cost: Members \$ FREE / Guests \$ 20.00 (Catered by TBA)
FREE Water will be available

BRING either an appetizer, side dish or a dessert (Categories will be assigned). The entrée is provided by SHBC.

There will be **Sailing Music CD's**, the **World Map** (mounted to foam boards) with **Push Pins**, so Members can indicate the **countries** where they have **Sailed** (either on a **Sailboat, Cruise Ship, River Rafting, Kayak, Motor Boat, Navy Ship, etc.**).

Join in to win in the **Team Sailing Puzzles**.

Our Decorations **Color Theme** (as in the past) is **Sky Blue, Yellow & Pink**. So, wear any of those colors if you would like.

Ellen Henderson and her team will start **DECORATING THE PAVILION @ 10:30 AM**. To volunteer to help **DECORATE**, contact Ellen at (C) (727) 656-4089 either via phone or text.

Please make your Party reservation at the January 5th Meeting OR via email:
shbc4fun@gmail.com

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Patrick Whelan, Long Time SHBC Member, Advocate for the Marina and Friend

By Renee' Viverito, Pix by Renee' and Dick Greenhalgh



Patrick Whelan, a longtime member of the Safety Harbor Boat Club passed away, after a short illness, on November 14, 2021. Patrick was born and raised in the Washington D.C. area. He leaves behind to grieve and remember two daughters, their families, a bother and many friends. He spent his professional career in service to our country as a member of the Secret Service. After retirement, Patrick moved to Safety Harbor and became part of the boating and civic communities here. As the captain of *Suncatcher* he was active on the water and at Club Meetings. As an advocate for the Club and for the Marina, he was responsible for communicating marina and Club issues with the City of Safety Harbor; he was considered by many as the “Mayor of the Marina.”

On Saturday December 11, 2021 SHBC Members and other guests remembered Patrick with a memorial service at the Marina followed by a solemn boat procession attended by close to 40 people. The Reverend Douglas Poole, another longtime SHBC member, captain of *Prevail*, and the pastor of Cypress Meadows Community Church presided. Patrick was remembered with readings, prayers and anecdotes that described his faith, friendship, service to the Club and the Marina, career, story telling and attitude of respectfulness. Then the captains of *Gail Force*, *Green Eyed Lady*, *Knot-A-Loss II*, *Pegasus*, *Rum Boogie*, *Sea Attached II* and *Starwind* along with other attendees aboard the vessels, participated in a solemn boat procession from the Marina onto Old Tampa Bay just east of the Safety Harbor Pier. As boats passed to port of *Gail Force*, a flower was placed in the bay and a ship’s bell was chimed in remembrance of Patrick. The procession ended with a final radio call to *Suncatcher*.

We will all remember Patrick as a member of the SHBC, an advocate for the Marina, and our friend.





Dick Greenhalgh has created a YouTube video...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzN4Dad6YyA>

Correspondent Ellen Needs a Tablet

By Mikey

As you surely know, Ellen supplies a lot of the material for the Club Newsletter. She only has a cell phone (she is technology challenged) and relies on using the library computers for her word processing. However, this creates a dilemma...

1. I ask that submissions are in by the 24th of the month.
2. The library has limited hours, and closes some days we did not anticipate.
3. Ellen cannot take her incomplete work home.
4. My schedule may not permit giving a grace period beyond the 24th.

Therefore, I am putting out a call for a donated tablet (Android or iPad) she can use. It does not have to be fancy, just functional. A PC is not an option because she has very bad luck with them. Don't think of this as a charity case. Think of it as recycling your used equipment to help save the environment.

I will provide basic support (I have a Guy) so nobody is obligated after delivery.

Come aboard and explore an extraordinary selection of power boats and sailboats in water and on land, including a 40,000-square-foot clear span tent housing all types of marine gear. Catch up with boating experts at the FREE SEMINARS and learn about the latest features and innovations in the marine industry. Show-goers will be excited to find hundreds of power boats and sailboats including family cruisers, runabouts, fishing boats, magnificent sailing yachts, personal watercraft and so much more!

SHOW SCHEDULE JAN. 20-23, 2022

- **Thur. JAN. 20**, 10am - 6pm
- **Fri. JAN. 21**, 10am - 6pm
- **Sat. JAN. 22**, 10am - 7pm
- **Sun. JAN. 23**, 10am - 5pm

IMPORTANT: NO PETS ALLOWED.

GENERAL ADMISSION Adult: \$19 Child (15 and under): FREE "Kids Experience" Free admission for all children 15 and under. Veterans and Active-Duty Military: Simply show proof of military service for a free ticket.

If you have "VETERAN" on your FL Driver's License, you have proof of your Veteran status and do not need a copy of your DD-214 document.]

FOR MORE INFO - VISIT: <https://www.stpeteboatshow.com>

For Parking & Transportation - go to:

<https://www.stpeteboatshow.com/en/attend/transportation.html>

Our Preferred Parking choice is the Mahaffey Theater located at the downtown waterfront for all show days. You may also choose to ride the Downtown Looper Trolley with convenient stops on First Street along the Mahaffey Theater.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER: TINA OWENS

By ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX Submitted by TINA OWENS



TINA OWENS was born in **New Jersey**. In **June 2006** **TINA** moved to Florida for her **Daughter** and **her education goals**. **TINA** got her **Real Estate Education** from **Weichert Real Estate School** in **Pennsylvania**. She is currently the **Marketing Director** for **Insurance Agents at Amerilife Insurance** in **Clearwater** and she **lives** in **St. Pete**. Prior to moving to Florida's West Coast, **TINA** was with **Allied Solutions** in **Boca Raton FL, Insurance Co.** and she lived in **Ft. Lauderdale**. While there, she was actively



involved with **Power boating, raft ups, marina stays in West Palm Beach and Ft Lauderdale** and she belonged to the **South Florida Sailors and Boaters Club.**

TINA recently was one of our **Dancers** in our "**Masquerade Ball**" performance from "**Phantom of the Opera**" at our **Club's Annual Halloween Party**, where she also **won 1st Place** for her **Costume** as a **Pirate Girl**. Besides **Dancing**, **TINA** enjoys **Softball, kayaking, fishing, Walking, Pickleball and golf.**



So, we are looking forward to her participating in upcoming **SHBC sailboat races, Kayak trips** and future **party events.**

2021 SAFETY HARBOR HOLIDAY PARADE - SATURDAY DEC. 4th

By Ellen Henderson + Archives; Pix: MARK KANUCK + Archives

The **City of Safety Harbor Holiday Parade** is one of the highlights of the year for the **Safety Harbor Boat Club (SHBC)**. Proposed plans for floats, marching bands and other parade entries are submitted to the city for approval on applications forms released by the city by email. The city approves the applications and assigns parade positions by email also. As usual, **Dale Cuddeback** downloaded the parade notice, obtained the application papers and filled them out immediately, vying for an early position in the parade. We were given permission to decorate the boat in our usual place in the marina parking lot and await the start of the parade. We were number 18 in the parade position assignment behind some of the Classic well preserved Muscle Cars, many identified as being from other states. The engine roars always sent out chills of excitement when the drivers really open them up.



Seventeen SHBC members and guests turned out to decorate the float and walk in the parade. The members were: **Commodore & Club Event Organizer & Float Driver Mark and Ann Kanuck, Sunfish Sailboat provider Bonnie Monroe, her son Mark & Granddaughter Haley, Vice Commodore & Decorations/Banner Schleppers John & Renee Viverito, Event Co-Organizer- Head Decorator/Club Treasurer Joan Marzi, Jackie & Joe Malozzi, Club Scribe/Sec. Marion Ruuge-Aronson, Ellen Henderson, brand new Club Member Tina Owens and guests Celia Baula and Toni Sanchez (who were dancers at our recent Halloween Party) plus Bonnie's Friend Miel and her son, who is working on getting on the US Olympic Sailing Team.**

Our decorating plan was simple. We opened a plastic container of decorations and started hanging and taping ornaments to the boat until we ran out of decorations or tape, which ever happened first. When the decoration squad finished, we all stood in front of our float and posed for a



group picture snapped by **Mark**, who was the club photographer by default.

The decorators finished early and so we had time for pictures of all who helped. Since the parade started early this year at 10:00 am, lunch was postponed until after the completion of the Parade. Several members dressed in costumes and there were enough Santa Hats for everyone. The club officers wisely decided not to pass out candy. Instead, we doubled the number of beads, which the parade watchers seem to enjoy more anyway. **Ron Poirson** doubled his previous purchase of the beads from his source in Lutz. We still ran out of beads at about 3/4 along the Parade Route, but should buy more for next year.



This year **John, Joan & Marion** carried our banner in front of the float towing vehicle and that worked out well. We joined the parade in our 18th position. The city parade organizers hailed us into our spot, since we had participated in the parade for so many years. Our **first parade** entry was in **2002** (**Dale's** best guess) and the SHBC float entry has always been a sailboat heavily decorated by Christmas ornaments (bubbles, bobbles, bangles and bright shiny beads).

At 10:00 the parade started. Our SHBC parade walkers sauntered along in front of and beside the float while distributing the handout strings of beads. The boat float looked great and might have even stood out in a

Key West parade. Somehow, we detected a large measure of flair and pride in our float. We had cautioned ourselves not to over-distribute the beads at the beginning of the parade so we would have some left for the kids at the end of the parade route down Main street. We still ran out of beads at about 3/4 of the way to the end of the parade. The weather was delightful with temperatures in the mid-seventies although it was mostly sunny after the sun burned off the early morning fog.



Cam Carlin, who previously provided his small sailboat and also pulled it in the parade, had recently sold his boat & the new owner wasn't interested in loaning it to our Club. So, **Bonnie Monroe** came to the rescue by providing her **Sunfish**, which she uses with her **Freedom Boat Club**. As was the case with Cam's boat, the **Sunfish's Lateen Rig** was too high to pass under some of the overhanging tree branches on the parade route and so **Bonnie** had to lower the Lateen Rigging at each Branch intersection.

Most of us were exhausted at the end. At the parade end we hurriedly undecorated the boat and took down the mast. **Bonnie** then towed the boat back to her home.

Most of the decorators went to the **Whistle Stop Restaurant**, while a few ate lunch elsewhere.

It was a great parade for such a small town as Safety Harbor. A great time was had by all. A special thanks and a "job well done" to all those members and guests who participated. Yea, our **Safety Harbor Boat Club** is the best!!!

Several members chose not to walk in the parade. They instead decided to mingle among the parade bystanders and wave and cheer for our SHBC entry. They were: **Karen Carlin** and her daughter **Kiley** plus **Skip Meadows**, her daughter, granddaughter & brand new (3-month-old) grandson.

See a YouTube video at this link from the **2019** Parade:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeLGcbHrtgc&feature=youtu.be>

from Parade Organizer Emeritus (by default), **Dale Cuddeback**,

P.S.: A shout-out and special recognition goes out to our club officers and several others who donate significant time and efforts throughout the year.



LUDVIKA'S entry into the 1987 TransAtlantic Race to Bermuda.

By Brian Garry

Capt. Paul Antinori at the Helm. With his crew of 5. Ron Antinori Nav., Capt. Pete Thompson, First Mate. Claude Bonnani, Trimmer. Brian Garry, Grinder, (hanging on Starboard toe rail). "Young Bob", Crew. 32 started, only 5 finished. Tropical depression, made for 6 days of beating & heeling to circle the TD. "**Ludvika**" is a 48' Irwin Ketch; we are flying 5 "Rags". Came back to Annapolis, MD. Shoved off from Tierra Verde, Marina slip #1. A week before the race. "Ludvika" had won Isla Mujeres race twice. Johnny Walker Cup. to Jamaica, twice. Barbados Rum race, once. She was a very fast Cruiser/Racer rig. She is now in Plymouth Harbor, NH.

We had some great sea adventures aboard the "Luvika". It is the Russian name for our Louise, Paul's bride's name.

We suffered through a Tropical depression for 5 days, heeling at 15-20 degrees, 24/7. Lashing myself into a mid-ship berthing "Rack". Eventually going into our Sail locker, atop the "Rags", for slumber. One vessel was dismissed, only 5 finished.

Our return from Bermuda, afforded us favorable Seas & Fair Winds.

A 45 minute "Booze Bash" was hosted by Capt. Antinori, at "Marmadukes", on Spa creek, Annapolis Harbor. Then, I paid a "Cabby" to give me a 0300 tour of the USNA, and Annapolis, MD., for 60 minutes.



Our crew, was suffering from a "Wobbly Boot", following almost three weeks at sea, from delivery, to Race, then return. The "Grog" added to a blurry, stumbling following our "Marmadukes", post-race drink-a-thon.

All hands, fared well physically from such an High Sea adventure.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK YOURA!

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX RIZA YOURA



After much studying, Jack Youra has received his USCG (US Coast Guard) Masters License. Congratulations!

When you see Jack, ask him what vessels that enables him to command.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARC & EILEEN'S DAUGHTER

EILEEN BERGER (AS TOLD TO ELLEN HENDERSON); PIX: EILEEN BERGER



Marc and Eileen Berger's daughter Kaylee Appleton just Graduated from USF with a BA in Anthropology. Kaylee completed three internships at UTRGV - University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley Collections Library, Disney College Program - DCP and International Museum of Art & Science - McAllen TX.

Kaylee is starting her MA in January in Anthropology. She is loving life as a part-time Barista Manager in a Bookstore. Kaylee has previously joined her parents at some of our SHBC Parties, when she wasn't busy studying or working.



An Event to be Remembered

By Marion Ruuge-Aronson, and the Pix

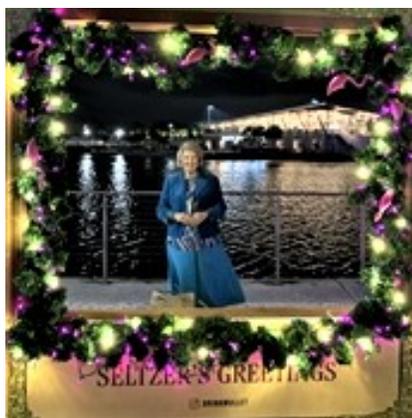


The production of Cats at the Straz Center was enjoyed by Marc & Eileen Berger, Ellen Henderson and myself on December 8th. The music in this Frank Lloyd Weber classic is solid and memorable, making you want to sing along. It is based on “Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats” by T. S. Elliot. The musical uses the words from the poems along with clever choreography and humor. The plots are enjoyable and emotional; the lighting makes for lavish and vivid sets. The dazzle-dazzle of this British musical hasn’t dimmed any for me since I last saw it on Broadway in NYC, back in the 1980’s. A Frank Lloyd Weber musical is not just a play, it’s an event.

The Straz Center is set along the Tampa River and lit up for the holidays. Ellen and I took advantage of an early arrival and strolled along the river walkway. Magnificent December weather just made for picture taking.



The COVID protocol at the Straz was excellent. You were required to show your vaccination card to be admitted, in addition to wearing a mask, in the theater at all times. For patrons without proof of vaccination, a tent was setup outside providing rapid tests for a fee.



Cigarette butts are poisoning shoreline animals

Excerpted from Good Old Boat magazine by Mikey



Edwin Bos savored the idyllic scene: blue sea, brilliant sun and his two small children frolicking on Scheveningen Beach. Popular with tourists and locals, the 4.5-kilometer stretch of Dutch coast is filled with aquatic wildlife and grassy dunes.

But for Bos, all that beauty quickly faded amid one tiny discovery. It happened as his son, then 4, dug into the sand and raised his hand to show his father a fresh find.

“What do I do with it?” the boy asked. In his fingers, he held a cigarette butt.

“Not good,” the father thought.



Turned out, cigarette butts littered the landscape. Bos instantly realized some things. First, beach visitors needed to change their ways if they thought stuffing used filters in the sand meant the nasty scraps were now harmless. Second, he would find a way to help solve the problem.

Two years later, Bos and fellow entrepreneur Martijn Lukaart have built a mobile, beach-cleaning machine that can spot cigarette butts, pluck them out and dispose of them in a safe bin. Bos and Lukaart are the co-founders of [TechTics](https://www.techtics.team/), (<https://www.techtics.team/>) a consultancy based in The Hague that works to resolve social issues with technology.

Their prototype, called “BeachBot” (“BB” for short), uses artificial intelligence (AI) to learn how to better find the strewn filters, even if they’re partially buried in sand. BeachBot has completed one demo – at Scheveningen Beach during [World Cleanup Day](#) last September. Another demo is scheduled for this summer.



Photo: BeachBot on the boardwalk at Scheveningen Beach. (Courtesy of TechTics.)

HAPPY NEW YEARS To all our SHBC Members.



May you and your families have a healthy and prosperous 2022!

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