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Recap of Mar 3 - 9, 2014 Cruise to Key West

By Brian Garry

Ahoy Mates,

Wow!.. What a great, exciting, and rewarding Sailing adventure, on 'BUSINESS II', this past week to Key West..

Many, many challenges for the tightly knit, well schooled Crew.

Thank our lucky stars for CAPT. Jack's keen Engineering mind, and pro-active, drill down, until ISSUES resolved. Saving not only our Lives, and others, but the BUSINESS II, from a potentially disastrous outcome. Not to mention Jack's constant monitoring of the entire boat's ability to SAFELY perform 'Her' function. BRAVO-ZULU to CAPT JACK.. many thanks.



CAPT. Barry, what a solid, cool, calculating performance.. setting a time record for passage to the CONCH Republic... under Stressful, adversity. Using all of his NAVY-USCG training, and REC-SAIL Racing to move us, rapidly down the RHUMB LINE... to KW. He shared his NAV education/skills.. teaching all of us.. a little bit more, than we thought we knew. KUDO'S to you B-Man.

John 'Jack' Garry, our Pride & Joy, at ONI-IG's office in DC.. calmly, calculating legal lingo responses to our HQ, at Sailing Florida Charter's Capt's DREW, PATRICK, DAVE... etc.. Additionally showing his 'Watch

Skills', from his USNA, and SWO-DADDY days.. Most enjoyable sharing my son, LOL.

Aussie Chris... the Best Mate, anyone could ask for.. pitching in on Deck, On Watch, in the Galley, and On/Off loading... She was a good student, as well as team player.. keeping the JAVA HOT.. late into the night Watches.. 'Good On Ya Matey'.. still hailing me?

Bringing is down, to YE Olde CAP'T... argh, argh, me Bucko's... what a splendid Crew, we Mike C.. and his 'Memory'... what a Love-Story.. to be continued.. Landing in the Keys, was enlightening to this California Surfer... plus misconception of KW being infested with LOONS, soon was dispelled. Best of luck to Mr. C... with his MISSION.. 'Did he ever find his Bike'?? Renee.. is had Underway... with exciting tales of past, enlightening perceptions of future, and Hilarious Lapse's of MEMORIES... starting with ME... (the stolen Gun Episode)?? Forgive me for any transgressions.. and loss of control.. tis me Curse.. not yours.

Tomorrow at 0930, CAP'T Dave ARMAN at SFC.. will meet for the review of our harrowing tale, and self-solution.. of a potentially tragic issue. Hopefully, Dave will have to good understanding of such a mentally draining threat, to his Customer's psyche.. and acquiesce to making a solid business decision, and offer some form of Courtesy to all of our Mates. Surely.. he must know the amt. of potential \$\$\$\$\$, it would have cost him, and his Charter.. had we not been Exp. Prudent Mariners..? I promise Ye.. to be cool, calculated, and organized with my thoughts of our Charter Exp... with SFC.



Again.. the pleasure was all mine, being a part of this unified Crew of Sailors.

We SERVED each other very unselfishly..

Phyllis and I would like to extend a hearty welcome to our Mates.. for a Cook-Out, here at our Home/Dock.. sometime over the next few weeks, and share our TALES & MEMORIES from Key West. Beer, HAMS/BRATS/RIBS.. BEER, WINE, WHISKEY, will flow.. maybe even a 'Sunset Cruise' aboard our 'WILD IRISH ROSE'.. with Barry's STAR FINDER...and a Yarn or two, Spun by Ye Olde Captain.. Jack, Chris, and Barry bring your guest, John and Mike.. will be vicariously enjoying via a satellite communication.. Well will toast our TEAM.. and set around the fire, laughing our ARSE's Off..



PS: I did forget to cook the RICE, as it was supposed to be the Bed, for the CHILI?? DOE-DOE-HEAD. Another Foible.. the Chocolate Pudding cups.. daaa.. ? Long Pretzels, with Hot German Mustard... damn..? Believe me.. all will be Served.. at the after action party. Let us know bet dates for each of your schedules..

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By Frank Fitzhenry



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SHBC BICYCLE TRIP TO TARPON SPRINGS

Submitted by Ellen Henderson



On a recent warm Sat. afternoon, 15 SHBC Members and one guest met near downtown Dunedin and ventured off on their bicycles along the Pinellas Trail with a destination of Ballyhoo Restaurant & Bar in Tarpon Springs. This venture was the brainstorm of our Commodore, Ron Poirson and proved to be quite a new adventure for our Club. The group quickly split up by their abilities, with Roof Douglass leading the pack, followed by Brian and Phyllis Garry plus Corey and Julie Knowles. The next clump of cyclists were John Viverito, Barry Fox, Chris Dollin and Christy Edwards.



Then the gaps really started to widen. Since this was Ellen Henderson's (moi) first time on a (borrowed from Jack Myers' girlfriend Anna) bicycle in 33 years, riding was fairly easy at first; however, braking became a problem as I went flying off the bike at the first stop. Connie and Paul Pope were very solicitous and really set the pace, so that braking became less of a struggle. At the end of the pack was Aussie Chris' friend, Yvette, who sometimes races with us and our fearless leader Ron Poirson, who made sure, that no one would be left behind.

Our first official stop was just North of Curlew road, where we picked up Chris Dollin, who had left her car at the adjacent shopping center, which was the last time we all saw one another until we arrived at the appointed restaurant.



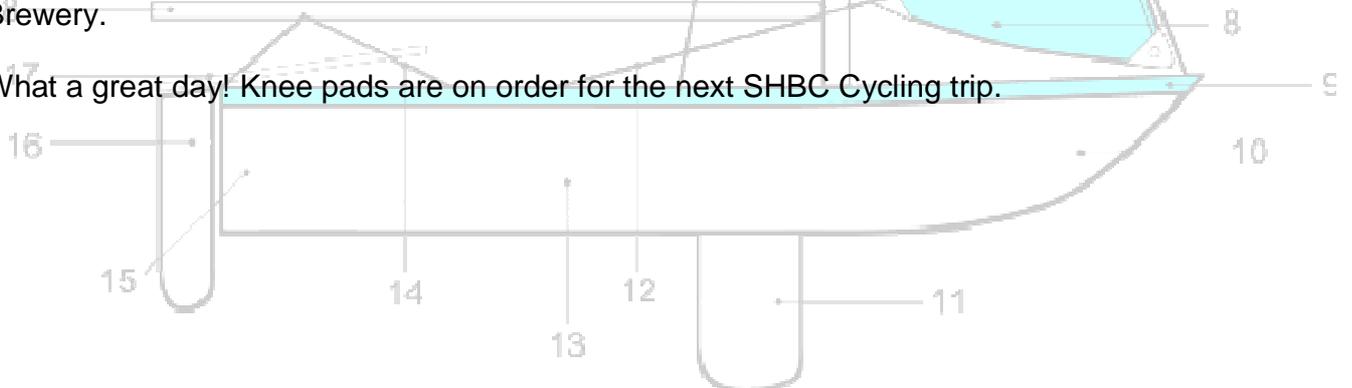
Farther North of Curlew Rd there's a bicycle overpass, which crosses Alt. 19 and it is quite steep both up and down. Some of us chose to walk our cycles up the "cliff" and this writer also opted to walk down the slope also. What a Wuss!!!



There was about 1 1/2 hour gap between the first arrivals and last stragglers at Ballyhoo. Beer and food never tasted so good. John's wife Rene and Ron's spouse Brenda joined us by car for the late luncheon festivities. Yvette opted to return home with the ladies, as she was a bit tuckered out from pedaling.

John V had originally cycled all the way from SH to meet us in Dunedin and Christy E had a dog in St. Pete waiting to be walked, so they headed straight back on their bicycles. The rest of the group found "rehydration" stops at several pubs, including Molly Goodheads in Ozone and two stops in Dunedin along either side of the trail. Ellen took another fall along the way, which is still healing. Thanks goodness our Commodore, Ron P. had the foresight to bring Bactine and bandaids. We ended up at Dunedin Brewery.

What a great day! Knee pads are on order for the next SHBC Cycling trip.



Island Nautical / Doyle Sails Tour

By Ed Malek

Images by M. Hembrey



On Tuesday, April 22, a half dozen of our Safety Harbor Boat Club members attended a tour of the Doyle Sail Factory in Saint Petersburg, Fl. Those attending were Mike Hembrey, Barry Fox, Jill Lunt, Christy Edwards, Ellen Henderson, and I, Ed Malek. In addition to our crew we were joined by the Race Chair of the Boca Ciega Yatch Club, David Burnman, whom just happened to be dropping off some sails for repair.



Doyle Sails or Island Nautical as some of you may be familiar with in the past several years not only makes custom sails by a designer with 30 years' experience but also has a Ships Store supplying the sailing community with a wide selection



of gear from clothing to the top names in sailboat fittings and hardware. All the people we spoke to there in the various departments were very knowledgeable and professional. No question was left unanswered.

Our tour guide was Tim Stodola, Sales Manager of OEM equipment. Many of you may know Tim as he has been racing sailboats for many years and is very well known in the area. In fact Tim will be our guest speaker at the May SHBC meeting. This is a meeting you won't want to miss if you enjoy racing as Tim will be speaking on, "**Advanced Racing Tactics**".



We also had a rope splicing demonstration by their rigger and splicer by the name of Glen and please forgive me as I didn't

get his last name. I was too focused on the demonstration. I asked him if he knew how to cut a rope in half and then grab it in his hand and make it whole again. He said, "No, that's the one thing he couldn't do". But he could splice ropes in his sleep and that's a magic trick in itself.

Near the end of the tour we had the opportunity to speak with Robert Ingwall, the owner of Island Nautical or Doyle Sails, and he was very congenial and answered many questions about how the sails are made, what sails perform best under various conditions, and I could go on and on but if any of you missed the tour and are interested in learning more I would recommend giving Robert a call and see what he or any of his employees can do to assist you.



When we finished the tour we had a group picture taken outside of the building and you can see the beautiful artwork on the side of the building which was done by some local artists. I hope the deep blue colors in the mural painting turn out in the photos taken.

Well as it turned out we were all very hungry after the tour and headed down the street a block and a half to The Historic Seaboard Train Station. There we stuffed our faces and participated in conversation with one another along with David Burnham the Race Chair from the Boca Ciega Yacht Club. David added many interesting nautical tales to our table that we all enjoyed. Needless to say it was a most satisfying way to spend a beautiful spring afternoon. When we finished eating we then went on another two tours to; The St. Petersburg Clay Company and



the Morean Arts Center for Clay. Both facilities are in the same building as the Train Station. There we were able to see artists crafting their work and ask them questions as well. But all good things must come to an end and that my time with fellow SHBC members was how our day at the Doyle Sail Factory transpired into the sunset.

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