

# S.H.B.C.

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The S.H.B.C. Sentinel is a periodic publication containing the stories and pictures of past events. Material is provided by Club Members and Guests and rarely edited. Nothing provided here represents an official position of the Safety Harbor Boat Club.

### July Issue Comments

By Mike Hembrey

[1] I am dropping the sailboat watermark. I think it makes the newsletter too hard to read. Maybe later I can tone it down or find something else.

[2] I do not usually like to fill the Newsletter with pictures. That is what Facebook is for. But this month will be an exception. Von sent a batch of pictures for three different events, and the MOB event pictures could not be filtered down to a smaller number. I guess you can call this the show and don't tell issue. 😊

### Memorial Day's, Post Race SOIREE..

By Brian Garry

Memorial Day, celebration for our Mates of the SHBC... was another Doozy.for sure. Following the Sail boats race.. Skipper's, and Crews, hurried for a delightfully prepared, cooked/grilled, of huge Dogs.. Hamburger's, & Turkey Burgers.. garnishments, condiments, and side dishes... by Chef Jack Youra, and Mike Mintz par Excellence... decorations, by Ellen Henderson, and her squad.. Von, and Betty Taylor... Barry Fox, as always.. Dale Cuddeback...



Phyllis, prepared two of her favorite dishes... German Baked Beans, in the Crock.. and Deviled Eggs, that PAPI, as well delved into... with added vigor & spice.



Chris Dolan, our race Chair... handled the duties.. First rate for all mates.. Capt. Ron... and Barry, along with Capt. John, and Dale... were all in the running..

Our weather, was Chamber of Commerce variety...



All were happy with the turnout.. approximately 26-29... Mates..

Sadly, our Man, Mike Mintz... ended up in the Hospital.. with some serious health issues, but Stood Tall, with his Call to Duty.. at a Proud NAVY VET... would do.. BRAVO\_ZULU to your MIKE!

The beer, was cold... the Camaraderie was Classic, and MEMORIAL DAY VET'S, WHO GAVE THEIR ALL... were honored... at a very appropriate setting..

Post Note: Capt. Ron, held an informal Officers meeting, that extended into the cool breezes, of Monday evening.... allowing for much needed discussion.. intercourse.. Sea Stories.. and Beer evaluating.



A historical way.. to end our day..... in Memory.... of those who gave US Freedom!

CAPT BAG & the PIG



## Dougherty / Memorial Day Race Results

By Chris Dollin

Winds were looking good when we set up for the Memorial Day picnic - I was even thinking we could perhaps extend the usual course. But not to be - the winds eased off, and it was a slow slog to the south White Mark and a shortened course back to the finish line, to ensure we'd be back in time for the barbie !!

<u>Results:</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Elapsed</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
Amelia	16:16:10	1:51:10	16:16:10
Incentive	16:22:10	1:57:10	16:18:20
Jewell Anne	16:29:20	2:04:2	16:28:03
Pegasus	16:31:59	2:06:59	16:29:57
Wanderlust	DNF		

Chris D. (Race Chair)

## Boyle's Backyard Bar and Grill

By Ed Malek

Hello Mates,

I have a short write up about the Boat Club's recent evening excursion to *Boyle's Backyard Bar and Grill* located in Palm Harbor, at 1101 Nebraska Ave. I don't have the GPS coordinates but as the crow flies it is about one block East of Alt 19 and the Pinellas Bike Trail. There wasn't much going on this past month as far as club activities and out of sheer desperation for some fluff I was asked to scratch out a short novel similar to *War and Peace* describing our adventure there.

Fret not, since my keyboard is almost out of ink that's not going to happen. But what did happen was a very enjoyable evening for all our crew who braved what started out as a blustery stormy evening where most souls were batting down the hatches, we on the other hand persisted in our quest to see what Boyle's Backyard was all about. The storm was passing over and the sun came out to greet the first of our crew upon arrival. That was a good omen as the evening rolled on and as more crew arrived it just got better and better. You know the old saying, "The more the Merrier". As our crew drifted in, consisting of the usual suspects John and Rene, Brian and Phyllis, Corey and Julie, Connie and Paul, Race Chair Aussie Chris, Captain Ron, Barry and myself, we situated ourselves just East of the bar within a fleet of tiny tables.

Well you know the flow, first a lavation or two, great appetizers like deep fried dill pickles, then a great selection of sandwiches, wraps, burgers, salads, and Backyard Specials like Conch fritters, steamed clams, and on and on with nothing on the menu over \$10.00. Hey..... everybody was happy, raved about the food and, the service was top notch. We were also lucky enough to have the owner, Steve Boyle, a good friend of Barry's give us an interesting tour of perhaps a gazillion pictures hanging inside the establishment of ex-service personal in uniform going back to WWII. Also were told some interesting stories that went with the pictures. Even the bathrooms, the Men's and Women's had pictures plastered all over the walls, but not necessarily related to service photos. These you will have to see for yourself, all of which were in good taste.

I have been told by other members in our crew that they are sending pictures they took on this evening to the SHBC Newsletter so I hope this short review of our evening will serve as a reminder that being a SHBC Member is all about having fun.

So a big thank you to Barry Fox who organized our evening out to Boyles and we are all looking forward to the next one.

## **JUNE PRESENTATION ON A CRUISE/RACE TO CUBA**

Submitted by Ellen Henderson

In case you missed it, Connie Pope gave an excellent presentation on her CRUISE/RACE TO CUBA at the June SHBC meeting.

It was the last sanctioned event from the Tampa Bay area. Over 100 boats participated. Connie and her crew of 3 were aboard her Beneteau 35', "Ooh La La", which had won many races in the Clearwater area, including the Clearwater Challenge.

The cruise down was mostly light winds, necessitating motor sailing a good part of the way.

Once there, it took 4 hours to clear customs and then were we off to see Old Havana. We hired a "free" Government Guide to show as the sights and then decided to take off on our own using a guidebook and a computerized



translator, as none of us spoke Spanish.

We also went out to the Caves in Pinar del Rio Province. Who knew there were cool spots in Cuba.

The Tropicana Nightclub was next on the nighttime agenda, followed by another day of sightseeing in New Havana, which was most different from the Old section.



The trip home was uneventful, except for a bird, who hitched a ride to the Tortugas.

Editor's Note: Before you think about sending Connie off to jail for violating the Cuban Embargo, pay attention to the words "last sanctioned" and "aboard her Beneteau" in the text above. How about we make Cuba the 51<sup>st</sup> state, or least a US Territory like V.I., and end all this foolishness?

## Wednesday Night Social at Boyle's Backyard

By Chris Dollin

The club decided not to race on Wednesday evenings during the summer months. The consensus was that time could be better planned and spent when not weather dependent, and the last race attempted was abandoned due to the threat of lightening.



Instead, we decided to have a monthly club social on Wednesday that would include all the club members along with the racers. On June 11, we went to Boyle's Backyard in



Palm Harbor. Boyle is a retired Coast Guard guy and friend of our esteemed Treasurer. The bar is covered in Coast Guard paraphernalia - channel markers at the entrance and a helicopter rescue seat has been set up as a memorial to a rescue swimmer.

It was raining when we arrived, vindicating the decision not to race. There was a good turnout - John and Renee, Barry, Ed Malek, Julie and Cory, Connie and Paul, Ron and moi. Lots of laughter emanated from our group. I was amused when René said she had finally decided to race, was ready to get out there, had notified her next of kin, and only the rain had stopped her from doing so. Some of the die-hards kicked on to Dunedin Brewery afterwards to catch some live music.





The next Wednesday social will be July 23.

## MOB Training Report

By Chris Dollin

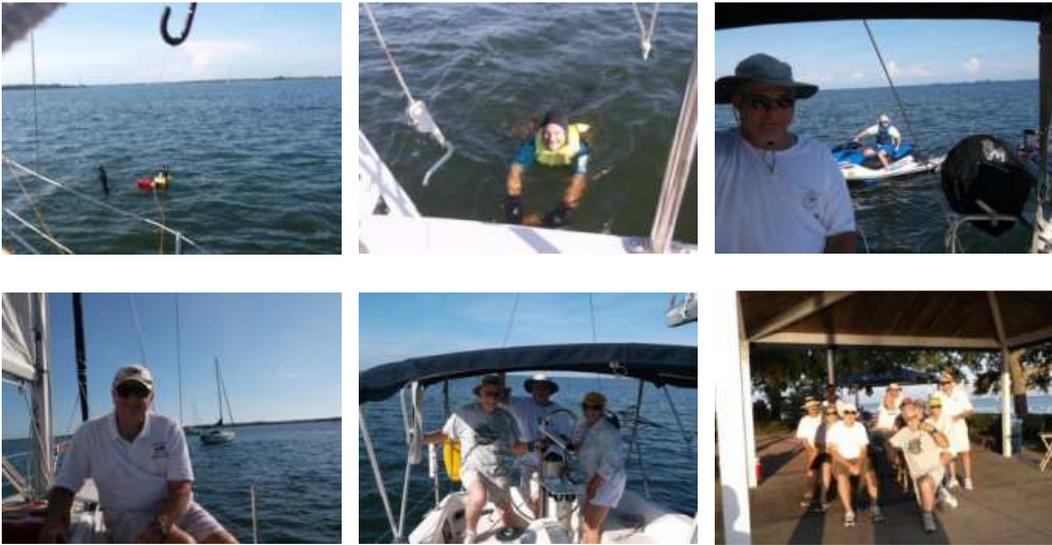
The club held a man overboard drill on June 7th.



A briefing was held in the Pavilion, followed by rope throwing practice, and knot tying. Cory taught us how to tie a Bowline around ourselves, the trick being in hand movements being used.

Once on the water, the crews retrieved a cushion while under motor, then under sail. Our brave treasurer then jumped in the water and each of the crews attempted rescue while under sail. He survived the day, and after a debriefing, we celebrated with a cook-out.





## Potpourri of Pictures

By Von Taylor

### Dougherty Memorial Race





### Memorial Day Picnic





**Pinellas Trail Ride**





Note: Von did not apologize for the delay in getting all these pictures out, so I am not going to either. 😊

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