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Shot across the bow.....

By the Newsletter Editor

We, as a club, have a problem. The newsletter purpose of existence is to generate more interest in the club and our activities. It appears even the club has little interest in the newsletter. One "seasoned" club member admitted they had not read the latest copy. And I suspect I know why.

With one exception, the text of this issue was either written or provided by Ellen. Are you thinking this is actually just "Ellen's Newsletter?" If so, that is understandable, but not acceptable. I have repeatedly put out calls for anyone to provide text that is even remotely related to boating.

Early on, I was getting material that I rarely edited. I did not want to change the perceived character of the author by adding my own skew to the message they were willing to share. By design, I chose to present and accept them as they really are, because they are unique and valuable to the club.

Ellen works hard to keep the newsletter alive, which is her nature. I work hard to make it presentable, which is my nature. Providing it material to give it a soul should be your nature.

“I’m not good at writing” is a lame excuse. Feel free to submit material on any event of interest, even if you think you are the only one interested. I will accept sentences, paragraphs, or manuscripts ready for publication, like Dale’s. I can work with nearly any level of grammar and/or literacy. All you have to do is add a note saying you want me to “clean it up” if that is what you want.

It may not be obvious, but the newsletter is dying a slow death. Submissions are down. Interest is down if we discount the half-dozen or so that regularly provide compliments. If you have not guessed it yet, my willingness to produce a one-source-material document is also down. After all, we are a CLUB, no?

Safety Harbor Holiday Parade - Saturday Dec 19th

Ahoy SHBC,

With the end of the year approaching, and the holidays coming up, the boat club activities are slowing down.

But we do have the Safety Harbor Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec 19th.

We are going to do what we’ve done in the past, and that’s to enter a decorated dinghy in the parade.

We need volunteers to decorate the dinghy, and then follow along on the parade, handing out candy and beads.

Here is the schedule:

The dinghy is brought to the marina parking lot between 9 and 10 am.

Decorators should show up at 10 am.

Safety Harbor will give us further instructions on when to join the parade.

We will also need someone to purchase beads and candy. That will be discussed at the meeting on December 2nd.

Regards,

Capt Ron

Happy Boating!

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GUEST SPEAKER FOR DEC. 2 SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Plan to attend our Wed., **DEC. 2** SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm, at the Safety Harbor Library.

For this meeting our speaker will be our Club's own **Cruising Chair, Brian Garry** and his **wife Phyllis**, who recently went on a diving trip in the Grand Caymans.



Brian will give a presentation about the diving, sailing, snorkeling and submarine dive into the deep, while **Phyllis** will speak about the wonderful floral beauty of the Caymans and the Cayman cuisine.

RECAP OF NOV. 4 SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER: BARRY FOX

BY ELLEN HENDERSON



Our speaker for our Nov. 4 SHBC membership meeting was **Barry Fox**, whose topic was **Advanced Use of GPS For Racing & Cruising**. **Barry** regaled the meeting attendees with the history of the first satellite (1957), which led up to current GPS technology. He discussed loading waypoints and creating a route. For racers, **Barry** reviewed VMG (velocity made good), bearings, speed and headings plus when is the best time to tack on a windward leg.

We also learned about the newest gizmos from Garmin from chart plotters, to 3-D perspective. Hopefully, our Club's cruisers and racers will make use of the info shared by **Barry**.

SHBC 2015 COMMODORE'S CUP CLUB RACE

It was a Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce afternoon with sunny skies and a good wind for sailboat racing. Not a great wind, but good enough. There were four boats competing for the Commodore's Cup, an annual event. The competing boats were:

- S/V Pegasus with Captain John and crew Ellen and Gretel,
- S/V Wanderlust with co-captains Ron (club commodore) and Roof with Roof at the helm. It's working crew consisted of Ron, Paula and friend,

- S/V Incentive with Captain Dale and crew Marty (helmsman), June and June's brother Bob from Portland, Oregon, and
- S/V John Marie with Captain Chris and crew Susan, Mike Duffy and wife Sherrie. (Chris is Vice Commodore but we are low-key about that) Chris is really a very nice guy and good friend but not someone to introduce into polite society.



One by one the boats motored to the start line buoys. Pegasus radioed that his outboard wouldn't start so Incentive returned to the marina to tow Pegasus out to the race course. As predictable, just when Incentive arrived in the marina Pegasus got its engine started. While turning around Incentive was lucky not to go aground since, as we all know, no good deed goes unpunished.



The start was scheduled for 2:30 PM and we almost started on time. With the two start-line buoys aligned SE to NW, it was a west to east start with the orange mark as the first mark. Pegasus crossed the start line first followed by Incentive and then Wanderlust who was followed by John Marie with its 180 % jib that practically covers his boat up. Not to worry racers Chris will blow that light sail out soon in a race. However, if Chris learns to race before he blows the sail out he will be a formidable racer. But I'm taking odds that won't happen.

There was a decent NE wind of about 8 knots. The boats jockeyed for position heading to the first mark. However, there was some confusion in finding the first mark. Pegasus and John Marie chased a phantom mark for a while and even announced that the mark had sunk and they would round the coordinates where the mark should be. Meanwhile Wanderlust found the first mark and rounded it first followed by Incentive. Incentive had been behind in the race to the first mark but while Pegasus and John Marie chased the phantom mark (not unusual in our club) Incentive pulled ahead and got back in the race.





Racing to the second mark both Pegasus and John Marie regained their lead over the slower Incentive but not by much. Before the start of the race, it had been declared that a possible second lap around the course would be decided by consensus. Two boats had crew members with prior commitments who requested that the race be restricted to a single lap and so it was. After rounding the second mark it was a real foot-race to the finish line with Wanderlust crossing first followed by John Marie, Pegasus and Incentive in that order. Applying handicaps for a corrected time finish, Incentive won first place followed by Pegasus, John Marie and Wanderlust.



On the way back to the marina slips, Pegasus, with a stalled engine again, was sailing to its slip. While watching Pegasus, Incentive almost rammed several boats in the marina. Not to worry, when spotters announce that Incentive is headed back to its slip, prudent boat owners have learned to stand by their boats to fend off in case Incentive loses control.

A post-race dock party was held on the boat docks. Commodore Ron had arranged the dock party with hot dogs and side dishes brought by the racer's and family. A \$2 fee was collected for food purchases. A fine time was had by all. After the food, Incentive's Captain Dale was awarded the Commodore's Cup. Dale declared it was well deserved amid the boos of the other racers. After a lengthy acceptance speech of one sentence the dock party resumed while Dale slunk back to his boat, grateful he wasn't pushed off the docks. Another routine great SHBC party.



Dale Cuddeback,
Captain of the intrepid S/V Incentive



THE RACE OF THE SNOWBIRDS

By Ellen Henderson

For the Sat., Nov. 7 SHBC race, several Snowbirds converged at the Safety Harbor Marina. Aboard **Chris G's "Jean Marie"** appeared **Mike** and **Sherry Duffy**, who are now technically permanent SH residents; as they just sold their home in CT and will no longer be commuting back and forth. **Christy Edwards**



(with hubby, **Tom Potter**) was back from Long Island and was racing on **Barry F's "Amelia"**. We're still waiting for **Mike** and **Jan Hornbuckle** to show up from upstate NY.

The race was scheduled to start at 2:30 pm; however, it was flat calm on Upper Tampa Bay. In **Race Chair, Chris D's** absence, **Barry F.** ran the race as Race Committee. After taking a VHF poll among the competitors, it was decided to wait until 3:15 pm for the wind to fill in from the West with the afternoon sea breeze, which it did, just in time for the deadline. As the SH Wine Fest was scheduled to commence at 5:00 pm, it was further decided to race just two legs, South to the White Mark and back to the Finish.



"Wanderlust" with co-owner **Roof D.** helming and **Commodore Ron P.** as crew, was first over the line. **"Amelia"** had **Barry F, Christy E.** and **Ellen H.** on board and they fairly quickly passed **"Wanderlust"** to leeward, after trying to mess with them to windward.



On this leg with a beam and aft wind, **"Jean Marie"** was honored with guest helmsman (and new boat owner) **Mark Kanuck**, who coaxed the boat to attempt to advance out of 4th place. They were striving to overtake **"Incentive"** with **Marty H.** at the helm, while **June H.** and boat owner, **Dale C.** crewed for him.

"Amelia" was first to round the White Mark and her crew observed the rest of the fleet duking it out from the rear position. On the last leg **"Jean Marie"** took a flyer tack onto starboard to correct their jib sheet car position for windward work. **"Wanderlust"** was able to point higher than the remaining fleet, seemingly giving competition to **"Amelia's"** lead, while **"Incentive"** started nipping at the heels of **"Amelia"**.

But alas, **"Amelia"** finished in the lead to make up her time correction, while **"Incentive"** corrected out over **"Wanderlust"**.

Dale C's "Incentive" hosted the surprise Birthday Party celebration for **Christy E.** Then it was off to the evenings SH Wine Fest to cap off another wonderful day in Safety Harbor.

Here are the results from Nov. 7, Saturday's Race.

	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Elapsed</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
1 Amelia	04:03:40	00:41:40	00:41:40
2 Incentive	04:11:12	00:49:12	00:44:02
3 Wanderlust	04:09:35	00:47:35	00:47:35
4 John Marie	04:14:40	00:52:40	00:50:14

THE VETERAN'S DAY NIGHT RACE - NOV. 11

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

This was the last race in the Wednesday evening series, so it was fitting that Veteran's Day be celebrated on the waters of Safety Harbor during the glorious weather for our night race with a 6pm start. Sunset was at 5:40 pm, so it was truly a complete night race. The high tide was at 4:15 pm and the low wouldn't be until 9:00 pm, so it was an outgoing tide during the entire race, which helped planning for the start and the mark roundings.

Earlier in the day Commodore **Ron P.**, Vice Commodore **Chris G.** and **Dale C.** prepared and set out the lighted Start -Finish line marks and illuminated the orange and white permanent markers for the 3:64nm course.

Since it was a new moon and the sky was really dark, it actually made it surprisingly somewhat easier to find the lit marks against the backdrop of downtown Tampa and the Memorial Causeway Bridge traffic.

For the post-race party on **Dale C's "Incentive"**, **Ellen H.** provided a Veteran's Day quiz and our military background racers were on the money with the correct answers. This kicked off an evening of discussion and remembrances of their various military experiences.

Here are the results of the recent Night Race.

Course : **start -> Orange -> White -> Finish 3:64nm**

	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Elapsed</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
1 Pegasus	07:26:17	01:24:17	01:18:51
2 John Marie	07:34:05	01:32:05	01:27:50
3 Wanderlust	07:34:15	01:32:15	01:32:15
4 Incentive	07:47:28	01:45:28	01:34:24



HAPPY HOLIDAYS (HANNUKAH AND CHRISTMAS)
TO ALL OUR SAFETY HARBOR BOAT CLUB
MEMBERS!



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Submissions must be complete with text and images. If received after the 26th of the month, they will be held over and not included in the latest issue.

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