

# S.H.B.C.

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### **GUEST SPEAKER FOR AUGUST 5 SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Plan to attend our Wed., August 5 SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm, at the Safety Harbor Library. For this meeting our speaker will be our very own SHBC member, Brian Garry. Brian's topic will be: "Recent Coast Guard Tour of 3 Ports of Call Including: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Old San Juan, P.R. AND Key West FL on Migrant Immigrant Duty".

Since most of us have not sailed in Cuba or Puerto Rico, Brian's presentation should be quite enlightening.

*Brian added:* "Have excellent DVD VIDEO..& DVD PICS...First class...plus live memorabilia..."

### **RECAP OF JUNE 3 SHBC MEETING GUEST SPEAKER**

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Our SHBC July 1 SHBC meeting saw the Club returning to the Safety Harbor Library.

Our guest speaker was our very own SHBC member Dick Greenhalgh. Dick's topic was "Cruising With Safety Harbor Boat Club Over The Years". Dick was our Club's videographer for many years, so his program was very interesting. He started off with a Raft-up from 2001, then ventured onto a "Sea Cruise" to Bradenton, then on to Cabbage Key and Boca Grand. Dick ended his program with a BANG! Literally, he showed the video that was supplied by deceased Club member, Steve D. who witnessed the implosion of the Oldsmar power plant.

## **Cruising Guide For The Gulf Coast Near Tampa Bay**

By Dick Greenhalgh

### **Cruising Tips**

- **Pack light**
- **Bring a back-up hand held radio if possible**
- **Know the procedures for calling the bridge tenders**
- **Prepare your vessel**
- **Provision food supplies according to your float plan.**
- **Prepare a basic float plan for family and/or friends**
- **Plan out your routes on your chartplotter if you have one. Create routes for inside and outside the intracoastal waterway**
- **Be conservative in your day to day routes. Make your first day a long day while you are fresh.**
- **Allow at least an extra day at the end of your planned trip for bad weather.**
- **Create a cruising checklist**
- **Purchase: Captain Randy Deering; "Cruising Guide to Florida's Suncoast" from Dunedin to Marco island**

# CRUISING CHECKLIST

## Things To Bring:

GPS and batteries  
Chartplotter  
Lantern  
Coffemaker/supplies  
Sleeping bags  
Pillows  
Cell phones/chargers  
Medicine  
Extension cords (on boat)  
Battery cables (on boat)  
Battery starter unit  
Cigarette lighter two way  
Mugs  
Wine glasses  
Bleach  
Work schedule books  
Mask/snorkel

## Boat Checklist:

Check fluid levels  
Top off fuel tank  
Change water supply  
Hook up autopilot  
Check anchors and rode  
Check sea water strainer

## Miscellaneous:

Dish rags  
Towels  
Tongs  
Alcohol for stove  
Propane for grill  
Soap-waterless  
Rubber spatula  
Coffee pot  
Flashlight  
Band aids/dustpan and brush

## Food:

Eggs  
Bread  
Mayo  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Jelly  
Peanut butter  
Cocoa  
Spray Crisco  
Fruit, salad stuff  
Milk  
Lunch meats/chips/snacks  
Ice

**Florida West Coast Marinas**

**(marinas.com)**

<b>City</b>	<b>Marina</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Bradenton	Seafood Shack (Darryl)	941-920-5692
Bradenton	B. Beach Marina	941-778-2288
Longboat	Moore's Crab	941-383-1748
Sarasota	Sara Bay Marina	941-373-5790
Sarasota	Longboat Key Club	941-383-8383
Sarasota	Hyatt Regency	941-953-1234
Sarasota	Marina Jacks	941-955-9488
Sarasota	Bird Key Yacht Club	941-953-4455
Osprey	Casey key Marina	239-592-0134
Venice	Crow's Nest	941-484-7661
Venice	Fisherman's Wharf	941-468-0500
Englewood	Royal Palm Marina	941-475-6882
Englewood	Stump Pass Marina	941-697-4300
Gasparilla	Gasparilla Marina	941-697-2280
Gasparilla	Uncle Henry's	941-964-0154
B. Grande	B. Grande Marina	941-964-2100
Cabbage Key	Cabbage Key Marina	239-283-2278

**Florida West Coast Marinas (continued)**

<b>CITY</b>	<b>Marina</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Captiva	S. Seas Resort	888-777-3625
Captiva	Tween Waters Inn	239-472-5161
Sanibel	Port Sanibel	239-472-8443
Ft. Myers	Ft. Myers Bch. Marina	239-463-9552
Naples	Naples City Dock	239-213-3070

SW Florida  
ICW Bridges

Bridge	Location	Vertical Clearance (ft)	Opening Schedule
Honeymoon Island	Mile 142	24	On Demand
Clearwater Memorial Causeway	Mile 136	65	Fixed
Clearwater Pass	Pass		Fixed
Bellair Causeway	Mile 132	75	Fixed
Indian Rocks	Mile 129	25	On Demand
Park Blvd	Mile 126	25	On Demand
Welch Causeway	Mile 123	25	Opens on demand except that, year round, on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays the bridge opens only on the hour and every 20 minutes thereafter from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
John's Pass	Pass	25	On Demand
Treasure Island Causeway	Mile 119	8	Year round, opens on the hour and every 15 minutes thereafter from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. seven days a week- From 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., the bridge only opens with 10 minutes' notice
Corey Causeway	Mile 118	23	Year round, opens on the hour and every 20 minutes thereafter from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm weekdays, and on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Pinellas Bayway Structure C	Mile 114		Fixed
Pinellas Bayway Structure E	Mile 113	25	Opens on the hour and half-hour from 9 am to 7 pm. At all other times, the bridge opens on demand
Mizner Bridge	Mile 110	65	Fixed to Tampa Bay
Sunshine Skyway	Mile 99	175	Fixed to Tampa Bay
Anna Maria Island	Mile 89	25	Opens on the hour and half-hour from January 15 to May 15, between the hours of 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week; From May 16 to January 14, the bridge opens on the hour and every twenty minutes thereafter from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week. At all other times opens on demand.
Cortez	Mile 87	22	Opens on the hour and half-hour from January 15 to May 15, between the hours of 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week; From May 16 to January 14, the bridge opens on the hour and every twenty minutes thereafter from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week. At all other times opens on demand.
Longboat Pass	Pass	17	On Demand
Ringling Causeway	Mile 74	65	Fixed
Siesta Key	Mile 72	25	Opens on the hour and every 20 minutes thereafter weekdays, except Federal holidays, year round, from from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - On weekends and Federal holidays the bridge opens on the hour and every 20 minutes thereafter from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Stickney Point	Mile 69	19	Opens on demand weekdays, but opens only on the hour weekends
Blackburn Point	Mile 63	9	Opens on demand weekdays, but opens only on the hour weekends
Albee Road	Mile 59	14	On Demand
Venice Inlet	Pass		No Bridge

SW Florida  
ICW Bridges

Bridge	Location	Vertical Clearance (ft)	Opening Schedule
Hatchet Creek	Mile 57	30	Opens on the hour and every 20 minutes thereafter weekdays, year round from 7:00 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. but does not open at all from 4:25 p.m. to 5:25 p.m. - on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays, bridge opens on the hour and every 15 minutes thereafter from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at all other times opens on demand
Venice Avenue	Mile 57	30	Opens at 10 minutes past the hour, 30 minutes past the hour, and 50 minutes past the hour, from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, weekdays (except Federal holidays), year round, except that the bridge will not open at all between 4:35 pm and 5:35 pm
Circus Bridge	Mile 55	25	On Demand
Manasota Beach	Mile 50	26	On Demand
Tom Adams	Mile 43	26	On Demand
Boca Grande Swing Bridge	Mile 34	9	Opens on the hour and and half-hour weekdays from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, and on the hour and every 15 minutes thereafter from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, weekends and holidays
Sanibel Island Causeway		70	Fixed

Dick distributed copies of his Cruising Tips at the July meeting. There was obviously a lot of work put into this document, so I have included it here and put a PDF version on the website. – Mikey

# SHBC Celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> and Fireworks by the Bay!!

By Mark Kanuck

The Safety Harbor Boat Club celebrated our nation's 239th birthday on a rousing Saturday evening, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Safety Harbor Marina with a splendid dock party, and fireworks.....provided mostly by Mother Nature's light and magic show.

The party has been a tradition at SHBC. This year Vice Commodore Chris Garrill encouraged several boat owners to marry up to the middle dock, this appearing more inviting and festive than usual. The gathering was a huge success. A number of members hosted family and friends on a several boats and the numbers spilled over onto the dock where lawn chairs were carefully staged to be close enough to the food but far enough away from the edge so that no one leaned back too far, thus avoiding any spontaneous "crew overboard" drills. A sumptuous pot-luck spread was laid out on



several propped up 2 X 6s. SHBC may be the best fed boat club in all of Tampa Bay. As far as anyone can tell, not one solitary chicken tender wound up as food for the marine life.



The day dawned traditionally hot and steamy and ended with a bang, all sorts of them. In between, the sky literally met the sea with a down pour of tropical-depression proportions including lightning and thunder crackling overhead that sent hundreds assembled on the dock and at the marina scurrying for cover.

When the rains came, just minutes before the fireworks were to begin at 9 PM, the hearty huddled on "Boat Hosts" **Amelia, Island Girl**, and **Incentive**, while those not undercover joined the stampede back to cars parked too far away to outrun the fast moving cold front sweeping in from the Upper Tampa Bay. To paraphrase an expression that those of us from the 60s recall, you didn't need a weather app to know which way the wind blows. You KNEW you were going to get wet. The



scene of the hundreds of men, women, children and pets running for cover was reminiscent of the old Japanese sci-fi movies where Godzilla rounds the corner and all hell breaks loose on the Ginza. The good news was that there were no reports of anyone being trampled and the fireworks (man-made) went on as planned although about an hour later than scheduled.



Those turning out to our 4<sup>th</sup> and Fireworks by the Bay included: Barry Fox (“**Amelia**”) and Daughter-Dusty and Grandson-Tom, Barry’s girlfriend-Sherrie, her daughter Diana and husband-Tony, Sherries granddaughter- "Amelia", (coincidence? I think not). Dick and Sharon Greenhalgh (“**Island Girl**”) hosted their family: niece Andrea and her sister, Betty T. Tiffany. Dale and his guest



boyfriend Chris, Dick's and their son Von, Jr. and Cuddyback (“**Incentive**”) Judith. Mikey Hembrey. Phillis Garry; Mark and and his wife Alecia;

Other attendees included: Jack Meyers; Ann Kanuck, daughter Brittany and son Matt Connie and Paul Pope plus Ellen Henderson



and her guests Peter and Antoinette Stein, who drove down for the weekend from NC; Marty and Rainbow Bindemann, plus Carl and Cindy Davis. New members included: Bob and his wife, Skip; Ted & Janet O'Brien and their guest Millie Nasta.

See you next year for number 240.

## Mobile Bay, AL Race Disaster

By Mikey

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dJF7i5z9IQ4&feature=youtu.be>

About 17 minutes of video... (The link works on mobile devices and a PC.)

The link above was found after reading about this story in the **June 2015 Southwinds**. We are not the only ones that get suddenly fierce storms. The story illustrates how being unprepared, or failing to pay attention to the weather, can cost 6 lives.

In the video, it amazed me that the helmsman was not immediately offered a life jacket. And when she did get one, the provider handed it to her rather than helping her put it on (which never happened). What happened to common sense? She was supposed to let go of the wheel to put the life jacket on?

## THE RACE OF THE "VERY CLEAN BOTTOM"

SUBMITTED BY ELLEN HENDERSON

We all want to thank **Barry F.**, his grandson **Thomas, Chris G.** and **Patrick W.** for retrieving the errant buoy and scraping off the barnacles. Also thanks to **Chris G.** and **Dale C.** for placing a temporary buoy Wed. morning for the Wed. night's race and to **Chris G** and crew for retrieving the temporary buoy and to **Barry F.** and crew (moi) on "**Amelia**" for retrieving the start-finish buoys after the race and of course to our Race Chair, **Aussie Chris** for producing and excellent course and doing all of the race scoring and communicating the results so quickly.

We were blessed with no rain and good winds for the Wed. July 22 SHBC race, which thankfully held up. The predicted winds were from the SE 2-10 mph, but the weathermen got it wrong, as the actual starting winds ranged from 260 - 280 degree range for a very broad reaching start. "**Amelia**" was first over the line, followed closely by **John V.'s "Pegasus"**. For most of the first leg "**Pegasus**" held her position and was actually gaining on "**Amelia**"; however, as the wind started to increase, "**Amelia**" pulled ahead to round the temporary South mark first. At this mark rounding, "**Incentive**" lost her jib sheet outside the block, so it took about two minutes to retrieve the sheet and get going on a beam reach after being thrust into last place.

"**Incentive**", with **Marty H.** at the helm, as usual, pulled ahead of **Chris G's "Jean Marie"** during the third leg. On the second leg **Barry F's "Amelia"** remained ahead of "**Pegasus**", however on the last leg after rounding the Orange mark, "**Amelia**" had a bit of difficulty with the loaded jib car position, which necessitated leaving the favored northerly tack to go southwest. So "**Pegasus**", and crew **Dr. Jim**, with her brand new bottom job, quickly gained position and was right behind "**Amelia**", as we crossed tacks with her. "**Amelia**", finished three minutes and 10 seconds ahead of "**Pegasus**", which wasn't enough, as "**Pegasus**" beat us by 56 seconds on corrected time. **A VERY CLEAN BOTTOM** won the day.

During the last leg "**Jean Marie**" sailed really fast and passed "**Incentive**", just before the finish line, but alas, with the amount of time owed, it wasn't enough, because "**Incentive**", corrected out to nearly four minutes ahead to finish in third place.

	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1 Pegasus	19:16:29	01:03:29	00:59:23
2 Amelia	19:13:19	01:00:19	01:00:19
3 Incentive	19:22:13	01:09:13	01:01:57
4 John Marie	19:21:45	01:08:45	01:05:35

## THE RACE THAT ALMOST WASN'T - SAT. JULY 11

SUBMITTED BY ELLEN HENDERSON

A June Saturday race was scheduled for this month on the 11th, with a 10am start.

The predicted Tides were:

**2015-07-11 05:41 EDT 1.49 feet Low Tide**

**2015-07-11 12:11 EDT 3.02 feet High Tide**

The maintenance fund contribution of \$2/boat was collected by Chris Garill before departing the dock for the race.

However, "Amelia" had to take a last minute pass on racing, due to a scuba diving lesson for Barry's grandson, Tom and John V. on "Pegasus" opted to continue on home after returning from his bottom job.

The winds were extremely light at the start and no-one ran aground on Sat 7/11, but the white buoy decided to go walk-about! The chain had broken loose from the anchor, and it was drifting around the bay!

However, the winds did pick up for the finish leg.

Results of Sat 7/11

- 1 Jewell Anne
- 1 Incentive
- 3 John Marie DNF

Rather than nullify the race results because of the errant buoy, Jewell Anne, which rounded the GPS position of the missing mark and Incentive get awarded equal first.

## Terms of Submission:

Material may be slightly corrected for grammatical or spelling errors, but generally left as-is unless you request otherwise. Ideally, a Microsoft WORD document would be easiest to process, but we can work with text, HTML, most word processors, or Google e-mails. If you wish to submit your story or report in another word processor or document format, contact the S.H.B.C. Webmaster for discussing.

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