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**HAPPY NEW YEARS To all our SHBC
Members. May you and your families have a
healthy and prosperous 2016!**

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JAN. 6 SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING BY ELLEN HENDERSON

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

For this meeting our speakers will be our Club's own newly elected **Vice Commodore, Ed Malek** and newly elected Club **Secretary/Scribe, Joan Marzi**. **Ed & Joan** recently returned from their sailing in the Western Caribbean and will share their adventure with the Club.

7th ANNUAL SPYC CLASSIC BOAT REGATTA - JAN. 9

By Ellen Henderson

This is a rite of passage for sailboats 20 years or older. So far representing SHBC is **Ron P.** on "Wanderlust" and **Barry F., Christy E., Ellen H.**, etc. on an O'Day 32' out of St. Pete.

If you're interested, go to www.stpetersburgclassicregatta.com for details.



Meet our 2016 Safety Harbor Boat Club Officers:

By Ellen Henderson

Commodore Ron Poirson, who has been a SHBC member since 2008, was formerly the Club's Treasurer and Vice Commodore; this will be **Ron's** 3rd term as Commodore.

Vice Commodore Ed Malek is in his 3rd year in the Club. **Ed** spent the last 2 years as the "Land Cruising" Chair, in which he capably organized tours to 2 sail lofts and Catalina Yachts boat manufacturing plant all in St. Pete. **Ed** also led the tour to the Armed Forces Museum in Largo, as we have numerous members (both male & female) with military backgrounds.

Treasurer Linda Brandt, CPA...has spent 18 years in accounting and has been the Finance Officer for 7 years for the Coast Guard Auxiliary - Flotilla 74, which is an appointed position over 6 Flotillas. **Linda** will also continue on as our SHBC Club Photographer/Videographer.

Secretary, (Scribe) Joan Marzi will be completing her 2nd year as a SHBC member. **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.



Congratulations to our new Officers and many thanks to our 2015 outgoing officers for a job well done.

Vice Commodore **Chris Garill**
Treasurer **Barry Fox**
Secretary, (Scribe) **Connie Pope**

City of Safety Harbor Holiday Parade

By Linda Brandt: Pix by Linda and Von

On Saturday, December 19, members of the Safety Harbor Boat Club participated in the town's annual holiday parade. Members on DECK who volunteered to help decorate a dinghy generously provided by Mike Denny and family (Lou, Ethan, and Audrey) included Dale Cuddeback, Ron Poirson, Christy Edwards and Tom Potter, Connie and Paul Pope, Mike Duffy, and Barry Fox.



One part of the dinghy was **MASTERfully** hoisted only to be lowered and raised a few more times until we got it just right. Then the dinghy was adorned with multi-colored tinsel, ornaments, and our SHBC banner. And with Christy's artistic flair, we soon had a masterpiece on our hands. The pictures will reveal the complete transformation [along with one photo resembling an iconic WWII shot!](#) Well done, CREW.

Floats, antique vehicles, Shriners, highlights. We got **UNDERWAY** at smooth sail down Main St. We entire parade route to eagerly **STARBOARD** sides of the street. and Santa were just a few of the



1pm as the winds were favorable for a distributed beads and candy along the waiting children on both PORT and The captain at the helm did a fine job of keeping us on course. Many thanks to all who showed up to help decorate, remove the decorations, or just to show support. And that would include Ellen Henderson, Mike Mintz, Linda Brandt, and Patrick Whelan.





Racing dates for Jan, Feb, & Mar:

By Barry Fox

January:

Wednesday Racing: Jan 13 & 27 2:30 pm start
 Saturday Race: Jan 23 2:30 pm start

February:

Wednesday Races: Feb 10 & 24 2:30 pm start
 Saturday Series Races: Feb 27 Back Bay Triangle 2:30 pm start

March:

Wednesday Races: Mar 9 & 23 2:30 pm start
 Saturday Races: Mar 12 - St Patrick's Day Party & Race
 Mar 19 - Series Race 2:30 pm start

RECAP OF DEC. 2 SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKERS: BRIAN & PHYLLIS GARRY

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Our speakers for our **DEC. 2** SHBC membership meeting were our Club's own 2015 **Cruising Chair**, **Brian Garry** and his **wife Phyllis**, who recently went on a trip to the Grand Caymans.

Phyllis spoke about their trip getting to the Caymans, while....



Brian gave a presentation about the diving, sailing, snorkeling and submarine dive into the deep. **Brian** also showed a video on the wonderful floral beauty of the Caymans plus how the government runs and the industries (tourism and banking) that support this income tax-free island paradise.

Wednesday Afternoon Race 12/09/2015

By John Viverito

The first Wednesday afternoon race was today 12/9/15.

We were met by 0-3 Knot winds and delayed the start to about 15:30. The start was met with 3 Knot. winds.

Pegasus was first across because Wanderlust had to restart as they went over the start line early. Pegasus held back so as to not cross early by "noodling" and letting out her sails.



The wind gods were generous an hour into the race when the wind came up to about 8-10 Kn.

Sea Jewel used her light weight and sleekness to head out far in front of the remainder of the fleet in the light air. NOT as usual Amelia was floundering at the start and was the last boat to cross the start line.

After the wind came up all, (except Sea Jewel who way was out in front) were approaching the mark very close together and Wanderlusts needed to give room at the Mark as Pegasus obtained an overlap, thanks to her experiencing the uptake of wind first.



After rounding the mark and the wind came up more and Sea Jewel lost her pole overboard. Pegasus attempted to retrieve it but was passing directly over the pole and was accelerating because of the increased and shifted wind (see below). Amelia who rounded last was able to retrieve the pole without incident and accelerated to catch Pegasus just before the finish line. Captain Jack Promised Barry a LARGE beer for his gracious retrieval of the wayward pole.

As the fleet rounded the mark the wind shifted about 180 degrees from ESE to ENE. Pegasus felt the wind stop and restart and did not realize it was such a big shift until she was heading back to the start finish line. We had a beam reach for both legs of the race after the wind came up.

Pegasus was able to pass to second in line during the last leg. However, Amelia came up fast and furious as the finish line was being approached and finished with an overlap on Pegasus and finished about 5 seconds after Pegasus.

The fleet crossed:

- 1.) Sea Jewel
- 2.) Pegasus
- 3.) Amelia
- 4,) Wanderlust
- 5,) Incentive

Corrected finish TBA.

We really had a fun sail after a slow light wind start.

A extended fellowship post-race "party" was held on Dale's Boat, Incentive.

Please come out when you can and join in the fun!

A Great afternoon on Old Tampa Bay,

S.V. Watercolor from Boca Ciega to Safety Harbor

By Christy and Tom Potter

It all began at an Adventurous Woman meeting at Bill Jacksons on Hwy 19 January 2012. Ellen Henderson was doing a talk on women sailing. Her intent was to recruit women for the infamous Bikini Cup. Looks like fun, I thought! Inspired by the slide show and her positive attitude, I happily gave my name and phone number to Ellen. Ellen called and invited me come to Safety Harbor for the Wednesday and Saturday races.

My first time after a leg or two Jack gave me helm of his boat, Jewel Ann. Later Barry did the same on Amelia. I was advised to arrive wearing the proper boat shoes, gloves, eyeglass holder, hat, sunscreen, raincoat, sweat shirt, snack for party after, and beer for the captain. With the skills I learned from sailing with Safety Harbor, that May I was given the helm of Frank Downwards 38 foot 2008 Catalina and 9 women, some who had never been on a boat, for the Bikini Cup! It was an adventure! I don't remember how we did, only that we participated and no one nor the boat was injured.

The next year I got to helm Barry's, Amelia, in the Bikini Cup. Barry invited my daughter who had a quick lesson at the traveler on his boat one Wednesday over the Christmas Holiday! It was on this Wednesday Tom was waiting for us to return to BCYC. While flipping thru the many glossy pages of boat magazines he stopped on one page. Tom was attracted to a picture, price and features of the Macgregor 26M. He ordered the offered free video. It came; we watched it and bought the boat sight unseen! We completed sailing lessons at the club. It was delivered to NY in May 2013. That same month, here in Florida, Barry entered Amelia in the Bikini Cup with Chris, Jean, Myself and Donna as crew. We came in 4th!

The next year was interesting as Tom chose to send the boat south but stayed north till late January. Barry and Ellen help decorate it for the Light Parade and continued to help me be a better sailor. I found crew and entered Watercolor in the Woman's Challenge race in May. Again, I have no idea how we did just that we participated and returned unharmed. I trailered the boat

home that July and in August Tom was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Tom was too weak to participate in sailing though he kept his interest in the boat alive with necessary fixes and upgrades.

Tom miraculously responded to treatment and we returned together with the boat last January. We joined the Safety Harbor cruise to Twin Dolphins. As the winds would have it, we were the only ones that made it to the resort! High winds kept the rest home. Some had to seek shelter at the cruise dock in Tampa!

This year we committed to bringing her up to Safety Harbor so the folks could see it and we could say THANKS for everything! There was no official race that weekend so Ron put out an invite for a fun race. He and Wanderlust committed and we began our sail up. We left Friday from Boca Ciega. Winds were strong north east so we motored the entire way to Vinoy Basin Harbor and secured a mooring ball. The next morning, the winds still NE so we motored to Safety Harbor. It took about 2.5 hours going 7-9 knots and was a nice ride. We tied up to the transient dock at 12 noon. We met Dale, showed him the boat, and enjoyed a quick lunch in town.



All of a sudden there seemed to be plenty of activity. Seven boats plus ours were heading out to the bay for the "fun" race, wonderfully exciting! Ellen gets aboard and starts asking questions about the boat. She is a quick study!

Tom comes aboard, we head out too. Before the start I felt like I was in the way for I didn't have great steering control but I was not worried, as in other clubs, someone would hit me. We managed to get a good start due to the welcoming courteous sailors of the Safety Harbor Club. Second race, not so courteous. Ha Ha. Had I listened to Ellen we would have had a nice start then too. With Ellen aboard we did not embarrass ourselves. With corrected time and a PHRF of 350 we came in 2nd in the first race and 7th in the second. Ellen kept Tom moving about and very busy. We learned a lot about our boat and certain Watercolor never sailed so fast in those conditions.



The party after on Dale's boat was great! Ellen's hot apple wine with cinnamon was a hit. Lots to drink and eat. The two pizza pies bought by Ron were quickly devoured. I learned one cannot freeze celery! We spent the night on the boat. I thought it was on land as not even a slight movement felt and could hear only the jaws of little shrimp against the hull. We were very happy members were curious enough to come aboard and look her over. We had a breakfast on Main Street and Dale came to cast us off. We motored thru the three bridges. Gas was low so we



sailed most of the way into Vinoy Harbor. The next afternoon we sailed Tampa Bay then motored down the channel back to BCYC our home port.

Thank you Safety Harbor sailors for everything thru these years. We have a boat and awesome experiences because of your consistent fun loving generosity and kindness.

There is an open invite to come sail The Gulf, Tampa Bay or Boca Ciega Bay, simply give us a shout out!



THE BCYC LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Back in **2013**, SHBC Member, **Christy Edwards** invited **Barry F.** and **Ellen H.** to help decorate her sailboat, "**Watercolor**" for that year's Boca Ciega Lighted Boat Parade. This was a first time experience for **Christy** and although **Ellen** had participated in several local Club's Holiday Parades, she was also a neophyte boat decorator. So **Barry** took charge and "**Watercolor**" was beautifully decorated in one day.

Barry also arranged to rent a huge generator, which he wrapped as a package, which complemented **Christy's** lighting design. "**Watercolor**" took 7th place at the post parade party back at the BCYC clubhouse. Not bad for a first time effort.



Fast forward to the **2015 BCYC LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**. **Barry** had previously committed to another event, so **Christy's and Ellen's** decorating activities were this time led by **Christy's** husband, **Tom Potter**. Since **Christy** is a professional artist, she added a lighted angel in front of the mast and stalagmites, which were hung from the bow rail. There was also a new star that topped the mast. Additional sets of lights surrounded the boom and a bell inside a large wreath graced the boat's stern.

We experimented with the boat's inverter, which blew out the fuses on the port shroud lights, so it was off to the store to purchase a small generator and change the fuses. All worked fine throughout the parade, with having to add gas to the generator only one time toward the end.

This year the weather was more moderate and we started the parade out in short sleeve shirts until it cooled off near the end of the route. We never had the rock-and-roll conditions a-la 2013. Additional crew





members also helped to steady the boat. Boat neighbors Jürgen and Connie, who own an identical MacGregor sailboat plus Club members Mary C. and Doran and of course their dog **Daisy** added to the evening's festivities along with **Christy's** holiday music which we shared with the spectators.



During the party it was announced that out of 28 entries, "**Watercolor**" took the 5th place prize. **Christy, Tom** and **Ellen** were thrilled for all their efforts. **Christy** is no doubt already planning her design for the 2016 LIGHTED BOAT PARADE.

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