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GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAR. 2 SHBC MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

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

Last Oct. you heard about sailing the Atlantic from Europe to the US. Our March speakers crossed in the opposite direction.

For this meeting our speakers will be **Catherine & John Conover**, whose topic will be their participation in the **Repositioning Cruise crossing the Atlantic from Tampa, Florida to Harwich, England**, May 4-18, 2015 on the Royal Caribbean "**Brilliance of the Seas**" ,and the Celebrity Silhouette Baltic Cruise starting and ending in Amsterdam. If you've heard about the benefits & savings of this type of cruising, it's worthwhile to hear more.



TRANSIT TO WESTSHORE YC

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Since the SHBC Marina is closing because of dredging, several Boat Club Members opted to go to **WESTSHORE YC** for however long it takes to dredge the marina. Two different groups opted to exit the SH Marina on Wed., Feb. 16, to easily beat the Feb. 23 deadline.



In the am **Dick Greenhalgh "Island Girl"** and **Ted Hill's sailboat** departed, while in the afternoon

"Pegasus" with **John V.** and **Ellen H.** on board plus **"Empire"** with **Mikey H.** at the helm left the SH Marina about 1:45 pm. **"Pegasus"**



immediately put up her sails for the reach to Tampa. By motorsailing, **"Pegasus"** was now able to keep up with motoring **"Empire's"** longer waterline. It was a delightful afternoon & we arrived at the **WESTSHORE YC** about 4:30 pm. Since it was a very low tide with 14' wide slips, **"Pegasus"** looked like a toy boat in the slip. We toured part of the YC, what a gorgeous location for the next couple of months. By now all of SHBC are

out of the SH Marina, make it a boating ghost town.

I was told there were 17 boats total from Safety Harbor. Even my boat looks like a sailing dinghy in this marina. – Mikey

Electronic Flare for Sale

By Frank Fitzhenry

I have one of these new in the box if you know someone with an interest :->

<http://pfdistributioncenter.com/powerflaresafetylight.aspx>

like to get \$ 30.00

(Coast Guard approved replacement for chemical safety flares. Fair price, I have seen these at Hamfest flea markets for about the same price. – Mikey)

Cruising Survey

By Mark Kanuck

Ahoy Safety Harbor Sailors,

Time is running out to have your voices heard in helping to develop our club's cruising goals. If you've not filled it out and sent back our Cruise Coordinator, (Mark Kanuck), please take a few minutes to do so and return it ASAP. It's important to get this input. The survey is attached and appears below. Please get it in before the end of the week so we can hear the results at our March meeting. The e-mail is mkanuck@tampabay.rr.com

Mark Kanuck

Cruise Coordinator

Editor's Note: You may be thinking you have to print this, fill it out, and send it back to Mark, somehow. That was my first reaction too. All you have to do is send Mark an email or text message with the answers to the numbered questions. Just make sure your answer numbers match his question numbers. Do this right away because Mark needs to tally the results and report at the next meeting. Even if you are not interested, please let him know. - - - Mikey

Question 1: Are you interested in cruising with SHBC?

YES _____ Perhaps _____ No _____

Question 2: Would you be cruising on your own boat or would you be available to crew on a boat that has sufficient space for more than one or two people?

OWN BOAT _____ (your boat's name _____) CREW _____

Question 3. Does your boat have a dinghy or some other way to go ashore (besides swimming)?

YES _____ NO _____

Question 4: What's your level of interest in participating in short weekend or 2-3 day cruises?

Very interested _____ Somewhat interested _____ Slightly interested _____

Not interested _____ Thought cruising was picking up dates _____

Question 5: Because you are working, are you only available to cruise on a weekend?

YES _____ NO _____ NOT APPLICABLE _____

Question 6: Could you be available during the week (Mon – Fri) for a 2-3 day cruise?

YES _____ NO _____

Question 7. How many times per year would you be interested in participating in these shorter 2-3 day/"weekend" cruises?

More than 3 times/year _____ Twice a year _____ Once per year _____

Question 8: For these shorter 2-3 day/"weekend" cruises, would you:

Want to be tied to a dock every night _____

Be agreeable to anchoring out or at a mooring _____

Be agreeable to sharing a dinghy if not at a dock _____

Question 9. Would you like to be involved in organizing these shorter 2-3 day/ "weekend" cruises?
YES _____ NO _____

Question 10. There are several destinations in and around Tampa Bay that lend themselves to an overnight / weekend cruise. Please indicate your interest in among the locations listed and/or provide other inputs. This "first look" is only an indication of interest. Please indicate your level of interest from 5 being most interested to 1 not interested at all. (CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE>>>>>>)

Apollo Beach (Note this could include being hosted by the Tampa Bay Sailing Squadron (TSS) located in Apollo Beach) _____

Anna Maria Island _____

Downtown Tampa _____

Boca Ciega Bay/Fort Desoto/Passé Grille _____

Manatee River _____

Dunedin _____

Bradenton/Palmetto _____

Other locations to consider: _____

Question 11: (ANSWER ONLY IF NOT A FULL TIME TAMPA BAY AREA RESIDENT); When would you not be in the area to be able to participate in available in SHBC cruises? _____

Question 12: For weeklong cruises (5 to 7 days), here are a few locations for your consideration. Please indicate your level of interest with 5 being most interested to 1 being not interested at all.

Sarasota/Longboat Key/Siesta Key _____

Tarpon Springs/New Port Richey _____

Sanibel Island / Cape Coral _____

Fort Myers/Fort Myers Beach _____

Panama City _____

Other ideas/recommendations/suggestions: _____

END OF SURVEY

Return tor Mark Kanuck: mkanuck@tampabay.rr.comPH and Text [727-422-4249](tel:727-422-4249)

RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKER FOR FEB. 3 SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

At our FEB. 3 SHBC meeting, our speaker was Brent Magsig, Sales Manager from Mastry Marine. The subject was "Everything you wanted to know about Engine Repair, but were

afraid to ask". Mastry Marine was purchased by Yanmar Marine, so the company now has the backing and capabilities of large corporate funding.

Mark Kanuck will be arranging a future tour for our SHBC Members of the **Mastry Marine** facility. Stay tuned.

Editors Note: The consensus was that this presentation was more an advertisement rather than a tutorial.

MacDill Air Show.

By Dale Cuddyback

Attention all SHBC club members wishing to go to the MacDill air show on **March 20**. The plans have changes slightly due to the marina dredging from Feb 23 to April 4. Many of our boats are going to Westshore Yacht club marina just south of Gandy Blvd on the Tampa side. The address is 6005 Beacon Shores Street; 813.805.6871. Several boats are staying in the marina and watching to air show from there. Others are sailing over to red marker "R6" just south of MacDill to watch while sitting on their boats.

If interested ask a boat owner if there is room to either sit on a boat at the [Westshore] marina or hitch a ride with someone to sail over to "R6." Dale will likely be out of town so everyone has to make their own arrangements with a boat owner. Talk to a boat owner at the next meeting. Snacks and drinks will have to be arranged by each boat.

The Sailing Virgin (I think I got that right...)

By Denise Flynn

Ann and Mark Kanuck took their lovely 33 Endeavor out on a beautiful Wednesday afternoon.

Ellen Henderson an experienced sailor and Denise Flynn a sailing novice were invited for a great time on the Gulf. Denise was quick to admit her only experience on a sail boat was lounging on the deck sipping a cocktail.



Ellen with her love for sailing and as a skillful sailor was ready to teach everything a novice needs to know. Ellen quickly got things underway; gave Denise an extra pair of gloves, and started with the nomenclature of boat parts. Bow, Stern, Port, Starboard, Mainsail, Mast, Boom, jib, and some ropes called sheets.

Ann gave Denise some safety information. If someone goes overboard, there are different jobs for everyone on board. The person who sees the person fall into the water must point and keep their eyes on the drowning person and

scream "man overboard!" Ellen enthusiastic added "you'll have a chance to have hands on experience." As the only novice on board I was ready to, toe the line, batten down the hatches, and say, aye aye Captain and if appropriate say Arrrgh!

The day was wonderful! I learned how to crank something, and to keep my thumb from getting cut-off when I cranked it. What I did superbly was rolling rope in a circle....it was called Fleming or Phlegming... Phlegming doesn't seem right, that's Phegm like mucous? Fleming sounds like Flem-ish a Dutch person???? Whatever it was called, everyone said, I did it like a pro sailor. (Editor's note: "**Flemish Flake**" **coiling**.)

But watching Ann, Mark, and Ellen work in unison, how they watched the sails and adjusting, pulling, and releasing ropes. They had a relaying conversation with each other. There was good energy, being part of a team. It's being busy in a good way, living in the moment. Challenging enough to take you out of your comfort zone, never stagnant, it's an accomplishment!



I felt liberated, at peace, blissful, it was sensory. The sound of the waves, listening to the wind, the sails fluttering...it's musical. It's like the song....



"Hark, now hear the sailors cry,
Smell the sea, and feel the sky
Let your soul and spirit fly, into the mystic...."
-----VanMorrison

Editor's note: I think the title of this section was supposed to be interpreted as "Sailing Virgin".

Miami Boat Show

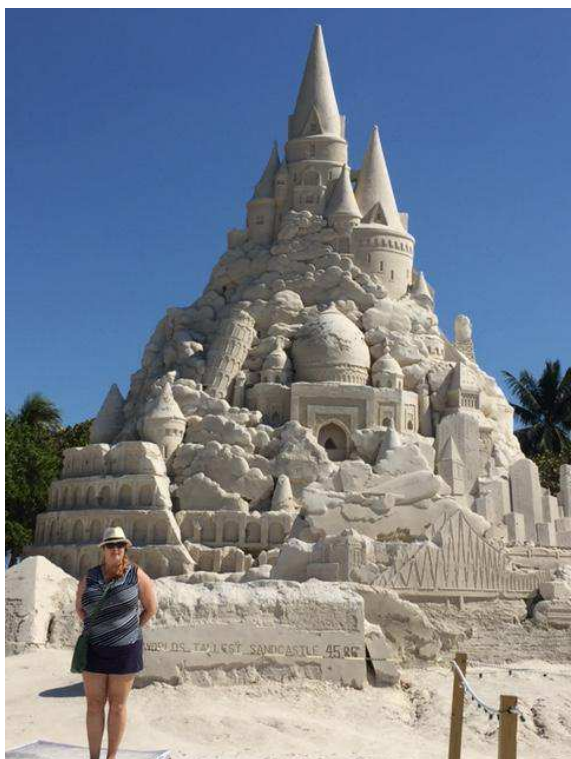
By Jamie Kelly

One of the highlights for Jamie and me each year is attending a sailboat show or two. For many years, we have been attending the Strictly Sail boat show in Annapolis, MD. Every year we would talk about going to the Miami boat show; now that we live in Florida it was easy to drive to the show.

The drive to the boat show was easy with no traffic and great weather, but it was a long ride. We passed the time listening to Jimmy Buffett and discussing the next project that needs done on our boat. I can't complain about the traffic in Miami, it really wasn't bad at all. The show parking was on Virginia Key with busses shuttling people to the show, everything was well planned.

After parking, we spotted our first attraction, the world's tallest sand castle. It was just amazing that someone built a sand castle that was over 45 feet tall. The castle included many landmarks such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Taj Mahal, and the Colosseum. Jamie in front of the sand castle made a great Facebook picture; we received many 'positive' comments from our friends and family in Pennsylvania.

Onward toward the boat show, one real pain was entering through the powerboat show, fighting the crowd, standing in line for the water taxi, and taking a 20-minute ride over to the Sail show. Ok, we really enjoyed the water taxi ride. Next year we will find a place to park at the sail show and avoid the crowd at the powerboat show.



It struck me immediately that the Miami sailboat show is drastically smaller than the Annapolis show. The sail show in Annapolis was easily three to four times the size of Miami's sail show. This was a bit disappointing, but we were determined to enjoy ourselves.

While we strolled the booths, we ran into one of my favorite magazine editors, Mr. Bob Bitchen. Bob produces Cruiser's Outpost, a sailing magazine that promotes the fun side of the life style. Bob had a bunch of neat gadgets in his booth, so we had to pick up a few along with a year subscription. One very useful item that we purchased and installed on our boat was several low profile line hangers. The molded plastic bodies attached next to the companionway with double-sided tape, then a loop of elastic cord wraps around your line and over the plastic body to hold it in place. They are small, unobtrusive, and very handy.

We also took our time to tour many of the boats that were on display at the docks. This is the part of the show where I get lots of ideas for ways to improve our boat. There was no shortage of neat improvements showcased on the show boats.

Our favorite boat at the show was the Catalina 385. It strikes me that Catalina has been stepping up their game where the quality of fit and finish are concerned. The boat had a very nice layout that utilized the available room well and gave a lot of attention to details. Unfortunately, at \$380,000 I will have to save up just a little longer before I can buy one.

The sailboat show was small and the drive was long, but any day that I can spend with my lovely wife is a great day indeed. We had lots of fun touring boats, browsing gadgets, and eating way too much. In the end, we will be excited to attend next year's show again.

Nacra 17, 49er, & 49erFX World Championships

By Mikey



If you did not make it to Clearwater to see the races, and excitement from high winds, all is not lost. These pictures are a tiny sample of what is available on the <http://www.saillife.com/> website. When the TV reported the temporary cancellation of the races due to high winds, the race spokesperson said these were international



professional racers and it was no big deal. Personally, I would call 45-60 knot winds a big deal if I was on a boat.

Ellen said she was there, and got hollered at a lot for drifting into the racer's course area. I think her response was "Sorryyyyyyy!" instead of her usual "Get over it!" response.



Sailboat for Sale – 1976 Pearson P28-1

By Mikey

I have decided to put EMPIRE up for sale (see pix in the Transit to Westshore section above). All the reasons for purchasing and keeping her have pretty much evaporated. I want her to get a new owner that will use her more than I can. She is in good shape, only needing a few lines/sheets to feel comfortable.

This is a turnkey sale. There is too much to list here, but includes drifter, spinnakers & 12' pole, electronics, navigation tools, books, and spare parts.

Asking \$14,800 and will consider serious but not wishful-thinking offers.

Shout-Out to Westshore Marina Dockmaster

By Mikey and a lot of grateful sailors...

Many thanks to Ryan Smith, DockMaster at the Westshore Yacht Club and Marina, generous arrangements and to Rev. Doug Poole for being our inside man negotiating the deal. The Yacht Club is so nice that I would berth my boat there permanently if I could.

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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