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Nacra 17, 49er, & 49erFX World Championships

By Paula Taylor

February 14, 2016



It was a beautiful crisp Valentine's Day morning on my drive from Land O' Lakes to Dunedin Marina, but life is not without obstacles... As I continued my drive over I found SR 580 blocked off with orange cones prohibiting me from entering the roadway. I proceeded to Enterprise Road and managed to get to the boat after delaying the captain and crew.

The winds were swift and refreshing, but very chilly that morning. We were all wearing layers and gloves to stay warm. It was a quick sail to the Gulf of Mexico and once we were in open water we noticed the





Olympians were getting ready to compete. The boats were beauties with their bright sails!

The Olympic sailing hopefuls chose Clearwater, Florida for their 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 Olympic sailing classes/competition. The two-person boats were super-fast and the qualifying competitors will be racing in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Teams from all over the world were racing that day. Olympians from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, Ireland, and Italy, and at one point we somehow ended up in their racing course. The German team yelling, "Why are you doing here"? Obviously, we were in their way. Our boat was closer than the media throughout most of the races!

The day ended with no issues and we all enjoyed the Championship Regattas, as well as the snacks and cocktails we had onboard. Happy Sailing!



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Editor's Note: The text by Paula was accidentally omitted last month. These pictures are a tiny sample of what is available on the <http://www.saillife.com/> website.

Sailboat for Sale – 1976 Pearson P28-1

By Mikey

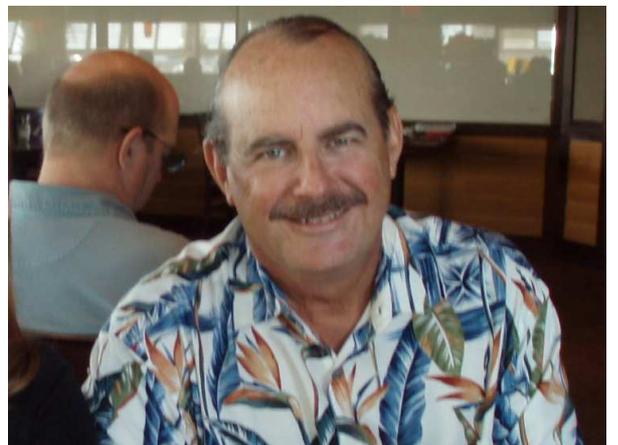
I have decided to put EMPIRE up for sale for sure. This is a turnkey sale. Asking \$14,800 and will consider serious but not wishful-thinking offers.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR APR.6, SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

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

Since April is the Anniversary of the sinking of the "Titanic", our meeting guest speaker will be **SHBC**



Race Chair, Barry Fox, who will give a presentation on the building of the infamous ship and the forming of the iceberg that sank her. It will be quite informative and we guarantee you will learn a lot more about icebergs. **Barry** will also talk about the International Coast Guard Ice Patrol that was put into place as a result of the "Titanic's" sinking. During his US Coast Guard military career, **Barry** participated in this Ice Patrol.

THE "TITANIC" QUIZ

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Since our guest speaker (**Barry Fox**) will be giving a presentation on the "TITANIC", our Vice Commodore, Ed Malek has authorized that the "Door Prize" at our April 6th SHBC Club meeting be given to the winner of **THE "TITANIC" QUIZ**. In case of a tie the winner will be drawn from a raffle ticket. So here's the Quiz:

- 1) What Island Nation is the source of most Icebergs in the North Atlantic?
- 2) How long does an iceberg typically take to form?
- 3) How long did it take to build the "Titanic" ?
- 4) What year and date did the "Titanic" sink?
- 5) Where was the "Titanic" built?
- 6) From what English Port did the "Titanic" sail across the Atlantic?
- 7) How many souls were aboard the "Titanic" before it sank?
- 8) How long did it take the "Titanic" to sink?
- 9) How many souls died as a result of the sinking of the "Titanic"?
- 10) What was the name of the the Ship that rescued the survivors of the "Titanic" ?
- 11) What the name of the Cruise Ship company that owned the "Titanic"?
- 12) Name one Instrument that is now used to detect icebergs in the North Atlantic?



I Thought There Were Three....?

Email from our Photographer Linda



The Niña & Pinta in downtown Tampa today. My family had dinner in Tampa and I remembered the ships were there.

Linda



8 days out, aboard the **Wild Irish Rose.**

By Brian Garry

Sea Tale



Before daybreak, on 12MAR16, my first Mate Phyllis and I shoved off for a Sailing adventure, on the West Coast of Florida's Gulf of Mexico. Stowing away enough 'Food Stores' Ice, gear, and of course

our favorite libations... we headed out across Olde Tampa Bay... at the CCC, we altered the 'Rags', Heading 140 C, through the three bridges that span our upper basin. Unfortunately, as luck always has it, when our Heading turned to 210, the SSW winds, became problematic, and the Aux YANMAR, was kicked over, to assist our Underway advance.

Our first port of call, was at the outstanding 'Little Harbor Marina & Resort', in Ruskin. What an outstanding facility with three Pools, hot tubs, a 1/2 mile of sandy beach, fueling station, between both Marinas, and safe harborage. Condo's galore, for the folks shunning close quarters. Entertainment nightly, and excellent menu's in all three culinary restaurants...with Big Screen TV's, for March Madness... Two nights there, then off on Monday am...heading at 240-C, towards the Skyway bridge. Well, again heavy, breezy SSW blows.. making it a rodeo ride, with sails down. Engaging the Center board, giving us, 7' under our keel, helped immensely. But Sea fog, was keeping a visual contact of the Major Span, a mystery. As we showed a 1.5 nm, on the GPS, to the Center passage, continued Fogged in. Winds freshened, and of course so did our wave actions. Making headway, was a nautical nightmare, as you all have experienced. Our Port call, was to be Twin Dolphins, along the Manatee river.

All week, the strong breezy weather, made for difficult seaway advance.. So we handled our situation, with great aplomb, and of course a bottle of RUM. Laying at the Quays, we would work away the days, and at nights, enjoy taking in the 'Hot Spots', of local color. Have scuttlebutt, with the local Scallywags, and Salty Dogs, a few unique tales were told, as well, heard. met the Capt. of a Canadian built River boat.. a sturdy sea worthy vessel, from the 1960's.



We were heading down to Sarasota Bay, on Weds... but decided to alter the heading, by 180 degrees, and Sailed briskly, up, back, and into the St. Pete municipal transition docks. Fueling, icing, (Block Ice \$2.00), WOW! what a pleasure this was to find. Dock-Master Robert, and his staff, treated us like First Class citizens, of course we laid the W.I.R. into the long trans docks, close to Jeff Gordon, NASCAR driver's 110' fabulous Floating Condo-Ship. Others, made our little Sloop, appear to be a Toy. Gordon's Gasoline bill; 1,000 gallons, at \$2.64/ gal. plus tax... was painful to watch. The 'Rose', took onboard, after 11.5 hrs, of run time.. 2.34 Gallons! What...? Yep, your heard it correct.

On Friday.. we headed back northward, to WYC, and chatted with the Dock-Master, Ryan, and his mate enjoying a couple of nights, at the Trans floating dock... lunches/dinners, were extremely delightful, as Chef Kathy, laid her Irish fare, upon us. The facilities are so super there, and friends are easily engaged. The folks were pleased, having 19 of our SHBC member's vessels, berthing for two months, or perhaps a bit longer. SWW winds, made our return home an easy Run...and Close reach...back to Tampa.

Let's Party
like it's 1773!

One of our highlights, was to visit the Art Museum, near the Vanoy in St. Pete.. along of course some of the many Historical Architecture, from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's.. in and around down town St. Petersburg. The old handle, was the 'Land of the Newly Weds, and Nearly Dead's, Salt-Petersburg, Fl'. But no longer is that

adage hold water. Skyscrapers, immersed into the renovated, Marvelous Hotels of yesteryear.. with Trolley cars, touring buses, making the 15 minute Loop, from the Marina, to any Stop you may desire, along the route like the "HOFBRAU-HAUS"... or "Under the Moon", for some English flavors.

Ending the trip, was another day of Do this, and Do that, to maintain the status quo of the WIR. Have some PICS, to share...on my SMART PH.. Next time, more favorable blows, will allow a Southern Sail, to San Carlos Bay, and the E-Z access to the 'Ditch', and then, the Big-O.... Until then, Fair Winds, and Following Seas.

The PIG's  BAG,

Cruising Under the Skyway

By Karen Furnish

It was a promising Saturday with plans by diverse crew to enjoy an afternoon on the water. The owner was happy to enjoy a relaxed cruise with experienced crew and a retired coast guard captain from the commercial side of marine operations. But this was no commercial venture, it was a kick back Saturday with Sangria, snacks and the promise of an afternoon sea-breeze.

It started with the crew arriving at the owner's home on Little Bayou in south St. Pete. The vessel was at the dock, a 30ft O'day undergoing some last minute work by some intrepid workers attempting to install a depth finder. That effort was quickly aborted when they were besieged by multiple woman loading their gear in the cockpit. That depth finder would have been helpful a short while later. Yes, after exiting the bayou, and with the owner at the helm, we bumped the keel on the bottom. It was an abrupt reminder that not all shoals are marked with warnings, so the depth sounder would be quite useful in St. Pete waters!

After an easy course adjustment, we were motoring down the channel and out to deeper water ready to raise the sails. It was a few minutes before the wind delivered the reward, and the motor was finally off. Initially it was a light wind, but around 2:30pm a nice breeze gave us the opportunity to reach 7 knots as we sailed toward, then under the Skyway bridge. The wind increased on the south side of the bridge, but because it was already toward late afternoon, it was time to head back for home port.

That return journey was when the serious entertainment began. A pod of dolphins were engaged in some jumps and splashing that we really enjoyed watching. It was as if they were there to perform only for us as they came quite close to the boat, and a few swam alongside, allowing for many photo opportunities. (If only the writer's camera had worked, you would have photos with this article!)

The remainder of the return trip was as smooth as if it was planned, reversing course, but avoiding the shallows. Maybe those who captured some video could be convinced to share it soon at the SHBC meeting!

Jogging John

SHBC member John Viverito:



- > Within 1 mile of the finish at the Little Rock 1/2 marathon:
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- > A great run. More uphill than down. At least the last mile or so was downhill. The finisher medal is massive!
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- > Sent from my iPhone

A WILD SURF RIDE ON THE AMAZON

REPRINTED FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES, JOANNA KLEIN

The beast, that **Amazon River** dwellers have long feared, returned this week (March 23). It's a wave called "**Pororoca**", the great roar, which sometimes can be heard an hour before the wave arrives. The region's residents rush to move boats and animals, but some daredevils, called "bore riders", grab their surfboards. This "**Pororoca**" is a twice-a-year tidal bore, one of the strongest in the world, with waves that travel for miles and seem to last forever, perfect for a long ride.

When the river is relatively shallow and the ocean tide is high, water flows in from the Atlantic, rather than the other way around. As river and ocean collide, the **Amazon's** flow reverses and a water swell speeds upstream with great force. The strongest tidal bores occur on biannual equinoxes in September and March, when the sun, moon and Earth align and their combined gravitational pull is at its peak.

A full moon on Wednesday, (March 23) along with the equinox, means good news for bore riders like **Serginho Laus**, a surfer and "**Pororoca**" pioneer. He broke records in 2003 for his 33-minute, 15-second ride of 6.3 miles along the "**Pororoca**" of the **Aranguari River in Amapa state, Brazil**. Surfing the **Amazonian** bore tides is dangerous, not just because of their force - **Laus** compares it to a tsunami - but because you're the stranger here, vulnerable and adrift in a land of jaguars, crocodiles, snakes and piranhas. "You can't go alone," **Laus** said. "You need to have a crew, with boat pilots and locals that know the way of the river."

NOTE: Our own SHBC Club Member, **Christy Edwards** is a windsurfer and she loves the excitement. Wonder if she planned to pack up her gear and head down to the **Amazon River** for the "**Pororoca**"?

RECAP OF GUEST SPEAKERS FROM THE MAR. 2nd SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

At our **MAR. 3** SHBC meeting, our speakers were **Catherine & John Conover**, whose topic was 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. The **Conovers** spent 3 months total cruising. After leaving Tampa, they sailed to Norfolk, VA, then across the Atlantic to Cork, Ireland. They next went to Cherbourg, France, then on to Bruges, Brussels.



Their next leg was their Baltic cruise starting at Amsterdam, Holland, next to Stockholm, Sweden, to Tallinn, Estonia, to St. Petersburg, Russia, to Helsinki, Finland, to Rostock and Germany. At each port they toured the area extensively.



While in Germany, the **Conovers** did a land tour of Berlin, and then finally back to Amsterdam. What a trip of a lifetime, especially for their first cruise.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO SHBC

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Congratulations to the new SHBC Members, who have joined our club: **Gina Breece**, who is a friend of Member **Jack Youra**. **Gina** has been sailing for 25



years; she currently owns a Sunfish and has been a member of **Windlasses** for three years. While she has mostly cruised, **Gina** is fairly new to racing. She was an "Army Brat",



whose Dad was in the Military for 29 years and her family moved every three years. **Gina** learned to sail off the Dunedin Causeway beach. She wants to crew for SHBC boats and she is also a **kayaker** plus she belongs to the "**WindYakers**".

Another new SHBC Member is **Neil Leiberman**, who found out about our Club when he met **Dick Greenhalgh** at the SH Marina. **Neil** has spent 40 years sailing, both up North and in the Tampa Bay area. He's currently shopping for a new sailboat in the 27'-29' range. He too, has been mostly a cruiser with some racing experience. **Neil** previously taught sailing on **Sunfish and**

Lasers. Most recently he's been sailing on **Sonar 19's** out of the **St. Pete. Sailing Center.** Neil previously was a Phys Ed teacher in NY and currently buys and sells real estate. He's an enthusiastic bicyclist and marathon runner.

Look for more **NEW MEMBER** interviews in next month's SHBC Sentinel.

SHBC ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

Our Club's annual **ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY** was a rousing success. Our new **Vice Commodore, Ed Malek**, took the initiative to hire a caterer for our club's beloved Corned beef and Cabbage feast, thus saving many hours of food shopping, chopping and cooking. Bravo, **Ed**.



Working closely with **Ed** was our new **Scribe/Secretary, Joan Marzi**, who designed some great, fun competitive games, which got everyone involved. **Sherry Duffy**, won a \$25.00 gift AMC Theatre gift card for the



SHBC OLYMPIC CLASS COIN TOSS into the URN after a sudden death final match-up against **Rose Mintz**. These ladies have great hand-eye co-ordination. Game assistants were: **Ed Malek, Greg Sizy, Mark Kanuck & Ellen Henderson**.



Chris Dolin (Aussie Chris) was another big winner in the "Guess the # of Jelly Beans in the jar game, as well as the Move the Jelly Beans with a Straw Game.

The 50-50 of \$63.00 was won by **Linda Brandt**, while the Door Prize of the camping lantern was garnered by the **Kelley's**.

Commodore, Ron P. presented **Connie Pope** with a personalized coffee mug, which had a photo of her sailboat, "Sea Jay" on it, for being the Club's **Scribe/Secretary** for the previous two years.



The Decorating Committee arrived early to set up the mood

for this festive event, led by **Ellen Henderson**, including: **Ann Kanuck, Millie Nasta, Jamie & Joe Kelley, Paula Taylor & Greg Sizy.**

Special thanks to the food servers: **Ed Malek, Von Taylor and Joe Kelley** and to the clean-up crew: **Joe & Jamie Kelley, Ron & Brenda Poirson, Joan Marzie, & Ellen Henderson.**

Chris Garrill sold the 50-50 tickets, while **Mark Kanuck** collected the dinner catering fee from members and their guests.



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