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GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE SHBC DEC. 4th MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BY ELLEN HENDERSON - PHOTO: Guest Website



Plan to attend our **Wed., NOV. 6th SHBC meeting at 6:30 pm** at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be **Mr. Micah Thompson** of **Gulf and Bay Diving**. The Presentation Topic is **"Boat Bottom Maintenance"**.





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



Dues are due by January and they remain \$25 per family! *Dues paid before or at the January Meeting will get a SHBC Burgee sticker! A \$5 Value!*

Renew Your Membership!! It is time to renew your membership in SHBC for the 2020 season. Bring your check for **\$25.00** (made out to Safety Harbor Boat Club) (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) to the Dec. 4 Membership Meeting at the Safety Harbor Library. Or if you prefer you can renew your membership offline using our print-ready Membership Application mailed in with your check.

(http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/ClubInfo/SHBC_Membership_Application%202012.pdf)

Happy Boating!
Safety Harbor Boat Club Officers

RECAP: NOV. 4TH SHBC PRESENTATION & POST MEETING GATHERING @ THE SAFETY HARBOR SPA

ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX & CAPTIONS: BRIAN & PHYLLIS GARRY & ELLEN HENDERSON

On Wed., at the November 6th meeting SHBC hosted our guest speakers **Brian and Phyllis Garry**, who recently returned from their **River Cruising Adventures in Europe** along the **Danube, Rhine, Main and Moselle Rivers**. They were aboard the **Viking "Embla"**, which they personally reserved.



Their 16-day voyage started out in **Budapest, Hungary**, where they enjoyed the **Thermal Bath Soak** excursion. Next they were sailing on the **Danube River to Vienna, Austria, (Ringstrasse) the Wachau Valley (terraced wine vineyards) & Melk (900 year old Benedictine Abbey).**

In **Germany** they sailed to **Passau (Europe's largest pipe organ [17,00 pipes]), Regensburg (city of Marcus Aurelius) & Germany's oldest restaurant (Alte Wurstkuche [Old Sausage Kitchen]) & St. Peter's Cathedral), Nuremberg (2nd largest city in Bavaria), Bamberg (Founded in 902 AD. 574' high Bachhausen Locks), Wurzburg (Romanesque Cathedral) and Wertheim (12th Century Castle) were along the Main-Danube River Canal (106 miles through the rolling hills of North Central Bavaria. Next was the Middle Rhine River (vineyard-blanketed hills & Lorelei Rock [curve in the river]) then Koblenz (confluence of the**



Rhine & Moselle Rivers & 13th Century Marksburg Castle), Cologne (14th Century Stained Glass Gothic Cathedral).

The last segment of their cruise was to **The Netherlands**, where they were in **Kinderdijk** (amazing **Windmills**, where the **Lek & Noord Rivers** meet, shaped by the **Rhine Delta waters**) and **Amsterdam** (**Dutch capital - 90 islands with 1,500 bridges**).

The entire trip including airfare was \$3,800 per person.

After our regular monthly SHBC Meeting a group convened at THE Safety Harbor Spa for 2 for 1 Appetizer night. The diners included Brian and Phyllis Garry, Vice Commodore John & Renee Viverito, Debbie & Marcus Lund, Linda Brandt, Skip & Bob Meadows, Mikey Hembrey, Jill Lundt, Ellen Henderson & Guest Judy Clark.

SHBC BIRTHDAYS

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX FROM ARCHIVES

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays fall in the Holiday Month of **December**.

Birthdays:

12-5 Chris Dollin <-----
12-6 Gerry Corbino
12-21 Joy Sheets
12-28 Phyllis Garry



Safety Harbor Christmas Parade

HO, HO, HO Mates!!!

Thanks to SHBC's holiday spirit and energy, SHBC signed up to have a float (boat) in the annual Safety Harbor Holiday Parade on December 21st. We need decorators and marchers and spectators to make this a big success. We've got member Cam Carlin's boat, like last year. Treasurer Mark Kanuck is volunteering to tow the boat in the parade. We will double the number of beads to pass out during the parade.

We need decorators to assemble at 10 AM at the Marina parking lot to dress up the boat and make it festive and bright. The parade starts at 1:00 pm. This activity is lots of fun and laughs for everyone.

Please let Dale know if you can help with the decorating at his email address - decuddeback@gmail.com.

UPCOMING PONTOON BOAT RIVER CRUISE ON THE COTEE RIVER

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX from ARCHIVE

Join us on Thurs., Feb. 20 for the Miss Daisy Boat Tour.

SHBC is planning a **Feb. 20th (Thur.) Pontoon Tour on the "Cotee" River** in New Port Richey. We've negotiated the price down to \$20 for the tour and have made the reservation. We'll meet to form carpools @ 9:15 am at the **FREE Parking Lot between 8th & 9th Ave., across from the Stuffed Mushroom on SH's Main Street** and will leave @ 9:30 am. Those who plan to drive independently, they should be at the location by 10:45 am. **Captain Ray will collect our \$20** payment per person on the boat and it can be paid by either **Mastercard or Visa or Cash (NO CHECKS)**.

For those who plan to go to lunch afterward at the **"Catches" Restaurant**, we have free parking there & the **Miss Daisy Pontoon Boat's Captain Ray** will pick us up at the **"Catches" Restaurant's Dock**. We also need a headcount for the **Restaurant**, so we can make the reservation.

We must have an EXACT head count, so you can either sign up at the SHBC Dec. 4th Meeting or contact:

RESERVATION: Safety Harbor Boat Club

Contact - Ellen Henderson

(c) (727) 238-1807 CALL OR TEXT

Pithlachascotee: The locals call this river the **"Cotee"**. In **Miller Bayou** before the **Hwy 19 Bridge**, you'll find **"Catches" Restaurant**. But the food and the service were delightful. per **Annie Davidson** (in her Nov. article). She did adore the quiet, silvery morning return out to the Gulf. Gliding past **"Stilt Houses of Pasco County"** is breath-taking when the sky and the water completely blend at the horizon. That view alone is worth the journey and entices us to return, and to keep exploring Old Florida's Nature Coast.



Please see endorsements below from those on previous "tours":

Per: Michael Kelly:

Come and join us and learn how **New Port Richey** was the **original Hollywood** as you view the ornate mansions of the many famous actors that lived here. See the **Johnny Cash home** and the **Ancient Indian Burial Grounds** as dolphin swirl around the boat. Be aboard as we follow the sea birds out into the quiet crystal blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Here you will enjoy a tour of the historic **stilt homes** perched on top of the coral and limestone seabed. A quick trip to **Durney Key** and the **"Underwater Beach"** leads us to the greatest light show on earth.

Per: Susanne S. - Tampa, Florida

Everyone was able to bring their own food and drink which made for a great party on the water with everyone in the group bringing different snacks and drinks to share. The tour lasts about 2 hours and the guide talks you about the local houses of the famous people that lived in the area and then you go off shore and see these unique and wonderful houses out in the middle of

nowhere in the water on stilts. A really great piece of Florida history to see and hear about. Recommend to any age or group.

Per: Jean Tim - Brunswick, OH

Captain Ray and **First Mate, Mike**, took us on an excellent cruise up and down the **Cotee River** which was once known as the **Hollywood of the South**. We took a leisurely trip past **1920-30 era homes of Hollywood stars-Esther Williams, Lucille Ball, Gloria Swanson** and many more. **Captain Ray** would slow down or stop at locations of special interest. Our trip then continued past "**millionaire's row**" of **current day**. Personally, it looked more like billionaire's row to me. Then out into the Gulf to see the **stilt homes** from the early 1900's. There were originally 18 of them, but now 9 remain. The pontoon was comfortable and the price reasonable.

St. Petersburg Power & Sailboat Show - Dec. 5 - 8, 2019

The **42nd Annual St. Petersburg Power & Sailboat Show** is the largest boat show on the Gulf Coast! The show takes place **Thursday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019** at the **Duke Energy Center for the Arts, Mahaffey Theater Yacht Basin and Albert Whitted Park in St. Petersburg, Florida.**



Come aboard and explore an extraordinary selection of **power boats and sailboats in water and on land**, including a **40,000-square-foot clear span tent housing all types of marine gear**. Catch up with boating experts and learn about the latest features and innovations in the marine industry. Show-goers will be excited to find hundreds of power boats and sailboats including family cruisers, runabouts, fishing boats, **magnificent sailing yachts**, personal watercraft and so much more!

SHOW SCHEDULE

Dec. 5 - Dec. 8, 2019

- Thur. Dec. 5, 10am - 6pm
- Fri. Dec. 6, 10am - 6pm
- Sat. Dec. 7, 10am - 7pm
- Sun. Dec. 8, 10am - 5pm

IMPORTANT: NO PETS ALLOWED.

GENERAL ADMISSION

Adult: \$19

Child (15 and under): FREE

"Kids Experience" Free admission for all children 15 and under.

Veterans and Active Duty Military:

Simply **show proof of military service** for a **free ticket**.

[Ed. Note: If you have "VETERAN" on your FL Driver's License, you have proof of your Veteran status and do not need a copy of your DD-214 document.]

VISIT: <https://www.stpeteboatshow.com>

2019 SHBC HALLOWEEN PARTY AND CHILI COOK-OFF

By Dale Cuddeback

Edited by Linda Brandt, Captain *S/V Incentive*

It was a cold blustery day, this November 16, 2019, and we were all bundled up for a not-to-be-missed chili cook-off and Halloween party. John and Renee Viverito were our gracious hosts and had brought boxes of decorations, boxes of party-ware necessities and such, for our festivities. The party was being held in the pavilion



shelters in the Marina Park next to the marina. Ellen and her usual band of table-clothing, shelter corner-post ribbon-wrapping, and place-setting marauders had dived headfirst into the boxes of decorations and then emerged like ants to dispense their bobbles,

bangles and bright shining beads. The experienced guests backed-off into the hinterlands surrounding the pavilion so they would not be wrapped in decorations. Someone counted 24 guests swaddled in Alaska type wraps with only noses sticking out. We really needed name tags because noses only weren't much help in identification of who was behind a nose, plus they all resembled Rudolph anyway.



Six chili chefs lined up their crock-pots side by side, proudly displaying their favorite chili receipts, and plugged them into a power-strip. One bystander observed that one of the crockpots did not have an outlet to be plugged in to and was told by it's beaming chef that it wasn't necessary to plug it in, her chili could make ears glow bright red even when cold. The six steaming crockpots seemed to present a double-dog-dare to the attending guests. Dale then remembered that he had left the Bromo-Seltzer in his car, at least he hoped it was there.

Ah, it was great chili tasting weather and we were in for a welcome treat as some of the guests began edging closer to the crockpots. There was turkey chili, chicken chili, beef chili, vegetable chili and smoking chili-chili. The aroma was enticing to say the least. Someone joked it was like gathering around a campfire. John and Renee assigned a number to each crock-pot. The plan was that the guests would take a sample of each chili separately and decide which chili they liked best. They would then write the number on a slip of paper and give the number to the judge to determine first, second and third place winners. Dale readily admits that he voted for his favorite chili (the vegetable chili) twice. Ponder this, who gave Dale the second slip of paper? No one, Dale wrote Linda's number twice on his slip. Linda, who made the vegetable chili, said he could take some home if any was left. (Editor's note: Great way to get votes, by the way. Just offer leftovers!) However, Linda didn't win so Dale figures he'll just have to vote more times next year.

The chili chefs were Diane Hood who won first place, again. Phyllis Garry won second place. Patricia Coyle won third place. The remaining winners were Linda Brandt, Ellen Henderson and Marilyn Mabe. There were no losers, the chilis were all very good. There was also bread, crackers, potato salad and desserts. The delightful chili took the chill out of the air and warmed the guests. By the way, will someone remember to bring air freshener next year?

A new member and delightful woman of Chinese descent whose Chinese name translates as “Rainbow” provided a wonderful Chinese treat. Club members are happy that Rainbow Hee and her husband Marty Bindeman joined the SHBC. Rainbow [, who also won the 50-50, by the way, - Ed.] is just delightful to socialize with and Marty is an accomplished sailor,



After the chili cook-off melee was settled and Bromo-Seltzer passed around, a Zumba dance was held for those who wanted to really warm up more. The leader/coach was Lena Redding who had led the dance event in previous years and graciously accepted when invited to return. Mikey had set up enough equipment to launch a NASA space shuttle and provided music. Dancers were Lena, Ellen Henderson, Patricia Coyle, Rainbow Hee, Nancy Farina and Jill Lunt. Linda took pix.

Then came the biggest laugh of the day. This SHBC party was a combined chili cook-off and the delayed Halloween costume contest, originally canceled due to bad weather. Because of today's cold weather, only four of the guests were brave enough to wear costumes rather than heavy coats. The contestants were four women who lined up, side-by-side, to be judged by other guests. Dale noticed that they were all women with no men and so strolled over and lined up with the contestants. John, who was the MC asked each contestant who they portrayed. [3308] When he came to Dale, Dale replied Paul Newman. The laughter sounded like a jet just buzzed the pavilion. Dale glared around and took names. The contestants were Ellen Henderson as Zumba, Linda Brandt as Miss Chili, Patricia Coyle as Miss Minnesota, Marilyn Mabe as Miss New Zealand, and Paul Newman as Paul Newman. Paul Newman took third place but felt so guilty that he returned the third-place prize to the MC. Rainbow and her husband Marty took pix

This writer may have left out some things but must emphasize that a great time was had by all who braved the weather, which BTW wasn't so bad after a few spoons full of chili.

Paul Newman,
Alias Dale Cuddeback,
Other aliases TBD

{Below are additional ChiliWeen pictures for your enjoyment. – Ed.]





To: **SAFETY HARBOR BOAT CLUB:**

We have been invited to the:



Register today for BCYC's 2019 Lighted Christmas Boat Parade on 12/14/2019!

**Saturday, December 14th for the
34th Annual BCYC Gulfport Lighted Christmas Boat Parade**

Each year, BCYC members and members of the general public come together to spread holiday joy by decking the hulls and heading out on Boca Ciega Bay to parade the BCYC way!

We start at the Gulfport Municipal Marina and pass by the BCYC clubhouse on our way out into the bay. Next, we head to Gulfport's Williams Pier and the beach, passing by the Gulfport Casino. We make our way through the communities of Town Shores, Kipps Colony and the Pasadena Yacht & Country Club, Pasadena Golf Club Estates and Dolphin Boulevard South where holiday parties wait for us to pass by. Lastly, we visit Isla del Sol, then head back to the BCYC clubhouse for the Post Parade party.

[Download the 2019 boat parade map](#)

https://sailbcyc.org/resources/Documents/Christmas%20Boat%20Parade/2019%20Boat%20Parade/BCYC_Boat_Parade_map_2019_revised.pdf

But it's about more than fun and merriment. Participants need only a simple fee to enter - two (or more!) unwrapped toys for Operation Santa. Operation Santa, coordinated by the Gulfport police department, collects toys for the children of Gulfport whose holidays would be sadder without the generosity of the community. Boca Ciega Yacht Club is proud to have been part of Operation Santa for 18 years.

In turn BCYC depends on the generosity of our wonderful parade sponsors, who allow us to shower our participants with fun and useful prizes at the end of the parade. Everyone is a winner at this event and no boat goes home empty handed — so you can imagine it takes many generous sponsors to spread the joy around. We would love it if you could support these sponsors when doing your holiday shopping!

If you would like to become a 2019 parade sponsor, contact parade chair Jenn Buckley at (813) 323-5852, or email boatparade@sailbcyc.org.

Entry Fee: Two (or more) unwrapped children's presents **OR** a check made out to "Operation Santa", the City of Gulfport's annual toy drive.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded during the Post Parade Party for participating boats. (You must be present to win.)

Post Parade Party: Our Post Parade Party is a potluck party for participating boats and their crew (so bring a dish to share) with holiday drinks, music, singing and BCYC's legendary rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas (hopefully, VERY off-key!)

See more information and online registration: <https://sailbcyc.org/>

Fair Winds,

Boca Ciega Yacht Club

Marc and Eileen Berger in Bermuda

Pix by Marc+Eileen, Captions by Ellen

US Navy Base in Bermuda, Commercial Haul Out, Old Fashioned Phone Booth, US Navy Base



Downtown Hamilton, Bermuda sights...



Hamilton Harbor, Bermuda...



Lisa Went to Costa Rica

Pix and Captions by Lisa Lanza

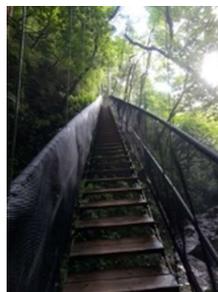
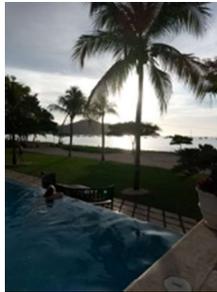
Always encounter domestic farm animals grazing on the roadside

Bamboo forest

Beach cabana affiliated with the vacation resort, Breeze Private Residence

Canopy bridge to one of the waterfalls

Day trip checking out the beaches south of Coco Beach



Entertainment when stopped at a red light in the town of Liberia

First day. Lunch on the beach

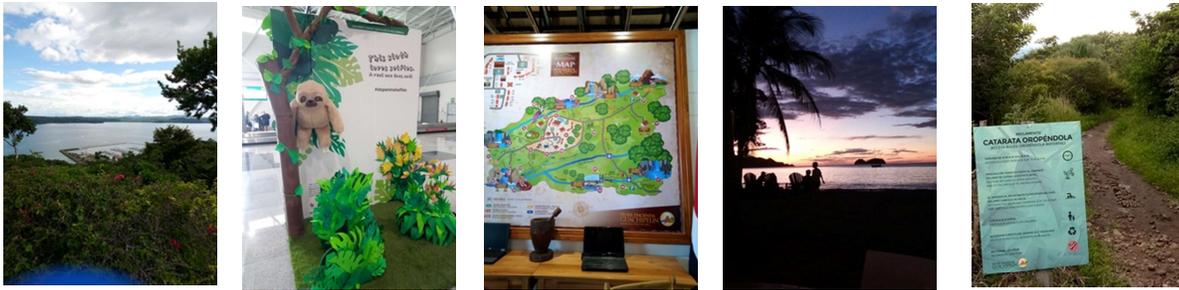
Flamingo Beach

Flying into Guanacasta Costa Rica

Volcanic mud springs in Rincon de la Vieja Park



Four Seasons Resort on the Papagayo Peninsula. 50 percent owned by Bill Gates
 Greeter asking people to not take selfies with the animals
 Short hike to two different waterfalls and swimming in the thermal springs
 Sunset on Hermosa Beach at Aquasport Restaurant
 The nicest of the two waterfalls we visited



Forgot the name of this beach



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