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CANCELLATION OF THE SHBC WEDNESDAY, May 6th MEMBERSHIP MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER

BY ELLEN HENDERSON; PHOTOS: INTERNET

Do NOT show up at the SHBC Library, as we are NOT having a May CLUB MEETING, since the SH Library was **CLOSED on Wed., APR. 1 because of the Corona Virus (**COVID 19**). Since there will **NOT** be an SHBC meeting on **Wed, May, 6th**, our planned guest speakers will be rescheduled for a future meeting after the Library reopens.**

Public Service Notice

You are hereby given notice that **May 10th** is **Mother's Day**. Besides giving them a gift of some sort (you are going to, right?), remember that contacting them by text, phone, Facetime, Hangouts, or whatever will be very much appreciated in these times of isolation.

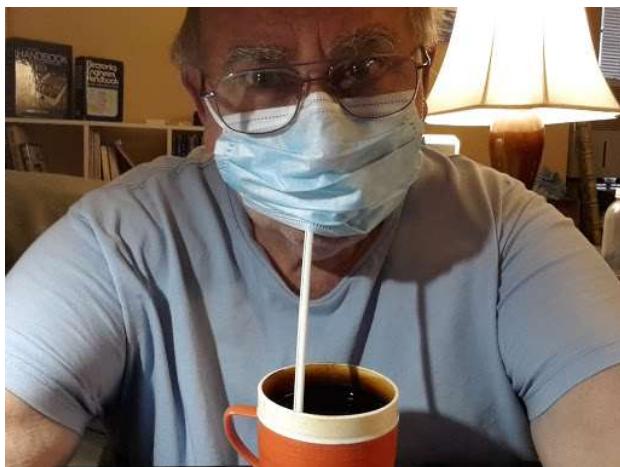
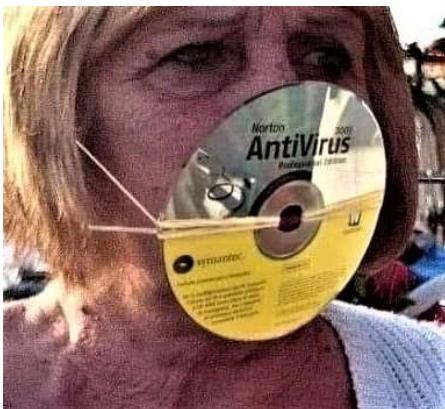
If you don't have a Mother or Mother-in-law, borrow one of a friend's. Just say "Hi" to someone, it will make you feel better too!

Signs of a Pandemic

By Mikey, Pix by Assorted Providers

Pictures provided by Karen, John, Connie, Me, and more...

"When there is a terrible situation, you can either laugh or cry. Laughing rejuvenates you. Crying saps your strength. Pick one." I just made this up – MLH.



A tourist town with no tourists does not bode well for any of us...



SHBC BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY Archives

Congratulations to these many SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of **MAY**. We have a boatload of celebrants this month.

Birthdays:

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|------|------------------------------|
| 5-4 | Joe Kelley |
| 5-8 | Don Gaye |
| 5-9 | Renee Viverito -----→ |
| 5-11 | Sherry Duffy |
| 5-13 | Kathy Walker |
| 5-14 | Janet O'Brien |
| 5-15 | Meg Roseen |
| 5-21 | Chuck Stebbins |
| 5-22 | Jamie Kelley |
| 5-23 | Jurgen Billhofer |
| 5-25 | Michele Hardy |



5-26 **Jay Basinger**
5-28 **Marty Horowitz**

Anniversaries

5-24 **Rainbow & Marty Binderman** ----→
5-28 **Brian & Phyllis Garry**

If we missed your special day, it's because you didn't let us know it. So, send your Birthday & Anniversary dates to:
ellenmaehenderson@hotmail.com



SHBC MEMBER JACK YOURA TIES THE KNOT (BOWLINE OR CLOVE HITCH?)

By: ELLEN HENDERSON PIX: JACK YOURA



Congratulations to **Jack and Riza Youra** on their April 16 Wedding. It was a small affair with only 6 guests in attendance. The couple will honeymoon after it's safe. They are only the 3rd SHBC couple to wed in the last ten years.

One-Liners of Inspiration

By Joan Marzi

Out of your weakness shall come your strength.
The Bible

Never take counsel of your fears.

Andrew Jackson

This too shall pass away.

I steer my boat with hope...

leaving fear astern.

Thomas Jefferson

Gail Force and Dolphins

By Dick Greenhalgh

Took Gail Force out yesterday for a two-hour cruise in the upper bay. We checked out the construction going on where the power line bases remain.

The dolphins were out in numbers. Make no mistake, they are very smart. They were following the corona virus guidelines. They were all swimming 50 feet apart and were wearing masks for protection.

Hope this brought a smile. Stay healthy!



Down Under Jill

By Mikey

[Ed. – Jill sent this to me recently. She is on the other side of the world and still facing the COVID-19 issue.]

Please stay safe, thinking of you xxx
I'm under lock down in Botany Downs, Auckland with my daughter Sarah and family. I flew in from Sydney a few weeks ago, just before border lock downs, because the cruise booked from Sydney to here was cancelled

Up until that time, the journey from Florida to my new home in Manila was going well, including a 2-night train trip through the Rockies ,to San Fran, later flying to wonderful Fiji before staying with a school friend in Sydney.



All good wishes to you and your family... any news of Ellen.? It's difficult to contact her as she has no computer of her own. [Ellen and I discussed this issue. We conceded that it was best for her friends, and the computer, if she did not have one.]

Love to you Jill xx

Windward Islands Flotilla - March 2020

By Greg Winston

In March I joined a friend from the District of Columbia Sailing Community (DCSC) on a one-week flotilla out of Grenada. It turned out to be a great week, with wonderful weather and superb sailing. The boats were provided by the Moorings and were generally outstanding. There were 6 boats in total, with the other five being sailing catamarans and ours a 2016 48-foot Beneteau monohull. The other boats all had 7-8 crew and was a good mix of men/women, experienced/novices, young/older sailors.

The boat was roomy for our crew of 5, with one couple and three singles occupying the 4 berths, each of which had its own head. The only issue with our boat was that the generator didn't work, which meant no A/C at night. There was always a breeze though, so it wasn't as big an issue as I expected.

Connectivity during the trip was spotty, so we had little idea of just how serious the developing Corona virus was until we returned to port in Grenada.

We flew into Grenada on Saturday, spending the night and getting on the boat Sunday. We provisioned Sunday and then spent the night on board in port before heading out Monday morning. Our crew did a good job with provisioning and we consumed the last of our food just as the week ended. I was surprised at the amount of freshwater we went through, at nearly one gallon per person per day. The DCSC



organizers did an exceptional job of organizing social events and developing an interesting itinerary that kept us sailing each day.

One of the key lessons I took away from the trip was the imperative to set an anchor alarm each night. One boat dragged anchor at 4 am in a very crowded anchorage at Salt Whistle Bay, leading to a high anxiety move to a new anchorage in the middle of the night. On another occasion a catamaran drifted free of its ball when the mooring rope broke. Neither skipper had set an anchor alarm, and both could have been serious incidents.

One fun aspect during the week was a 10-mile race. Our boat started in the middle of the pack, and then moved to second place, before the lead catamaran sailed far ahead. As the course shifted closer to the wind however, the cat could not point as high as we could and was unable to clear a critical point of land, necessitating a tack, which enabled us to take the lead and the win! Had the course remained on a broad reach we would never have caught the 43 foot catamaran. I was especially pleased, as I was the helmsman for the race!

While pricey, the trip was a wonderful introduction to cruising sailing and I plan to attend next year if possible. Following is a detailed itinerary.



Saturday March 7th

Arrival in Grenada.
Sunday March 8th

Saint George's Harbor

- Arrive at Moorings Base at Port Louis Marina Grenada. The marina is about 15 minutes from Maurice Bishop International Airport
- Skippers and First Mate chart briefing
- Provision Boats

Monday March 9th

- Boat systems briefings for Skippers and First Mates



- Customs and Immigration clear-out from Grenada
- Depart base: motor-sail on a north-northeast heading making way for Tyrell Bay, Carriacou
 - Avoid exclusion zone around the underwater volcano (exclusion zone is wider if volcano is active)
 - Wind can be very blustery off the northwestern tip of Grenada passing 'Kick'em Jenny' rock
- Drop anchor or call to see if a mooring ball is available



Tuesday March 10th

- Clear out of Customs and Immigration for Grenada if not already done so.
- Depart Tyrell Bay early and make way for Clifton Harbour on Union Island to clear in to The Grenadines
 - Drop anchor or take a Tobago Cays Marine Park Mooring Ball (marked TCMP).
 - Lower the courtesy flag for Grenada and raise Yellow Quarantine Flag
 - Skipper and one crew take all passports and documentation to the Customs office in town (open at 8.30am), then Immigration and clear into St Vincent & The Grenadines.
 - On return to the boat lower the quarantine flag and raise the courtesy flag for St Vincent & The Grenadines.
- Once checked in to The Grenadines depart Union Island and take the short trip to Palm Island for lunch.
- Following lunch depart for our overnight anchorage in stunning Salt Whistle Bay, Mayreau.



Wednesday March 11th

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast with your crew then depart for the short 2 mile motor-sail to the Tobago Cays National Marine Park, easily the most spectacular anchorage in the Eastern Caribbean!
 - **You must pay attention to the navigation guidance in the Cruising Guide on approach to the Tobago Cays.** Do not try to cut corners or you will run into trouble!
 - On arrival navigate the channel between the islands of Petite Rameau and Petite Bateau. Once through the channel find a mooring ball or drop anchor,

being sure to avoid the sea turtle sanctuary off Baradel. Shallow draft boats may also anchor east of Baradel a little closer to Horseshoe Reef.

- Relax. That's what the Tobago Cay's is all about!
 - Enjoy the beaches
 - Enjoy snorkeling and looking at the abundant fish and turtles
 - You may snorkel in the Turtle Sanctuary but do not get closer than six feet to a turtle unless you are still and they swim by you
- Dinner in the Tobago Cays can be a real treat. Locals will come by in their skiff's, all touting they have the best dinner options. Consult the Cruising Guide for recommended vendors. They will either cook for you ashore over a beach barbecue or bring entree's and sides to your boat. Lobster is the absolute best here; other options are also available.
 - If you choose to eat on board all you must do is tell your preferred vendor what time and how many servings! After they deliver your food, they leave you alone for the evening. They will come back to your boat in the morning to pick up their plate wear.



Thursday March 12th

- Race to Union Island!
 - Notice of Race
 - Upon entering Clifton Harbour take a TCMP Mooring Ball close to Newlands Reef, where you can enjoy the spectacular views and the daredevil kite-boarders that are plentiful here, or drop anchor
 - The race concludes at Happy Island Bar on the reef where you may also stay for an optional lunch
 - Happy Island Bar is limited in its ability to serve food.
 - Must call ahead (784-455-3611) on Monday March 9th to pre-order lunch, likely consisting of lobster, lambi (conch) or grilled fish - decision to order lunch is up to each boat, we will not be arranging for the whole flotilla
 - Enjoy a few drinks, including their famous rum punch
- May also decide to return to your boat for lunch or dinghy over to town
- After lunch you may explore the town

- The local market is colorful and ridiculously photogenic, offering a good opportunity for re-provisioning if needed
- There are lots of shops and boutiques to explore and purchase gifts or souvenirs if desired
- Wig Night and Skipper Appreciation Dinner at Sparrows Beach Club
 - All sailors in the flotilla will dine together
 - A shuttle is available to take us to the venue
 - Each boat crew covers their Skipper's dinner cost as a token of thanks and appreciation for taking on the responsibility of running the boat for the week
 - Skippers will say a few words in recognition of their crew
 - Wear your most colorful and crazy wigs!

Friday March 13th

- Clear out of St Vincent & The Grenadines at the Customs and Immigration offices in Clifton
- May stop for lunch at the island of Petite Martinique
 - In Grenada territory but it's ok to visit for a short while before clearing back into Grenada
 - Anchor anywhere off the fuel dock. Use plenty of scope as the holding in mud can sometimes be challenging
 - A lot of interesting history to discover centered on the islands core livelihoods of boat building and seafaring
- Make way for Hillsborough (not FL!) on Carriacou
- Lower the courtesy flag for St Vincent and the Grenadines and raise the yellow Quarantine flag
- Clear into Grenada if arrive in time, or do so the next morning. Hillsborough does have a Customs and Immigration office however it is uncertain if it will be open when we visit as operations may have moved entirely to Tyrell Bay. If closed motor around to Tyrell Bay to clear in.
- Once cleared in lower the yellow Quarantine flag and raise the courtesy flag for Grenada
- Technically the crew should not go ashore until everyone is cleared in
- Hillsborough has a fine beach, and a great collection of small shops and restaurants
- You may eat dinner ashore or cook on your boat
- Irish party! In recognition of St Patrick's Day, which is shortly after we return, all crews will convene on **Sea Señor** at an agreed time for socializing and merriment! Wear your green and bring your party face!

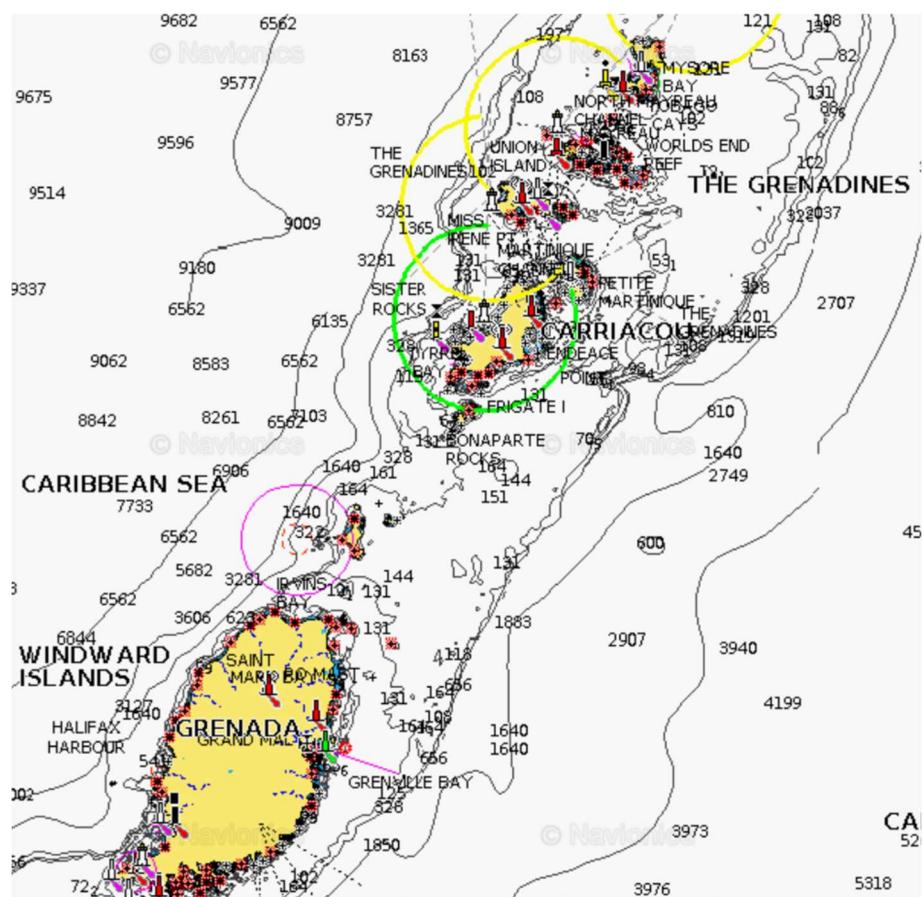
Saturday March 14th

- Clear into Grenada if not already done so
- Depart Carriacou for Dragon Bay, Grenada

- This is a fairly long sail so best to depart early to have more time exploring on arrival to Dragon Bay
 - You must again avoid the exclusion zone around the volcano that lies on our southerly path
 - Take a mooring ball on arrival
 - The major attraction at Dragon Bay is the underwater sculpture park which you can snorkel or dive on. Local dive companies offer guided tours
 - Good snorkeling is also available around either of the two points that mark the bay boundaries, and there is a lovely palm-lined beach.
 - Suggest cooking dinner on your boat this evening to use up your provisions
 - Crews may gather at the Dragon's Bay Bar and Grill (\$) for drinks after dinner to toast our extraordinary voyage around the Windward Islands

Sunday March 15th

- Depart Dragon Bay relatively early for the short sail back to the Moorings Base at St George's Harbour.
 - Begin clear down of boat while underway
 - Boats must be docked and crew gear off boats by 11am
 - Taxi to the airport if taking early afternoon flights



Septuplets for the Popes

By Ellen, Pix by Connie



Congratulations to Connie & Paul, who are now proud parents of **2** sailboats (an American 14.4 & a Hunter 170), **4** kayaks and a 17' fiberglass fishing boat. May they have many happy boating adventures on their lake.

{Ed.: In other words, they own a floatilla?]

"Trip to Cuba" b.C.**

Marty Bindeman

...as told to Ellen Henderson **before the Corona Virus hit the Western hemisphere and it was still safe to fly.



SHBC members Marty and Rainbow Bindeman were part of a group of nine who went to Cuba on "People to People Humanitarian" visas. They spent four days sightseeing with an American guide who navigated them around Old Havana.

Since Raoul Castro has been at the helm, Cuban citizens had more opportunities for private enterprise such as the B&B where they stayed plus various Hemingway haunt bars and restaurants where they drank and dined. Many of the previously dilapidated buildings were either completely renovated or were part of Old Havana's ongoing restoration.



They marveled at the abundance of strolling musicians seemingly everywhere, and the paucity of police presence so pervasive when this writer sailed to Cuba 20 years ago. The incoming and outgoing Customs process at the smaller SW Charter Plane Airport was easier except for one member's luggage which had not been forwarded to their



B&B, but which was finally retrieved. They were amazed at the numerous inbound Cubans slogging through Customs with big screen tvs and lots of overstuffed luggage.

Marty and Rainbow will have everlasting memories of their trip to Cuba.



Comments from Marty...

We went to Havana Cuba in March. They are trying to save and restore the buildings in old Havana. Some of them are falling apart, but instead of tearing them down, they are renting them out as housing and hoping to get investors to restore them in the future. I sent pictures of some of the restored buildings.

We went to a village outside Havana that is turning into a tile covered art enclave. The artwork is a Cuban version of Anton Gaudi's work in Barcelona. Hongjian (Rainbow) sat next to life size bronze statues of Franz Liszt and John Lennon. There was some interesting artwork on the street walls.

Lots of live bands were in the restaurants, bars and even on the street. Of course, there were many 50s cars, it's amazing how good they look after 60 years.

Tribute to a Sailor Past

By Ellen



It's been a year since beloved SHBC member, Christy Edwards, has passed away. Since her husband, Tom Potter, doesn't sail, he gave Christy's MacGregor 26' to their daughter, Donna, who had crewed for her mom in the BCYC Bikini Cup Regatta. Last summer Donna sailed *Water Colors* off Long Island Sound with Christy's spirit on board enjoying the breeze.



Largo couple on Italian cruise in limbo after passengers fall ill with coronavirus

- By MELVIN BAKER, Tampa Bay Newspapers
- Mar 18, 2020



Ron Regan and Joyce Runion
FACEBOOK PHOTO

A Largo couple boarded an Italian-flagged cruise ship last month for what was to be a carefree excursion through the Caribbean and on to Europe. Instead, they have encountered anxiety and uncertainty after fellow passengers fell ill with the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Ron Regan and his partner Joyce Runion of Largo boarded the Costa Luminosa on Feb. 24 in Fort Lauderdale. He related what happened next in a text message from somewhere off the coast of the Canary Islands:

"We sailed for 10 days in the Caribbean, stopping at Freeport, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica. The port authority in Jamaica delayed our docking for three hours. No explanation. Continued to Grand Cayman, Roatan, Cozumel, returning to Fort Lauderdale on March 5 to discharge some passengers and pick up additional passengers for a 21-day cruise to Europe.

"We didn't learn of any sick passengers until March 9, when we were refused entry in Antigua. At that time the captain informed us that an Italian couple had been hospitalized in Puerto Rico with symptoms of COVID-19. The captain said that results would be available in five days. The ship was sailing for Tenerife, our next scheduled port and a six-day journey. After five days we still had not been informed by the captain. Friends and family had contacted me and were giving us information. We learned that the couple had tested positive.

"The captain issued a statement that was delivered during the night of March 14, read by us the morning of March 15, that the Italian couple had tested positive."

Regan, 75, was unsure if he or Runion, 76, had contact with the sick Italian couple. "We met a lot of people during the cruise. I speak a little Italian and had brief conversations with a few Italians."

The Luminosa is equipped for 2,826 passengers and 1,050 crew, according to the Costa Cruises website. In a separate post on Facebook, Regan said 240 Americans were aboard.

"The captain hid the information from us until he had no choice," he added. "The medical personnel didn't take any of this seriously."

"The Italian couple who were hospitalized in Puerto Rico had been to the infirmary with symptoms before we docked in Fort Lauderdale," Regan noted. "Additionally, an Italian man had been hospitalized in the Cayman Islands with 'heart problems.' He has passed away from COVID-19."

"Another couple was evacuated to a hospital in Tenerife yesterday (March 15)."

The general mood of the passengers?

"Most of the passengers are pissed off, but otherwise making the best of a bad situation," he said.

"I feel like I have a head cold — not unusual for a trip like this," he continued. "Joyce thinks she has a minor case because she has symptoms but her temperature is not high enough to be considered serious."

With their original itinerary now scuttled, what's next?

"We were originally scheduled to disembark in Venice, Italy. We were told that, due to the U.S. government request that we not travel to Italy, we would get off in Marseilles. We are headed to Marseilles now, but we have no idea what will happen when we dock. Shipped home? Quarantined? France has closed its ports — will we get off?"

ADDENDUM TO: Largo Couple on Italian Cruise....
(Reported By Jack Youra & Local TV Coverage):

Senator Mitt Romney contacted the US Embassy and the passengers were flown on a Military Cargo Plane to a US Military Base near Fort Lauderdale, where they were Quarantined for 2 weeks. Ron and Joyce are now safely back home in Largo.

Forget ~~SAVE~~ THE DATE FUN 'N SUN INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN & EXPO SATURDAY, - MAY 9th

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX BY MIKEY HEMBREY (ARCHIVES)

Due to the Corona Virus, the Sun 'N Fun International Fly-In & Expo has been cancelled for this year.



Daily admission is \$37 for adults, but only \$10 after 5:00pm. On Saturday evening there is an air show from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. There are several area restaurants within a five-mile radius. There's also plenty of food/drinks sold in the Food Tents at the Airshow.

We will meet **@ 3:00 pm** at the Parking Lot between 8th & 9th Ave, across from the Stuffed Mushroom on SH's Main Street and form carpools & will leave by 3:15 pm to attend the airshow and get to see all of the new and vintage airplanes.

Last year we arrived at the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport about 4:30 pm and found we couldn't get in, as the General Parking Lot was FULL. So, we joined a bunch of locals parked across the road from the entrance to watch the ongoing daytime Air Show (Blue Angels, etc.) until after 5:00 pm, when the Parking Lot started to empty out for the nighttime participants to enter.

More information will be available via emails from SHBC as we learn updates on the Corona Virus.

Bark Bark Bark Europa!

By Patricia Coyle

The first time I saw the barque Europa [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Europa_\(ship\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Europa_(ship))] she was docked in Sault Ste Marie, (soo-saint-marie) Michigan. Her length at 185 ft, her tallest mast at 109 ft, she was a sight to behold as she rested in the afternoon sun. The figurehead, the goddess Europa, hair flying, face of delight, was holding tightly to a beautiful white bull who was actually the God Zeus who had tricked Europa to become his lover. (See more of that story in Greek Mythology.) I was out for the adventure of sailing across Lake Superior to Duluth in the Tall Ships race of 2010. We would start out in the morning.

The barque began life as a German lightship (S/V *Senator Brocke*) for the German Coast Guard, sailing the waters of the Elbe. She is steel hulled, refitted and christened in 1994 (Owner: Rederij

bark EUROPA, Netherlands) for sail-training. She takes private passengers who can work as hard as they want to or let the crew of 12 handle the rigging and duties of the ship. I hoisted sails and set sails and took my turn at watch and at the helm, (all under the watchful eye of the young and experienced crew.) The crew was men and women from all over the world, in their 20s, all multitalented and multilingual. The Captain, First Mate, and cook all hailed from the Netherlands, however.



We sailed in July. Not much wind. Plenty of time for classes on rigging and line handling and furling and I learned how a lay a Ballentine. I climbed the mast to the first yard. I napped on the bowsprit netting. And, my shipmates and I made yards of baggywrinkles as we relaxed in the afternoon. Our cabins were all en suite, comfortable, and clean. (Daily housecleaning!)

How exciting it was when the wind came up and the captain shouted for all hands. Hauling that much canvas took three of us on a line. "Haul Away! Hold! Belay! Make fast the sheet!"

Buntlines and clew lines and the topgallants and royals and sky sails! (I'm reading my notes as I write this for there was too much to remember for this long a time except for the exhilaration of it all.) Oh, and adding the stuns'l sails was precise - - only the experienced crew and students were involved. I quote, "On Europa, we have a full set of stunning sails (six in total). When sailing down wind or abroad reach, we set them on the fore mast, three on each side, or in the main with two on each side." Each sail with a boom, a square sail, two sheets to pull the corners down, a clewline to haul the corner up. How gorgeous is filling that much sail with air. Please go to their website to see their photos.

The Europa had not sailed in so much fresh water as she did coming in through the St. Lawrence and touring the Great Lakes. We set sail after the locks sailing our way to Duluth. We docked overnight in small towns on the American shore of the lake. Saturday afternoon in Munising where the volunteer fireman from the area were on parade after their days of competition.

Marquette in the height of tourist season looks up one afternoon to see a tall ship docked in the harbor. Copper Harbor, MI, where we had to anchor for the night because of our 13 ft. draft. (The young crew dived off the deck into the fresh, cold water of the lake, and swam and played and reveled in the still, saltless water none had known before.) I was seeing my native Michigan shoreline through different eyes, mine and theirs.

The tall ships assembled before the entrance to the harbor of Duluth for the tall ship parade. The replica of the Bounty was there, the Brig Niagara from Erie, the Roald Amundsen from Germany, and the Pride of Baltimore, and U.S. schooners that thrill chartered passengers up and down our Eastern coasts. Crowds and planes and small boats greeted us as we passed under the Aerial Bridge of Duluth. We docked for four days, welcomed tours of our ship, and then set sail to race the other ships back to Sault Ste Marie. In the late afternoon one day the Captain hailed us to put on our heavy weather gear. A rain storm was chasing us and about to overcome us. The rain cloud looked to me like a gigantic hand, palm skimming the water, fingers full of lightening and wind. With little time to adjust the running yards, we held fast, and hung on. The storm went over and around us in minutes. With the wind out of the NW we won the race and got back to the locks earlier than our scheduled entry. Another night on anchor on Lake Superior under balmy, star studded, July skies, with the young'uns making music on their guitars and harmonicas and passing the bottle... the ending of 21 days of wonder.

The barque Europa still sails. Visit her website at www.BarkEuropa.com

Free Online Courses – Sunsail

By A. Nonny Moose

Hello SHBC,

Got this from SunSail. Thought some of the other members might find this interesting. If you think so too, please pass out to the group. Before sending it out, please remove my name from it, and just say is was passed along from one of our members.

Thanks,

From One of our members

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Looking forward to getting back on the water? Hone your skills with NauticEd, now offering 2 free online sailing courses courtesy of Sunsail. These classes can help you become a better crew member, know the rules of the waterway, perfect your trimming skills, and keep everyone onboard safe. Make sure to check out all of the classes NauticEd has to offer!

 [\(800\) 230-7601](tel:(800)230-7601)

[NauticEd Website = https://www.nauticed.org/](https://www.nauticed.org/)

Clearwater Marina Upgrade

By Ted O'Brien

The Clearwater Marina is undergoing a 15 million resurrection replacing electric, plumbing, fuel systems, and all floating docks with new sea walls. We were asked if we wanted to have installed natural gas for boats. The decision was "not at this time".



Natural gas articles appear in all magazines dealing with sail along with power boats propelled by solar panels. Most new sail boats have outboard power. Some have electric,

Parking on the beach is \$40 month first come first serve. This expense is on top of slip fees that for a 25-foot start at \$300 month plus, water dock box, and electric. With these fees there is a long waiting list to get a slip, in the year category. John's Pass is double Clearwater.

In terms of anchoring regulations everyone is waiting for the State to give definitive guidelines. I am sure no one wants their limited legal resources used in litigation. Georgia has passed a new State law that is most complex.

Thought you might find this of interest. I am on the Marine Board in Clearwater. Great sailing.

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