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GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAR. 3rd SHBC ZOOM MEETING

Article by ELLEN HENDERSON - Pix Archives



Calling All members: we will have a **SHBC meeting Wednesday MAR. 3rd 2021**



via **Zoom @ 6:30 pm**

our guest speaker will be **Ron Regan**

He will present:



"Corona Cruise"



Plan to attend our **Wed. MAR. 3rd SHBC ZOOM** meeting at **6:30 pm**. Our guest speaker will be **Ron Regan** who will give a presentation on their "**Corona Cruise**". You will receive the ZOOM LINK in a separate email.

Ron Regan, after many years of sailboat cruising, discovered **Big Boat Cruising** over the last few years, which led to their "**Corona Cruise**" in Feb and March of 2020.

Ron lived just outside of Boston for 55 years. He worked primarily in the accounting/finance departments of some interesting organizations like **MIT; GRI**, a small computer manufacturer; **Intermetrics**, a medium sized software firm and **Digital Equipment Corp**, a very large computer manufacturer.

Ron moved to **Pinellas County** at the end of 1999. Two things he looked for were a **computer club** and a **bicycle club**. He met **Joyce Runion** in the **St Pete Bicycle Club** and she introduced him to **Bay Sailors Sailing Club** for single adults. They did a lot of sailing around **Tampa Bay** and the **Gulf**.

His first offshore experience was with Joyce and Mary Stoltz, when they sailed to the **Dry Tortugas** and **Key West**. **Joyce** and **Ron** were also lucky enough to get asked to sail to the **Bahamas**; and to participate in the **Sol Al Sol (Mexico) Regatta**, plus International trips in **Greece** and **Southern France**. They did quite a bit of sailing with John Burns from the **Bahamas** to the **Dominican Republic** and with **SHBC Member Jack Youra** in the **Bahamas** and to the **Dry Tortugas**.

CONDOLENCES TO ED MALEK



Our fellow SHBC member, **Ed Malek's son** passed away after a short diagnosis of Stage 4 Cancer.

If you are interested in sending Ed condolences let our Officers know and they will send you his address.

Ed was a very successful **Vice Commodore** and **Party Chair** during **2016**

SHBC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES - MAR, 2021

BY ELLEN HENDERSON, PIX (ARCHIVES)

Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of MARCH. It seems there are a lot of Pisces water folks born this month.

Birthdays:

- 3-13 **Mark Lewalski**
- 3-18 **Eileen Berger**
- 3-18 **Marilyn Mabe**
- 3-19 **Patti Lowery**
- 3-24 **Brian Garry** ←----



3-26 Paula Taylor

Anniversaries

3-18 Joe and Alice Rezendes <-----
3-27 Don Newton and Victoria Hawkins Newton



Freedom Sailing Camp Needs Volunteers

By Bonnie Monroe + Pix: Archives

SHBC member, Bonnie Monroe, who joined our Club in **JUNE 2019**, works with the **Freedom Sailing Camp** and she is looking for **volunteers** to assist their **sailing program** this summer.



They are in need of a **safety boat and driver** to volunteer and an assistant to get their fleet back and forth from their storage unit. They are a **non-profit program** that teaches autistic youth how to sail on **Hobie Cats** and **Sunfish**. If anyone who would like to volunteer or **help in any way**, please email: freedomsailingcamp@gmail.com

This camp runs from June 3 to July 26, 9 AM to 1PM. Over the years **Bonnie** and other educators have developed a program geared to teaching sailing to high functioning autistic children ages 8-18. The **program is recognized by U.S. Sailing**. She needs volunteers. So, she asked SHBC Members to consider maybe splitting their time between the **City of Safety Harbor's Sailing Program** and **Freedom Sailing Camp**.



Thanks for any assistance **SHBC members** could help her.

Bonnie Monroe
Freedom Sailing Camp of Florida, Inc.
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I'm Glad You Asked!

by Linda Brandt

Not even a world-wide pandemic prevented *Green Eyed Lady* from getting a facelift in 2020, in addition to other major improvements. Her cabin cushions spent most of the year in the garage while several leaks were addressed. At one point, my husband, Curt said "I'll pay the guy double to get the leaks fixed just to get those cushions out of here!" Please don't tell "the guy." Apparently, there are more important uses for a garage. I never knew.

I enlisted the help of Mystic Marine Services (MMS), aka Larry Pritchett.
http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/ForSale/Mystic_Marine_Services.html

FYI, if you're considering his services, I'm pretty sure he's booked through the end of 2021, but I can highly recommend him! MMS rebedded (not a word in my Scrabble dictionary) a lot of

hardware on board in addition to replacing all of the outside port light frames. And this was no easy task. After all of the old frames were removed, there was a lot of scraping and sanding to be done before a marine grade caulk could be applied. Then he taught me how to mask and paint the frames. Smart guy, that Larry. This was done after MMS stripped and varnished almost all of the brightwork on the boat. The handrails were rebedded, as well. Hey, you know, when in Venice...

Next up was replacing the headsail and installing a roller furling system. I used Sail Technologies in St Pete for the sail and Paradise Yacht Services in Treasure Island for the roller furling. And I can highly recommended both companies. A sacrificial was also added to the headsail to prolong the life of the new sail. I chose Marine Blue from Sunbrella for the sacrificial. Then came the stack pack from Mack Sails in Stuart, FL whom I can also highly recommend. And, of course, *Green Eyed Lady* got a matching mainsail cover. She is a lady, after all. Chris Dollin helped me measure for the stack pack and then I submitted the form by mail. No more sail ties and replacing the cover every time the mainsail is used. The sail drops easily into its own cover and zips itself up with the pull of a cord.

I finished by accessorizing with a matching bimini although sailing without one is nothing but pure joy on cooler days. I used Discount Boat Tops in Largo but, sadly, I cannot highly recommend this company. Although, the owner is very nice, I wasn't pleased with the quality of work or the turn-around time. The owner made a lot of promises he couldn't keep. MMS will soon paint the boot stripe blue and replace the rub molding. I told you. He's going to be very busy this year!

Recently I replaced the anchor with a 13-pound Rocna galvanized fixed shank scoop anchor with installation by none other than MMS. This was added to 150" of new anchor rode purchased at Seco South in Largo earlier in the year. I also purchased six new dock lines here. Just ask for Jeannie! And I could go on, but I don't want to risk being investigated as to where all the money came from to accomplish these tasks! But I will confess to saving a lot by not going out to eat this past year!

Future projects include a new antenna on the mast to replace the one attached to the backstay. I am also getting an anchor light properly mounted on the mast. And Larry has been working on the port lights so that you can see out of them. Imagine that! I had to laugh when Ryan from Down Under Diving called last week. He said his diver found another boat in my slip! And that folks is how well *Green Eyed Lady* has been groomed!

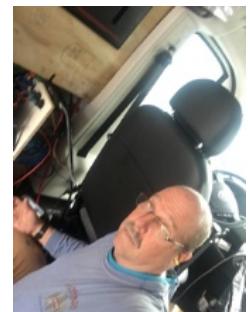
Adventures in VanAgin

By Connie Pope

VanAgin is our (my husband Paul and my) new **Ram ProMaster 3500 RV**



camping van! We purchased it mid-2020. It was a completely blank canvas just begging to be molded into a wonderful RV camping van! We are on round two of prototyping out all the necessary amenities (bed, storage, fresh food storage in an e-cooler, batteries: both lithium and lead acid). Our second and most recent trip was to **Salt Springs, Florida**. We stayed at **Salt Springs Recreation Area**... it is one the recreational jewels of the Ocala



National Forest, with a **spectacular natural mineral spring** that gives the area its name. Plenty of outdoor activities keep campers (both primitive tent campers and RV campers) and day-use visitors busy, including **swimming in the springs, fishing, snorkeling, hiking and boating**.



It is the **largest campground** in the **Ocala National Forest** and the **only one with full hookups for RVs**. The facility offers spacious campsites for RVs and trailers, as well as a designated tent-only area, which is a short walk from the parking area. Sites are nicely shaded and well away from the busy day-use area. The recreation area and campground are located in the community of Salt Springs, which has a gas station, grocery store, several restaurants, bait and tackle shops, a post office, laundromat and visitor center.

Our reservations were for Thursday, January 21st through Sunday, January 24th (departure on the morning of Monday January 25th). Because of the popularity of Salt Springs Recreational Area, we had a combination of accommodations. Our first night was spent in the RV camping area with full water and electric hookup and then three nights in the primitive camping area with no on-site water nor electric hookup. There were very nicely kept bathhouses in both areas ...for both RV campers and Primitive campers. The primitive camping area had a special sink dishwashing room within the bathhouse with hot water, which we found to be very nice to thoroughly clean our dishes and pans.

VanAgin is well equipped with **4 lithium batteries, 3 lead acid batteries** and **two roof mounted solar panels** that charge the lithium batteries; so, having plenty of on-board electricity was not a problem! The weather during our stay was ideal! Daytime temperatures ranged from 62–71 degrees (last day there was a high of 78 degrees) and overnight lows ranged from 48-60 degrees. Again, **VanAgin** is well equipped with a **King-sized bed** and insulation in all the walls so we were comfy & cozy!! We had a **campfire each day** that we stoked with locally gathered firewood into the evening. Firewood is sold (and delivered to your campsite) should you chose to buy rather than gather wood.

I was able to do a little **fishing** from the shoreline of the **Salt Springs Run Canal** that runs south into the **St. Johns River**. The Salt Springs Run has beautiful crystal-clear water that was refreshingly 72 degree (spring fed water). There's a place to **rent a variety of boats: kayaks, canoes, and little john boats** to file and view the many manatees that are currently hanging out for the winter!



We ate very well for this trip:

- Fresh grilled Salmon with fire pit coal roasted Sweet Potatoes and Onion
- Tomato Basil Soup and Smoked Turkey sandwiches
- Pizza (Basil & Bacon) from the local pizza shop just a bike ride from the park entrance
- Smoke Pork Ribs and fire pit coal roasted Baked Potatoes
- A special birthday breakfast for me... two eggs over-well, bacon, toast and HOT Illy coffee fresh out of the K Cup brewer

And I even had two specialty craft beers that we brought along from **Paul's brother's brewery** located in **Mineral, VA!** **Cooling Pond Brewery** is well known in VA as **Lake Anna's Brewery**.



SHBC CONNECTIONS TO THE MOVIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON



Our SHBC VICE COMMODORE/CO-RACE CHAIR John Viverito, had Relatives in Chicago - his Cousin Vince & Uncle Lawrence (Larry) Viverito, who were both Chicago location Actors in the 1987 Film "The Untouchables". They were both also in the "The Godfather". His uncle was in a restaurant scene because he spoke Sicilian. His cousin was in a scene where he was shot (wacked) on the steps. Both are now deceased in "real" life. You can catch these films on Netflix or borrow them FREE on DVD or BLUE RAY from the Safety Harbor Library.

CLUB CRUISING CHAIR BRIAN GARRY IN THE MOVIES:



Brian was in "Murder on Frog Pond Drive", in which he did a get-away scene on his Irwin sailboat "Wild Irish Rose". His wife Phyllis was also on boat to a remote island, from which they took off on a small plane to escape



Brian has been in 9 Movies. He played Col. Montgomery, a RET US ARMY NAT'L GUARD Soldier, in "It's Only A Job", which was a comedy, by Barbara Harrington Cronin. (Key Part). Another: "Queen of the Deck", a Barb Harrington comedy. He played 'Lionel, Gay lover, on this mostly Male, Gay cruise. Murder is aboard... In the "Rodman Dam Murders", He played Detective, Frank Graham, and Fontana, my partner, break Russell Jones, over his shooting of total strangers, guy/girl, at Palatka's Rodmen Dam. He is still on Death Row, up in Raiford, FL FCI. True Story. "Rainbow Cafe", He played a Cuban Tranny, who purchases a Cafe, from a Catholic, Italian family. My name is Juanita, Consuela, Garcia, Fernandez..took 90 minutes in make-up. "TASTE LIKE CHICKEN". Another 'Short comedy..only a brief Cameo, with one line. "AMBIDEXTRIOUS." He played an Ex-Pug, former Marine, alcoholic, broken down Father, of a great Artist, who wants to pick up the Boxing Gloves, and complete his Father's dream of becoming a Champion. A huge part, over 425 came to casting call. He was selected, by Carey Lee Coffee, Production Director, following my 35 minute casting 'Shoot. "Bug Hall", a big name Hollywood actor, was his Son. Shooting was halted, Sept.2010, as \$\$\$\$\$\$ Investors dried up. **"COCOON", 1983-85,**

He was cast as a Physician, at ACLU facility, early scenes - one line. **Ron Howard's Academy Award**, an picture of the year award. 20th Century Fox, wrote the checks. My Mother ended up, with 3 up close Screen Shots, as a 'Second'. She was 75 at the time. Bev McDermott was CSA. "Fiesta Funeral", 'Shoot' 28 June, 2014...never finished. Have also had Stage exp: Humanist Declamation competition, Ohio State final 7, 1960. Debate team, 3 yrs. Lead in our Senior Class



Play: "Onions in the Stew". Stand-Up comedy routine: "Kid KO", a punch-drunk fighter, living at Ole Lady Morarity's, Chicago boarding house. Spoke with 5 dialects: English man, Frenchman, Italian, Irishman, German..plus Kid-K

Brian also did an Impersonation, comedy "Gig" at Brothers Lounge, here in Tampa. 1. Ross Perot. 2. Sly Stalone. 3. Flip Wilson. 4. Muhammed Ali. 5. Redd Foxx. 6. Veto Corleoni. 7. Bo Jackson. 8. Mike Tyson. 9. "Wolf Man Jack". 10. Joe Pesci. His straight man, was Giacomo Sensale...his partner.

Brian Garry played the part of a **Sailboat Captain, Ralph**, who assisted the wrongly accused, Perp's younger brother, of a sister, who was also a suspect in the Murder of a housewife. By knocking out detective Will Haze, then tying him up on the “**Wild Irish Rose**” and escaping off to Mexico. But then he tied him up on an offshore island near Egmont Key, where he was later found. Also, Brian was his driver, when he first planned his avoiding the Police, attempting to arrest him on his involvement. They were flown by the detective to our rendezvous point, where the assault took place.

ELLEN HENDERSON ON FILM:

Ellen played **Olive** in the Movie "**How Not to Urn a Living**". The premise was three ladies (a la "The Golden Girls"), who shared a Double Wide Mobile Home in Largo.

They went to Funerals (NOT to meet Widowers) but bring home the excess food from the event. **Olive** also brings on home urns, unknowingly with the cremains of the deceased, until they go to the Mayor's funeral and it's on the NEWS that the Mayor was stolen from his own funeral. The three ladies return all of the cremains in the dead of night under cover.

Ellen has also acted in **Community Theatre** (4 plays in one year) and has **written, directed and produced** the Play "**The Regatta**" plus **directed and produced** the Play "**Dorothy Finally Gets a Date**", which was based on the **TV Series "The Golden Girls"**,

<https://youtu.be/JY2J8212I7g>

Saint Patrick's Day Festivities Update

By Miss E., Pix by Archive

You're **NOT** invited to the CANCELED SAFETY
HARBOR BOAT CLUB's ANNUAL ST. PATTY'S DAY
PARTY CELEBRATION DUE TO COVID 19 Here is a pix
of our previous **ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY** as a reminder
of how life used to be...



SHBC SICK BAY

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

SHBC Member and former **Commander** of the **Clearwater Power Squadron** plus former **Commodore of Windjammers of Clearwater Sailing Club** **Ted O'Brien** took a nasty fall in his garage and was taken by ambulance to **Mease Countryside Hospital**, where he was admitted overnight. He was subsequently sent to **Health South Rehab** after he had dislocated his shoulder, had a cracked clavicle and was black and blue with many bruises. As of our last conversation, **Ted** had expected to spend 3-4 more days there before going home. He's on Oxycodone for the severe pain. We wish **Ted** a speedy recovery.

Renee Viverito underwent a hip surgery and is recovering nicely. She's even negotiating the stair steps in her multi-level home.

Paul & Shannon Matthews have recovered from their bout of Covid-19.

Ann Scott has become a long-haul Covid-19 patient with lingering effects.

Covid Shot Woes & Public Service Notice

By Mikey

Some of you may be aware I was having no success getting a Covid immunization appointment. By "no success", I mean I was scoring somewhere between zero and minus one. No matter what I tried, I could not get that first shot. Not at a FL drive-thru, local medical service, or Publix.

Then someone said, "Mikey, I forgot you were a Veteran." It turns out The VA hospital does not have to run Veterans thru a lottery system if they qualify by current standards for age. So I go online to apply for VA medical benefits. You have to be a registered patient to get any service, including vaccinations..



So I learned I should apply for benefits and wait one week for them to call me. I did, they didn't. Having listed the Palm Harbor VA Clinic as my preferred service location, ten days after applying I visit the Clinic to find out why I was not contacted. I learned they were supposed to ask for my DD-214 (if you are ex-military,

you know what this is) and they did not do that. My application was "pending". So the lady at Palm Harbor says fill out the application here and she will approve it. I had to run home to get my DD-214. Having "Veteran" on your driver's license does not qualify even though you had to show it to get the marking. The VA must have an actual copy of your discharge form to include in your records.

I get back, submit my form, and things get real better real fast. She shortly calls me over and says I am approved. Then she asks what medical service do I need. I reply with "Covid shot". Knowing all the vaccines were stuck in the snow somewhere, I was stunned to hear my appointment was two days away. She asked if I minded it I had to go to Bay Pines to get the shot. I asked her if that was a trick question.

That was Wednesday afternoon. Friday morning I arrive at the Bay Pines VA hospital, got in line (they changed the stated procedure), got my appointment for the second shot (No Lottery!!!), got my shot, and I am out of the parking lot within 90 minutes.

Bottom Line: If you are a Veteran, you can skip that lottery chaos. I avoided the VA hospital because I always had decent insurance and left the openings for those guys that were not so fortunate. But this is one time I am glad I served my country.

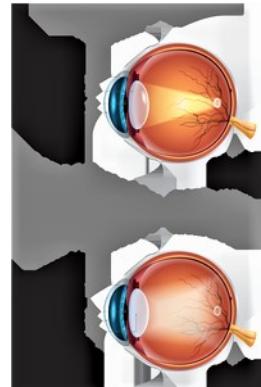


ADVENTURES AT SEA – SEE?

BY ELLEN HENDERSON

About three years ago, I noticed I could no longer see the Marks on our SH Race Course, while our Skipper John Viverito could clearly see them. This is a problem for my Tactician abilities.

John suggested an eye exam, as I might have Cataracts. Fast forward, during 2020 I noticed my eye sight was getting so blurry, that I could barely drive safely at night. By Dec., my General Practitioner said he could clearly see the film over my eyes, so it was time to operate. So instead of a Ship's Log, this is an Eye Surgery Log:



Cataract Surgery:

Day 1- Got up @ 4am, ride service picked me up @ 5:00am; at 5:45am boarded a 15-passenger minibus with 5 other eye patients from the Largo Eye Care Center to the Sarasota Surgery Center, 9:45am Operation; profuse eye tears until eye drops @ bed time.

Day 2 & 3 - My eye surgery was yesterday & colors do “pop” now; the 3 eye drops (4 x's/day ea.) are making the blurriness recede somewhat.

Day 4 - removed eye patch; went shopping - Publix was so bright!

Day 5 - Library - will need very strong reading glasses once both eyes are done.

Day 6 - Can now recognize my neighbors while out walking. The world looks Sunny/Yellow through my LEFT (untreated) EYE & Bright White Billowy Clouds with Blue Skies in my RIGHT(cataract free) EYE - Wow!

Day 7 - All my clothes are now NEW colors: shrimp~> lite pink; dark teal~> acqua; navy~> electric blue, etc.

Noticed a diagonal beam of light through street lights, that changes direction as I move my head. The Eye Dr. said it's caused by Astigmatism. Also see “starbursts” on oncoming headlights. Need to use my old glasses for mid-range & close-up & reading.

Day 8 - YEAH! No longer have to wear an eye patch at night. The Eye doctor said I can soon have my 2nd surgery. Have since noticed “Astigmatism” in my left eye too. Must still use 3 different eye drops, but 2x's instead of 4 per day.

2nd Cataract Surgery: **Day 1-** Got up @ 4am, a different ride service was supposed to pick me up @ 4:40am, but they never showed up, so I drove to the Largo Eye Care Center; at 5:45am boarded a 15-passenger minibus with 5 more eye patients to the Sarasota Surgery Center, 8:45am Operation. Woke up during the operation to "watch the Eye Surgeon poking & prodding my left eye", which was a very weird experience. Called the ride service after 9:00 am & was told that they had canceled me out. Fortunately, the minibus driver gave me a ride home from the Largo Eye Care Center, as I was told I would get a DUI if I were stopped by police on the way

home, as I was still under the effects of the anesthesia. My left eye felt extremely sore, compared to my first surgery; perhaps I hadn't received enough anesthesia?? Again, profuse eye tears until eye drops @ bed time.

Day 2-6 - Still lots of eye tears; stinging when applying eye drops; slight headaches; both eyes feel very tired, as though I had been wearing my old contact lenses for far too long. Noticed the right eye lid was drooping over the iris, while the left eye was normal.

Day 7 - 2nd Check-up - was told by a new Doctor that the healing was going well without any infection. It may take up to 6 months for the drooping eye lid to adjust or he would be happy to operate on it. He said the drooping could have been caused as a reaction to the anesthesia or the clamp, used by the surgeon could have cause the drooping.

Anyway, my distance eyesight is nearly 20/20 now, so watch "**Green-Eyed Lady**", "**Empire**", "**Shibumi**", etc. for when we start racing again. I expect to easily see the Marks (if they're there) expect to hear "Room At the Mark" or "Starboard" from "**Pegasus**".

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO PIRATES

By Ellen Henderson; Pix Internet



If you are missing the **Annual Gasparilla Invasion** and all of its festivities, I have found in both Publix & Walmart, a wonderful Magazine: "**The Complete Guide To Pirates**". It's fascinating! Check it out.

You might recall that a few years ago, our Perennial **Guest Speaker, Keith Law** gave a talk on the "**Real Pirates of the Caribbean**". This Magazine goes into great detail on Pirates from around the world over the centuries.

LOOKING FOR A BOAT PARTNER

BY Leonardo Vedovelli



This message was sent to the Safety Harbor Boat Club: "I've been on the list to get a slip in the Safety Harbor Marina for over 2 years now and it does not look good.

My question to you is whether there is anyone looking for a partnership in their boat? I've been part of the **US Power Squadron** and current part of the **Freedom Boat Club**, but I could use a boat nearby."

Thanks in advance,
Leonardo Vedovelli
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