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A change of the Guard

Retiring National Captain Sam Britton introduces National Captain elect
Tom Collier



A message from Sam

January, 2003

National Captain Tom Collier suggested that I say a few words for the Captain's column since his tenure in office has been only a short time. At times I find it difficult to express myself in just a few words. I have tried to think of something clever to say, this being my last chance to contribute to this portion of "First Watch".

I have thought about telling about all the wonderful people we have met, the places we have traveled, the events we attended and all the fun we have had. I hesitate to do that since I have probably done most of that before.



At this time I think it appropriate to give thanks to the people who introduced us to the Brotherhood of the Coast and recognize those who took part in the Captaincy and gave freely of their time and resources. First, thanks to Dan and Bonnie Sagan and Jerry and Jill Jones for the initial introductions. Thanks to Mark Brown, Ross and Pepper Dupuis, Frank and Mary Sessions, Mike and Helen Cantu-Withoff, Jacques and Liliane Recht and all who helped. If I have forgotten or omitted someone, please forgive me.

Special thanks to all who revived "First Watch", and are making it work. Thanks to Tony Olmer, Joe Citarella, Tom Collier and crew who are developing the BOC Website. Thanks to all who have hosted a National Zafarrancho. And, to all who have stood by me in time of need, a special THANK YOU.

The past four years have been a wonderful experience. I hope Tom and Sue enjoy the great times ahead as much as Roselyn and I have.

My fervent hope is that the Brotherhood of the Coast – USA will continue on the path of a democratic organization where all Brothers have the right to be heard and their opinions heeded when important decisions are to be made. Further, we must seek to expand in a careful selective manner within each Table, throughout our country and around the world. Any organization that is stagnant is actually dying. Another important goal should be to be "proactive", which means to be prepared with solutions to anticipated problems, and not be "reactive", meaning acting out of emotion or feelings to problems or situations that may arise.

ORZA !!!! *Sam*

Thanks Sam



My wife says I'm seldom at a loss for words. I guess this is one of those cases. Maybe it's not that I don't know what to say. The problem is that I don't know how to say so much that should be said in so little space.

I'm not sure Sam knew exactly what he was getting into four years ago when he accepted the National Captaincy. What he did have was a strong commitment to the Brotherhood and the support of a wonderful lady. The manner in which they have represented the BOC-USA makes us all proud. Their international travels have strengthened our ties to both Europe and South America.

Sam is generally soft spoken. However, when faced with adversity, he has acted decisively and, in the best interest of the Brotherhood. The job he has done sets a new standard for all those that succeed him.

From my perspective, I want to say that "Sam, you're a tough act to follow". For all of us, I want so say, although it sounds tremendously inadequate,..... **"Thanks Sam"**.



The last National Zaf and Captain's meeting was held in Savannah 7 years and 6 months after the great Council of elders meeting was held there.

The Council of Elders meeting gathered in an old railroad car and was attended by, I believe, 11 Brothers. The highlight of the event was the great pirate party held on the square rigger "Barbanegra".

Again the Savannah Table organized a great event. From the reception at the Museum of the Sea to the fabulous ride down the river in a paddle wheeler to Fort Jackson. To the grand finale presentation dinner in the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency hotel. One of the highlights of the weekend was a trip to the Mighty Eighth Museum dedicated to the Eighth Air Force stationed in Savannah. The Eighth was responsible for flying B-17 and B-24 bombing missions from England to over Germany. A great tribute to the men who flew them and a somber reminder of the price of freedom.



The following is a brief pictorial of the Savannah Zaf than and now.



COUNCIL OF ELDERS 1995

from the left:

Rene Fiechter, Les Thompson, Art Steiner, Ross Dupuis, Paul Anderson, Sam Britton, Larry Jones, Howell Ponton, Tony Oimer, Albert Seidl



BARBANEGRA April 1995

photo: Tony Oimer



1995





ASSEMBLY OF CAPTAINS 2002



2002



OLD FORT JACKSON

photo: Tony Oliver



News from the Tables



All is well in the Chesapeake and 2003 is underway. Every effort will be made by the local brothers to make this year even more enjoyable than the previous one. Anybody know of a party being scheduled in England? Oh well, we'll do the best we can. Anyway, our savings account is established for Argentina.

As a Table, we continue to meet for regular Tip-A-Few sessions although the group is somewhat reduced for the time being. The reduction in numbers is a good thing – three of our Brothers (Country Boy, Limey, and El Maestro) are out cruising the waters to the south and visiting with as many of our brothers along the way as possible. Brother Cruz and Brother Rocket Boy joined the others in Marsh Harbour over the New Year holiday and, as far as this Captain has been informed, everyone survived the week – including our friends (and new brothers) of the Abacos Table.

Brother Brise Galets attended the Sun Coast Table Christmas Party and then decided to bicycle back and forth across the state of Florida – you know, peddling his legs off to give his butt a rest. One thing to be said for Bernard - when he takes up a new interest, he takes it up all the way.

For those of us remaining in the area, all are busy with engine overhauls, canvas work, and other items to get ready for warmer weather. We have been assured that it will come back. Snow last evening reminded us that it may be a while even though they are calling for temperatures in the 60's tomorrow.

We look forward to the return of our cruising brothers (if they decide to return) and anticipate expanding our numbers in the near future with some interesting prospects. Until later, drop in if you are in the area and we will see what we can do about pulling together a PARTY!!!

Our scattered (one brother thinks the word should be scatter-brained) table continues to function very well even though there are times we could have a table meeting at a bridge table. Our greatest accomplishment was 3 Corpus brothers and their captives recently putting together a boucan for almost 2 dozen party-goers. A large number were brothers from San Antonio and several pasajero's had been invited.

The boucan was held at Dave Graywater May and Barb's home at Ingleside-on-the-Bay and Barb fully lived up to her reputation as an excellent hostess and cook. Brother Graywater also lived up to his reputation as an expert conch horn blower and the sun did not go down on Corpus Christi Bay in silence. All present at the boucan are sworn to silence. They will not tell you which boat grounded on the way to May's dock.

In November Brother Steve Boom-Boom Schwedhelm married his Deb and he is presently stationed with the U.S. Navy in the State of Washington. Deb, who is in the U. S. Air Force, is still stationed in Florida, so for the moment Steve and Deb are doing their best to enjoy a bi-coastal marriage.

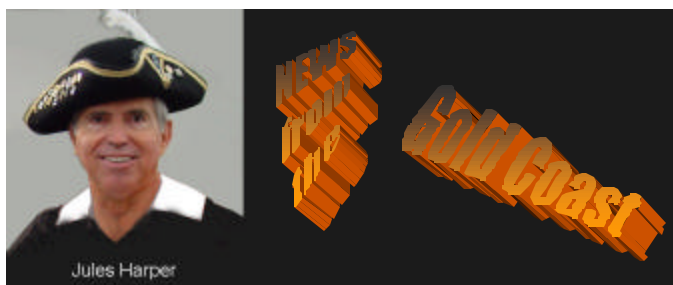
Our brother-across-the-water, John JAJA Gibson and Diane check in frequently from their new, but temporary, home in South Africa. We feel a touch of envy when they tell of safaris to exotic spots to see animals that most of us only see in the zoo. Then, we hear about John's anti-car-hijacking training that ended with a broken wrist. The accident and the training cause no envy.

Our newest brother, Tim Pakrat Stephenson and Sharon are land cruising at the moment in search of a boat. They have sold their home here in Port Aransas and are planning on replacing it with waterborne quarters. We have been assured they will be coming back to Port A. All their possessions are still here.

Brother Doug Graybeard Henckel is still over at Orange Beach, Florida, making plans to do some blue-water cruising. Our table captain, Ken Solo Sharp, has changed jobs and is with a new company. Dave and Barb May expect to return to Florida in the spring and make a leisurely trip of bringing Barbara J, their Gulfstar 44, back to Texas.

ORZA from all your brothers in the Corpus Christi Table.

Ken Sharp and *Jean Jones*



Once again fall and winter continued to be very busy for the Gold Coast Table. The National Zaf in Savannah was attended by several of our brothers and one engage. Paul and Erika Anderson stopped by in 'Magic' as did engage Jeff Neuwirth with partner Jane Cornforth. They both tied up their boats in back of the hotel. Jules and Sandy Harper, Ross and Pepper Dupuis, and Frank and Mary Sessions also went to the National Zaf. Besides the usual fun we also elected a new National Captain, Tom Collier, who replaced Sam Britton at the end of the year. We send a big Orza to both of these gentlemen.

We had our first annual 'boat show' Zaf during the month of October in Ft. Lauderdale. Our brothers opened up their homes to visiting brothers and what a fun time we all had! Captain Jules and captive Sandy had a party at their house that lasted well into the morning hours, followed by a breakfast that was prepared on site. Brother Frank Sessions was the omelet chef and he did an outstanding job. The second night we all went on a river cruise aboard the Jungle Queen complete with dinner in (you guessed it), the Jungle! Ross Dupuis and captive Pepper had the whole group over to their house for a great breakfast the next morning and we inducted Jeff Neuwirth as our newest brother. He barely survived walking the plank over the swimming pool! His brotherhood name is Crack of Dawn. Don't think he likes to get up early.

Later in November, on a high tide, Michael and Frankie Monteith came floating into our dock aboard Wind Kist. Another sailboat was traveling with them and stayed at the dock next door. Besides doing a few repairs on their

boats, they attended a wonderful Thanksgiving get together at Frank and Mary Sessions and were hosted to dinner and river sightseeing trips by Ross and Pepper Dupuis. Once the weather changed for the better, Wind Kist and her crew took off for the Bahamas. I heard it was an interesting December crossing!

Many of us attended the Zaf in Sarasota in early December. Dan and Bonnie Sagan put on a great party at their house, and the golf match the following day showed brothers and captives displaying superb form! Rumor had it that ESPN was interested in filming the event!! The party on Saturday night at the yacht club was enormous fun and Chris and Suzanne Drake had the entire group over for a delicious breakfast on Sunday morning. Orza to the Sun Coast Table for an outstanding time!

Meanwhile, back in Ft. Lauderdale, Danny Connors and captive Joy were hosting the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade. Mike and Jody Kusick and Bruce and Carol Lamberto joined up with their boats, and it sounds like they perfected a 20 or 30 boat raft-up before the end of the night.

Prior to Christmas, Rob Sanger and captive Holly Carter arrived at brother Frank Session's dock aboard Hampshire Rose. It was good to see them and we heard that their crossing to the Bahamas was also interesting! Maybe summer is a better time to brave the Gulf Stream!

That wraps up fall and winter on the Gold Coast. Whoops, I forgot. We have the Super Bowl party coming up at brother Danny Connors house but that's a story for another time.

ORZA!!!!

Jules Harper



The first weekend in November the Houston Table made a trip to Double Bayou, one of our better destinations, due east across Galveston and Trinity Bays. Word had it that "The Marker 17 Bar", previously owned by our old friend Billy Walker, had been spruced up by Jimbo, the new proprietor. The renovation was even rumored to include power to the bulkhead where several of our larger boats usually tie up. Additionally, the Corps of Engineers were supposed to have opened a new

channel to allow us to transit into to Trinity Bay. It all turned out to be true! Most boats decided to follow Brother Patrick Mills up the bayou, where they could nose into the bank and tie up to an oak tree. The dinghies and kayaks came out, and a whole flotilla descended on the Marker 17. The weather was great, and if you held your head just right the water looked blue, well sort of blue, actually a brownish shade blue.

Saturday, November 9 was the date of the Table's Annual Holiday Dinner. Brother Don Peterson and Captive Peggy again saw to all of the arrangements. The restaurant at Waterford Harbor had just changed management, and to our good luck, Brother J.D. Sellers and Captive Janet were running things. The food and service were top notch. Brother Patrick Mills and Captive Wren provided the entertainment for the evening. Patrick put together another terrific "year in review" DVD and Wren did a few of her now famous cartwheels. A good time was had by all! The following morning, the Table gathered on *Slippin' Around* and *Pirate* and went out on for a Bloody Mary cruise. The real purpose for the cruise was to induct Ken Hutchinson, which we accomplished at anchor off Bay Cliff. Brother "Chaser" and Captive Kelly were surprised and everyone enjoyed the day.

2003 got off to a great start at our New Year's Eve party. Brother Tom and Captive Carol Dayton offered to host the event at their home on Dickinson Bayou. The rest of us would decorate, run a few errands, and bring food and drink to the party. December 31 was a beautiful day, a front had come through during the night, and winds were out of the north. Most of the decorating was done by noon and several cars, lead by Brother Mark Sandridge, headed back to Waterford to get *Folie à Deux*. Why drive home after a good party if you can sleep on your own boat? The Byrnes and Daytons decided to eat lunch...the distress call came in about 2:00 PM. The combination of a falling tide and the north wind had thinned out the water in Dickinson Bayou. Complicating the situation was a channel marker that had drifted off station, indicating deep water where there was none. Marco was hard aground and flushing mud out of the raw water intakes. Animal sprang into action lowering his ski boat into the water; Pirogue grabbed several beers. By the time we reached Marco and got a line on him, he was ready to get off the mud. Marco cranked up *Folie*, we held his bow into the wind, and *Folie* powered herself off the shoal. Animal led the way home, and by 5:00 PM we were telling each other how clever we were. It wouldn't have seemed like a true Brotherhood event without at least one rescue at sea. Shortly after 7:00 PM, and before the party kicked off, the Houston Table held an induction ceremony for Greg Heck. Greg and Keisha were in from Dallas for the party, and it seemed like our best opportunity to surprise him. Our newest Brother, "Po'k Chop", is famous for his efforts at the grill, and we look forward to many future boucans where he will feed us well.

The next event on Houston's calendar is our Buccaneer's Ball. This year's Ball will be held on February 15, at Waterford Harbor Restaurant. In the true fashion of a Mardi Gras ball, the evening will start off with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by "Le Tableau" (a skit), and then dancing. Dress for gentlemen is "Pirate Garb", for ladies "Cocktail Attire". All out-of-town Brothers are invited. Let us know of your plans and we will arrange a berth.

Finally, and just a heads up for everyone, planning is underway for the 2003 Brotherhood of the Coast National Zafarrancho. The Zaf will be held in Galveston, Texas, on the dates October 9-12. The Houston Table plans to send out further details and approximate costs by mid-February, followed by final plans and costs a month later.

Pirogue



Our table enjoyed a delightful New Year's celebration at Dick and Maitte Van Arsdel's home. Dick made an extraordinary seafood stew with oysters, crabmeat and shrimp. Major grazing appetizers were in abundance. Sid Dean baked a very fancy French cheese bread thing (no calories or cholesterol, he promised). All finished off with Nancy Loke's apple and pumpkin pies. The truly amazing part was we all made it to midnight to usher in 2003!

When you look back on it.... 2002 sure was an unusual and busy year. In the Keys table we've had new engages, business urgencies, cruises to the Bahamas and Chesapeake Bay. Boats being sold, bought, and everything in between! No wonder we're glad it's over.

IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT

The annual Keys weekend is planned for the 14th - 17th of February. Please plan to attend. Our details will be forthcoming (before you read this), and we anticipate a great time.... Providing you come! There will be plenty of time available for fishing, swimming, shopping, golfing, eating, and other merriment. If you long for a relaxed island environment and pretty water "Come On Down".

The Van Arsdels and the Lokes attended the fantastic Christmas party at the Suncoast Table (Sarasota). Tellin' ya, this is a super event every year, and those folks really knock themselves out to create a really special weekend. Did you "Non-Floridians" ever hear of the "GOOFY AWARD"??? You'd just have to be there.

Last, the bunch of us here in the Keys want to thank Sam Britton and Roselyn for their outstanding contributions to the Brotherhood during Sam's watch. We also extend the warmest of congratulations to Tom and Sue Collier as he takes the helm. We are truly blessed to have such capable people making these leadership commitments.

And remember **Marathon, Florida February 14th!!!!!!**



Christmas 2002 from left – Jane Protzman, Len Sinowitz, Joe Citarella, Tony Olmer, Toni Matarucco, Rene Fichter, Charles Fine, front row – Quentin Thomas, Jay Howard, Bill Watkins, Rene Fiechter Jr.
Photo: Coline Thomas

In January the New York Brothers, Captives and Engagés took refuge from the cold in the Boat Club at Schooner Cove for a potluck dinner. It was a productive meeting and Brothers agreed that Engagé German Voss Jr. had met the requirement and will be inducted into the New York Table at our next meeting on March 15th.
ORZA German Voss !



Christmas found the NY table returning to the home of Brother Quentin and Captive Caline Thomas. Some of you will remember the Christmas party there a couple of years ago when the ground rumbled and the house shook and a mighty tree appeared in Quentin's and Caline's daughter's room. Luckily no one was hurt.



The Thomas' house the next day Photo: Caline Thomas

This year the Pirate affair was heavy hors d'oeuvres and all the wine you can drink. It was a great evening and I am happy to report that there were no mishaps.

2003 NEW YORK SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION / HOSTED BY
January 25	The Boat Club at Schooner Cove Tony & Theo Olmer
March 15	Port Washington Robert & Mariefrancoise Coles
May 10	The Oaks City Island Jay Howard and Norma
July 12	Oyster Bay (on the water) Bill Watkins
October 9-12	National Zaf Galveston, Texas
December 13	Chriatmas party (OPEN)



San Antonio



ORZA Dr. Jones!

David Havernick, “Dr. Jones“ and captive, Shelly Havernick were inducted into the Brotherhood of the Coast, San Antonio Table during the October Fiesta party hosted by Oso and Joker at Bill and Jan Streep’s home. David established a new San Antonio BOC tradition by soaking his new BOC flag in RUM and subsequently “nursing” the flag.

Beware of the brothers and captives that have completed the right to carry a handgun course at Doc’s GUN’s. In case we need protection at an upcoming ZAF, you may want to contact Dick Eckerman, Sarah Bruner, Patty McNeil, David Overpeck, Bill Massey, Charlie Hankins, Wayne McNeil, Craig Wright, Doc, or Helen Cantu-Withoff After a ten hour day of school, written test, and shooting test, there was a great deal of alcohol consumed at Doc and Helen’s cocktail party and dinner following the training & certification. Semi-automatic weapons were substituted for cigars, brandy, and great conversation around the outdoor firepit.

The redcoats, Fred and Sue Bentley, returned in December. Visits to historic sites in Fredricksburg and San Antonio were followed by fine food and wine. A small group including the redcoats, Wrights, and Charlie Hankins flew to Las Vegas. We heard about the shows, but still do not know who won or lost at the casino.

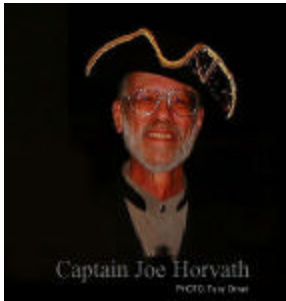
The San Antonio Table got together for an alternative Christmas party. Instead of having a reservation at a local restaurant for the annual Christmas dinner, we had a full meal catered at the Wright’s house complete with a pianist for music. No one had to cook or cleanup. Guests Patrick and Wren from Houston

The annual San Antonio Table meeting and Superbowl party took place on Superbowl Sunday at Bill and Jan Streep’s house. The 2003 events are as follows:

2003 San Antonio Table Activities:

Month	Host	Description
January	Joker	Superbowl party & Annual meeting
February	Stogie	Raid on Bandera
March	Josef	Beach party around fire pit
April	Tricky	Tax Cry
May	Marquis de Sade	Trailer Trash Convention
June	Joker	Raft up in BVI
July	FawnCrest Vineyard	Grape harvest
August	Dr. Jones	Cabins & river rafting in Kerrville
September	Kilo	Celebrate harvest & shrimpboil
October	Doc	Halloween
November	Captives	Evening on the Town
December	Monty Python	Parade of Lights
December/January	Dr. Jones	New Years Eve Party





**First Watch News
from the Savannah Table**



Brother Albert and myself thoroughly enjoyed our sojourn to the International Zaf in Portsmouth and were fortunate enough to be hosted by Grand Vigie UK, Frere John Eberhardt. I was also lucky enough to have a date for the opening banquet with Pam, a delightful lady, and sister-in-law to our newest Brother, Tony Perry a.k.a. Peregrine. After the final Brunch, Brother Ted Dowty from Abaco, hosted Albert, myself and Frank & Mary Sessions at his home in Cheltenham in the Cotswolds.

Brother Gary Johnson a.k.a. Swedish Navigator spent three weeks, starting in Travemunde, Germany sailing with Brother Sven Hebecker and Brother Claude & Captive Marlis Didier (Solent Table) through Scandinavia. He has many photographs and lots of stories when you see him at the National Zaf. Hopefully his new bride will have been allowed to join him in the USA by then. We had the unexpected pleasure of hosting Gary for the weekend, less than a month ago, when his car broke down just outside Savannah on a trip to NC and he has just been back to spend a weekend with all of us to celebrate Tony Perry's induction.

Brother Bill Boone, a.k.a. Weetok., who captains the FORBES yacht, M/V Highlander, is presently in Ft. Lauderdale for the winter. If you happen to be down at Pier 66, do call on him.

In the middle of September we had a flying visit from Brother Sven & Reni Hebecker, when they parked their RV down at Tybee Island for one night on their way from New Jersey to Orlando. These are great people who stayed with Maureen and I in Savannah three years ago after attending our Tybee Island Boucan, and have since hosted Brother Gary on their yacht this past summer.

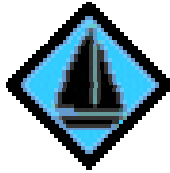
At the beginning of September we inducted our newest Brother, Tony Perry a.k.a. Peregrine and it was a great party. Tony has semi-retired as a seafaring Captain. He has captained yachts for the rich and famous for some 30 plus years and both myself and Maureen had the pleasure of working for him some ten years ago. He and

his Captive Gill bought a condo in Savannah and have settled down to a life of landlubbers, although Tony is currently working, on a motor yacht, based out of Brunswick, Georgia. As the induction was getting underway, we were only missing four Brothers, all of whom live or work out of State. We resolved to gather at Brother Bryan Roux, a.k.a. Kanga's home at Halcyon Bluff on the Vernon River. Once everyone had wet their whistle, we proceeded with the formal induction and minutes after the celebratory passing of the "little brown jug" Tony received a welcoming phone call from Brother Jerry Jones a.k.a. Gumbeaux and Captive Jill, in Black Mountain, NC. Our whole group then trooped down to Bryan's dock where we fired the black powder cannon, three times, to celebrate our new Brother's induction into the Brotherhood of the Coast. It was one of those hot steamy Savannah nights, when Brother Rob Roy's, Captive Holly whipped off her Captive rags and jumped into the river, and within moments so had everyone else including, Kanga's 150 lb. Chocolate lab, Hershey. A grand time was had by all, with much imbibing and plates full of Greek and Turkish Tapas.

October 17th, was soon upon us and the Annual National Zaf and Captains' Meeting was underway in Savannah. All those who had arrived on Thursday were invited to a welcome reception at the Ships of the Sea Museum, in the garden and given a private tour of the museum. Brother Felix's Captive Erica, was celebrating one of the "Big" Birthdays and we had duly arranged a carriage ride with a bottle of champagne, to remind them of the wedding in Savannah and the six months they lived here. Friday evening everyone boarded the Savannah River Queen and we cruised down the Savannah River in full pirate costume, arriving at Old Fort Jackson to cannon firing. A free flowing bar eased the journey and steamed oysters and "Low Country Boil" were the fare of the evening, together with music and more cannon firing and Orzas! Saturday morning saw some Brothers and Captives challenging each other on one of the local golf courses and some visiting the Mighty 8th Museum, and later a private tour, of the Telfair Art Museum given by Captive Holly, the museum's acquisitions director. Saturday night was the formal dinner gala at the Hyatt with a silent auction and door prizes and then followed by much carousing in the Windows Bar later. We were fortunate to have Brothers and Captives attending from Germany and England, including Brother Hutchins who founded the Table of GB. Brother Heinz and Captive Brigitte from the Lubeck Table stayed on for a few more days as guests of the Seidls' seeing more of the sights of the surrounding area. The following week we had the pleasure of hosting Brother Mike Monteith and Captive Frankie from the Chesapeake Table to a dinner and shortly after Brother Rob Sanger and Captive Holley, also from the Chesapeake, arrived while Brother David Seidl, from the Norway Table was visiting with his Captive Mona and new baby. As you can imagine everyone of these visits constitutes a reason to celebrate and imbibe from the

little brown jug. All the Chesapeake Brothers who have passed through here this year are headed for the Abacos for the holidays, and since Brother Seidl and I, along with our captives will also be in the Abacos, we no doubt will be getting together for a few more swigs of the little brown jug.

ORZA! 2003



defending its championship status in the "Pineapple Cup" Yacht Race from Ft. Lauderdale to Montego Bay, Jamaica beginning on February 7th. Anyone wishing to follow the progress of the boats can log on to www.montegobayrace.com, where daily positions will be plotted on a chart. Critical Path was first in division and first in fleet in this race in 1999. ORZA Bill! We hope you garner another win in 2003!

Captain Dan Sagan a.k.a. Gimbal

Parting Shots



The Suncoast Table wishes a Happy New Year to all our Brothers, Captives and Friends. ORZA! We held our Annual Pirate Christmas Parties December 13-15. Some of us actually remember portions of it. During Friday nights festivities at Brother Gimbal and Captive Bonnie's home, two new Brothers, Jon Frick a.k.a. Mr Clean (Captive Bette) and John Hampshire a.k.a. Pas Partou, (Captive Eileen) were inducted. Although they managed to stay dry while walking the plank blindfolded "over the pool", the same cannot be said for all of the others who tried it later in the evening even though they were unimpaired by blindfolds. It is entirely possible that one may have been otherwise impaired. We were pleased to have representatives attend from all of the Florida Tables, Texas, the Chesapeake and also the new National Captain of England. Saturday nights's Prime Rib Buffet, hosted by Ray & Jane Hutchins at Sarasota Yacht Club, for the third year, was as wonderful as always. And on Sunday, a royal feast was had by all who attended Brunch at Chris & Suzanne Drake's home.

Keep your calendars open for late April or early May for the Suncoast's Annual Raft Up. You are welcome to bring your boats. We will accommodate as many guests on our boats as possible. Invitations will follow when the dates are finalized.

This year, a brotherhood boat, Bill Dooley's "Critical Path" will be



U. S. National Zaf October 9-12 in Galveston TX
Be There!