

# First Watch

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**By: Tom Collier "Ursa Major"  
National Captain**

If you are not very new to the Brotherhood then you have heard repeatedly that you do not begin to understand the true nature of this organization nor begin to experience the depth of the fraternal spirit of the Brotherhood until you have been to an international event. The Brothers of Texas are about to get an international experience. Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, the Chilean tall ship the "Esmeralda" will be in Corpus Christi. The Esmeralda is a 367' four masted brigantine that is used as a training ship by the Chilean Navy to teach young seamen to respect the sea. Chilean National Captain Daniel Alvarez Aspée and Chilean Vigie Rene Olhaberry have been in contact with the Chilean Navy. I received word that that we are invited on board for a reception as guests of Captain Ignacio Mardones.

Fourteen Brothers and their Captives are planning to be on hand for the event. I believe that this will be a new experience for everyone except me and Charlie Hankins. Charlie first saw her in New York at the 1<sup>st</sup> World Zaff. I saw her when she was back in New York in 1989. Either of us can tell you that she is spectacular. The tour that we get is much different than any thing available to the public. One of the most amazing things about the ship is the Brotherhood memorabilia on display. We are all looking forward to this. Next First Watch we will share the experience.

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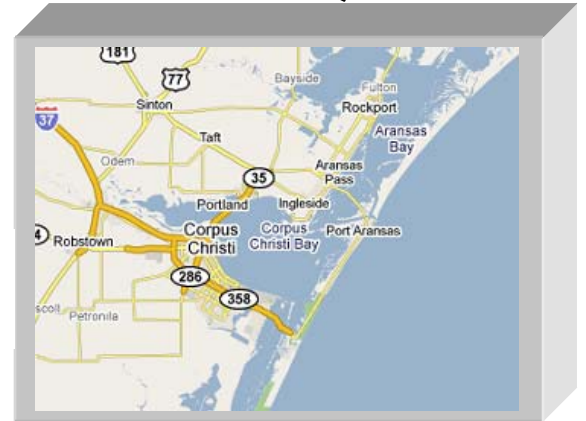
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# Corpus Christi



Captain: Louis Adams "Lost Louie"  
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By: Louis Adams

The Corpus Christi table hosted a shrimp boil and pool party zaf in Rockport on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The event was well received. A special thanks to Brothers Bob Schroeder and Gordon Goosney for standing out in the heat and cooking, but most especially for finding such good captives to put it all together for us. It was nice to see Brother Larry Jones aka Rumline and captive Jean. Larry has been ill but is making a speedy recovery back to his old form.



Shrimp Boil Chef Don Schroeder and Goosney



Table Capt Louis Adams, David Mays and Jean Jones



Pots of boiled shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes and spices



Capt Lost Louie Adams says: "Everything goes better with a cold beer"



Long-time Brother Larry "Rumline" Jones



Carol Goosney and San Antonio Table Guest Mary Laxson

The annual Margaritas and Senoritas party is still on for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will send out the invite very soon. We have docks and bunks left so don't forget to make room on the calendar.

During the last few months the Corpus Christi Table has been preparing for the arrival of the Tall Ships. It was originally our intention to have a zaf during their visit but we were quick to learn that the Port and HEB had already planned their entire visit.

There will be Fireworks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at NSI with Kiewit doing them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ingleside Cove. The Capitan Miranda from Uruguay, Cuauhtemoc from Mexico, Esmeralda from Chile will arrive on July 1<sup>st</sup> and Eagle from the United States Coast Guard arriving on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are planning a big celebration on July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru July 4<sup>th</sup>. We should have some great pictures but that will be for next quarter.  
ORZA!!!

Editor Note:

Table Captain Louis “Lost Louie” Adams is a ship Pilot in the Port of Corpus Christie and was the Pilot aboard the Chilean Tall Ship Esmeralda and forwarded this cell phone picture from the bridge of the ship and she was being brought into port.



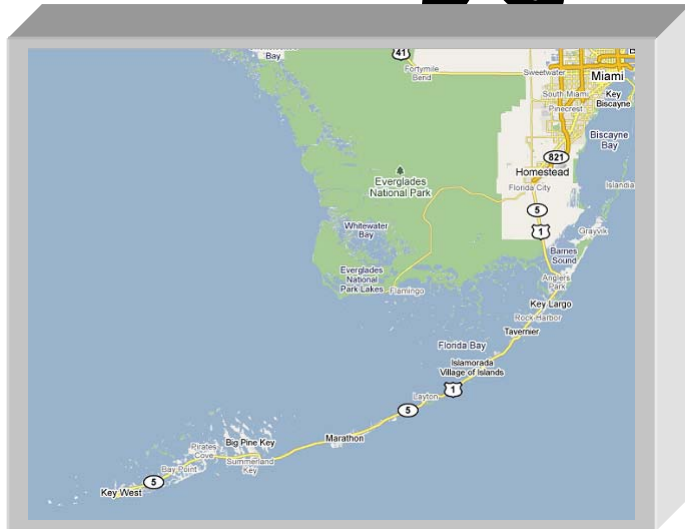


# Florida Keys

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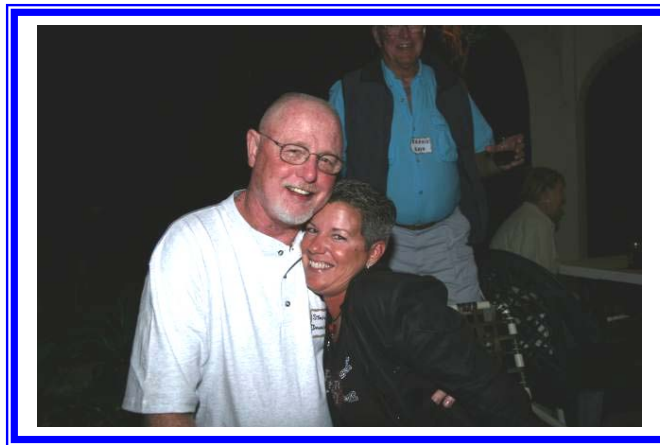
By: Joe Hamrick



The Keys Table is back on summer mode. The "Snow Brothers" have made their annual northward migration. Chuck "Tracker" Ryan fled to Minnesota and fishing and then this fall hunting. Fall starts sometime not long after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ed "Brillo" Loke is leaving next week for Sarasota and his new condo, then on to Greenville, SC. Brother Don "Backlash" Coggan left for MI and other parts wherever one can ski or kayak. Bernie "Snapper King" Dove has once again become a fishing Brother in the Solomon Table for six months.

With the calming and warming waters Dolphin and tuna fishing is becoming ever better. The water is clearer the past several weeks than it's been for several years. Brother Steve "Sparky" Donaldson has been testing his recovery (from a double lung transplant) with offshore fishing trips to the Marathon Hump, and has been successful in finding tuna and dolphin for his crew (which often includes Brother Sid "Fishbait" Dean aboard the "Golden Eye".

Brothers Nelson "El Chino" Perez and Bud "Gaffer" Schmidt are recovering from their heart surgeries. Nelson has resumed his offshore forays and Bud is back to eliminating clay targets with his shotgun.



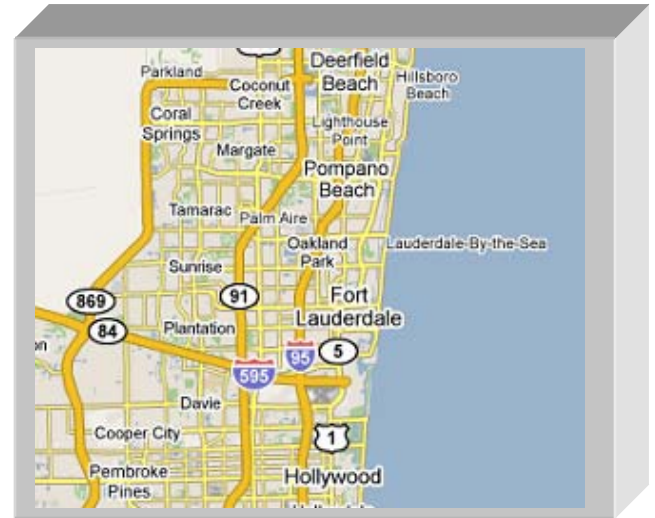
Steve "Sparky" and Lori Donaldson

# Gold Coast



By: John Dotto

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At this time of year some of our Brothers depart for cooler climates only to return once more in the fall. However, this year we are experiencing something different. Several Brothers and Captives are departing for good. Mostly for business or professional reasons the moves appear to be of a more permanent nature.

Allen (Forestay) and Kate Barry – gone cruising, first up north and later to the Mediterranean.

Kevin (Minnow) and Kay Schmid – gone to the West coast of Florida for professional reasons.

John (Engagé) and Sue Colucci – moving to N Carolina for professional reasons.

The Table is actively looking to recruit and in fact we inducted a new Brother at the May Boucan.

## APRIL BOUCAN

Allen (Forestay) Barry and Kate organized the Beach Boucan. As usual they did an outstanding job preparing for the Boucan at Fort Lauderdale beach. Even though the Boucan was lightly attended it was a lot of fun with delicious burgers, brats and ribs. The interesting scenery added to the enjoyment as did the sailing of the world's biggest cruise ship "Oasis of the Sea" out of Port Everglades. In addition Diana provided some musical moments for our further enjoyment.





### MAY BOUCAN

Brian (McGyver) Schmitz and Sue hosted the May Boucan at the McGyver Cave on the Isle of Tangelo. A lot of preparation resulted in a great Boucan with enough shrimp, claws and ribs to feed a navy and enough booze to sink the same! The high-light of the evening was the induction of a new Brother – Walter Schildt – Grouperhead, Flag # 414. The festivities continued with noisy musical renditions by McGyver and Diana.





The June Boucan will be a Raft-up organized by Cliff (Fossy) Steffen and Sandy on the Middle River on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. These are always a good thing!  
Monthly Boucans are planned for the rest of the year but no details are yet available.

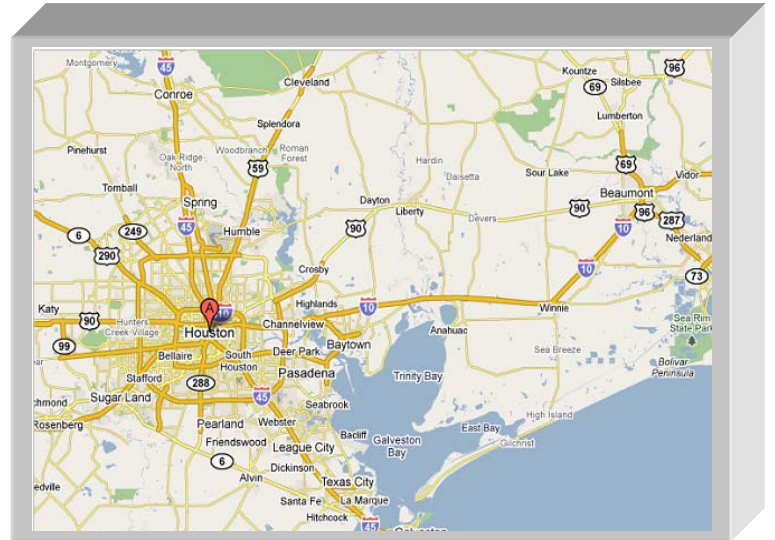


# Houston

Captain: Tom Dayton “Animal”

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By: Don Peterson “Big Dog” #213



The “Fred Lowe Annual Crawfish Boil and Dingy Run” was changed this year due to inclement weather. The Dingy Run portion will be rescheduled later this year as a monsoon hit just as the dingy run was to start. After a three hour soak, the sky cleared and the crawfish boil came off as planned. Brother Killian stood watch over the boiling pots of water as 1,000’s of mudbugs took a swim in a hot Cajun bath. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings were the order of the day for the non crawfish eaters among the crowd. A different twist this year was we passed the hat among the crowd to help Fred’s captive’s daughter, Shannon with some medical expenses. She recently underwent surgery for cancer and fortunately it was detected early enough that she should have a full recovery. A big Orza to all Brothers and guests who dug deep into their pockets to help her out.

We had an extra treat this May as Brother Franco Nanni and his wife Alda visited Houston from Ravenna Italy. Franco is important to many Brothers in America as he is the one who met Les Thompson in business and thought he should be a Brother. Franco sailed with Les, Charlie Hankins and other future San Antonio Brothers on Canyon Lake one day in the early 80’s and the invitation to join the Brotherhood was put into place. Be sure and ask Charlie Hankins about these early days when the Brotherhood was formed in Texas.

On a sad note, Les Thompson underwent an operation for prostate cancer last week. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Former Houston Brother Matt Devers along with Captive Gracie, was in town for a visit recently and found time in a busy weekend to break bread with some Houston Brothers. Matt has moved his flag to the Chesapeake where his new job took him after retiring from the Air Force. Also visiting Houston was former Table Captain John Byrne. He has moved his flag to Savannah a few years ago after his retirement and move to Athens Georgia.



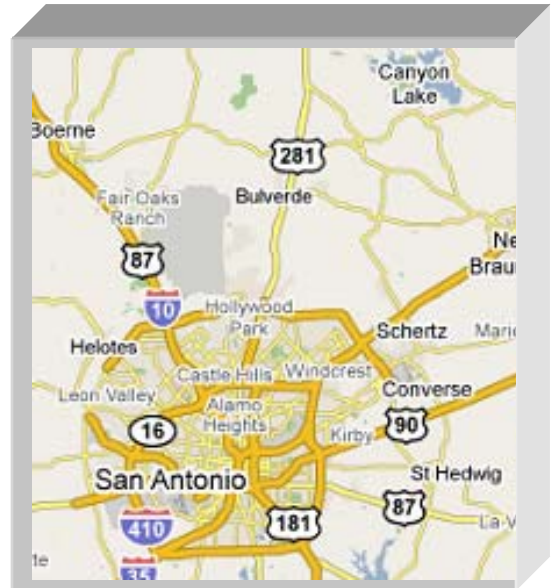
Brother Franco Nanni and his wife Alda visited Houston from Ravenna Italy





# San Antonio

Captain: Wayne Laxson "Borracho"  
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By: Wayne Laxson

The San Antonio Table hosted its premier event of each year, The Trailer Trash on April 23, 24 and 25. It started with a great meal of Bar-B-Que at Buck and Ozzy's located not far from the trailer. They even provided a live band for all attending.



Saturday morning began with the Annual King William Fiesta Parade. The USS ORZA provided a great platform for the riders and walkers.



Following the parade everyone went to Tycoon Flats at local purveyor of great hamburgers, nachos and liquid refreshments.



Saturday evening we all went to the Texas Hill Country home of Craig and Cheryl Wright of Trailer Trash fame. While the trailer is still there, they have upgraded to a large building high on a hill top looking out over the Texas Hill County. We had a great meal of Mexican Food, lots of refreshments such a beer, wine, margaritas and of course a bottle or two of rum.

John, our band provided, as usual, a great evening of music including some Buffett, and the ever popular Chicken Dance.



On Sunday morning we gathered at the home of Monty and Audrey Rodgers for a Brunch before we had to say farewell to all of our out of town guests.



It was a great event and thanks to all of the out of town Brothers who attended. We always enjoy having you and look forward to next year.

ORZA



# San Juan

## Puerto Rico



Weekly Thursday night mini-Zafs at Mike's Tackle Shop bring us all together to work on solving the worlds problems such as: Where do we sail next?? Shall I have one more beer? All Brothers who sail by will be warmly welcomed.

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Cubiche

# Savannah



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By: Maureen Horvath

## SAVANNAH TABLE NEWS

Since the beginning of 2010 the Savannah Table has been enjoying monthly meetings, some of which have combined celebratory occasions, meeting alternately at various Brothers' homes. The first of these was Brother Joe Horvath's 65<sup>th</sup> Social Security Birthday Party held at the home of Brother Tony & Gillian Perry's. The next was a biggie for Capt. Albert Seidl's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and was held at Brother Mike & Karen Pranschke's home with Houston Brothers Patrick Mills and John Byrne in attendance.





The next celebratory meeting was the Boucan Meeting attended by Brother Jerry & Jill Jones, Engage Bill Boyd all from Black Mountain and Brother John & Helen Byrne from Athens, GA. Friday night was the occasion to transfer the Flags of the Houston Brothers, John Byrne and Patrick Mills to the Table of Savannah executed in full buccaneer style by our Capt. Dogwaes.



The following evening was a celebration of Alise's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with additional special friends in attendance.





The Boucan wound down on Sunday with a magnificent Champagne Brunch at the home of Brother Tony & Gillian Perry and a sad farewell to our out of town Brothers with promises to see them soon in Black Mountain



The last of these celebratory meetings was held on Mothers' Day on the roof top garden of Capt. Albert & Alise Seidl's home in downtown Historic Savannah.



Our next planned Boucan is up in Black Mountain, North Carolina where all the Savannah Brothers as well as Brothers from Florida and Arkansas will be hosted in the homes of the Mountain Brothers and Engages. More news and photos in the First Watch to come. The Savannah Table is planning a Zaf that will probably be held in October. Dates and details will be published on Face Book when decided, after our Boucan in the Mountains.

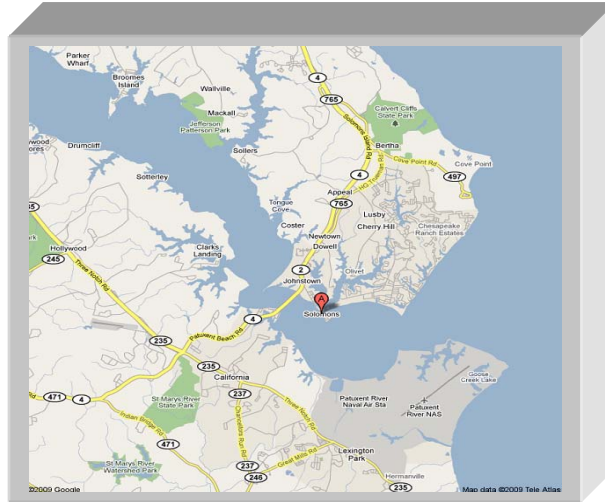
Fair seas and favorable winds to all! ORZA!!!!



# Solomons Island

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By Dale Weems

The Solomons Island Table is gearing up for a busy summer. We have been getting together for the Tip a few Tuesday's and regular business meetings, but now its time to get serious about this. The first big event will be the 2010 Chesapeake Solomons Raftarrancho the boats are being loaded with Vittles and Grog and of course a barrel or two of rum will be brought along for medicinal purposes. We will be heading south to meet up with our Brothers from the Chesapeake Table. The word got out about this annual event and the party is growing. The latest count was 18 vessels in all and better than 50 people. The brotherhood will be represented by attendees from 5 Tables. The quality of the food will only be surpassed by the quality of the folks attending and the memories we will leave with.

Our first 2 engages have gone through all of their final steps except for the formal ceremony, that will make them brothers and that ceremony will probably take place on August 21 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual St Johns Creek Crab Derby sponsored by Brothers Capt. Go Go and Easy, at brother Easy's House the pool and bar will be open along with the invitation for any brothers wishing to attend. And don't forget you can bring your own thoroughbred crab or catch one the day of the event off of Easy or Capt Go Go's dock. Any brothers from other tables wishing to attend should call Brother Easy @410-808-3832. Other events are in the works for day cruises and football games or almost any excuse to get together. We look forward to visiting with any traveling brothers who visit the Washington-Baltimore area.

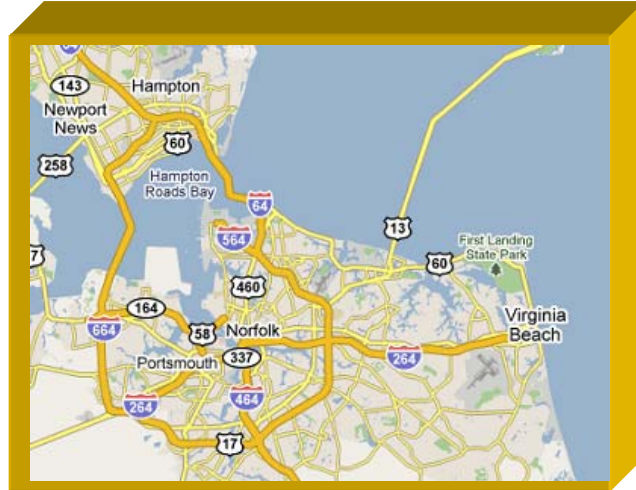




# Chesapeake Bay

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By: Scott Ripley



*The following is the notice of the Second Annual "Raftarranco" a combined event of the Chesapeake/Solomons Tables. Since it occurred near this editions cut-off date, we look forward to a complete description and photographs of this great Brotherhood event in our next edition.*  
Editor

Ahoy Brothers, Captives and Engages,

First, let me give credit to Brother John Craighill for coining the term "Raftarrancho". You won't find this term in the BOC Grrreatest Dictionary yet but just give it time.

The raft will be unofficially set in Dyer Creek (37 deg 40' 19" N and 76 deg 21' 17" W) around 1800 on Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>. However, most boats will probably be arriving in the early afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup>. There are not any planned events for Thursday dinner or Friday breakfast or Friday lunch. Extra rations of rum will be distributed to the crews of those boats showing up early to the raft.

Our Friday dinner menu will be crab cakes made by Smitty AKA Fish Monger and fried on site. There will be potato salad, cold asparagus, brownies, and hand made ice cream also prepared on site (need some volunteers). We will purchase wine for our wine tasting and include that in our pricing. Pricing will be rounded up to the nearest \$ and will be determined by actual cost. Each person should plan to pay their portion of this meal at the event.

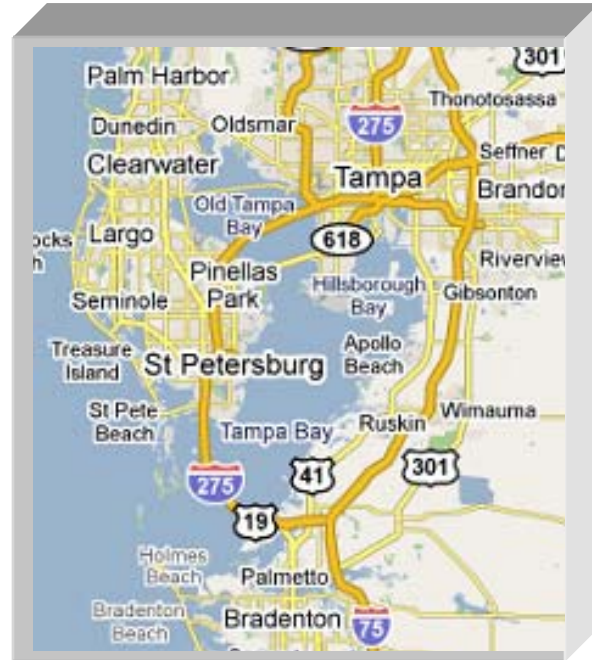
We will have a pot-luck brunch beginning at 0930 on Saturday morning. The Bloody Mary and Mimosa bar will open an hour or two beforehand. We will break the raft shortly after brunch.

Be sure to bring your fenders!



# Sun Coast

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By: Jon Frick aka Mr. Clean  
Captain of the Sun Coast Table

The April Happy Hour was hosted by Chris Drake at Marina Jacks, located in Sarasota. As always the food was great, and the view overlooking the harbor was beautiful.

The May Happy Hour was hosted by John and Eileen Hampshire at their store, Art To Walk On, located in downtown Sarasota. After being surrounded by beautiful hand woven rugs, and some one-of-a-kind creations, we crossed the street to enjoy a tremendous Italian meal. Another great evening with the brotherhood.

On April 26, 2010 our brother Jack Goodrich lost his loving wife Peggy, after a long illness. On June 5th, John D'Alusio organized a lunch at the Star Fish market, for brothers only, to tell Jack he was not forgotten and to call one of us for anything he might need. Jack was very appreciative.

Later in June some of the captives, I think feeling a little left out, asked about the June Happy Hour. On June 23, a small group met on the upper deck at Marina Jacks for a cozy, intimate Happy Hour.

July will be hosted by Steve Herb. A raft up is planned, and any brother is invited that may be in the area. Call Steve at 941-349-6126.

August will be a Beach Happy Hour, and the same applies. Contact John D'Alusio at 941-750-6792.

\* On December 3-4-5, The Sun Coast Table will be hosting the 22nd Annual "Little Pirates Christmas Party". Please make a note on your calendar,

Orzza,  
Jon Frick aka Mr. Clean  
Captain, Sun Coast Table