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EDITORIAL

What is the Brotherhood of the Coast? An editorial by National Captain Tom Collier

About fifteen years ago I was struggling to figure out how to explain the Brotherhood to a potential engage'. Late one night, on a passage in the Gulf of Mexico, I was in the cockpit, on watch by myself, enjoying the tranquility, and reflecting on the problem when I wrote these words:

The Brotherhood of the Coast is a unique fraternity whose members share a mutual respect of their abilities, who share common dreams, and who are bound by their concern for the common welfare of their sailing brethren. They are special sailors who understand the sea, who are in awe of her beauty, yet respectful of her power. Who share the sense of freedom that comes from possessing the skill to travel at will on 2/3 rd's of the earth's surface. They are special sailors who share a spirit.....an ancient spirit – a spirit that draws men's hearts over the horizon. A spirit that's consummate by a full sail in a fresh breeze. They are individuals that find contentment in the solitude of the sunset at sea. And yet, individuals that celebrate the company of the kindred souls that are the special breed of sailors that are the "Brotherhood of the Coast".

In the years since I have met many other Brothers from other countries and learned a great deal more about the Brotherhood. After I wrote those words so long ago I discovered that all Brothers are not blue-water sailors. In that I was wrong.

I have also learned that they all understand. Brothers are a special breed of individual. There is a mutual respect. We have a love and understanding of the sea. We share the sailor's spirit. Brothers are kindred souls. That part I got right.



Happy Anniversary to our Belgium Brothers

Golden Grand Boucan National Commemorating 50 Years of the Brotherhood in Belgium

Article by Sparks AKA Joe Citarella
Photos courtesy Joe Citarella, Jacques Rial

I arrived in Belgium on the evening of March 12 to attend the Anniversary Celebration commemorating fifty years of the Brotherhood in Belgium, accompanied by il mio carissimo fratello Toni Mattarucco da Venezia.



Our gracious hosts arranged to pick us up at the airport and transport us to our hotel in Antwerp. After dropping off our luggage, we then proceeded to Branie-Bas for the Anniversary Dinner Celebration.

Upon entering the restaurant, I was greeted by the sight of hundreds of Belgian Brothers and a large contingent of European Brothers – a veritable smorgasbord of cultures, all united by our common Brotherly bond. Languages did not interfere with communication, as we all speak a common language of the sea; however, I did manage to resurrect some long-dormant German and my OK Italian did help some. Festivities were conducted in enough languages, including English, to satisfy all present.

I was fortunate to meet so many Brothers in person with whom I had corresponded – a real pleasure to connect faces to names,

and to make new friends with a number of European Brothers – a great and valued experience! The excellent meal was heartily leavened by a “Belgian Best Of” Show, consisting of skits by the Belgians which we must consider as “Classics”.

We have an expression in English – a true friend will “give you the shirt off his back” if you ask. Well, the Belgian Brothers have taken this expression to a new level – not only do they give you their shirts, but pants and undergarments as well! In addition to an incredibly revealing display of Brotherhood Beef, the Belgian Brothers used Viagra in a new way and rocked the house with a blues band rendition that had everyone swaying and toe-tapping along. Unlike the Belgian weather, the room was awash in sunshine!



The next day we went to The National Maritime Museum hosted Brother Charles Mermans. The Museum is on the River Scheldt in an old fortification known as the Steen – a true castle. The museum is the only general maritime museum in Belgium and houses a dazzling array of ship models, paintings, navigation instruments and various maritime objects of interest – truly an

interesting display. In addition, the castle has some accoutrements which I was fortunate to experience first hand.



Photos courtesy Jacques Rial

Following this tour, we had a wonderful lunch at a nearby restaurant overlooking the river, where we again met new friends. We then were transported by our gracious Belgian Brothers to the train and airport.

I must say that attending this Anniversary Celebration was among the best Brotherhood experiences I have had to date. The graciousness, fraternity and hospitality of the Belgian Brothers shall be long remembered and is a shining example of what the Brotherhood of the Coast is about.

A hearty ORZAAAA to my Belgian Brothers!



Orange Beach

Orange Beach Table Inauguration March 18 & 19, 2005

The big weekend kicked off on Friday afternoon with the arrival of Stew Kaufman from the Chesapeake table. Tom and Sue Collier and Charlie Hankins from Texas arrived a little later followed by Sam and Roselyn Britton from Florida. Happy hour on the dock with a few of the brothers - to - be led to dinner at a local seafood restaurant, where we were joined by Fred Lowe and captive Debbie from Houston. On Saturday morning those who could make it, met for an informal brunch of muffins, bagels, fruit, coffee, mimosas and bloody marys. It was great to see old friends and catch up on the latest news. Saturday evening brought out the Pirates for the induction of eight new brothers to form the Orange Beach, Alabama table.

New Brothers inducted are:

- Flag # 261 Barry Brothers aka "Conch"
- 262 Scott Allen aka "Chopper"
- 263 Randy Fitzgibbons aka "Loktite"
- 264 Jim Drake aka "Music Man"
- 265 Bill Sawyer aka "Grounded"
- 266 Keith Robinson aka "Rummy"
- 267 Mark Link aka "Splash"
- 268 Hank Coate aka "Mojo"

Doug "Graybeard" Henckel - formerly of the Corpus Christi table - is Captain of this newly formed table. The inducted brothers, captives and out of town guests enjoyed a shrimp boil cooked by Graybeard and Conch. After dinner we adjourned to the marina to sit around a bonfire and swap stories. Graybeard and captive Sandi would like to thank the people without whose help this weekend would never have been possible. Special thanks to the following people for taking the time to come so far and help us get our table off to such a great start:

Charlie "Oso" Hankins from the San Antonio table. National Captain Tom "Ursa Major" and Sue Collier, Don "Big Dog" and Peggy Peterson, John "Sneezy 37" and Ann Killian, and Fred "Bull Horn" Lowe and Debbie from the Houston table. Lamar "Guitar Man" and Sherry Anderson, Sam "Great Blue" and Roselyn Britton and Bob "Barnacle" Lagenbach of the Sun Coast table. Stew "Blue Stash" Kaufman of the Chesapeake table, and last, but not least, Tim "Pakrat" and Sharon Stephenson of the Corpus Christi table. We so much appreciate those of you who traveled so far to be with us.

The Orange Beach table would like to extend an open invitation to all Brothers to visit our beautiful Alabama coast anytime.

Orza!! Graybeard



Photos courtesy Big Dog



Oooooorzaaaaa Orange Beach!

News from the Tables

NEWS FROM THE CHESAPEAKE

As spring approaches for us here in the Northern Hemisphere, the sailing season can't come soon enough! May this update find our US Brothers and our Brothers throughout the world in good health with thoughts of the sea foremost in their minds.

Since our last communication, the Chesapeake Bay Table has been very active and the New Year is off to a fast start. On December 18, Blue Stache was able to back the S/V Casual Class into her home slip after the major task of fuel tank replacement (10 weeks and lots of \$\$\$\$ accomplished the task). This season on the water will be most reassuring without worrying about shutting the engine down with major water intrusion. Hot Dog!!

The Table gathered on Boxing Day (December 26, 2004) for a great party. Everyone was in attendance including two passenjeros and Brumby & Captive Susan from the Potomac Table. Of course it snowed but it was winter! The exchange of unwanted gifts was a real hoot but just being together was the best.

The Brothers met in early January for a planning session for 2005. New flags were ordered, additional Table pins were ordered and Brothers volunteered to plan the Tip-A-Few gatherings for the entire year. It was at this meeting that Engage Peter Dennent was voted favorably to join our Brotherhood and Red Davis was voted favorably to move up as an Engage.

Late January brought a return visit by Malcolm Hill of GB – this time on his way south. What would a visit by Malcolm be without a party? Everyone gathered at a local watering hole for dinner (24 folks) and Red Davis was officially presented with the Greatest Dictionary and Guide for his study

as Engage. Another great time was had by all.

The President's Day Zaf in the Keys was attended by two Brothers and an Engage (Cruz, Rocket Boy & Peter) and their Captives. As usual, the Keys did another great job and everyone is making plans for next year. It will be great to share some time this summer with one of the newest Keys Brothers, Bernie Dove who lives in Solomons, MD with his Captive Margie during the summer months. He's an old friend and is the perfect choice for the Brotherhood (Brillo beat us to the punch).

On Saturday, March 5, Peter Dennent was officially inducted to the Chesapeake Bay Table - from this day on to be known as 'Upwind'. Peter is a great addition to our worldwide fraternity having attended the 2005 National Zaf in New York and not missing a single event since beginning to participate with the Table. Again, there was full participation including the Captain of the Potomac Table. It was another great day.

Blue Stache had the good fortune of attending the inauguration of the Orange Beach, AL Table on March 19. Captain Greybeard has done a wonderful job of identifying great Brothers and they put on one heck of a show. I know if I am ever in that area of the country again, you couldn't keep me from visiting. Congratulations to all of our new Alabama Brothers and welcome aboard.

We are expecting the departure of Brother Cruz & Country Boy in the next several weeks as they travel to Bellingham, WA to pickup and deliver the powercat ORZA back to the Chesapeake by way of the Panama Canal. Of course, if any of you can be in our area of the country when ORZA arrives there WILL BE a party (and what a party platform this vessel will be!!). We wish them safe travels and calm seas.

That's it for now from our small area of the east coast. Come visit when you have the chance – our cannons are charged and waiting.

Smooth seas & following breezes,

Stew Kauffman aka Blue Stache

NEWS FROM CORPUS CHRISTI

There is no news from Corpus Christy



NEWS FROM THE FLORIDA KEYS

Hello from the Florida Keys table where the living is easy. Once again the Florida Keys Table had their annual Presidents' Day Zaf on February 18th to the 21st. There was a record turnout with Brothers and their Captives from six states. The Zaf was an international event this year. Malcolm Hill from the UK arrived on his own boat, Swan Dancer, along with his crew of two. From Norway Marcus Seidel and his brother David with their families joined in the fun. Marcus is the National Captain of the Norway Table and the Captain of the Norwegian tall ship Statsraad Lehmkuhl. David serves as the Chief Officer. The Seidels were visiting the United States to celebrate the 70th birthday of their father Albert Seidel aka Dogwaes with his lovely Captive Alise. Albert is a founding brother and the first Captain of the Savannah Table.

During the Zaf there were many activities including fishing, sailing, and golf. There were also many trips to Key West and to the Hurricane Bar. R. K. "Listo" Ready from the Sun Coast Table celebrated his recent 80th birthday by completing his first scuba dive. Congratulations R. K.

To complete the weekend three Engages were inducted on February 19, 2005 into the Keys Table. The new Brothers are Don Coggan aka Backlash, Bernie Dove aka Snapper King, and Chuck Ryan aka Tracker. On a more serious note at the end of the Zaf, Ed "Brillo" Loke turned over the Table Captain position to Joe "Bubbles" Hamrick. For five years Ed provided direction and great leadership to not only the Keys Table but at

the National Level. The Keys Brothers thank Ed for his services, dedication and leadership. Aside from hosting the President's Day Zaf, the Keys Brothers and their Captives have started a monthly social event planned by a different Brother each time. There is always something fun going on in the Keys, so come join us and put the Presidents' Day Zaf on your calendar for 2006.

Our three new Brothers and their Captives:



NEWS FROM THE FLORIDA GOLD COAST

There is no news from the Florida
Gold Coast

NEWS FROM HOUSTON

The Houston Table held its annual Buccaneer's Ball at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, Texas on January 29. The day began with several Brothers marching in the Mardis Gras Hoodah party in Galveston. The Galveston Mardis Gras draws over 250,000 people to this two-week annual event. The Brothers and Captives were busy tossing beads to the thousands lining the parade route. That night a cocktail party was held at the Moody Gardens Marina where several Brothers had their boats. The entire group went to the hotel for a sit down dinner. The dinner was going well until a nervous waiter spilled an entire tray of cocktails on several Brothers, Captives and guests. Like the bumper sticker says, "Sh** Happens". It didn't dampen the spirits of any of the group. They just smelled a little funny the rest of the night!

Several Brothers attended the Florida Zaf in Marathon. Wolfson, Morris, Heck and Collier represented the Houston table in Florida. The next time you see Captain Collier, have him tell you the story of his new friend he met at a local Marathon bar.

Brothers Killian, Lowe, Peterson and Collier attended the festivities of the new Table in Orange Beach. What a great group of guys Doug Henkel has put together for the Brotherhood. They jumped into the spirit of the Brotherhood and threw a great party. It started with a shrimp boil and ended with plenty of grog and story telling around the campfire by the Intercoastal Waterway. What a night! Be sure and include a trip to Orange Beach and meet a great bunch of guys.

Upcoming events for Houston include the Easter Blow on Easter weekend and the First Annual Dingy Pub Crawl to be held in mid May. More to report on these events in the next First Watch. So like they say on TV, stay tuned. Big Dog out.

NEWS FROM NEW YORK

The New York Table has been busy traveling. Robert Coles aka. Big Hopper and Marie Francoise went to Belgium where Big Hopper attended a Boucan hosted by the Table of Nieuwpoort where he met some old school mates.



I received this note from him on his return.

*"I am back - dead beaten...:)
the Boucan was GREAT ! Met a couple of
very very good friends. Photos are following
after some hours of sleep."*



Tony Olmer aka. Rascal and Theo went to the Keys for the President weekend, a great event I must add. Joe Citarella aka. Sparks went to Belgium for the 50th anniversary. Jane Protzman aka. Jungle Jane is taking a cruise and will be seeing John Eberhardt the international Vigie for England in Portsmouth.

I am sorry to announce that Jean Somerhausen aka. Diplodocus and Ann have sold their house in Douglaston and are returning to Belgium. We are all very sad and are planning a farewell party on June 5th. We wish them all the best in their new adventure.

NY 2005 SCHEDULE

Sun., March 6	6 Fourth Street Norwalk CT
Sun., June 5	129 Arleigh Road Douglaston NY
Sat., July 30	Oyster Bay
Sat., Sep. 10	Fordham Beach, City Island (pirate)
Sat., Oct. 22	6 Arleigh Road Douglaston NY
Sat., Dec. 10	17 Derby Road Port Washington NY



NEWS FROM THE POTOMAC

In late November, with the kind help and guidance from “Captain for Life” Blue Stache and the Brothers of the Chesapeake Table, the Potomac Table has a newly chosen Captain and is getting back on its feet. We have four active Brothers and are on the lookout for suitable engages.

The Potomac Brothers have been invited to enjoy the warmth and hospitality of the Chesapeake crew on three occasions most recently at the March induction of Brother “Upwind”. Several times during the event, we were forced to repel boarders from the Ripley’s balcony aided by volleys from two black powder cannons and resounding ORZA’s!! We expected a visit by the Homeland Security SWAT team but, our enthusiasm frightened even them!!

Brumby and captive Susan attended the Presidents Day Zaf hosted by the Key’s Table in Marathon. Two car loads of us took the

“Pub Stomping” tour of Key West ably led by Rocket Boy and Sherry from Chesapeake, obviously they were a very experienced team! The following day, Sue and I opted for the canal tour aboard the boat of Fish Bait. Among the highlights were a friendly manatee who drank fresh water from a hose and a bevy of iguanas basking on the docks and vegetation. One wonders how well they would cook-up on a rotisserie. Perhaps they will be an evening entrée during next years Zaf. The food and company were outstanding and a great time was had by all. After a wonderful fish fry, we were treated to an induction of new Brothers and a change of Table Captain ceremony on the last evening. After the formal festivities concluded, the diehards finished out the evening at a nearby pub called “Hurricane’s” whose specialty drink is an unusual Espresso Martini.

As the boating season ramps up, we welcome you and are looking forward to seeing some of you when you visit the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis area. We will shuttle you back and forth to the airport or marina and provide bed and board and a spare car to tour the museums and such. We are fresh out of “hammocks” hope a queen size bed will do!!

Brumby of the Potomac Table
Harold Bailey



NEWS FROM SAN ANTONIO

The Secret is the People.

Over the years many of the San Antonio Brothers and their Captives have traveled far and have enjoyed the company and Brotherhood of those across Our Country and abroad. However there are many in our table, like many in the other US tables, who haven’t enjoyed the greatest asset the Brotherhood has to offer, our people, our Brothers and Captives.

So rather that talk about what San Antonio did this past year, or what we will do next year (for that see last years article, or the

year before, etc) I would like to share with you the San Antonio Table. Some Brothers you will know, some you won't, but if you can't sit down and share some rum with them, at least learn a little more about one or two.

Let's start with our newest Brother and work back...

I first met David Hafernik and Captive Shelly while racing a Soveral 33; they took care of the foredeck duties. Later they once again joined a race crew aboard Craig Wright's Catalina 30 whose crew included several Brothers, the inevitable happened. David was an archaeologist and this earned him his first Brotherhood name of "Dr. Jones". More recently he has followed his urging to cook and attending a Cordon Bleu cooking school and is now pursuing a career as a pastry chef and is working at establishing his own business, hence his new Brotherhood name, "Cordon Bubba",

Robert Payne and Captive Peggy stay busy running herd on their two pre-teens, Kathy and Christian. When time allows, they sail their 26' S-2 on Canyon Lake but they have been know to show up at on-the-water events in most anything, including a canoe. Robert spends his days with a company that manages large construction jobs, where he is a project manager. Robert came by this Brotherhood name honestly, he was sent away from a Brotherhood Zaf to "get more ice". Returning back he was met at the door and blindfolded for his induction. He was then led upstairs to meet his fate. As he walked out onto the deck overlooking Canyon Lake for the ceremony, it was hard to forget the sight; blindfolded, a grimace of fear on his face and two bags of ice held in a death grip. We can't resist cheap shots, so the "Iceman" cometh.

Bill Streep and Captain Jan live a quiet life; at least since their daughters Stephanie and Teresa are at college 400 miles away at Texas Tech in the Texas Panhandle. Bill's training as a Home Appraiser did nothing to prepare him for some unusual phone calls late at night. Who can forget the one that came in during the middle of a sprit filled evening with a group of fellow Brothers and Captives. It was from one of their daughters, and Bill's

side of the conversation went like "...what do you mean my truck is in the middle of the Guadalupe River????". Bill and Jan are frequent crew for Craig on race day. Bill's jokes, gags and antics earned him his nom de plume of "Joker".

Craig Wright and Captive Cheryl are also enjoying a fairly recent empty nest. They spend many weekends away traveling but some are spent at home, enjoying their Catalina 30, berthed at nearby Canyon Lake. Craig has been to several National and International Zaf's and has had his trial by fire, serving the table as its Captain for the last four years. Craig is a Dentist and we all think he should hang his Brotherhood name outside this Dental Office, Craig is known as "Marquis de Sade", what else would you call a dentist since "Painless" was already taken.

David "Baby Bump" Overpeck and Captive Sissi Lewis have been to several National Zaf's and BOC events around the US. David now serves The Table as Scribe. David sells benefit plans for small businesses and travels central and south Texas. David has had several boats in the past few years but one is of special interest, "Solo", an English built Hurley 19. "Solo" came to the colonies via a Transatlantic crossing on her own bottom...yes, solo. David considers "Solo" a Brotherhood boat since it was given to him by Brother David (Saint David) Kramer. Some day "Bump" will pass "Solo" on to another Brother, one that needs a boat.

That's the story on San Antonio's last five Brothers...and I'm sticking to it. Learn a little more about your other Alamo City kin in future editions of the First Watch.

ORRZZZZA!!!! Yee Haw.

Monty



NEWS FROM SAVANNAH

Orza! And Greetings from the Table of Savannah. We missed the last First Watch and this bit of news may be too late as well.

The latest news is that Brother Tony Perry a.k.a. Peregrine and his Captive Gillian have purchased a Saba 30, naturally christened "Peregrine". Over the St. Patrick's Day weekend, a very wet and blustery weekend, they brought the boat down from Charleston, where they had purchased it, to its new berth in Savannah, at the Hinckley Boat Yard, on the Wilmington River. Tony & Gill intend to take long weekends for sailing and possibly gunk hole down in the Keys next year, so look out Marathon.

Maureen and I traveled to Sarasota for their wonderful Christmas weekend and enjoyed the hospitality of Brother RK Ready and Captive Pat in their new home. The Sarasota Table out did themselves on fun, food and adult beverages. We reconnected with old friends and met an array of new friends among the Brothers and Captives gathered together. In January, over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend we found ourselves once again in Sarasota. This time we were hosted by Brother Sam Britton and Captive Roselyn in their new house. It was great to have a relaxing weekend and do a lot of catching up on everyday things, as well as Brotherhood business.

The Keys Table's Presidents' Day Boucan was spectacular. Brother Albert Seidl celebrated his 70th Birthday by bringing his two sons, Marc and David Seidl from the Table of Norway, along with their beautiful Captives, Britanita and Mona and their children and Captive Alise for a week in Marathon, culminating in Friday night's Pizza Party Folk and Shanty sing-a-long. Brother Gary Johnson, as well as Maureen and I had one of the best times ever at a Boucan, an unforgettable experience. Once again we were in the midst of wonderful Brothers and Captives from every Table in the USA and having the time of our lives. Our fun and gracious hosts were Brother Joe Hamrick and his lovely Captive Claudia. We truly missed Captain Ron and Captive Patricia from the Potomac Table, but very much enjoyed the company of Potomac Captain and Brother Hal Bailey and his Captive Susan.

Captain Joe Horvath
Table of Savannah



NEWS FROM THE FLORIDA SUN COAST

Apparently Captain Barnacle sent an article for the previous issue of FW and perhaps I lost it or perhaps not but in any case I can't find it. Bob asked me to publish both articles. I apologies to Barnacle Bob and the Sun Coast Table if in fact I lost their article.

We have had another great year at the Sun Coast Table. We continue with our monthly get-to-gethers.

In October our host, Brother Bones aqua Chris Drake, selected a new restaurant on Siesta Key as the meeting place for our Table. Prior to this event, it opened as Hurricane Jeanne was making landfall. Since some of us had no electricity and the restaurant did have, we gave it a trial run. Any place that opens during a hurricane and offers food and drink can't be all bad. In addition to this, Brother Gimbal aka. Dan Sagan was the architect and our son, Kirk, was the contractor.

Sam (aka Brother Great Blue) and Roselyn Britton, Steve (aka Brother Falcon) and Jean Herb and Bob (aka Brother Barnacle) and Evonne Langenbach attended the U.S. National Zaf held October 21st-24th in NYC. The New York Table did an outstanding job for this event. We even conquered the subway.

November's event was hosted by Brother The Crab aka John D'Alusio at the local watering hole on Longboat Key called the Mar Vista. It was well attended and a good time was had by all.

December 3rd, 4th and 5th the Sun Coast Table opened their homes for the 15th annual "A Little Pirate Christmas" Zaf. A cocktail party on Friday was hosted by Dan (aka Brother Gimbal) and Bonnie Sagan. Saturday night's prime rib, sit down dinner was hosted by Bob (aka Brother Barnacle) and Evonne Langenbach. Sunday brunch was hosted by John (aka Brother Pas Partout) and Eileen Hampshire. The turn out for this week-end set a record, 65 people attended. We had Brothers and Captives from England, New York, Savannah, San Antonio, Ft. Lauderdale and Marathon. Also, at the Christmas week-end an

individual was selected to receive the "Goofy Award". This is a plastic figure of the Walt Disney "Goofy" that holds a secret mixture of "Demon Rum" with a straw sticking out of the top. After much "hoopla" the person is selected. The "Award Winner"(???) makes a statement in his or her defense. The "Award Winner" then takes a drink and passes "Goofy" around for others to indulge. This years "Award Winner" will remain nameless for this printing as the " Winner said he must have gotten involved in "hanging chads" in the election process and he is innocent.

At the beginning of the Christmas Zaf we inducted three "Engages" which were presented with "Letters of Invitation". They are Don Irvine, Roger Myer and Joe Vermeren. A hearty welcome to the new "Engages".

The Sun Coast Table wishes everyone a happy, safe New Year.

ORZA!!!

Barnacle aka Bob Langenbach
Captain, Sun Coast Table



January's get together was hosted by Jon Frick aka Mr. Clean and held at the Salty Dog. We had a good turnout despite a rather cold windy evening. After a short period of conversation and some rations of "Grog", the weather did not seem as cold.

February was hosted by Dick Conard aka Vital Signs at the Twin Dolphin Marina. Another successful gathering. We seem to have the formula worked out to have a good time. This may be due to the amount of times we have practiced for these events.

March was hosted by Roger Marquis aka Mainiac. This was held at the Sarasota Polo Club. We arrive early enough to line up for a "Tailgate Party" at the side of the playing field. We enjoyed a picnic style brunch, of course preceded by Bloody Marys and Mimosas. At half time everyone is invited out on the field to replace the divots from the mallets and horses. You just have to make

sure before you stomp it that it is only grass and nothing more. This is a fun, well attended event.

March 19th also found Sam Britton aka Great Blue, Lamar Anderson aka Guitar Man and Bob Langenbach aka Barnacle attending the inauguration of the Orange Beach Table. Doug Henckel, the new Captain, and the co-founding Brothers (The Bear Point Boys) treated all attending to a shrimp boil. Good food, good drinks and good friends are hard to beat. Lamar Anderson will be transferring from our Table to Orange Beach as he now lives in Panama City.

Looks like we are off to a good start for the year.

Orza to all !!!!!

Barnacle aka Bob Langenbach
Captain, Sun Coast Table



Brother to Brother

Wandering With My Brothers

An article by Swedish Navigator aka.
Gary Johnson

In the 3+ years I have been a Brother of the Savannah Table I have been fortunate to have been invited to sail with Brothers to places I never dreamed of sailing when I owned my own boat. In years past sailing the Baltic with my Brother, Sven Hebecker of Lubeck/Travemunde Table in Germany to see many ports in Denmark, Sweden and the old "East" Germany was certainly a dream come true. And of course sailing on the Norwegian tall ship "Statsraad Lehmkuhl" in the North Sea for the Cutty Sark Race with my Brothers Marc & David Seidl/Norway Table was another experience many people only dream of.

Last year I was again fortunate to be invited to sail with Brothers to exotic places and share some interesting experiences on the sea. This is where you truly get to know your Brothers. This time it was the Caribbean. Patrick Mills/Houston Table needed crew to take his boat “Quivira” to Aruba. What a grand opportunity! I met him in Marathon, Florida Keys where our Brothers there entertained and supported us in provisioning and preparations. We sailed 5 days to the zaf in Man O’War Key, Bahamas where we heard of the unfortunate air tragedy which had just occurred there concerning our Brothers and captives. We grieved at their loss and prayed for recovery of the survivors.

At Man O’War we met Malcolm Hill, former National Captain from England on his boat “Swan Dancer” which he had sailed from Portsmouth (England). We were to see more of him later as he was planning to sail his boat up the East Coast of the U. S. and visit Brothers along the way. (He should be writing his story as well).

Leaving Man O’War we sailed to Mayaguana, then the north coast of Dominican Republic to Luperon. We continued to the Mona Passage and then *Aruba*. It was amazing with 30 days on the boat we never got the foul weather gear out. That’s good planning. It was a great trip with many memorable experiences. Thank you Patrick.

Upon returning to the U. S. I soon found out that Malcolm had reached Savannah. I went up to say hello and was offered a “ride” up to Norfolk on “Swan Dancer” which I could not refuse. It was a pleasant 3 days around Cape Hatteras and into Norfolk/Portsmouth where Stew Kauffman, the Chesapeake Table Captain was there at the dock at midnight to take our lines. That is true Brotherhood. We were well received.

In October, the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race takes place. Brother Scott Rogers had recently purchased the schooner “Shanty” and invited me to join the crew for the race. Again it is an offer you can’t refuse. After a memorable couple of days in Fells Point, Baltimore (where we again visited with

Malcolm), we raced in company with some classic schooners for 2 days and nights down the Chesapeake to Norfolk/Portsmouth in the worst weather experienced in the 15 years they have been running the race. (winds up to 40 knots in our face and temperature down to 40 degrees.) But “Shanty” and her crew sailed well under the conditions. Post race activities and camaraderie were enjoyable. Time spent with Brothers here, especially at the “Breezeway Café” were especially memorable.

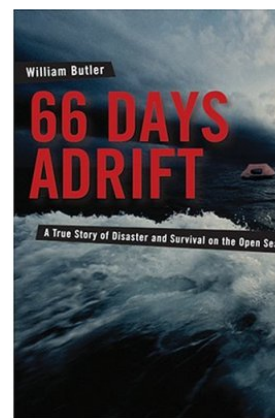
Sailing with Brothers is truly a great way to spend summer time or any time. You are always guaranteed the best of company.



Brothers at work

Bill Butler’s “66 days adrift”

A review by Tony Olmer



When I received the e-mail announcing that Bill Butler had rewritten his book I thought to myself “66 days adrift, Adrift: Seventy-six Days Lost at Sea, 100 and something days in a raft” Another sailor in a life raft recounting what is going through his head while waiting rescue. When I was asked by Secoin to review Bill’s book for TTP, I had no choice but to read it

The Story is simple and is based on Bill's log entries:

Bill and his wife Simone, who he convinced to help him fulfill his dream of sailing around the world, find themselves in the Pacific some 1200 miles from land where they are stowed in by a herd of pilot whales. Unable to keep their sloop Siboney afloat they abandon her as she slips into the deep onto a 6 foot rubber raft not rated for offshore use. As they drift aimlessly in their small raft world, the tale becomes a tug of war between nature, hope, blame and guilt. It is a love story, an illustration of the differences between men and women their ideals and their goals, aggravated by the stress of despair.

I enjoyed Bill's book and shared his frustration as he and Simone fight to survive against nature and the odds.

Orza Bill!



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Never in my life have I been so frustrated.

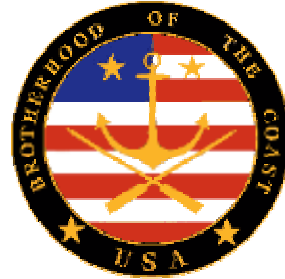
We have finally figured out why we can't access our web site.

When Sparks sold his server the web site was not being managed and consequently was not redirected from the server where it is still located today. The passwords are being denied because no one has the Authorization to access the site. We might say that it is in "Cyber limbo" it is visible and that is all. Great if you don't have to make changes. You certainly can't beat the price since no one knows its there. It appears that we have taken Piracy to a new height.

Robert Coles aka. Big Hopper our new cyber guru has the site done and is ready to post it as soon as Network Solutions the keeper of the domain can reroute it to a new server.

This can take a little time since they need to make sure we are not stealing it.

Finally we can see a light at the end of the tunnel.



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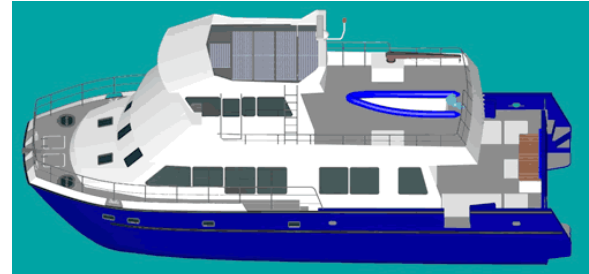


Orza! ORZA

M/V ORZA has been lunched. Scott and Ann Ripley's new vessel has taken to the seas. I picked up this message on Mon 4/11/2005

Orza left Bellingham bound for Norfolk, Virginia at 0830 today. Scott

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Sun Apr 10 16:39:07 2005



Lucky Dog!



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Thank you all for the great articles!
Keep writing. This is good stuff