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U.S. Brotherhood of the Coast Official News Letter



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What is the Brotherhood of the Coast?

By:
Tom Collier "Ursa Major"
National Captain

For twenty years, I have struggled to explain the Brotherhood. Late one night, shortly after I became a Brother, on a passage in the Gulf of Mexico, I was on watch by myself, enjoying the tranquility, and reflecting on that problem when I scribbled down 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 that night so long ago, I have met many other Brothers from other countries and learned a great deal more about the Brotherhood. I discovered that all Brothers are not bluewater sailors. In that part I was wrong.

I have also learned that Brothers are indeed a special breed of individual. They do share a mutual respect. I have learned that although their love and understanding of the sea manifest itself in different ways, they all share the sailor's spirit. Brothers of the Coast are indeed kindred souls. That part I got right.

While I still have not found the words to explain it, I experience the Spirit of the Brotherhood every time Brothers from different Tables get together. Do not miss the opportunity to spend time with Brothers from other Tables and other countries. The unique bond that you will experience is the real treasure of the Brotherhood of the Coast.

“Ursa Major”
National Captain



Chesapeake Bay

Captain: Preston Carraway "Rocket Boy"
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By: Mike Monteith – Country Boy

What a great summer it's been on the Chesapeake!

We began well before the solstice by seeing our brother, Bernard Lefevre, a.k.a. Brisegalet, off in "Papy Jovial" as he set off around the world by way of the World Zaf in Australia. Papy Jovial's departure was a little bitter sweet for us as he had to leave without Stew Kaufman, aka, Blue Stache and his wonderful captive, Diana. Stew and Diana were to have made the trip with Bernard but could not as Stew broke his leg in the final days of preparation just before departure. As I write this in early September, Brisegalet has made Papeete in the South Pacific and Stew is recovering well but still on the "binnacle list" for most sailing activities. Most of us follow Brisegalet's blog daily.

By mid June most of our table migrated about a degree north for the first, not the last, maybe annual, rendezvous with Solomon's Island Table.



The picture says it all! We showed the Solomon's brothers how to raft-up but they sure showed us how to cook crab cakes. Good fun and rum were in ample supply!

July found many Chesapeake Table brothers and captives weekending together or rafting up in local waters. While not a Brotherhood event, we had nearly 100% of our Brothers and their boats in the local Crab Regatta which is a day of shenanigans that has attracted sailors for 30 years in its annual spoof on

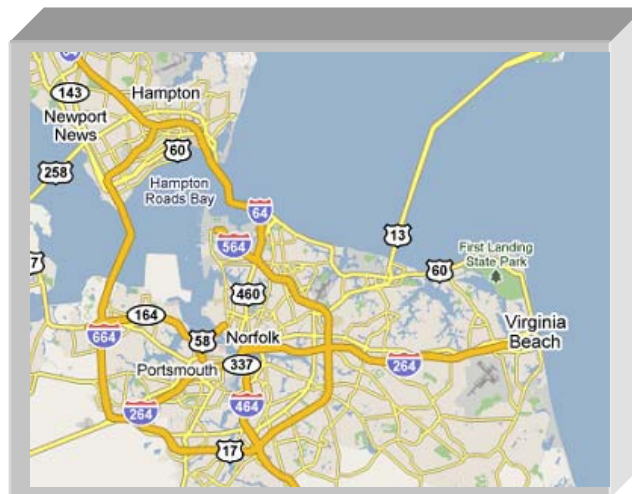
racing. Winners are most often determined by the quality of their bribes to the judges. This years winner was no less than Michael Monteith, a.k.a. Country Boy in his boat, “Bumboo.”

August quickly ran into September. It’s hot on the Bay in August so our monthly “Tip a Few” was held indoors where our theme was: bring a dish your mother made when you were a child. What a hoot! The fare ranged from Spam salad sandwiches to beenie-weenie; but no one left hungry. I don’t remember my mom or anyone else’s, for that matter, serving rum by the shot with those dishes; but we did! August wrapped up with Scott Ripley, a.k.a. Cruz and Country Boy attending the Captains’ Meeting held the Sarasota Table.

Labor Day weekend found us rafted up again, this time in Mobjack Bay, a wonderful cruising area about 40 miles up the bay from us. We had eight boats with brothers and captives to round out the summer with swimming, dinghy racing, and little cannon fire for effect.

Fall and October will have many of us sailing up the Bay for our annual pilgrimage to the upper Bay and back again, usually coinciding with the Great Chesapeake Schooner Race. This is sure to involve a sortie into the water of the Solomon’s Table! Scott Rogers, a.k.a. Piper will be racing “Shanty” again this year along with Country Boy and a scurvy crew of local sailors.

ORZA Brothers! Come see us when you can!



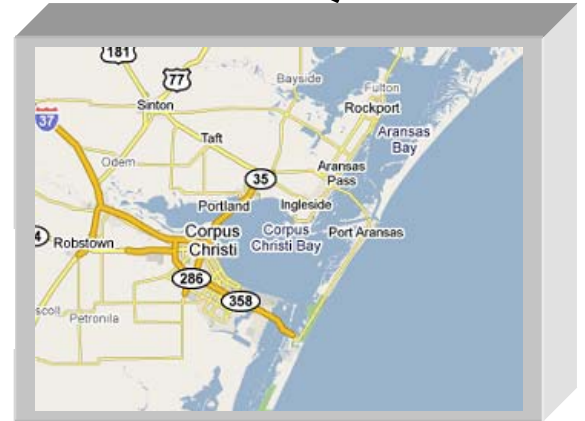
Chesapeake Table Tip-a-Few Schedule – 2009

1. October 25th – “Come Hungry” for Cajun and Italian Cuisine at Eric and Jacque Mathern’s home.
2. November ? – Party at Preston & Sherry’s with time and theme to be determined.
3. December 26th – Boxing Day at the Ripley’s.

Corpus Christi



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

Brothers, Captives, Engages and Pasajeros

The Corpus Christi Table is alive and well and hosting its first ever annual Zaf, "Senoritas and Margaritas." The Zaf is on September 25, 26 and 27 of this year. We have had a good time planning the event, not to mention the Rum and Wine that flowed with abundance. We just needed someone to keep track of all the good ideas.

Someone brought up the idea of showcasing a Brother in each issue of the First Watch. I have so many Brothers that have so many interesting stories I decided to take the easy way out and do it according to flag numbers, oldest to newest. This way you have to wait to find out about Lost Louie and the Count.

Our longest tenured brother is Larry Jones aka "Rumline" flag #155; a retired project facilitator from Shell Oil Co. Larry is one of only a select few brothers who has belonged to four different tables. As a movable feast has several homes, so does he - Sun Coast Table, Founding Captain Florida Keys Table, San Antonio Table and now Corpus Christi Table.

His favorite boat, and Captive Jean's also, was a 42 Island Packet, but his 1st boat was an International sailing dink which he got at age eleven.

Their favorite cruising grounds were the isolated cays of the Bahamas but his personal favorite was Hawksbill in the Exumas. It was uninhabited with several beaches and the remains of a Loyalist Plantation. He even found some cotton growing that could be related to that planted in the 18th century.

Larry earned his brotherhood nickname from a seven day sail across the Gulf of Mexico from Galveston Texas to Key West Florida practically on a rhumb line.

**“MARGARITAS &
SENORITAS” Zaffarancho**
September 25—27, 2009
By: Wayne Laxson

The Zaf was a great success with Brothers and Captives coming from the Sun Coast, Houston and San Antonio Tables. About 45 were present from Friday evening to Sunday morning.

Friday started with a BBQ meal and drinks at the home of Table Captain Louis “Lost Louie” Adams and his Captive Karen.



Past San Antonio Captain Wayne McNeil “Kilo Pata Barrera” and Corpus Christie Brother Gordon Goosney “Thermal Seeker”



Corpus Christie Brother Larry “Rumline” and Captive Jean Jones.

Saturday morning the Brothers were treated to a tour of the historic WWII Carrier “Lexington” on permanent display just outside of Corpus Christie. In the meantime, the Captives enjoyed a shopping tour in nearby Rockport, Texas.

Saturday evening was a gathering in facility on beach with a catered meal of Mexican food, live music and lots of frozen Margaritas, beautiful Captives, and naturally the obligatory passing of the bottle of rum.

The Brothers at the “Margaritas & Senoritas” Zaf



And if all of this was not enough, a brunch was held on Sunday morning at the home of The Count and his Captive a.k.a. Mike and Darlene Wagner and co-hosted by Heavy Hung and his Captive a.k.a. Don and Nancy Schoenfeld.

Wonderful Texas and Brotherhood hospitality filled the weekend.

ORZA to the Corpus Christie Brothers for a wonder weekend.

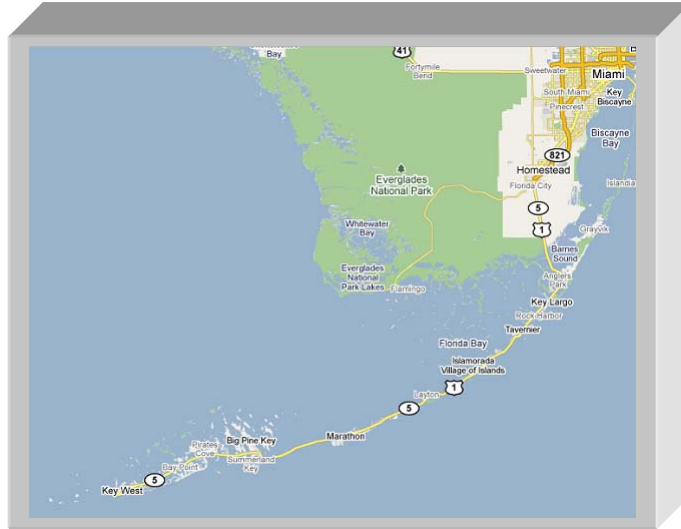


Florida Keys

Captain: Joe Hamrick "Bubbles"

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By: Joe Hamrick



This year was one to again renew friendships with Brothers from other Tables both nationally and internationally. Those of us in the Keys traveled to the Fort Lauderdale Zaf and to Sarasota where we were met with hospitality and the Brotherhood spirit. Following the Fort Lauderdale Zaf we hosted two couples from England, which provided many hours of fun and comradery.

We continued with our monthly meetings at Brothers homes. We usually start in October and continue through April or May. We are looking forward to our first monthly meeting of the year next month.. Many of the Brothers are gone for the summer and will start returning next month.

Ed "Brillo" Loke and his fair wife Nancy established the record for our Tables longest cruise taking their boat "Tee-Time" to Charleston, S. C. for the summer. They will return in November to the Keys.

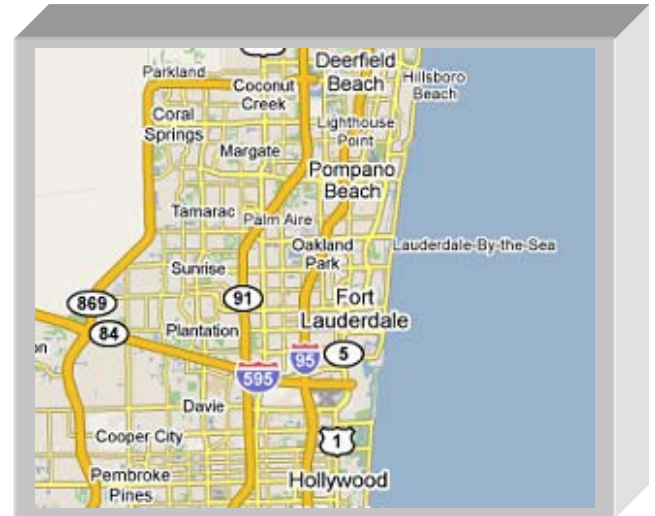
The best news for our Table is Steve "Sparky" Donaldson's recovery from his transplant surgery. He recently visited friends and relatives in Maryland and is doing much better. It's been almost one year since he received his new lungs. Many thoughts and prayers were answered.

Gold Coast



By: John Dotto

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We are having an excellent year here at the Gold Coast Table in Fort Lauderdale. We have had Boucans every month with good attendance from most Brothers in the Table.

Last month, August, the Boucan was at Dave (Scotch) Sowers and Miriam's home in Miami. We dined on tasty barbecued pork and beans after stuffing ourselves with delicious appetizers. There was a steady flow of beer and wine and, of course, Grog. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of Walter Schildt (and Captive Diana) as an Engage. Art Steiner of the New York Table is almost always present at these events and he made a point of reminding us all of the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Brotherhood to be celebrated on November 2009 in New York.

Our next Boucan will be at Frank (Deputy Dawg) Sessions and Mary's home in Citrus Isles, Fort Lauderdale. This event planned for Saturday 12th September includes a "Wine Tasting" followed by Frank's specialty, burgers and brats. No doubt a good time will be had by all.

We miss Brother Allen (Forestay) Barry and Kate who are in the North East for the summer. Allen and Kate put on a fabulous Beach Party Boucan in May. Also Brother Sam (Boogie Man) Morgan and Carol who are up North for an undetermined period of time. Sam and Carol organized a great Raft-up in April at Lake Sylvia.



Houston

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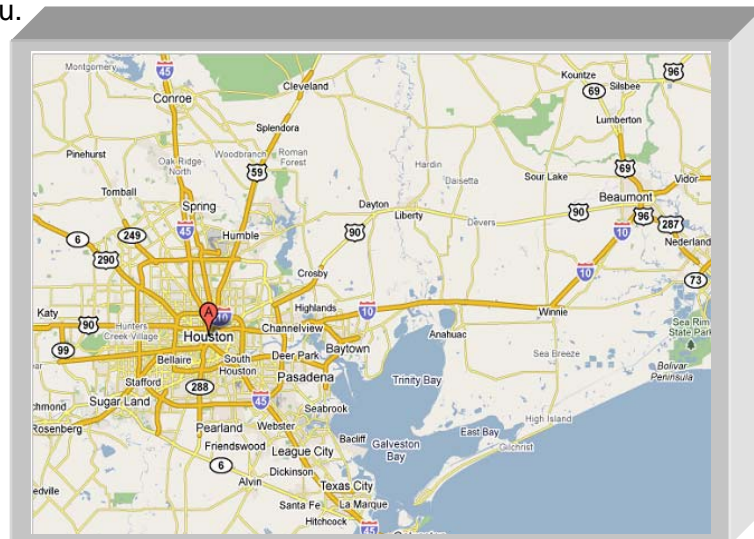
By: Don Peterson “Big Dog” #213

Finally, it appears the summer heat may be leaving the Houston area after a long six month period of daily 90+ temperatures. Now we just have to make it past the hurricane season and we are home free for another year. In August we held our first ever Brotherhood of the Coast Dingy Poker run. What a blast! 38 Brothers, Captives, Passejeros and friends attended. We had three stops and a big old Texas Bar-Be-Que at the end at Portofino Marina. A tip of the BOC tri-corn to Brothers Greg Heck, Pork Chop and Mark Sandridge, Marco Polo, for organizing the dingy poker run. Brother Fred Lowe, Bullhorn, won the pot and netted a cool \$250 for his card collecting skills.

Many Houston Brothers will be heading south to Corpus Christi for the Zaf hosted by our Corpus Brothers on September 25. They have many events planned and I'm sure they will deliver on all promises. For the first time in a few years we have updated our local address book. It has all the stuff anyone will need to contact a Houston Brother. Use it quick, because I'm sure stuff will change soon and it will be out of date again.

October 16, Brother Rod Gault and wife Cathy from Sydney, Australia will arrive in Houston for a visit. We will roll out the Texas hospitality for this Aussie Brother we all met in Argentina. On Saturday, October 17, Brother Rick Hoekstra will finally tie the knot with his long time girl friend Traci. The wedding is sure to be a big event, for sure for Rick and Traci, but also for all the Houston Brothers in attendance.

Three Houston Brothers have moved their boats to Harborwalk Marina near Galveston. Table Captain Tom Dayton, John Killian and Howell Ponton moved there in late June. It gives us another destination to travel to by boat or land yacht. They are all on the same pier within a few slips of one another. If you are traveling the ICW, stop by and visit. They would love to host you.





New York

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By: Tony Olmer

EDITORIAL

The past First Watch editor would like to welcome the new editor Wayne Laxson from the San Antonio table. Good luck Wayne and a big OrrrrZaaa!

During the past few years publishing FW on the web was studied using Blog Spot or some other contraption without much enthusiasm and success. Our National Captain Ursa Major feels very strongly that a standard format newsletter is vital to the health of the U.S. Brotherhood of the Coast. As International Lookout, I would like to add that a newsletter keeps us visible internationally and that is a good thing. SECOIN maintains a list of Brotherhood publications and holds their publishers in high esteem.

On the subject of communication, I would like to remind our Brothers that the U.S. has a website www.bocus.org on which there is a lot of information such as current and past copies of Tortuga Post and First Watch, information about U.S. Table contacts and crews, information on the World Zaf in Sidney, and everything you need to register for the 50th Anniversary celebration in New York. Table and world events are published as we receive them. Table Captains must be diligent in making sure that their crews are aware of this feature. Also, the Brise Galets Yahoo site "orza us" disseminates notices to all U.S. Brothers, but if you don't sign onto Yahoo Groups you won't get it. There are directions on the website - click on Links / International and check out the link to orza us.

NEWS FROM NEW YORK

It has been a difficult year for the New York Table with the loss of Rene Fiechter and our good friend Toni Mattarucco. A tribute to both is posted on the website www.bocus.org. They were both exemplary Brothers and will be greatly missed.

This year New York Brothers have gotten together once per month with great participation. The Greenwich Point raft up was so large that a second mooring had to be appropriated in order to accommodate all the participating vessels. We thank our Engage Paul for ferrying people back and forth.



By the time this article is published, we will know the fate of the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Although the deadline for registration was September 15, we will do our best to accommodate you. Don't delay - all zaf information and a registration form is available on the website www.bocus.org, click on the Lookout on the right side of the page. If you have any questions, please email Sparks at joecitarella@sprintmail.com. He is very responsive.

The New York Table has worked very hard to put together an exciting venue for the 50th Anniversary at a phenomenal price. This is an important milestone for the New York Table and the U,S, Brotherhood of the Coast. Come and party with Brothers from Australia, Germany, and South America who have already registered and will be in New York to celebrate with us.

BRISE GALETS

Bernard Lefevre, Brother of the Chesapeake Bay Table, keeper of the BOC list, who is sailing to attend the World Zaf in Sidney on his sailboat Papy Jovial, has made it to Tahiti. I am assuming from his blog that he arrived in Papeete September 2. Once again, log onto www.bocus.org and click on "where is Papy Jovial" to follow his progress. Play with the map. If you select the "Asset map" tab a window will appear where you can select Papy Jovial. A map will be created with only Papy Jovial and a trace of his route. Now by pressing the left mouse button and dragging over his position you can create a window that will bring you within a few yards of where he is or, log onto "Brise Galets sails to Australia" to read his blog.

New York Table Calendar for Oct, Nov, Dec 2009.

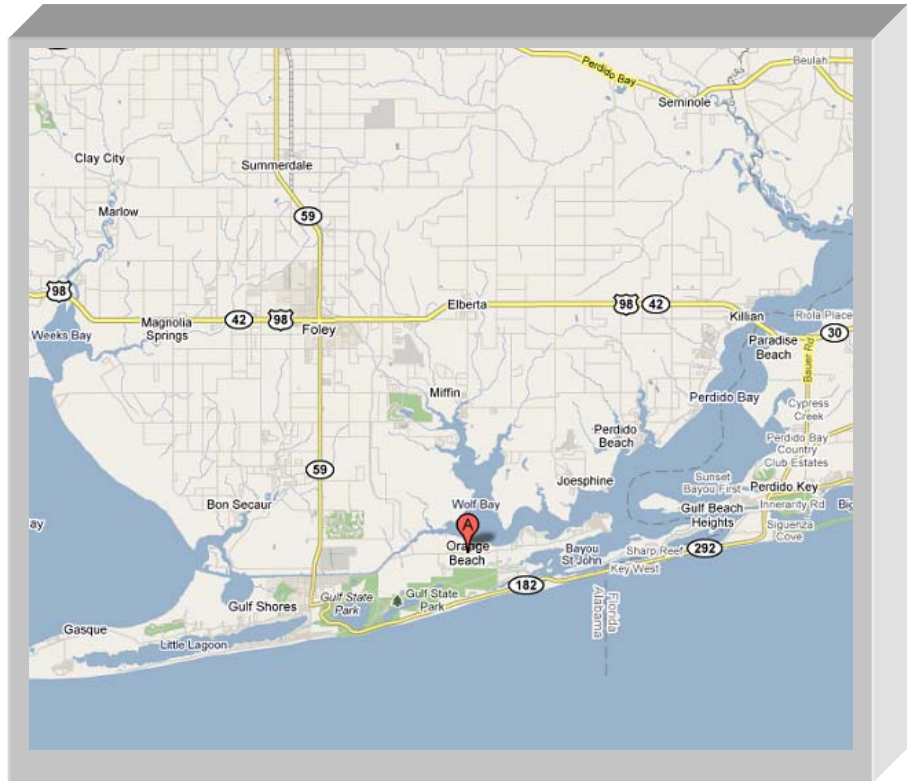
September 19 Island	Jay & Norma Howard	City
October 17 Stamford	50 th Anniversary working meeting	Boat Club
November 13-15 Street Seaport	50 th Anniversary Zaf	South
December 12	Charles & Ina Fine Holiday Party	Riverdale





Orange Beach

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By: Doug Henckel

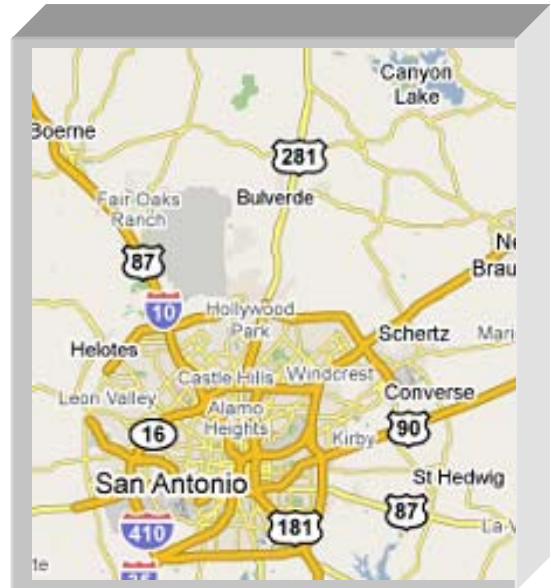
The Orange Beach Table hasn't been very active the last few months. We are getting back to the Table activities and having a Boucan on the 3rd of Oct. and will keep things going from there. We will have a more complete report in the future issues of First Watch.



San Antonio

Captain: Wayne Laxson "Borracho"
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By: Wayne Laxson



The San Antonio, Texas Table has, as usual, had a very active schedule. Our year began with a combination planning session and Super Bowl gathering where we set the schedule for the year. Our annual highlight is the "Trailer Trash" party which is held in conjunction with the San Antonio Fiesta and consists of everyone from out of town arriving Friday and being treated to a catered Mexican food diner. Saturday morning is an early start with a our entry into the Fiesta parade (one of many for San Antonio) which steps off at 10am and travels through the historic King William section of San Antonio. Our pirate float is always a major attraction for the children that line the route. Following the parade the group migrates to local hamburger legend "Chris Madrid's" for lunch.



King William Fiesta Parade



The USS "ORZA"

Saturday evening we all head out to the Hill Country to the country estate of Craig "Marquis de Sade" and Cheryl Wright. That is where the trailer is located. Craig also has a nice barn with all of the amenities including hot and cold running water and indoor plumbing. BBQ chicken and pork chops, live music and plenty of liquid refreshments, including a margarita machine, rum, cold beer and great friends are the order of the

evening. Our attendees included brothers from Houston, the Sun Coast and Corpus Christi and a good time was had by all.

As if this wasn't enough, there was a brunch the following morning hosted by Monty "Python" and Audrey Rogers. It all ended about noon that day when everyone returned home to they could go to work on Monday and get some rest.

San Antonio has an event schedule for each month, in addition to a "First Thursday" gathering at a local restaurant. If any brothers are going to be in our area, please check with our Captain or any of the other San Antonio Brothers so that we can schedule something for you.

Brother Victim of Air Piracy

By: Mike "Pistolero" Cantu-Withoff

While we mostly think about piracy on the high seas, the U.S. Brotherhood has one Brother who was victim of a modern day pirate, on an airplane. Dick Eckerman, AKA Tricky Dick of the San Antonio Table, in the mid 60s was taking a business trip to Washington D.C. for Univac when things took a turn for the worse. "I was in the first class section already airborne when the guy in front of me jumped up with a gun, grabbed a stewardess and went on to talk to the pilot," Dick relates. The gunman demanded to go to Cuba, so Dick was in for a trip he hadn't planned. The plane was in Cuba for six hours during which crew and passengers deplaned and were treated to snacks, had beer available, and got to do some airport shopping. The gunman, meanwhile, was taken away by Cuban police. The return trip was uneventful, except for a required debriefing by the federales and it was on to the original destination...about 15 hours later than planned...



Dick "Tricky Dick"
Eckerman on the Caribbean
without pirates

Our schedule for the remainder of the year includes an Oktoberfest hosted by David "Baby Bump" Overpeck and mate Sissi Lewis at their home. November activities are the New York 50th Celebration for those able to attend and in December a Christmas Party at a date to be announced. Also we will have our First Thursday evening of each month at locations to be determined.

San Juan

Puerto Rico



Captain: Bill Butler "Cubiche"
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By: Bill Butler



Our latest ZAF held on August 21, 2009 aboard TRIDENTE owned by soon-to-be Brother Miguel Martorell was another all day affair which got under way at noon and went on until right after sunset. Eight San Juan Table Brothers welcomed aboard at least 12 prospective Brothers whom we plan to put thru our rituals before year end.

My efforts to expand the San Juan Table to other yachting centers of Puerto Rico such as Fajardo and Ponce, have not progressed to my expectations, but I will continue plugging away in hopes I can find a brother to carry the torch.

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Savannah



Captain: Albert Seidl "Dogwaes"
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By: Gary Johnson



Savannah's "Guarida de las Montanas" or "Black Mountain Gang" outdid themselves in organizing a fun filled weekend for the Table in August. Jerry Jones/"Gumbeaux", assisted by Norvin Dickerson/"Bacchus" coordinated considerable effort of the 10 people; Brothers, Captives and friends in Black Mountain, to accommodate the 14 guests from Savannah and other places. Guests included John Byrne/"Pirogue" & Helen (Houston) who have relocated to Georgia, Phil Barber/"King Conch" & Barbara and R.K. Ready/"Listo" & Pat from Sun Coast and Patricia Farrel of the Potomac Table. As is typical of the Brotherhood, several guests were taken in by their hosts without ever having met them, demonstrating the unique nature of our fraternity.

Events began on Friday evening with cocktails and dinner on deck with a grand view of the forest and secluded lake behind hosted by Jerry and Jill. It was a grand evening with Brothers embracing and meeting some new people. A few Orza's and a canon shot were in order and well executed including a toast to our Brother from Norfolk, Bernard/"Brisegalets" sailing on his way to Australia.

Saturday was rafting day, similar to the event Jerry & Jill sponsored on Labor Day weekend 2000 (where I was inducted as Engage). The weather was perfect and the current mild, so we paddled a lot and in true pirate fashion attacked each other with water guns and oars splashing (Oarza!) - very refreshing with the cool mountain water. We soon discovered there was rum aboard one of the boats which then became a popular boat to raft with. They didn't get splashed much after that. We finished 3 hours later with the most exciting part of the trip as we approached our landing. Stronger current pinned boats to the rocks and overturned 2 of them. Finally, all returned safely except sadly the rum was lost. There probably wasn't much left anyway. We know where to find it when we come back. We finished at a park where wet and hungry crews enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Later that evening at the comfortable mountain home of Bill Boyd and Martha Miller, fraternal Brothers, Captives and friends enjoyed camaraderie, cocktails and dinner on the deck with a beautiful mountain view. (Wild bear still roam the woods there.) After a canon shot and a few Orza's we retired to hear the talent of Jay Whitham playing guitar and singing some favorite tunes.

Sunday saw the whole motley crew retire to the large deck of the lakeside cottage in the mountains with cocktails and lunch hosted by Norvin & Shannon. With this final event Brothers of the Savannah Table took this opportunity to induct as Engages to the Brotherhood, Bill Boyd with his Captive, Martha Miller and Jay Whitham with his Captive, Wendy Nethersole, sponsored by Jerry and Norvin. Brothers were well satisfied they had indeed found compatible new friends with the character desired in the Brotherhood. Jay again entertained us with his guitar accompanied by a friend playing professional fiddle. It was a mellow afternoon and after some pictures we began our departures with some great memories binding us closer as Brothers.



"Joe & Mo Horvath with friends at Black Mountain", Albert, Joe, Maureen, Patricia & Gill.



Savannah Table at Black Mountain

Profile of a Brother

Joe Horvath. Aka "Joczka" Flag No. 301 – Savannah Table

Joe was born in Racine, Wisconsin. After 3 years in the army during the Vietnam war, he graduated from University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He then pursued further studies at Milwaukee School of Engineering. He was a member of the Racine Yacht Club. Joe left Lake Michigan aboard the 110' Schooner *Inez* and sailed to Bermuda and Haiti. When the schooner was sold on return to USA, Joe joined the 68' Motor-Sailer/ketch *Shearwater* and crewed on board for 2 1/2 years. He next crewed on board the 98' Rhodes ketch *Fandango* for 5 1/2 years, cruising the Caribbean and the

USA .The owner of *Fandango* then had a 64` Hinkley built. Joe oversaw the construction and served as a captain on *Dalliance* for six years, a year of which his Captive, Maureen crewed on board.

Following the sale of the yacht Joe came ashore and ran his own construction/renovation business in Camden Maine. He returned to the sea as 1st Mate aboard the 116` motor-sailer/ ketch *Astral* from 1990-92 sailing the Great Lakes, U.S. Eastern Seaboard, Bermuda and Caribbean. When *Astral* came into Savannah's Palmer Johnson Shipyard in '92 Joe was made an offer for a position in the shipyard which he could not refuse. He worked as a Project Manager from 1992-2000 after which he again started his own renovation company. Joe was a founding brother of the Table of Savannah in 1994. He became the Captain of the Savannah Table in 1997 and kept the helm until 2009. Joe is a good friend and brother. He has represented our Table in a fine manner at many Brotherhood functions and we are very grateful to him and Maureen for their considerable efforts and good company over the years.

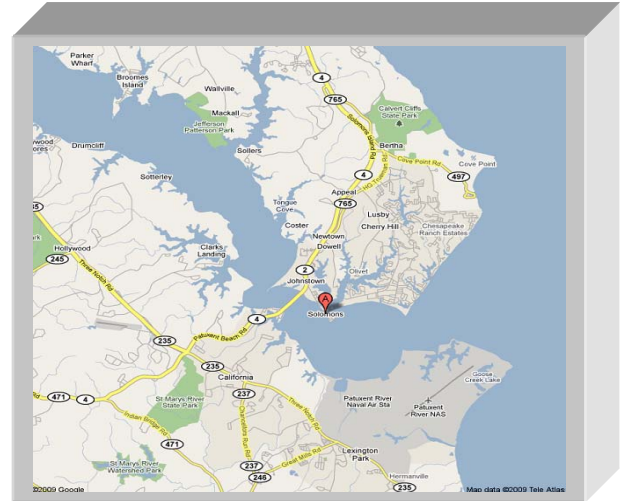


Solomons Island

Captain: Pete Chabot "Sea Devil"

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By: Scribe John Dove



The Solomons Island Table, the newest table in the US Brotherhood, has had a busy summer. Summer started off with a Kick-off gathering at the end of May at Table Sponsor's "Snapper King" house. We had a rousing raft-up in June in conjunction with the Chesapeake Table, meeting at a midpoint in the Chesapeake Bay between the two tables. The Solomons Brothers decided that we would celebrate our anniversary at this time of the year. Members from five Brotherhood tables were in attendance. It was a fantastic gathering and probable annual event. We enjoyed the food delicacies of the Chesapeake Bay. In July, the Brothers went on a cruise up the Patuxent River (Solomons is located at the mouth of the Patuxent) for an afternoon of fine dining and Orzas. We visited a historic Southern Maryland locale. In August, we all congregated at Brother's "Easy" home for a crab feast and pool party. Highlights included spirited wagering on crab races as Brother Easy erected a crab race track. We look forward to visiting with any traveling brothers who visit the Washington-Baltimore area.

Calendar for Oct, Nov, Dec 2009

One planned gathering is on November 8th to meet our Brothers from Norway as they sail the Tall ship "Stadtsrad Lehmkuhl" to the port of Baltimore. We have met on the ship the past two years they have sailed to Baltimore and have had a fantastic time.



Raft-up with Chesapeake Brothers



Brothers from five Tables at Raft-up



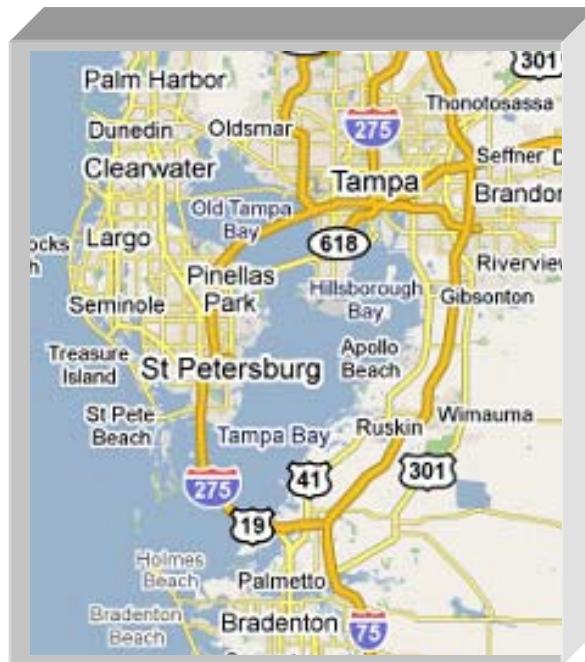
Solomons Island Brothers and Mates



Sun Coast

Captain: Jon Frick "Mr. Clean"
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By: Jon Frick



September 1st, The Sun Coast Table had a raft up down in Charlotte Harbor. There was extensive shopping for the ladies and tipping a few by the brothers, along with tall tales and a few lies. Nautical terms are of course permitted. Then on September 9th, the table gathered in the back room of the Tequila Bar and Grill for a few more tall tales with fewer nautical terms. Some of the brothers are trying to fit the Corpus Christi Zaf into our schedule.....And then October will have another "Happy Hour", to be announced by the hosting brother. The middle of November some of us are headed to New York for their ZAF.

While all this is going on Plans for the 20th Annual, "LITTLE PIRATES CHRISTMAS ZAF", are underway. We hope the faltering economy will not keep to many from attending. We are working hard to keep the costs down, and trying to keep the visiting between brothers and captives to a maximum for the time allotted. As always we will try to host all visiting brothers and captives in our homes. Please communicate to us your intentions to attend as soon as possible, so that we may be able to accommodate your needs. That will be the weekend of December 4, 5 and 6, 2009. It will be our pleasure to host as many as we can. Orza!