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By: Tom Collier "Ursa Major"
National Captain

GAINING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE BROTHERHOOD

"You never really understand the Brotherhood until you attend an international event." I cannot tell you how many times I have heard that over the past twenty years. But, I can tell you that the experience is incredible. It is a camaraderie that defies the barrier of language (one of the Houston Brothers points to the recent visit of Rod and Cathy Gault as an example). More importantly, it is something that only the select few that are our Brethren even have the opportunity to experience.

The 50th Anniversary of the Brotherhood of the Coast in the USA was another of these experiences. We had Brothers from Chile, Argentina, and Germany as well as one Brother from Australia and one from France. The list included the National Captains from Chile and Germany who came to help celebrate an incredible milestone in the history of the Brotherhood. With a smaller crowd and few planned activities during the day, the experience was even more profound. We got to spend time with the Brothers from other countries talking about Brotherhood experiences.

Tony Olmer, Joe Citarella, and the rest of our Brothers from New York did an incredible job selecting the venue and organizing the Zaff. I would not have expected less. The New York Table has a long history of hosting international Brotherhood events. Some of

you may not know that the concept of a World Zaff was originated by Rene' Fiechter and the New York Table. The very first one was held in 1986 during the rededication of the Statue of Liberty.

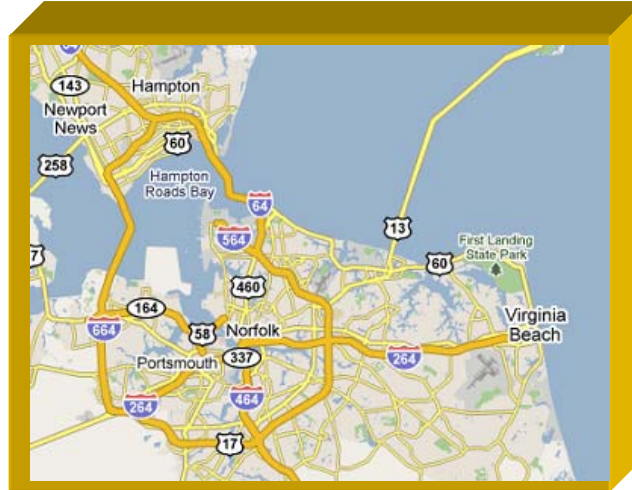
This brings me to the subject of World Zaffs, as of this writing, only 8 US Brothers have indicated that they plan to attend. When you compare this to previous Zaffs, the economy has obviously had an impact. It is a long trip and it is not cheap. However, should the situation change and anybody have a last minute inclination, don't hesitate to contact our Australian Brothers. We would all love to have you with us.

Tom Collier
National Captain



Chesapeake Bay

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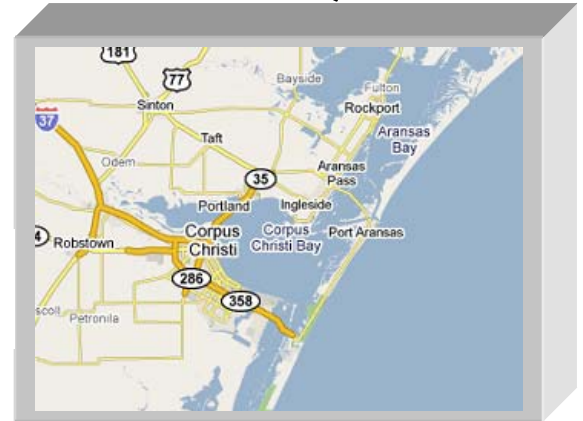


The Table of Chesapeake Bay had a quite fourth quarter of 2009 without much to report except to wish everyone a joyous and prosperous New Year filled with fair winds, sunny skies and every opportunity to be with our families and our family of the Brotherhood.

Corpus Christi



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

Brothers, Captives, Engages and Pasajeros

The Corpus Christi Table has been busy since our last message to the First Watch. We are planning the next Margaritas and Senioritas for October 2, 2010. So if you missed the first one you won't want to miss this one. We are expecting an even better time with more food and drink, so put a "Save the Date" on the calendar for Oct. 2, 2010.

Bob and Gwen Schroeder hosted the follow up meeting for Margaritas and Senioritas. It was well attended and plans were made to do other functions. In true Brotherhood fashion, everyone got together and moved a large painting for Larry and Jean Jones to their new home.

Gordon and Carole Goosney hosted the November Boucan at their home. We sat down and planned two smaller Zafs for February 20th and a Shrimp Boil and pool party in June.

Some of the brothers and captives participated in the Annual Lighted Boat Parade hosted by the Aransas Pass Yacht Club. Everyone had a great time. We had no scheduled table functions in December as everyone seemed to be busy with family. Some of the brothers went to the Little Pirates Christmas Party. They will give us a full report after the holidays.

I hope to see everyone for the February 20th Zaf hereby forever known as the "what ever ever we plan Zaf". Don't exactly know what it will be but it will be a great time.

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Lost Louie

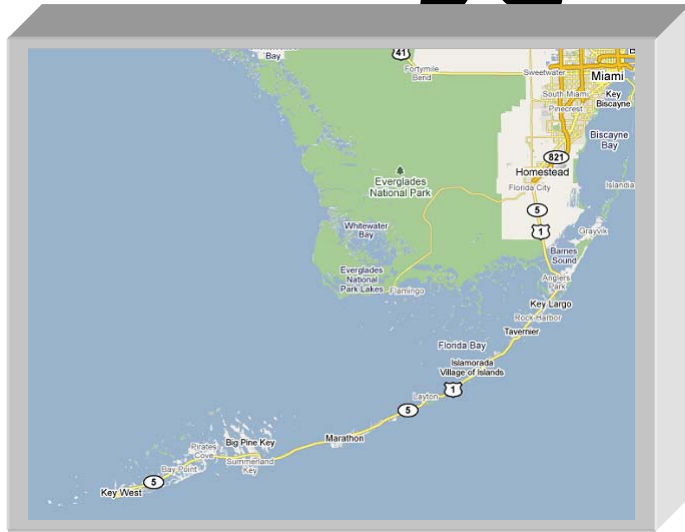


Florida Keys

Captain: Joe Hamrick “Bubbles”

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By: Joe Hamrick



Our year is just starting. During the summer and fall Keys residents try to travel to avoid the storms. This year we were very lucky with the hurricanes.

Until now we have been meeting in Brother’s homes as getting reservations in Marathon Restaurants is not easy to do. This seemed to work well. Ed “Brillo” Loke sponsored December’s monthly get together at El Siboney a new Cuban restaurant. As Ed said, “With all the goings on, it seemed to Nancy and I that a far simpler Brotherhood gathering for December was in order for this year” and it worked well.



Bud “Gaffer” Schmidt

Bud “Gaffer” Schmidt is our newest Brother. Bud came to Marathon in 1998 and moved here in 2003. Always a lover of the water, Bud especially likes fast boats. Other hobbies include trap

and skeet shooting and fishing. Prior to the Keys, Bud lived in Baltimore, MD where he was a Cadillac Sales Manager for 20 years and he owned a Buick Dealership in Baltimore City for 25 years. He had one of the top 50 Buick dealerships in the U.S. A. for four years. Due to his excellent business acumen (according to Bud) he sold out prior to the car crash.

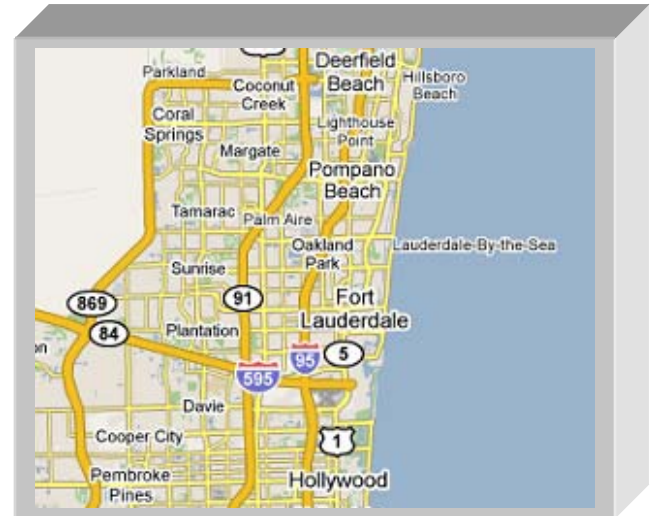
Bud and Mary have been married for 25 years. They have ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Gold Coast



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2009 Boucans

The Gold Coast Table celebrates Boucans each month. Some were reported in the last electronic edition of First Watch. In October, Cliff (Fozzy) Steffen and Captive Sandy organized a raft-up in Lake Sylvia. Raft-ups are always great fun and this one was no exception.



In November the table Captain John (Scorpion) Dotto and Captive Sara hosted a Boucan at the Scorpions Lair. The exotic Hawaiian grub went down rather well! We also had the pleasure of welcoming a visiting Brother from the Berlin Table – Christian (Brandenburger) Berghausen and Captive Christine. In addition welcomed a new Engagé, John Colucci and his wife Sue.



Future Boucans

In December we have the Fort Lauderdale Winterfest Boat Parade. Hundreds of boats decked out with holiday decorations parade down the New River and the Intracoastal Waterway – a good excuse for a huge boat party! The Gold Coast Table plans to raft-up at a strategic anchorage and watch the parade go by.

In January 2010 Brother Kevin (Minnow) Schmid and Captive Kay plan to host a Boucan at their home in Miami.

In February 2010, for the SuperBowl, Jules (Lobster Man) and Captive Sandy will host the Boucan at their home as they have done for the last few years. There will be a special event at this Boucan but it must be kept secret at this time – suffice it to say that it involves a special Brother and a very special anniversary!

BROTHERHOOD OF THE COAST – **GOLD COAST TABLE** – December 2009

John Dotto	Captain
Frank Sessions	National Bosun
Julian Harper	
Brian Schmitz	
David Sowers	
Cliff Steffen	
Allen Barry	
Kevin Schmid	
Henry Rossollini	
Sam Morgan	
Danny Connor	
Paul Anderson	
Jeffrey Neuwirth	

(Brothers on the move)
Mark Brown

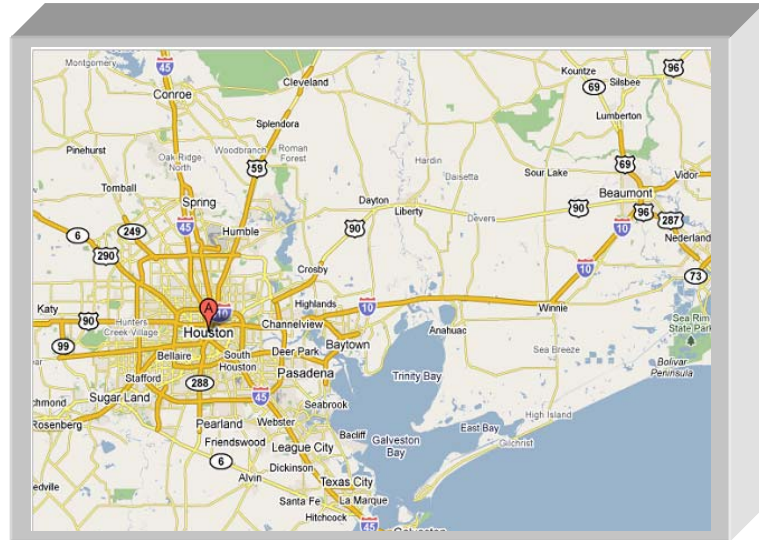


Houston

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By: Don Peterson “Big Dog” #213



Fall 2009 found the Houston Table filled with various events. First up was the wedding of Brother Rick Hoekstra to Traci Greer in October. It was a backyard affair filled with family, friends and Brothers. The guest list included Brother Rod Gault and his captive Kathy from Sydney, Australia. The late afternoon wedding concluded with a great buffet, dancing into the night with Rick and Traci leaving under crossed Brotherhood swords.



Don “Big Dog” Peterson officiating, Brother Mark Sandridge, and groom Rick Hoekstra and bride Traci Greer

Rod and Kathy hosted an Australian barbeque at the home of Don and Peggy Peterson where he barbequed a leg of lamb, Australian style, complete with Aussie beer, Aussie wine and Australian cheese. In addition to the wedding and barbeque a little sailing was in store on Brother Fred Lowe's sailboat, Too Much Fun. He even took the wheel for a spin around Galveston Bay. It looks like 6 Brothers/Engages will make the trek to Sydney for the World Zaf in March. In addition to the Zaf, several Houston Brothers will be on a charter cruise in Fiji after the Zaf. Stay tuned for the pictures in First Watch this spring.

On December 11, the Table held its long time annual Christmas White Elephant party at John and Ann Killian's home. A great meal with ham, turkey, and all the fixins was enjoyed by the 40 some folks. I swear the Houston Brotherhood invented regifting, as many of the presents come back year after year. Note to Houston Brothers, next year be sure and look for that coin counter again.



Cruising Galveston Bay in style



A "White Elephant" Christmas Party



New York

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NEW YORK TABLE

It was a great privilege for the Brothers and Captives of the NY Table to host the 50th Anniversary celebration of the USA Brotherhood. Brothers and Captives from Argentina, Australia, Chile, France and Germany joined US Brothers and Engages in hoisting much rum and singing songs during this Zaf. Friday evening was the first event, a Welcome Buffet Dinner with all the trimming and copious amounts of grog. It is always a great thrill to meet new Brothers and greet again old friends from around the world.

After a hearty Saturday breakfast, Brothers enjoyed the sights around the New York Seaport area, which was the location for Zaf events.

Saturday evening was the 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Seaman's Institute. A cocktail reception was followed by a dinner which overlooked the Brooklyn Bridge. Much grog again with wonderful tributes and gifts from our overseas Brothers. A wonderful painting by Brother Artist Albert Seidl of the Savannah Table was presented as well.

After dinner we gathered at the Paris Cafe for a late evening of grog and song. Erin Mills, the youngest attendee, was a standout performer.

Sunday we met again at breakfast and with much hugging, we bid our farewells to Brothers and Captives.

We hope all who attended (80 in total) will carry fond memories of this celebration. The NY Brothers will treasure always this special event we shared.





Art Steiner Reminisces About Sailing and the NY Table

I like to feel that my love for the sea and boating on its waters was genetically infused in me. My grandparents emigrated from Germanic mid-Europe during the late 1870's and early 1880's for which a lengthy Atlantic crossing was necessary. My first trace of this heritage was my Father's co-ownership of a two-man racing shell while a member of a Harlem River Rowing Club, prior to his teaming up with my Mother.

During the 1920's, as a family we always rented summer cottages at the seashore. The usual places were Fairfield CT, Long Beach, LI, and Rockaway Beach, NY. This continued until the Great Depression when finances became extremely tight to practically non-existent.

My first boat (other than bathtub types) was a gorgeous 18 inch long wooden sloop named "Seven Seas". This was a rather expensive sailing model and my best memory of sailing her in the lake at Central Park was when I fell in as I tried to grab her as she sailed by.

During the mid 30's we used to go to a small family beach on City Island, NY, and it was there that I was exposed to sailing. My brother-in-law and his brother owned a 14 foot catboat that I was allowed to use in return for keeping her in shape. I used this great little craft up until 1940, when I managed to buy my own boat, a 16 foot Chesapeake Bay One Design which I owned through WWII. I don't remember what happened to it, but 1945 found me boat-less except for a 9 foot dinghy.

In 1940 with the war looming, five of my friends and I decided we didn't want any part of being in the Army, and we figured that the US Coast Guard was our best bet. We really did not know too much about it, but we watched their small boats running around LI Sound and felt we could fit in nicely. Of the five, only two of us were accepted.

In my USCG career of more than five years, I took "Boot Camp" on Ellis Island and was assigned to the Rockaway Point Lifeboat Station, where because of my ability to type, I was assigned to an office job instead of working with the boats.

I soon learned that, as everywhere else, politics played a big part in the running the organization.

A US Navy offshore anti-sub patrol had been operating out of Greenport, LI, from a makeshift base using sailboats. The Navy decided they'd rather use the Rockaway Station as its base. Politics won out and the old command was ousted by the sailboat people at the direction of the US Navy. They brought in their own office group but the USCG refused to transfer me and advised me, privately, to keep an eye on this US Navy directed operation, reporting any infractions of USCG rules and regs.

The new command removed me from my desk job and I wandered around doing nothing until they decided to place me on their largest anti-sub sailboat, a 147 foot brigantine yacht designed by Henry J. Gielow, Inc, named "Madalan" (CGC-345), built in 1928 by Marco U. Martinolich, Lussinpiccolo, Italy and acquired by the USCG April, 1943. She was armed with anti-aircraft guns and two depth charge launchers. I was kept onboard for some 18 months until VE Day, after which she was decommissioned. I really enjoyed the experience of going to sea on a square-rigger and didn't complain.

During 1948 I acquired a 13 foot "Wood Pussy" catboat and campaigned it as part of the Scotch Caps Fleet, which was based at Horseshoe Harbor (Larchmont YC). I sailed this boat rather successfully out of Echo Bay, New Rochelle, and continued to use that harbor as my home port for the rest of my sailing days. That little Wood Pussy was a great boat and my greatest enjoyment was sailing her in the wildest nor'easters that LI Sound could produce.

After a rather unsuccessful fiber glass job, I sold her off and then owned a series of little boats, ending up in 1957 with a 22 foot cruiser called "Sitzmark". I had a love affair with this extremely good and pretty boat until 1965, when I acquired my last yacht, a Pearson Commander. In honor of my wife's magical powers I named her "Bewitched". My wife Ruth wasn't a sailor but she put up with the boat for a number of years before begging off. At that time I unofficially changed the boat's name to "Ruthless".

I sailed this 26 footer for 31 years, competing rather successfully in yacht club racing and cruised the length and breadth of LI Sound until 1996. When I was 75 years old I found that caring for and sailing her was just too much for me and regretfully I sold her.

I joined the NY Table February, 1960. At that time the Table's Brothers consisted of many Slocum Society members, including John Fleiger as Captain and Jean Lacombe, who followed as the next Captain. He was chosen due to his many trans-Atlantic single-handed crossings with the thought that he would bring some of his fellows into the Brotherhood.

While he was a great sailor, he was poor at running the Table. Fortunately Scott Smith and his "significant other" Jane Protzman stepped into the breach and through their efforts, the NY Table stayed together. Rene Fichter eventually was nominated Captain and his efforts at growing the NY Table kept it functioning and growing.

In 1986 Rene organized the first International Zaf, for which I was Treasurer. This unfortunately led to a rift among the original Table members who were sailors first and feared the financial consequences if the Zaf were to fail.

A number of years later I succeeded Rene but due to my moving out of the area, I was Captain for only a year. With a little ticklish maneuvering, I nominated Scott to follow and although he was adamantly opposed, he couldn't get out of it.

I have many fond memories of cruising with my Brothers on their boats and the close friendships I've made have endured these many years. I have attended a number of Zafs in Belgium, Chile, Italy and Nationals in England and Argentina in addition to my latest in NY for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. Little did I know when I joined the Brotherhood that I would become the oldest US Brother!

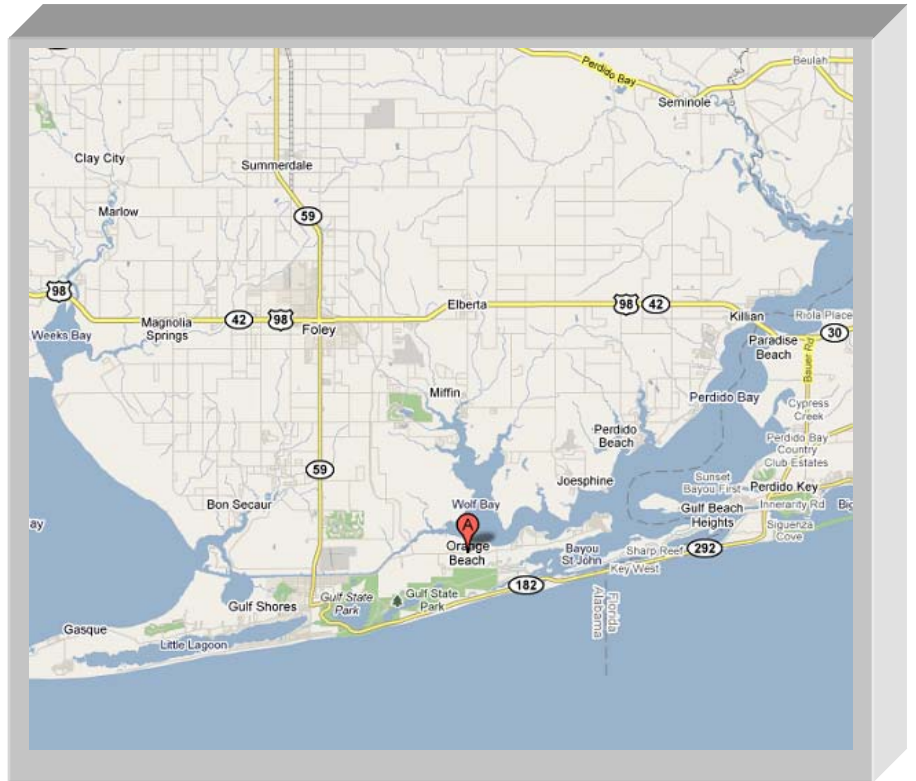
Art Steiner



Orange Beach

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By: Doug Henckel

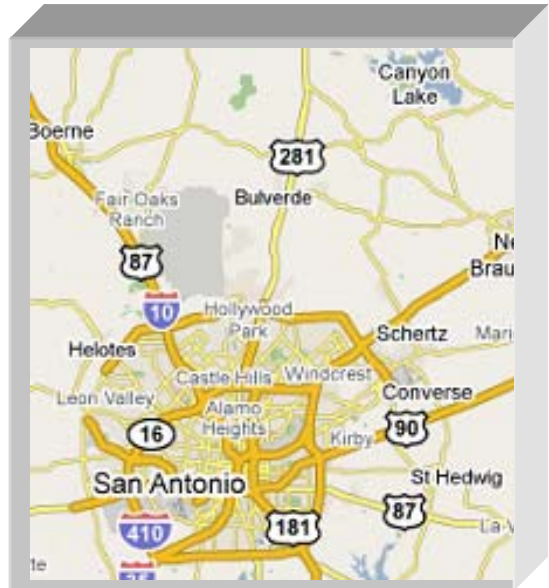
The Orange Beach table has not been very active these past few months. Five of our brothers are out of the area at this time. Bill "Grounded" Sawyer has moved to Englewood, Fl., Joe "Hula Joe" Deschene has moved to Bluffton, SC, Scott "Chopper" Allen is currently on active duty with the Army stationed in Ft. Lewis, Wash., Barry "Conch" Brother is currently headed south to the islands aboard his boat "Sarita Sea", and Lamar "Guitar Man" Anderson is living in Panama City, Fl. Two of the five remaining brothers live several hours' drive from Orange Beach, so as you can see, it is a little difficult to get folks together. With the Holidays now upon us, we are looking forward to getting together more often in the New Year.

Fair Winds, Doug



San Antonio

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By: Wayne Laxson

The San Antonio Table celebrated Oktoberfest at the home of David "Baby Bump" Overpeck and Captive Sissi, who was born in Germany and knows how to add that German touch to Oktoberfest. Sissi's authentic and traditional meal of German cuisine was the hit of the evening, along with generous servings of the all important Beer.

In November Charles "Oso" Hankins and Captive Chrissy, Craig "Marquis de Sade" and Captive Cheryl and David "Baby Bump" Overpeck and Captive Sissi attended the 50th Anniversary of the BOC USA in New York and reported it was a very well organized event with something for everyone. Parties, food, tour, shopping and of course the opportunity to be with the attending Brothers from thought-out the world. Their most sincere appreciation goes to the New York Table for creating such a successful event.

In December, Charles "Oso" Hankins reports that Craig "Marquis de Sade" and Cheryl and he and Chrissy from the San Antonio Table flew over on the same flight to the Sun Coast Table in Florida for the annual Little Pirates Christmas Zaf. Craig dropped off Charles and Chrissy at the home of Jon "Mr. Clean" and Captive Betty Frick for the weekend while Craig and Cheryl stayed with Brother Fred Bentley.

About 20-25 brothers were there and a good time was had by all. It really is the true essence of the Brotherhood to travel and stay with other Brothers. It really is the best way to get to know anyone. We wish to extend a big ORZA to the Brothers of the Sun Coast Table for another great ZAF.

ATTENTION: Save the Date for the 2010 "Trailer Trash" to be held in San Antonio, Texas April 24th, 25th and 26th. Current plans include a Friday night Bar-B-Que, riding the Pirate float in a Fiesta parade on Saturday morning complete with breakfast tacos and Bloody Marys, a big "Trailer Trash" party at the Wright's "Big Barn"

next to the trailer on a hill top over looking the Texas Hill Country with live music, Mexican dinner, beer, wine and, of course, Rum for all. Saturday morning will be Brunch at the home of Brother Monty and Captive Audrey's home in San Antonio. We are still putting the finishing touches on it all, but it looks like the cost will be around \$75 to \$85 per person.

Lodging in the homes of the brothers is made available on a first come basis. We have one out of town Brother bringing his own 5th wheel trailer to join the Trailer Trash. The party is held at the same time as the San Antonio Fiesta which is a huge week long event celebrating the Heroes of the Alamo and April 21st which is San Jacinto Day, the day the Texans defeated the Mexican army for independence from Mexico. San Antonio's Fiesta has been an annual event since 1891 and is now attended by 3.5 million. If you want more information please go to www.fiesta-sa.org/about.aspx .

We will be providing more information soon.

ORZA!!

San Juan

Puerto Rico



The Table of San Juan wishes all of the Brothers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

ORZA!!

Savannah



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By: Gary Johnson



SAVANNAH TABLE AT PICNIC IN THE PARK

by Maureen Horvath

The Annual Savannah Picnic in the Park with the theme of Johnny Mercer 100th Birthday took place on Sunday, October 4th, 2009. After an absence of three years the Savannah BOC Table decided to not only attend but to enter the competition for "Most Original Group". After 2 meetings the format and the details for set-up were established and Brother John Byrne and his Captive Helen from Athens, GA confirmed their proposed attendance, as did Brother Patrick Mills and his Captive Wren along with daughter Erin. Brother Gary Johnson would travel up from Cocoa Beach, FL to be in attendance as well.

The day dawned bright and sunny and cool. The work crew assembled at the park and the Cabaret theme emerged with a stage, cabaret tables and chairs and all authentic decorations to the period of 1940's complete with vintage cocktail shakers, martini glasses and period time canapé. Last but not the least the Brothers and their Captives dressed appropriately in cocktail attire of the 1940's.

Suffice to say our group won 1st Prize hands down and we were told by the judges that we had the "WOW!" effect. A great time was had by all in attendance - Table Captain Albert Seidl, Captive Alise, Brother Joe Horvath, Captive Maureen, Brother Mike Pranschke, Captive Karen and our afore mentioned Brothers and Captives. We are already committed to next year.



Picnic in The Park
Savannah

Brother Patrick Mills Birthday
By Maureen Horvath

The Friday following Picnic in the Park, November 9th was Brother Patrick Mills' Birthday and so in good Brotherhood fashion we got together at Patrick and Wren's temporary residence to celebrate. Each Captive brought a plate of tasty edibles and Patrick and Wren provided the meat for a barbeque, beer, wine and champagne together with a beautiful scrumptious Birthday Cake. We were a small band of Brothers, Patrick, Albert, Mike, Darrin, Joe and our respective Captives Wren, Alise, Karen, Holly and Maureen together with daughter Erin Mills, and Darrin and Holly's children Conor and Maura. We look forward to more such fun get-togethers when more of our Brothers and Captives are back in Savannah.



Brother Patrick popping the cork

Norwegian Tall Ship *Statsraad Lehmkuhl* Visits Baltimore
Norwegian Brothers host American Brothers
By Gary Johnson/"Swedish Navigator"

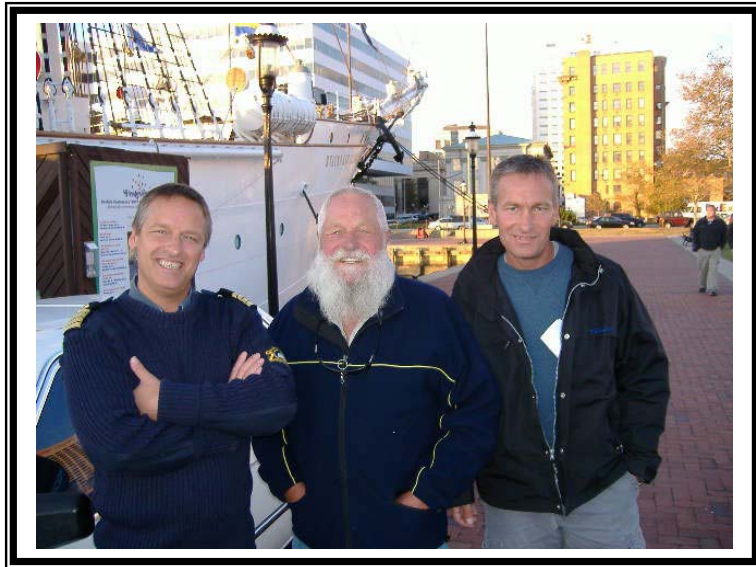
Certain members of the Savannah Table made their annual trek to Baltimore to visit the Norwegian tall ship *Statsraad Lehmkuhl*. She has sailed over 5,500 nautical miles from Norway to the Chesapeake under charter to the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy for cadet training for the past 5 years. The Captain, Marc Seidl/"Shantyman" and his brother, Chief Officer, David Seidl/"Davy Bones" along with First Engineer, Per Stefansen/ "Per-do-little" and Navy Commander, Lasse Hiis-Berg/"Captain Nemo" are Brothers of the Norwegian Table. Marc and David are the sons of Albert Seidl/Captain of the Savannah Table. Traditionally this great 325' tall ship built in Germany in 1914 arrives in port with the crew standing on the yards high in the rigging singing sea chanteys. They also do this on departure. It is a sight every Brother should behold, easily raising goosebumps on any sailor's arms.

From the Savannah Table, Albert Seidl/"Dokwaes" with captive Alise and Gary Johnson/"Swedish Navigator" spent a few days as guests of the ship visiting with Officers and crew. On the evening of their arrival, the ship had a formal reception for local dignitaries hosted by the Navy with invitations for Brothers that desired reservations. The traditional Norwegian hors d' oeuvres are always outstanding, with many different fish prepared in many different ways, some freshly caught on the trip over. The Solomons Table/Captain Pete Chabot/"Sea Devil" took the lead to organize Brotherhood activities. It has become tradition that Solomons Table with a good turnout and any other visiting Brothers join together for a mini-Boucan in the Captains great aft stateroom. We later adjourned to a nearby restaurant to continue the celebration with many ORZAS! It is always an honor to be invited aboard the *Statsraad Lehmkuhl*. The Norwegians are wonderful hosts.

While in Baltimore, Hal/"Brumby" & Susan Bailey/Potomac Table, as in years past, has offered their boat to accommodate Albert, Alise and Gary during their stay. With its convenient location close to the ship their hospitality is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately "Brumby" was unable to attend activities this year due to a serious illness.

After the ship departed, Albert & Alise headed to the zaf in New York.





German National Captain Visits U. S. Brothers
Savannah Table co-hosts
By Gary Johnson/"Swedish Navigator"

Heinz & Brigitte Scheel, enjoyed an extended visit with Brothers in the Eastern US. Though they have been here several times before, they keep coming back. They have made many friends here in several Tables. They have also hosted many Brothers in Germany, almost constantly from all over the world. Many Brothers have spent extended periods there as their guests on several occasions. Heinz/aka "Speckseite" loves to show Brothers all over Germany and Denmark where he knows many quaint and interesting places off the beaten track. I have been lucky enough to experience their wonderful hospitality. On my last trip there we covered from north of Denmark down to Bavaria in the south of Germany for the "Riverfloat".

Our guests arrived in New York in time for the zaf celebrating 50 years of the U.S. Brotherhood. where it was a fantastic weekend. There were many well-wishers and a lot of Brotherhood gifts from different nations. The Savannah Table presented an original oil painting by Albert Seidl entitled " Sailing Brothers". Tom Collier gave a well deserved tribute to Sam and Roselyn Britton .

After enjoying the grand hospitality of the New York Brothers, Heinz & Brigitte rode with Albert and Alise to Solomons for a brief visit. Solomons Brothers were quick to show them the "delights" and uniqueness of the Chesapeake Bay. Following this they were convinced they must not bypass Norfolk where Brothers there are famous for their "emergency party". They continued on to spend some time with Albert & Alise in Savannah where Brothers there extended them a warm welcome.

After leaving Savannah, Heinz & Brigitte visited Gary Johnson/"the Swedish Navigator" in Cocoa Beach, FL. "Welcome drinks" were enjoyed at home, at Coconuts tiki bar overlooking the ocean, and at Grills tiki bar overlooking Port Canaveral. Along the way they met the local tiki carver/surfer dude and viewed his gallery. Then it was home for dinner. Gary had scheduled a special event later that evening/early morning they did not want to miss, a night launch of the Saturn V rocket, scheduled for 1 am liftoff. After a couple hours sleep they got up to see the sky light up with launch blast off finally at 2 am, delayed due to weather.

In the morning breakfast was around the corner at Roberto's Cuban Restaurant and then we visited old downtown Melbourne and Meg O'Malley's Irish Pub. We saw dolphins chasing their lunch at Melbourne Harbor and had lunch ourselves at a nearby restaurant overlooking the harbor.

For cocktails in the evening at the Sunset riverfront café, John & Monica Simpson/Engage-Solomons Table provided a planned surprise and showed up for a drink with Heinz & Brigitte. They had just met in Solomons the week before and happened to

be in town. Dinner was at a restaurant overlooking the Banana River with a few local sailing friends of Gary and then a nightcap back at Coconuts on the Beach. Heinz & Brigitte seemed to have enjoyed their short visit to Cocoa Beach and Gary's whirlwind tour of waterfront establishments. They promised to return. From here they were off to visit Brothers in Sarasota.

They managed to visit 5 Brotherhood Tables on their trip including New York, Solomons, Norfolk, Savannah (with a side trip to Cocoa Beach), & Sarasota, (more than many American Brothers have visited). We always enjoy their company and hope they will return again soon.



The glow of Saturn Five lift-off

Savannah Agenda
First Quarter – 2010

The Seidl “family” (ie Albert, Marc & David and their families) will be visiting Brothers at the Bahamas Table over the Holidays. A great way to end the year and begin the New Year.

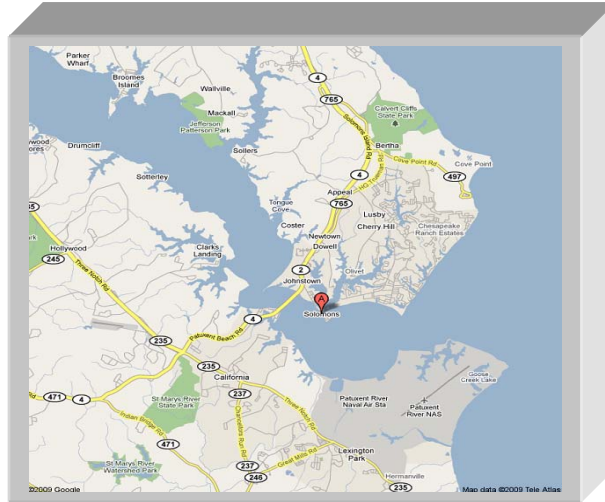
Rob/”Limey” & Holly Sanger/Norfolk Table are currently sailing their boat “Hampshire Rose” on their way to the Bahamas. They had stopped in Savannah where Brothers greeted them and are now on their way to visit Gary Johnson in Cocoa Beach where the waterfront “Tiki-bar tour” will be resumed.



Solomons Island

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By Dale Weems

The newest table in the United States Brotherhood of the Coast is now 2 years old and it has been a great voyage thus far. Plenty of ports have been visited and many Brothers from other tables have visited our waters. All that came as a Brother left as a life long friend and are welcome to moor in our harbor anytime. Some of the highlights were a raft up with the Chesapeake Table in June, Brothers from 5 Tables were in attendance. Lots of food and drink, good stories, good friends, equal good memories were shared by all. A crab feast in August at Brother Easy's house hosted by Easy and Capt. Go Go; the event also included what we hope will be an annual event -- the first "St Johns Creek Crab Derby". In October some Brothers from the Chesapeake Table were cruising the Bay and were invited to moor in our harbor for some libations and to replenish provisions before continuing their voyage. While we were having some vittles and grog we had a ceremony to officially introduce two engages, John Simpson and Dennis Lawson; our visiting Brothers helped us show some true Brotherhood to our new engages, along with helping us with the burden of having too much rum! In November Captain Marcus and other Brothers from the Norwegian table were in Baltimore with the Stadtsrad Lehmkuhl and as always were most gracious hosts; after some on-board social time and a few Orzas we had dinner at one of Charm City's finest and soon found out how Marcus got his nickname (Shanty Man)! A couple of our Brothers attended the New York Zaf and several are looking at doing the Sydney Zaf.

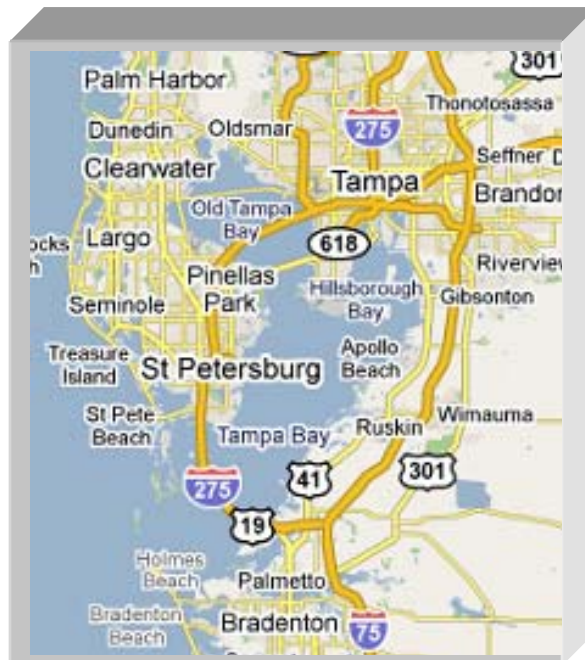
The true meaning of this fraternity becomes clearer with every new face, every handshake or hug, love of the sea is the common bond. It doesn't take long to see that it goes further than that -- these folks were hand picked by the Brothers before them and are some of the finest people anyone will ever meet. Simple Sailors they are, and I think I can speak for my Brothers and say we are proud to be a part of it.

The Solomons Island Table invites all traveling Brothers to stop by and see us, and we wish you warm breezes, following seas and a cargo hold of Rum .



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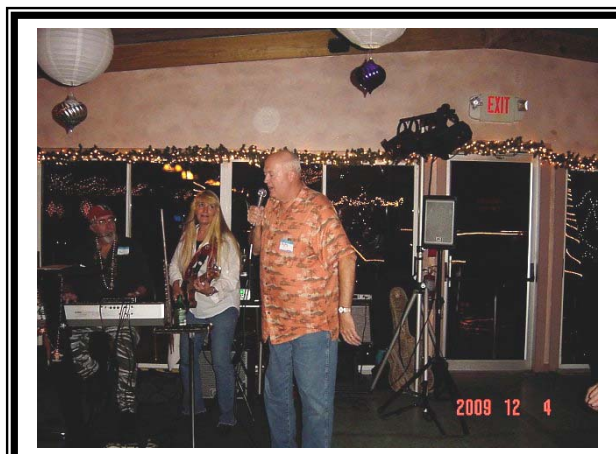


By: Jon Frick aka Mr. Clean
Captain of the Sun Coast Table

The last four weeks have been some of the busiest I can remember. Beginning with the celebration of the Brotherhoods Fifty years in the United States. What an outstanding Zafarincho, put on by the New York Brothers. Kudos's to all...and what a great communicator Joe Citrella is. Thank you all so much.



Sam Britton presented with a New York "50th" hat



Houston Brother Don Peterson doing the "Big Dog Blues." Who let the "Dog" out?

The Sun Coast Table celebrated "The Little Pirates Christmas Zaf" with 50 attendees in Pirate Rig. High-lights included Don Peterson doing his Big Dog Blues routine, and Sam Britton receiving his New York 50th hat. (Sam was unable to attend the New York celebration.)



The fun continued until the band took their final break and we ran out of energy. Saturday night the fun began again. The food was the best ever. The high entertainment of the evening was Fred Bentley as he tried to give his rendition and explanation the formal English" Orza". The back-up signing, done by Charlie Hankins and Frank Sessions, was anything but literal. I think there were some nautical terms. There seemed to be no end to the night. Some sitting around the outside fire place on the veranda, others in cozy chairs inside the Founders Club, even after the bar closed.

The Sunday Brunch at Roger and Judy Meyer's place on the Manatee River was attended by everyone. Everyone wanted to stay, no one wanted to leave.

Thank you so much to all who attended our 20th Annual Zap, you all made it a successful happening. Fair winds and smooth sailing!