

# First Watch

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## From the Helm



Scott "Cruz" Ripley ~ Captain, Brotherhood of the Coast US

### Trailer Trash 2016

This is for those of you who did not attend Trailer Trash in San Antonio this year and especially for those of you who haven't ever attended this wonderful event. Trailer Trash weekend is consistently one of the best ZAFs in the entire Brotherhood.

As you would expect, a great ZAF is going to require stamina and will push your liver and body weight to extreme limits. You do not want to schedule your annual physical on the Monday after Trailer Trash. While officially a Friday-Sunday ZAF, Michele and I flew in on Thursday so we could appropriately condition ourselves for the upcoming event. We bunked down at Charles Hankins' along with Frank & Mary Sessions. After settling in and a couple of cocktails, we all went out to dinner with Marsha Mandel and Patricia Ferrell. The evening ended back at Charlie's at some point, of which I am not sure, but I know we had a good time.

Because the San Antonio Table is so spread out geographically, they have separate parties Friday evening at various brothers' homes. You go to whichever party is closest to your hammock for the night. Charles and Marsha hosted our party which was great because all Michele and I had to do was crawl to bed at the end of the late evening, and it was a good thing because it was quite the party!

Then early Saturday morning, we dressed up like buccaneers (How's that Bernard?) and after a few Bloody Marys and mimosas, we walked in the King William Parade alongside a boat-float named Orza. We handed out beads to ~~little kids~~ pretty women as we walked the 1.5 mile route of the parade lined with historic homes beautifully decorated for Fiesta. It was a hoot.

You can imagine that we would be thirsty and require nourishment after all of that, so they took us to a great outdoor restaurant for beer and lunch. We had a few hours to kill after lunch and then it was off to Craig & Cheryl Wright's barn for the evening festivities. This is no ordinary barn. It is every guy's dream man-cave on top of a beautiful hill, complete with every tool and farm equipment ever needed, and even two donkeys roaming the grounds.

To get the evening started Erin Mills torched the bonfire for ambiance. Then we had cocktails, delicious food, and dancing well into the evening. A highlight was when we all formed a big circle and swayed to "A Pirate Looks at 40", passed around a few bottles of rum, and spun the bottle in the middle to choose the next dancer. They even had a "party bus" to drive all the drunks home. Smart!

Last but certainly not least, Sunday brunch at Audrey & Monty Rogers' home is the best. Bloody Marys and mimosas are prescribed upon arrival and shortly afterward the buffet begins. Audrey orchestrates the buffet and Monty mans the grill cooking venison sausage and other goodies prepared by Big Wayne & Little Wayne McNeil. It was a great ending to a wonderful weekend.

I am always impressed by how many of the San Antonio Brothers and Captives work so hard every year to make the Trailer Trash ZAF a success. They are not about to let anyone leave their ZAF without having the time of their life. After the first time you attend a Trailer Trash you fly home thinking that these PEOPLE ARE NUTS and you would be right but somehow they manage to do it all again next year. Thanks for a great time yet again!

Scott aka "Cruz"

# Chesapeake Bay

**Captain: Peter “Upwind” Dennart**  
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- Scott “Piper” Rogers decided to stand down as Table Captain in April. Vice-Captain Peter “Upwind” Dennart has now taken the helm. A new Vice-Captain will be elected in July.
- Boating weather for the Chesapeake Bay and mid-Atlantic coast of the US was miserable this spring. The sad result was that the Table’s fleet was kept in port for most of the spring season. Good weather late in May allowed the fleet to head to Mobjack Bay for the semi-official Memorial Day raft-up in the East River (37° 24’ 53” N, 76° 20’ 54” W) even though the last two days were dominated by rainy conditions from Tropical Storm Bonnie.
- The fleet is now ready for the annual summer Raftarrancho event during the summer solstice week in June. This is where the Brothers of the Chesapeake Bay, Solomon Island and Annapolis Tables join together to celebrate their fraternity on the Chesapeake Bay.
- The Table has announced its intention to sponsor a Zafarrancho in conjunction with the Harborfest celebration in Norfolk, Virginia. This June 2017 event will coincide with the arrival of many of the world’s Tall Ships that will be visiting the port for this event. Details will be forthcoming.

Upwind

# Corpus Christi

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Events so far this year...

The March Boucan was held at the home of Knothead. Nefarious plotting and planning took place, as always. Alcohol might have been involved.....Arrrg!!

In April we held a Boucan at the home of our engage, Keith Hargrove and his captive Lynn. Fish were fried, lies were told, problems solved, and a good time had by all.



“The Cinco de Mayo Shrimp Boil” was the Corpus Table’s main spring event. There was an excellent turn out for this annual Boucan at Brother Walrus’s marina (?). 21 Brothers, captives and guests were in attendance. Food was awesome and abundant. No animals except shrimp and sausage (not sure about the sausage) were injured in planning or execution of this event.



**SAVE THE DATE:** Margaritas and Señoritas will be unveiled and launched by the Corpus Christi Table on October 7-9. Promises to be a full Battle Dress incredible event (will include adult beverages).

*Only two sailors, in my experience, never ran aground.  
One never left port and the other was an atrocious liar. - Don Bamford*

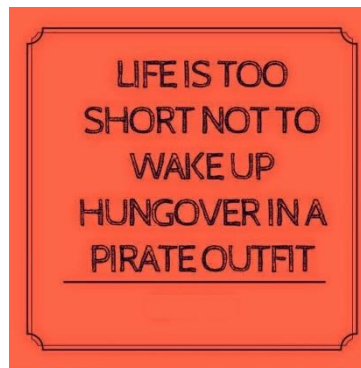
OZZZZAA!!!!  
The Lowly Scribe from the bilge.  
Bob “Walrus” Weber

# Gold Coast



Captain: Brian "McGyver" Schmitz  
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Following our February ZAF, the BOC group in Fort Lauderdale has been a little slow to recovery from the "hangover", so there hasn't been a great deal of activity.



In spite of the lingering lethargy and headaches, Henri and Babbette Rossolin hosted a Boucan at their Fort Lauderdale home in March with the local Brothers. We did not have any organized events in April or May, but we are planning to get things started again in June.



We did have Deputy Dawg – Frank Sessions and Mary attend Trailer Trash in April with the San Antonio Table, and they reportedly had a fantastic time once again.



Stay tuned for our next update on Summer fun in the Gold Coast Table!

ORZA!

MacGyver (Brian) Schmitz Captain, BOC Gold Coast Table



# Houston

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I think it is safe to say that the Houston Table has dedicated most of its time and energy focusing on our upcoming Zaf... "Boats Boom and BBQ". It is not to say that we have not been having fun. While we have had meetings for planning, we certainly took advantage of our time together to enjoy a little fellowship with our Brothers, Captives, Engages, and Passajaros.

We have been nurturing a few Passajaros as well as upgrading one to Engage. Troy Leek we are confident will make a fine Brother so we have recently bestowed upon him Engage status. It will, no doubt, be an absolute pleasure to have him on board! Table Captain Ken "Chaser" Hutchinson, with some guidance and help from some of our more senior Brothers, has been doing a great job of keeping his eyes open for potential Brothers and encouraging our membership to do the same so we can keep the Houston Table thriving and, therefore, the Brotherhood as a whole!



With all that said, we have managed to get out on our boats a time or two. A few Brothers took their boats over to Double Bayou in late February and enjoyed some sunny crisp cool weather. JD "Sour Mash" Thompson and Captive Peti, Brent "The Dude" Hodges and myself and my sweet Wendy were joined by Passajaros Mike Slevens and wife Lisa. A great time was had by all and excellent crawfish were provided by the kind folks over at Channel Marker 17!!!

We just recently completed a trip over the Memorial Day weekend. It is an annual event hosted by the Texas Mariners Cruisers Association (TMCA) and was attended by too many Brothers to list here. It is safe to say that most of the active Brothers of the Houston Table got their boats out and cruised over to Pleasure Island Marina in Port



Arthur, Tx....about 90 miles from the Clear Lake area. It was not without its challenges due to some fairly severe weather. But once we survived the onslaught by helping each other in true Brotherhood fashion, nice weather dawned and we were able to relax and have a great time!!!! Both Passajaros attended in their boats as well Engage Troy in his. The Brotherhood spirit is alive and well and on display so they can soak it up and understand what the Brotherhood is all about!



That's it for now,

Capt. John "Sky King" Baker  
Houston Table Historian



The Houston Brothers, Engages and Pasajeros have been busy boating and planning our Zaf. Several of our table boats joined 123 intrepid boaters and traveled to Port Arthur for the 4 day Spring Fling event. It was a fun trip full of activities, bands, seminars and food. Oops I almost left out the Rum.

Our table had a great time with Brothers from Solmans. Gold Coast, San Antonio and Corpus Christi tables at the Houston Zaf June 10-12<sup>th</sup>. It all started Friday evening with a happy hour/dinner before boarding boats for a wonderful fireworks display. Saturday many of us took to the sea on several boats for a beautiful day on Galveston Bay. Others went to Space Center Houston or shopping in the quaint shops in Kemah.





After freshening up we boarded the bus for the Hoekstra's home (with their new Man Cave extraordinaire) for swimming, dancing to the band, BBQ, fellowship and plenty of ORZA's. Sunday morning a going away breakfast was held at the Ellor's home before saying good bye and Y'all come back soon! We hope everyone that came had a good time and those that couldn't make it can come next year for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Boom, Boats & BBQ Zaf.

ORZA!

# New York

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## VODKA, ORZAS AND CAPE HORN ZAF

Andrzej and Irena Bienkowski hosted their Annual Polish Brunch at their home in New Jersey on March 13. We visited Andrzej's collection of Polish sabers, swords and cutlasses. We smelled his newly acquired "camphor wood" treasure chest. We looked at historical photographs of when he was boarded and "welcomed" by the US Coast Guard and Immigration. (See Jungle Jane's story below.)

We dug hard into his reserve of Vodka. And we raised a series of Orza's to wish him fair winds and safe passage. The next Friday, Andrzej flew to Buenos Aires and Ushuaia to board a yawl to sail a double rounding of Cape Horn. This seems to be a tradition and a "Rite of Passage" for our Polish friends. At the Zaf was Andrzej Gruszka who also had accomplished this feat a couple of years ago



Polish for the day



Tony and two Andrzej's

Andrzej has returned safely. He flew to Buenos Aires, meeting with Brothers there and then on to Ushuaia, Argentina. From Ushuaia he boarded a yawl to sail the double rounding of Cape Horn. Andrzej encountered winds of 58 knots (a summer breeze at the Cape) during the rounding and met with Chilean Brothers at Puerto Williams. Many thanks to our Argentinian and Chilean Brothers for their hospitality - all told quite an adventure!

In my Brotherhood Archives I have all the NY Table's typewritten notices, from 1960 to 1995, those pre-historic days. I have found the one that welcomed Andrzej to our Zaf on March 10, 1983.

Written by Scott Smith it says, "*Andre was the navigator of a 35' steel yacht which he and 3 other Polish sailors were commissioned to deliver to Poland from Greece. Andre contacted the Palermo Table when they reached Sicily and they were given a royal welcome by the Italian Brothers. The French Brothers at Marseilles gave the crew another royal welcome. When they got to Gibraltar, they asked themselves why they should sail back to Poland. They bought navigational aids and food and sailed to Bermuda and then cleared for the U.S. Andre navigated direct to Port Elizabeth at night which aggravated the Coasties, who impounded the vessel and crew for a while....*" the rest is history for our table.

## **OYSTERS, BURGERS AND DOGS ZAF**

On Sunday, May 22 the New York Brothers and Captives had the pleasure of a Zaf at the home of Tony and Theo Olmer. The weather was good and we were able to be on the large porch and admire their garden and green lawn. Not the same as on the water but pretty close to it. As usual it was a gourmand's delight. Accompanying the tasty appetizers to salads to eclairs we were treated to local Long Island Sound oysters, burgers and hotdogs. And the wine flowed freely.

New York City may be known now as The Big Apple, but it could have been called The Big Oyster in the past. It surprises some that the oyster reigned supreme as the quintessential New York City food long before burgers, and hot dogs were known. City Island was famous for oysters and it was a local shipbuilder, Orrin Fordham, who 'invented' the concept of seeding and farming oysters starting in 1839. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century the oyster families on City Island would have been called what we call now, The One Percent.

Our Zaf oysters came from Norwalk, near the Olmer's home. Norm Bloom and Son LLC is a family owned farm that has been caring for, farming, and harvesting Copps Island Oysters, in Long Island Sound for over three generations.

<http://www.nypl.org/blog/2011/06/01/history-half-shell-intertwined-story-new-york-city-and-its-oysters>



Tony, the oyster shucker



Len, Joe, Kevin and Chris shirking shucking duty

Our next Zaf will be on July 9, in the water. Hopefully we will welcome Joe and Maureen's new boat after its trip from Massachusetts. On August 9, more shell fish. We will have our annual Clam Zaf hosted by Joe and Gail to welcome our Polish Brother and his captive, Jerzy and Anna.

NY Brother Joe Citarella and Captive Gail traveled to Germany to attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Bavarian Table in Regensburg, hosted by Hannes and Uta Zauter in May. They started with a visit to Hamburg staying with good friends Konrad and Wiebke Rippmann for a few days. After the Zaf they spent some additional time touring Bavaria with Heinz and Brigitte Scheel who live in Lubeck.

Joe emphasizes, again, that Brothers must make an effort to visit other Tables to fully appreciate the spirit and intent of the Brotherhood. It is through these interactions that Brothers develop bonds with other Brothers that will last a lifetime. And I, Jungle Jane second that thought.

# Sailing Capital

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Take a look at the "Coming Attractions" for the announcement of the Boucon Boil and Social to be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. A bunch of neat stuff is planned including a cruise on the Schooner "Woodwind", Saturday night Boucon Boil with assorted foods and drinks including rum and cap it off with a Sunday morning "Get Outta' Here in Class" breakfast. Check it out!!!

# San Antonio

Captain: Randy "Scrounger" Goodrich  
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Scribe: Wayne "Kilo Pata Barrera" McNeil

Purser: Dick "Tricky Dick" Eckerman

## Float wins award from King William Parade

From the King William Fair (<http://kwfair.org/parade/>) website:

2016 King William Parade Winners!

It was such a hard decision, and there were so many FANTASTIC entries to choose from this year. Please join us to congratulate these outstanding 2016 Parade Performers!

<b>Best in Show</b>	<b>Slab Cinema</b>
<b>Best Kid's Entry</b>	<b>School of Science and Technology - Discovery</b>
<b>Best Visuals</b>	<b>Pi Arts of San Antonio</b>
<b>Most Entertaining</b>	<b>M.O.S.T. Mermaids of South Town</b>
<b>Most Comedic</b>	<b>La Tuna's Selenas</b>
<b>Best Outreach</b>	<b>Girls Inc.</b>
<b>Best on Wheels</b>	<b>Brotherhood of the Coast</b>
<b>Outstandingest</b>	<b>Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez</b>
<b>Best Animals</b>	<b>Fiesta 4 Paws</b>
<b>Best Live Music</b>	<b>Huppertz and Fenwich Elementary Choir &amp; Drums</b>
<b>Best Musicality</b>	<b>Pride Show Band of San Antonio</b>
<b>Special Award for Biggest Heart</b>	<b>Alamo City Roller Girls – THE Parade Wranglers</b>





# TRAILER TRASH

April 22, 23, 24<sup>th</sup> 2016

The annual Trailer Trash Party began Friday night with two groups of hosts and their guests. With groups concentrated 30-40 miles apart the options were to try to find a neutral cite or have two parties. That is what we did. Those close to San Antonio celebrated at Charles "Oso" Hankin's house in San Antonio. Those staying in the Canyon Lake area went to Dick "Tricky Dick" and Sara Eckerman's house for cocktails and dinner.

Saturday morning got an early start for the 34 people that participated in the annual San Antonio Fiesta King William Parade. The pirate ship ORZA and the roving pirates were much appreciated by the parade goers.



Don "Big Dog" Peterson caused a near riot in San Antonio with his antics during the parade. The Motley Crew entertained the crowd along the 1-1/2 mile parade route and passed out thousands of bead necklaces.





After the parade the participants went to Tycoon Flats for lunch and refreshments.

The BIG PARTY started Saturday evening. The venue was Craig “Marquis de Sade” and Cheryl Wright’s Barn at the top of High Lonesome Mountain. The view of the Guadalupe Valley was spectacular. There was much drinking, dancing, and fellowship. Music was provided by the duo formally known as “Pure Heart”. As per the custom, we were treated to a melody of the BIG DOG BLUES.





Master Chef, Bill “Kanza” Massey (with a little help from Wayne “Kilo Pata Barrera” McNeil) cooked chicken and sausage on his giant rotisserie to perfection.

Sunday morning activity was as fabulous “Adios Breakfast” at Monty “Python” and Audrey Rogers’ house. Breakfast was the usual (with a little Texas twist) with breads, fruits, bagels and lox, assorted egg casseroles, chipped beef and gravy on biscuits, and Wayne McNeil’s Texas venison sausage. Add to that ample supplies of mimosa’s and bloody Mary’s and you have what is needed to make that long trip home.



**Highlights of 2016 Trailer Trash** include: 63 attendees, 19 first timers/Trailer Trash Virgins, National Captain Scott Ripley and his lovely wife, Michelle attended, 9 Tables were represented, East Anglia, Chesapeake, Corpus Christi, Houston, Savannah, Sailing Capital, Solomans, Sun Coast, our British Brother, Mike Glaysher and his Captive Sue attended and Mike accompanied the band via a guitar and vocals.

**Addendum:** As fate would have it, the British Captive wanted to see a real Texas Cowboy. This caused a stampede of 25 to head to Bob Will's ranch in Bandera on Sunday afternoon and then to Arkey Blue's Silver Dollar Saloon, a local saloon, for additional refreshments. Once again our British Brother joined in to make music with the band. I guess it is true, "The road goes on forever and the Party never ends."

If you are interested in seeing a lot more pictures from Trailer Trash 2016, go to Audrey's website:

<http://photonotions.smugmug.com/2016-Trailer-Trash/n-WkXRfR>

## **Upcoming Activities:**

August 15 – Pool Splash at Joseph Scherm and Lilia's

September 12 – Get it All Wet Pool Party at Bob Will's in Bandera

October 2-3 – We're going to Corpus Christi's Margaritas and Senoritas

November 7 – Winefest @ David Overpeck and Sissi's

December 19 – Cowboy Christmas at Craig & Cheryl Wright's Big Barn

Throughout the summer, impromptu raft-ups on Canyon Lake

And of course, First Thursday EVERY first Thursday of the month

# Savannah

aptain: John "Pirogue" Byrne  
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Spring and summer for the Savannah Table has been pretty busy. We have wrapped up the planning for the Savannah National Zaf, and Captains Meeting this September 22-25. The invitations are out to everyone and reservations are rolling in. We look forward to showing all of you a good time on Tybee Island, Georgia.

Over the weekend of June 10-12, ten Savannah Brothers and Captives escaped the heat of a Low Country summer and fled to the cooler temperatures of Black Mountain, North Carolina. The mountain contingent of the Table put on a terrific Boucan that included a drive up the Blue Ridge Parkway, hiking through rhododendrons in full bloom.

All that remains are a few cold ones at an Asheville brewery, Korean barbeque, and a Bloody Mary Sunday brunch. The summer Boucan in Black Mountain is a Table tradition and part of the glue that holds this geographically challenged Table together.





I am happy to be sending along greetings from Albert Seidl, currently under his doctor's care and Alise's watchful eye. This could be one of the more severe cases of "way too much fun" on record. Following his return from Black Mountain, Albert had to go into the hospital for "extensive bodywork and a complete tune-up". He had completely worn out his gallbladder and pushed all other systems to the limit. He says he had a really good time at the Boucan. Albert sent a photo of his "cutlass wound" (gallbladder surgery) but I have censored that due to the wide distribution of this newsletter. In case you're thinking of a get well card, Albert's home address is 344 Barnard Street, Savannah, GA 31401. His new email address is [albert.seidlart@gmail.com](mailto:albert.seidlart@gmail.com).

ORZA!!!  
John Byrne  
Captain, Savannah Table



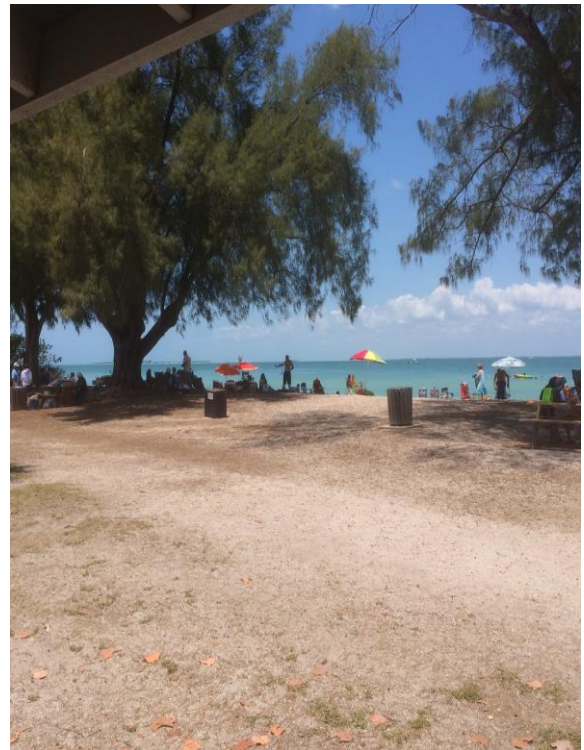
# Sun Coast Sun Coast

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SOOOOO, here's the picture..... A magnificent spring afternoon on a white sandy beach located on the northern tip of a "Coastal Living Magazine" destination island. The temperature was around 80... the water that glorious blue of the tropics... The grill was wafting scents of smoked sausage, burgers, and dogs.

Now add into this picture 35 Brotherhood of the Coast friends, a little beer, wine & rum....

WELCOME TO OUR MAY 1st SUNCOAST TABLE BEACH BASH!! This was our second year of what we expect to be an ongoing annual affair on Anna Maria Island (near Bradenton). Brother John (The Crab) D'Alusio and his lovely captive Mariann were our hosts.





As most are aware the Suncoast table meets monthly for a Happy Hour someplace. The fun, of course, is in the company of one another, and the event is a truly important longstanding tradition. Each month's gatherings are hosted by individual brothers, and the group has risen to the challenge of boosting attendance by making the events memorable and fun.

The June Happy Hour is also scheduled for a Bradenton waterfront restaurant. We are so blessed to have several nearby. So if you find yourself in the area.....

Speaking of being in the area – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! December 2-4 is the 27<sup>th</sup> Suncoast Table "Little Pirate Christmas" Zaf. Believed to be the longest running U.S. Brotherhood event, the gathering is ideally suited for a weekend with friends in sunny Florida. Details will be posted later, but we can advise that we are again chartering a Pirate Cruise on Sarasota Bay... an evening highly enjoyed by 80 folks last year!

ORZA! Ed Loke

# COMING ATTRACTIONS

*The Table of the Sailing Capital*  
Annapolis Maryland

**BOUCAN BOIL & SOCIAL**  
**20 & 21 AUGUST 2016**



The *Table of the Sailing Capital Brotherhood of the Coast* invites you to attend our annual BOUCAN BOIL weekend in Annapolis - August 20-21, 2016. Consider taking a Saturday morning cruise on the *Schooner Woodwind* or tour & shop Annapolis. In the afternoon enjoy the Boucan Boil BBQ with Brothers, Captives, Mates, and friends on Lake Ogleton at 1500 (3:00 pm). A Sunday morning brunch will be held on the McMichael deck from 0930.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Schooner Woodwind Cruise 11:00 – 1300**

\$44/person (seniors 60+ \$42), Children <12 \$27

We have reserved seats for the cruise departing from *Pusser's Pier* at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel (formerly the Marriott) and tours the Severn River & Annapolis environs. *Pussers Restaurant* is open for breakfast at 0700 and is a good choice before the cruise. Breakfast & cruise at your expense.

Limited berths with Brothers are available on a first-come basis, Annapolis offers many alternate accommodations. Slips & moorings will be arranged. Tour the Naval Academy, the historic City & shopping!

**The BOIL on SATURDAY - 1500 until...**

Venue is as last year Annapolis Cove Marina on Lake Ogleton  
3129A Catrina Rd, Annapolis 21403

By Boat: Community Pier - Lake Ogleton 38° 56' 43N / 76° 27' 57N  
Email or call for marina information / raft up / parking

Appetizers, Munchies, Boucan Boil, Grilled Chicken & Brats  
Side Salads & Sweets – Beer, Wine, Sodas, Water & Rum of course!

**BRUNCH on SUNDAY - 0930 Til...**

Lee and Catherine McMichael  
2 Carriage Run Court, Annapolis 21403  
Mimosas, Bloodies, egg casserole, gravy & biscuits,  
planked salmon, sweets & beverages

\$40.00 per attendee to defer our expenses, kids free, we hope to see you here.

**Please RSVP by Aug 12 so we may have  
food & beverages for ALL!**

MORE INFO: [LeeNMcM@gmail.com](mailto:LeeNMcM@gmail.com)  
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**TABLE OF SAVANNAH  
ZAFARRANCHO  
AND  
TABLE CAPTAINS MEETING**

**September 22-25, 2016**

National Captain Ripley, Table Captains, Brothers, Captivas,  
and Distinguished Guests

Please join us for a Jolly Good Time  
On

**Tybee Island, Georgia**

For your pleasure...

The Table of Savannah offers you a laid back weekend on and around the beach. Leave your neckties and sport coats at home, they won't be needed... do bring the flip-flops and shorts, tropical shirts and sun glasses, they will. Please don't skimp on the Pirate gear either. You'll want to look your "piratical best" when we let down our dreadlocks and party hearty.

## Zafarrancho Schedule

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Welcome and Registration:** Thursday is arrival day. When you arrive in the Savannah area, make your way out to Tybee Island, and move into your accommodations. Get comfortable, and then get ready....

There will be a “Welcome and Registration” at the **Tybee Island American Legion Hall** between the hours **5:30-7:30 PM**. The Legion Hall is located at **10 Veterans Drive, Tybee Island, GA 31328**. The Savannah Table looks forward to greeting everyone and answering your questions at this time. We will have a “souvenir bag” for you and the latest information about Zaf events. **Food and Drink** - The Legion has a full service **cash bar**, and you may buy drinks there, membership is not required. The Legion also serves a Thursday **“Shrimp Dinner”** (about \$12.50 per person) that can’t be beat. Please register, and then stick around for drinks and dinner.

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Assembly of Table Captains Meeting:** National Captain Scott Ripley will meet with Table Captains, their Seconds, and invited guests at the **Savannah Yacht Club, 730 Bradley Point Road, Savannah, GA 31410**. The meeting will be in the “Sail Loft” from **9:00 AM–12:00 noon**. The Savannah Yacht Club is not far from Tybee Island, directions will be provided.

**Friday Daytime, entertaining ideas:** Things are pretty laid back on Tybee Island, but there is plenty to do, or not. You can sleep in, walk the beach, read a book, or.... Check the flyers in your “Souvenir Bag” advertising points of interest on Tybee Island, and in Savannah, as well as some new things to do you might like to try.

**Friday Evening, “Tropical Dinner Dance”:** From **6:30-11:30 PM** at the **“Tybee Lite Shrine Club”**. Built atop “Battery Brumby”, one of the six concrete and steel gun batteries that made up “Fort Screven”, this club has a great view of the ocean, the north Tybee beach, and Hilton Head Island in the distance. **Required dress for Brothers and Captivas** will be their favorite or most outlandish “Tropical shirt” (outfit for the girls) fish, flowers, boats, or hula dancers, whatever the motif. **Failure to comply is not an option**...we are Pirates, there would be consequences. Dinner is a special **Bar-B-Que** with all the fix’ens. Music to be provided by **Brother Joa Kelly’s band “Soap”**. **Cash Bar** will be at bargain Shrine prices. **Contests. Prizes.** What more could you ask?

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday Daytime Entertainment:**

**Saturday Morning: “A Beach walk with Bloody Mary”** Assemble at **10:00 AM** at the beach access parking lot in front of The North Beach Grill. The Savannah Table will fix you up with a Bloody Mary and off you go....

**Saturday Afternoon: “Go Fly a Kite”:** From around **1:30–3:30 PM**. Please come to **north Tybee beach**, it’s time to fly your kite again, and maybe knock someone else’s out of the air while you’re at it. This event is **BYOK** but we will provide “liquid refreshments” to keep you in top notch kite flying form. There will be no dehydration on our watch!

**Saturday Evening: “The Buccaneer’s Bash”:** This evening’s Pirate extravaganza will be held at the **Tybee American Legion** from **6:30–11:30 PM**. Dress is **Full Pirate Rig**. Dinner is a “**Low Country Boil and Oyster Roast**”. We’ll have a **cash bar** at the usual Legion bargain prices. Music by DJ “**Doc Ock**”, a **Mystery Floor Show**, and more....

### **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Morning, Travelers Farewell Breakfast/Brunch:** We hate to see you leave, but if you must, **don’t go away hungry!** Please join us “**Tybee Community Center**” aka “The Guard House”. We will be serving a **full catered breakfast** from **9:00 AM-12:00 noon**. Drop in for a quick breakfast, or settle in for an extended “brunch”.

# 2016 Savannah Zaf and Captain's Meeting

## Attendance Fee

1. The Zaf Fee is \$125.00 per person.

Make checks payable to: BOC Savannah  
On the memo line write: 2016 Zaf

2. Please Mail your Check and Completed Form to:

Mike Pranschke  
32 Brightwater Drive  
Thunderbolt, GA 31410

## Please Complete the Following form

Brother/Engage/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Captiva: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival by Air/Car/Boat: \_\_\_\_\_

BOC Table: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Captain's Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Address while on Tybee Island: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact-Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact-Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2017**

**FIRST NOTICE**

The Chesapeake Table of the Brotherhood Of The Coast will be hosting a National Zaffarancho in June of 2017. As we have done in the past the Zaf will coincide with the Annual Norfolk Harborfest celebration. A firm date has not yet been confirmed, but the second weekend in June is a good target date.

Here is a brief synopsis of the daily events:

Thursday afternoon registration, Welcome Reception Thursday evening

Friday, join the Chesapeake Brothers aboard their boats to participate in the PARADE OF SAIL to escort the visiting Tall Ships and Naval Vessels up the Elizabeth River from Hampton Roads to Downtown Norfolk. Friday evening activities still in the planning stages.

Saturday, enjoy the Harborfest events in Town Point Park, go visit some of the nearby historical sites, or just come out and relax on your brother's boats that will be docked downtown for the weekend. Saturday evening we will have our formal dinner, Battle Attire, followed by what it always a spectacular Fireworks Display over the River.

Sunday morning we will be having a Farewell Brunch to wish everyone safe voyage home.

More information to follow as it becomes available, so mark your calendars, keep the date flexible and plan to come out and have a great time.

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Floater  
Scribe  
Chesapeake Table  
Aka Eric Matherne