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From the Helm



Rick "Pescador" Hoekstra
Captain, Brotherhood of the Coast US

The TexZaf 2019 was a great success, and I am sure most of the tables will include the activities in their articles. The event was attended by all but two of the US tables and visiting brothers from Chile and France. The San Antonio table really out-did themselves and everyone was treated to a "Rip Roaring" time. Plans were made for a visit to San Antonio Chile in 2020 during the last quarter of the year. At present over 40 brothers have shown interest and details will follow later.

In the next few weeks, if not already, the captains will be receiving the first draft of the agenda for the captain's meeting in August. Again, don't miss the chance to help the New York table celebrate their 60th anniversary.

During the last week of January, the planning and initial draft of the World Zaf 2022 agenda was discussed with "Big Dog" Peterson, and we have established a venue and created the basic outline of the event. Only a few more details and we will be ready. I want to thank Big Dog for all his help in organizing and running the Zaf. The goal is to make the Zaf one of the best ever, and we are off to a good start. More details will follow in the next issues.

The details for the New Caledonia Zaf came out in March, but the logistics of the Zaf will make attendance difficult. It is really geared for locals and would require a significant amount of "roughing it" for visiting brothers. There is a boat rental option and so if you are really serious about the trip, contact me for details. The date has been moved to late October.

In closing, I am asking all table captains to try and update their table information on the BOCUS.ORG site. If you don't know how to log in, please contact me and I will be able to update information. In the interest of communication and coordination of events, it is vital that we have a central place to find up to date information. You may also contact Robert Coles "Big Hopper" for information on the website.

Orza!
Captain Pescador

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“Borrowed” Wisdom**

**You can't complain about the sea if you
suffer shipwreck for the second time.**

Icelandic proverb

Chesapeake Bay

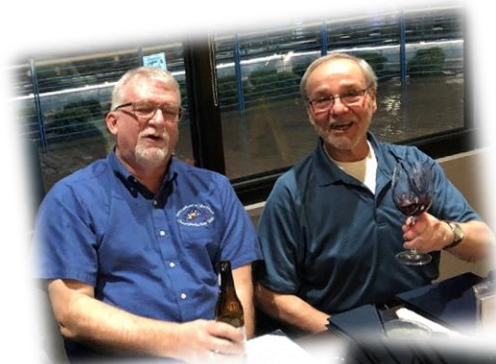
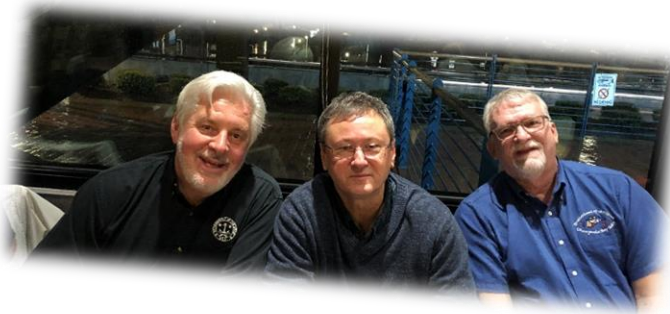
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Impromptu Trip to Stripers Waterside

Due to unfortunate events our regular February Tip-A-Few had to be canceled. In its place several of the table Brothers decided to just have an informal gathering in Stripers Waterside. As the winter months continue to roll on, we find many of our Brothers traveling south into warmer climates.

I think there could be more Chesapeake Bay Brothers in Florida/Bahamas than there are here in Tidewater. We did have 6 Brothers attend and we all commented how much we all needed this get together as it had been too long since we had seen each other. We had some talk about our plans for the upcoming summer and beyond.



Opa! The Brotherhood goes Greek



The Brothers of the Chesapeake Bay Table were happy to have two of our Brethren from the Norwegian BOC join us for our monthly Tip-O'-Few in March. Marcus and David Seidl arrived in Norfolk to join the cadets from the Norwegian Naval Academy aboard the Statsraad Lehmkuhl on their return voyage to Norway. We had an excellent turnout at the Greek restaurant Orapax where almost everybody had a wonderful dining experience (sorry Brother Cruz about the pizza)! It is always splendid catching up with traveling brothers to share stories and liquid concoctions. We look forward to next year's return of the

beautiful ship and our esteemed brothers from Norway – Until next time – OOORRRZZZAAA!!!

April TAF at The Bunny Ranch

Once again the Brothers of the Chesapeake table met for dinner and drinks, this time at the home of John and Ruth Martin. I don't want anyone to get the wrong idea here. John and Ruth have a rabbit. Tom & Elly Smith Co-Hosted the gathering and many Brothers were in attendance. There was a great deal of talk about current events as one Brother had purchased a new home and another a new (to them) boat. So there was a bunch of activity in the southern bay. The food was great as always and a good time was had by all.



Corpus Christi

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The March get together was graciously held at the home of Brother Joe and captive Sandy Seburn.



Two events are planned for the remainder of the year.

The annual shrimp boil will be May 18th at Captain Walrus's home.

On September 24th the Table is hosting "Something" (A toned down version Margaritas and Señoritas maybe). The name, theme, and venue have not yet been decided. More rum is required before we rush into these decisions. But, invites and announcements will go out in advance.

Great food by Sandy and drink rounded out the evening, supplemented by adult beverages, lies and storytelling.

Bob Weber

Walrus

Captain Corpus Christi Table

Gold Coast

Captain: David "Scorch" Sowers
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The last several months have been pretty eventful for our Table. In October, our Captain, Frank "Deputy Dawg" Sessions and Captive Mary sold their home and relocated to the Villages in central Florida.

David "Scorch" Sowers was selected as the new Captain as of January, with John "Scorpion" Dotto serving as Bosun.

Unfortunately, two other Brothers have also moved from the area. Dick "Tricky Dick" Ulrich and Captive Karlene are now up the coast in Port Orange and Henri "Le Navigateur" Rossillin have taken up residence in Portugal.

Brother Brian "McGuyver" Schmitz and Susan are in the process of moving to St. Petersburg, although Brian will continue to work here and commute to the West Coast weekends.

Despite our diminished numbers, however, we continue to be active.

In February we hosted past National Captain Scott Ripley and Michele at the Pirate Republic as they stopped over at Bahia Mar enroute to the Bahamas aboard Orza.

In March, Brother Frank Sessions and Mary returned to Ft. Lauderdale for a brief visit prompting an emergency Tip-a-few at Catfish Deweys.

Another emergency get together was called for in early April when Sam and Carol Morgan sailed into town on their way to the Keys.

Lastly, Captain Dave and Captive Miriam just returned from the TexZaf 2019 in San Antonio where about 100 Brothers and Captives (including a large contingent from Chile) had a most excellent weekend of boucans, a parade and sightseeing.

Houston

Captain: John "Sky King" Baker

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The Houston table is alive and well. Our boating activities have been slowed a bit by the weather. We have had a very wet Winter and Spring down here and when it has not been raining, it has been terrible Windy. One of the things we managed to pull off was to have a planning meeting that allowed us to outline all of this years activities. We do have an exciting Spring and Summer coming up. A nice little touch we added was to have a "Sundowners" Happy Hour on the Pirates' Porch the first Friday of every month. So far they have been a hit and well attended. We have boat trips planned for the normal holidays as well as some in between. So we are just spooling up from a crappy Winter but are looking forward to fellowship on the seas coming up!!!



The San Antonio Table hosted the TexZaf this year in late April. They did an excellent job and the turnout was great. There were numerous tables from all of the country and many attendees from the San Antonio, Chile table. We had the pleasure of witnessing the advancement of two "Beachcombers" (our version of Engagé) and the related ceremony that goes along with it. A BIG ORZA to the San Antonio table for doing such a great job and for making the Triangle of the Texas Tables proud!!!

In closing, we do have 3-4 pasajeros that we hope to advance to Engagé in the near future. We are still doing our best to keep the Houston Table thriving.

Capt. John Baker
Sky King

New York

Captain: Jane "Jungle Jane" Protzman
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60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Park Lane Hotel, Lunch cruise around Manhattan, 9/11 Memorial
Museum, Brasserie 8 1/2, Tuscan Steakhouse!

So, come to New York and take a bite out of the Big Apple. August
16-18, 2019



Go Green Zafarrancho!

Sunday, March 17



Note: only 3 attendees wore green, so much for following instructions.

We gathered at JungleJane's cottage on City Island for a sumptuous brunch followed by a business meeting planning for the August USA Captains' Assembly.

April Fool Zaf

April 1, 2019



This is the Brotherhood's New York Table Rowing Team just finishing a competition in the waters off of City Island. *

Cinco de Mayo Zaf, Second Annual

May 5, 2019

Brothers of the New York Table gathered again this year at the home of Stewart "The Emperor" and Leslie Napoleon. All manner of brews was available and sampled freely. Good food, copious quantities of "liquid" to wash it down and great camaraderie. Pirates and mates were reluctant to leave such good conversation. And at the same time, we continued planning for the USA Captains' Meeting in August. Volunteers stepped up, or were shanghaied, by JJ for the tasks defined by our committee.



Pillaging, Plundering and Foraging



The two basic food groups served, Leslie's NY-Mex and chips and Elaine's Tres Leches Cake

New York Brothers and Mates go International



Captain Peter and Gail Smith, Colin and Joan Tickell, Rod and Cathy Gault, Michael and Suzie Mekilarian, Amos and Lucians Dellacorte entertain New York Brothers



Marie and the Roos

Chris Nitzsche "Tick Tock", Marie Genteale, Stewart Napoleon "The Emperor" and Leslie Napoleon, Big Ship cruised in Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand in February. While in Sydney, they were welcomed by its Table. Brother's Peter and Colin and their mates acted as guides to "Featherdale", wildlife park featuring animals and birds of Australia and to the Blue Mountains, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Following the tours, a Zaf was held at the home of Rod and Cathy Gault. Gifts and pins were exchanged. The evening was topped off with a visit to the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia with the Smiths and John Keelty, a Brother who is a captain at CYCA. He is an offshore yacht master of the annual Sydney-Hobart Race. He has participated in over 50 races. Our Sydney Brothers were delightfully welcoming. Peter Smith sent these photos with the message, "They were in reasonable condition when they boarded the ship from Sydney".

Quentin "The Welshman" and Caline Thomas wrote about their meeting Brothers in the Abacos. They had a chance meeting with a fellow French - Swiss man, aboard a ferry - Caline asked him if he had heard of the Brotherhood of the Coast - not only had he heard of the Brotherhood but the Captain was a close friend. "We invited Per "The Swede", Captain of the Abaco Table on Man O War Key, and his Captive Anne-Charlotte

aboard our boat *Magic*. We shared interesting conversation along with two fine bottles of Rose which they had brought aboard. Afterwards we joined them for dinner and introduced them to our traveling companions on their vessel *Allegretta*. We all enjoyed the evening immensely”.

Note: Caline Thomas is the daughter of René Fiechter #51. He is credited with expanding the USA Brotherhood to what we see today. June 19, 2019 is the 10th anniversary of René’s final voyage.

Looking forward to hosting the National Zaf and Annual Assembly of Captains August 16-18, 2019 in the heart of New York City. Concurrently we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the New York Table and that of the USA Brotherhood, November 1959.

Respectfully submitted with editorial assistance from Marie Genteale.
JungleJane



*April Fool!

Actually, it is the Fordham University Rowing Team which trains in the water near JungleJane’s home.



Sailing Capital

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We've been pretty active here in Annapolis. In January, Carlos (*Toad*) and Mate Danielle hosted our annual Holiday gathering. In February we again did "Surf & Turf" at Pussers and in April we held a TAF with burgers and booze at Ramzi's (*Rambo*) house.



Front L-R David Jacks (*Prospect*), Danielle Jauregui, Carlos, Mattigan (*Wookie*) and mate Betsy; Back L – R merf (*Salty Dog*), Ramzi (*Rambo*), Chris (*Wanderer*), Ken (*Lazyjacks*), Krisy and Engage' Dave Tralick, Michael Lehmkuhl (*Ron Rico*), and Steve (*Zusdog*)

Our wayward Brother Lee (*Chessie*) and Mate Catherine now live in Saint Augustine. St A has great access to the Big A-Oh, ICW and is just off I-95. Brothers transiting the area are welcome to good moorings and marina facilities as well as camaraderie of three brothers living in the area. Ed Krumeich knows the area well.... O.C. *Whites* is a favorite water hole.

The McM's have made good use of "No Tell Motel" (NTM). Visitors included Mattigan, Jim and Linda Bailey, Preston and Sherry Carroway, Al and Cynde Redfield and Bob and Kathy Sweeney. Lee and Catherine made it to Little Pirates Christmas in Bradenton then across to for a TAF hosted aboard *ORZA* and hooking up with Gary Johnson.

Wellllll! Carlos and merf decided they had to check out our Sailing Capital embassy! So they did a land cruise to Florida for a wonderful visit and TAF at the McM's. Two NY Brothers and Mates Ed and Barb Krumeich and Paul and Dawn Grudelis joined in the fun.

One of the traditions in Annapolis is the “Burning of the Socks” on the Vernal Equinox. The event dates from 1980 at an Annapolis boat yard when a local “BN” (anyone who works on boats) opened a beer, put his socks in a paint tray, doused them with lighter fluid and burned the nasty suckers. Welcome Spring! The tradition then moved to Eastport YC and has since spread around the Bay. We did the 2019 deed at merf’s Shed (his “Place of No Ambition”).



L-R Carlos, Dave Trawick, Steve, Chris, merf and Mattigan

No more socks until the Autumnal Equinox!

A spur of the moment highlight was a tour of the Tall Ship Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle* at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay. It was a super event hosted by Dave Twalick, an active duty Coastie. He arranged a two plus hour look-see of practically all areas of the barque, except (happily) going aloft.



L-R two others on the tour, Ramzi, Chris, Ken, Carlos, Dave, David Jacks, and Mattigan and a young lady also on the tour

San Antonio

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Purser: David “Pilgrim” Overpeck

TexZaf 2019

San Antonio

San Antonio continues to find winning combinations with the newly expanded TexZaf 2019 held Friday, April 26th through Monday, April 29th. 108 Brothers, Engages, Bichicumas (more on that later), Captives and guests took part in 4 days of scheduled activities (which spread to six days in some cases). Those attending included 15 from Nao San Antonio Chile, two from France and attendees from 9 of the 12 US Tables.

Activities began Wednesday before the Zaf with the arrival of the 15 Chileans. They came to the US two weeks prior, flying to New York to begin a sightseeing jaunt that took them by car(s) through Philadelphia, Washington DC, Alabama and New Orleans. All out of country guest were billeted with Brothers so a quiet(?) evening was planned for that night, NOT.

Most attendees arrived Thursday staying in the “official” Zaf Hotel (Hampton Inn Northwood) or other local destinations. Two “Meet and Greet” get-togethers were offered, one at Canyon Lake at the home of Mary Laxson and the other at the San Antonio home of Monty “Python” and Audrey Rogers. But focus was on what was to come.



Six 15 passenger vans picked up attendees and traveled the hour drive to Bandera, Texas (Cowboy Capital of the World) and the 48 acre hilltop ranch of Brother Bob “Stogie” Wills. The Texas Experience were centered at the Blue Wildebeest Saloon and The Hanger. After check-in to collect “goody” bags and a commemorative Trevis mug provided by Bob, the day’s events began. Activities included various yard games, target practice with 22’s and live ammo, a BB gun target competition, Treasure Hunt and tours of the ranch by foot or 4 wheeler.



Entertainment was also pure Texan with a demonstration of trick roping by Kevin Fitzpatrick and his trusty steed "Romeo". His show included roping stunts both on horseback and on the ground, some including help from Captives from the crowd.



Following that the Texas Experience continued with the music of the "Almost Patsy Cline" Band. Their music brought out the best in Texas Two Step and line dancing. They even assisted Corpus Christi Brother Joe "Oasis" Seburn with a round or two of "Name That Tune"

A group like this need fortification so plenty of adult beverages were available along with some Texas bar-b-que from a local smokehouse.

With memories of the beautiful Texas Hill Country, everyone headed back to their respective hammocks to prepare for the following day...

...Starting with a parade. The San Antonio Table once again pulled their trusty but well-worn pirate ship out of mothballs for the annual King Williams Fair Parade. About 80 soles showed up for breakfast

tacos and bloody Marias. All were in their very best pirate kit to walk the parade route through the historic King William area of downtown passing out booty (Mardi Gras beads). The kids (both young and old) loved our pirates and the cry for “BEADS” filled the air.



Afterward the parade goes descended on “Tycoon Flats” for nachos, burgers and (of course) adult beverages.

Saturday night once again found our group at the hill-top Big Barn of Craig “Marquis de Sade” and Cheryl Wright. The vistas from the barn are always breathtaking and as the night wore on everyone realized what a special night it was. Music was once again provided by John Marquette so dancing was the order of the day.



Dinner that night was to be fajitas and all that go with them, catered by a local Mexican food restaurant. Once again, a full bar could be found so your adult beverage could be enjoyed under the star filled sky.

San Antonio Table Captain Monty “Python” Rogers started the formal presentations by showing the “Flaming O” award that was being retired due to its fragile condition. In its place a new “Flaming O” was created to recognize and commend the ongoing efforts and service to The San Antonio Table. This year’s recipient is Craig “Marquis de Sade” Wright for his years of service to The Table and yearly dedication to this event (and the preceding Trailer Trash). A huge THANKS and a big ORZA to Craig.

Special recognition awards were also made to Carlos “Esparanto” Gomez, Capitan of Nao San Antonio Chile Table. In keeping with the theme, Carlos plaque included a real western spur attached to it.

A plaque was also presented to BOCUS Captain Rick “Pescador” Hoekstra. Rick’s presentation plaque included a child’s cowboy boot converted to a pen holder.

The Chilean Capitan in turn presented gifts to Rick and Monty along with gifts to Houston Table Captain John “Sky King” Baker and Corpus Christi Captain Bob “Walrus” Weber.



The US Brothers and Captives in attendance were treated and honored to watch the Chileans take center stage as they elevated two attending Bichicumas (equivalent to a US Pasaharo) to Machacho (much like our Engage).



About half stayed for the third day of activities, boarded a tour bus and headed north for more of the Texas Hill Country. First stop was the Hye Meadows Winery for tastings and lunch in their beautiful back yard. Next stop was the Texas White House and the LBJ Ranch, home of President Lyndon Johnson. After a bus drive around part of the working ranch, the group took in displays of the Presidential Air Force ½, a smaller version of Air Force 1 which allowed landings on the mile long runway at the LBJ Ranch.



Next stop was the Alstadt Brewery where the group sampled German influenced beer and viewed their beautiful building and grounds. Final stop for the day trip was the Alamo Springs Café, a local “joint” featuring killer burgers and a down home atmosphere. Help yourself to the coolers for your favorite beverage, just tell them later what you got.





Those wanting one day more gathered downtown at the Mexican Marketplace for breakfast at MiTierra Café.



After breakfast and some shopping, it was to the heart of San Antonio and the number one attraction in the state, The Alamo. All toured the grounds and we managed a group shot in front of the historic chapel walls.



Next down to the San Antonio River as we climbed aboard the famed river barges for a tour of the downtown Riverwalk. Off the boats and a short hike to the Tower of the Americas for a view of the city from 750 feet above. Just the right place to have some snacks and (adult) beverages to quench our thirsts.

Two days later our Chilean guests boarded their flights to return home with plans already brewing for a trek to Chile in late 2020.

Watch out for TexZaf 2020, hosted by the Houston.

Hungry for more photos of TexZaf 2019, check out these web links provided by Audrey Rogers:

Thursday Meet & Greet

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-gcJKNS>

Friday in Bandera

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-q27Mk6>

Saturday King William Fair Parade

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-GXJ9Bj>

Saturday lunch at Tycoon Flats

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-P9pb5S>

Saturday at the Barn

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-MH27F5>

Sunday Burs Tour of Texas Wine Country

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-TBPRNt>

Monday Tour of downtown San Antonio

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-JpRZJt>

Upcoming Activities:

June 29 – Shrimpfest at the Vineyard – Patty McNeil’s home

July 20 – Pool Party – Greenspring Valley Pool – Rogers’

August 16-18 – National Captain’s meeting – New York

September (Date TBA) – Dinner with Charles and Marsha – Hankins’ home

October 12 – Weinfest at David and Sissi’s home

November 9 – Game night – Sasser’s Barn

December 21 – Cowboy Christmas Party – Wright’s Barn

Throughout the summer, impromptu raft-ups on Canyon Lake

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

Savannah

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Remembering Albert

By Gary Johnson
"Swedish Navigator"



Where does one start in trying to describe Albert's life? It was so overwhelming. He was so many things to so many people. His life was like creating a movie. His dreams were big and full of fantasy like only Hollywood can produce. And then he produced those dreams. How many people actually go to Norway and buy a 108' Barquentine built in 1898 with plans to sail the world wherever it takes you? There were so many highlights in his rich life. I will try to describe just a few that I know of from the 40 years I have known him.

After completing an art education in Germany where he was born and grew up during and after the War he moved to Canada and started an advertising business and a family. He had 2 daughters, Pia and Patricia and 2 sons, Marc and David. He also began building a wooden boat to take his family sailing. The "ILLAHEE" was a 40' ketch which is still sailing in California today. There were many adventures including surviving a tsunami on the Mexican coast. They were boarded by pirates who took everything of value. Along the way Albert met a competent seaman and fellow German he took on as crew that became a longtime friend and partner named Gerhard.

Eventually he took his 2 sons to Norway and together with Gerhard bought the Barquentine which he named "BARBA NEGRA". They began a 2 year restoration while Marc and David started school. While touring seaports in northern Europe selling his artwork he met the love of his life, a Danish maiden named Alise. He left port with her as crew and caretaker of his 2 sons on board.

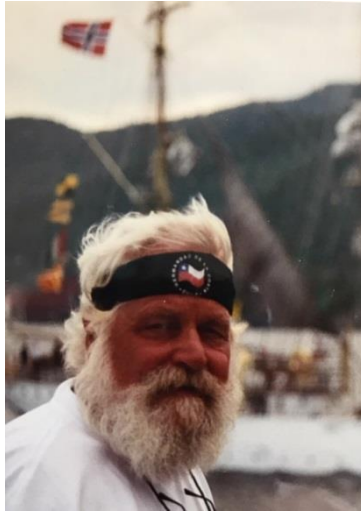


He crossed the Atlantic and was invited to lead the New York Tall Ship parade celebrating the American Bi-centennial as the oldest ship entered. Albert and Alise were married. They headed for the Caribbean, stopping in Bermuda to charter for a whale research project. Doing charters and movies in the Caribbean the ship eventually needed a new mast. They went into the forest and found a suitable timber, felled it, cured it and replaced the damaged mast.



They eventually returned to the US and settled on the historic waterfront in Savannah, Georgia where “*BARBA NEGRA*” became a tourist attraction and symbol of the city while Albert continued to display and sell his art work. He worked on wooden military boats under contract with the U S Navy and other renovation projects. He was a founder in the induction of the Savannah Table of the Brotherhood of the Coast serving as our first Captain.

brother David as Senior Officer “*STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL*” sails from Bergen across the to Norfolk every year on a Naval Academy Cadets. “The for Albert and Alise. Marc and Brotherhood Table of Bergen,



His 2 boys were now 16 and 15 and he sent them back to Norway for maritime training aboard “*CHRISTIAN RADICH*”, one of Norway’s tall ship training vessels and professional navigation school. Marc became the youngest tall ship Captain in the world at 32 with his on the 325’ Norwegian tall ship which they command today. The Ship Atlantic via Canary Islands and Bermuda training cruise for Norwegian Royal Boys” have been a great source of pride David have since founded the Norway.

Eventually they moved ashore to a historic townhouse in the historic district and another ongoing lifetime restoration project began on the townhouse.

Meanwhile Albert opened his art studio in the tourist center from which to better display his art and to work. He painted ships and seascapes, mermaids and mermen, local scenes and animals, jazz scenes and artists. Then he learned to play the saxophone.



Albert kept on dreaming. He became the iconic Scottish Drum Major leading the parades with the Pipe and Drum Corp of Savannah. At Christmas he became Santa Claus for the children. At Halloween he was a pirate and scared all the children. At Brotherhood zafs he was the Captain-General with his tall boots, cape and feathered tri-corn hats, but always the pirate.

Always the artist, not just in oils on canvas but in woodworking, metalworking, and the written word. He was a published author and a poet in his second language.

Albert and Alise have many longtime friends and acquaintances, several who previously served as crew aboard "*BARBA NEGRA*" and enjoyed and benefited from the experience. He was active in the Brotherhood traveling nationally and internationally he was the iconic pirate and was well known and popular everywhere he went. He was influential and co-sponsor in forming the Norway Table and the Bahamas Table. I am thankful he sponsored me into the Savannah Table.

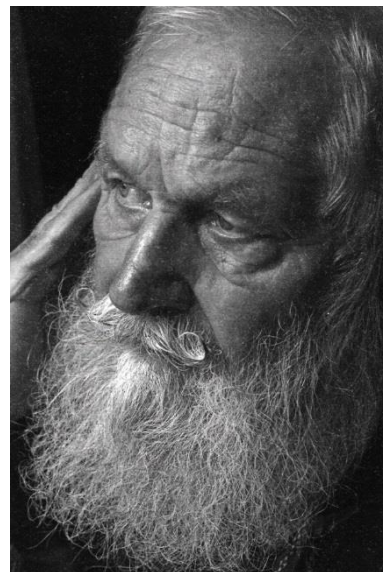
Albert's life was like an epic novel, full of never ending adventure and fantasy. It would take volumes to pen the highlights of his life. I knew him 40 years and still continued to hear of new adventures he told of that I had not heard before. He dreamed larger than anyone else and saw no limitations. He lived his life as if directing a Hollywood movie, always with a touch of fantasy.



The term "larger than life" was written to describe Albert's life. Our lives are all the richer just for having known him.

Though he has left us physically I will always feel his presence as a sincere friend and Brother.

ORZA! Gary



Sun Coast

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In March Tom and Jacky Radcliff sponsored a Tip-A-Few at Anna Maria Oyster House in Sarasota, FL. This is a well-known watering hole and great seafood restaurant with 5 or 6 locations in the area. It was well attended with 25 Brothers and Captives showing up. This was originally scheduled a week or so earlier but was delayed a week so Captain Virg (Phantom) Mellott could attend after his open heart valve replacement surgery way back on December 28th. It was a really nice get-together, especially for Captain Virg.

On April 1st we had reservations for a 1.5 hour cruise on a local paddle wheeler around the inland waterway off of Anna Maria Island, FL. The sailing was originally planned for a week earlier in late March but was delayed due to high winds in the area. We arrived only to find out the boat doesn't sail on a Monday!

After a few choice words we decided to go to a local eatery across the waterway. The Seafood Shack had a full menu of seafood delights to choose from and a great price on Rum Punch. We ended the evening well fed and "watered" in spite of our cancelled paddle wheel adventure.



Our April Tip-A Few was actually delayed a week since seven of us were attending the TexZaf in San Antonio. Below is a picture of those from our Table who attended the TexZaf. What a party it was with plenty to do and of course much to eat and drink. Read all about it on the San Antonio Article.

David and Toni Lyons hosted a bar-b-que at their beautiful water front home in Sarasota. Located within view of the Siesta Key bridge with their boat moored on a lift behind their house. We had a good attendance of 24 Brothers and Captives and enjoyed enough food to feed an Air force fighter squadron. David and Toni are heading north for the long, hot, humid Florida summer in just a couple of days.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club

Tripulación, cargar baterías...
BROTHERHOOD OF THE COAST
RAFTARRANCHO 2019
THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND SOLOMONS ISLAND TABLES
CONTINUE OUR RAFTARRANCHO TRADITION

The spirit and heritage of the Brotherhood first came to the historic Chesapeake region in 1998 when the Chesapeake Bay Table stood up in the Norfolk / Hampton Roads area. During one of those early summers, Brother Upwind (Peter Dennant) and Mate June took a week-long cruise within the Bay.

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In following years, they continued their summer vacation cruises in June (due to longer daylight hours) and often rendezvoused with Brothers and friends at locations on the Lower Bay.

As the Summer Solstice occurs in June, the annual outing became the Dennents' "Solstice Cruise."

Looking north, the Solomons Island Table became the second on the Bay in late 2007. Soon thereafter, the Chesapeake Bay and Solomons Island Brothers collaborated on a combined gathering. In June 2009, 11 Brotherhood "bottoms" (power and sail) moored alongside "Cruz" Ripley's magnificent "ORZA" in Mill Creek on Virginia's iconic Northern Neck. The final day of the

Solstice Cruise has now acquired the sobriquet "raftarrancho."



Mill Creek 2009

The next Raftarrancho rendezvous in Indian Creek (also on the Northern Neck) in June 2010 with 14 boats, dinghies, paddleboards, tubes, and the like. However, it became clear that the social (and most important) aspects required often moving between boats, climbing over lifelines, mooring lines, and across cockpits and cabin tops. In recent years, the Raftarrancho has become an "along-side" event, first at the Chesapeake Boat Basin in Kilmarnock, VA, and most recently, at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.



Indian Creek 2010

The Chesapeake Bay and Solomons Island Tables invite Brothers, Engages, Passajeros, Captives

and Mates to join us at the 2019 Raftarrancho planned for the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club on June 20- 22, 2019. For overland travelers - 362 Club Drive, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.
June 19th Raft-UP at Cedar Beach/Foxwells (Weather Dependant)

What to expect:

Most importantly, the company and camaraderie of Brothers, Captives, and Mates. A beautiful rural area beside the waters of the Chesapeake Bay / Indian Creek.

Gathering in the setting and comfort of your own boat or the boats of Brothers.

"Adult beverages" and dinner ashore Friday evening at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

Breakfast on Saturday morning, "Pot Luck on the Docks" before normal departure.

Access to other ICYCC amenities (pool, golf course, tennis courts, dining venues, bar). If moored at ICYCC for one night, a second night in your slip will be complimentary.

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Some specifics:

Slip reservations will be made by Brother Al "Gunner" Redfield, our POC for ICYCC. The particulars of your vessel are to be included on the registration form.

After mooring, boat captains should check in at the Pro Shop. Slip fees will be paid there.

Please pay your Raftarrancho registration fee upon arrival to Michele Ripley or to Gunner

Redfield. The Friday evening Dinner at Club House Grill Room is included in the Raftarrancho fee.

Friday evening: **Summer pirate dress**, Dinner and Cash Bar

Your registration form, boat information, and registration fee will cover all necessary bases.

Please see Registration Form Below.

Again, (as a minimum) request **boat information and attendees by 15 JUNE.**

If using ICYCC amenities, fees should be paid at the particular venue. Credit card or cash OK.

Club Amenities

Swimming Pool & Snack Bar

All guests are welcome to swim without charge.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday thru Sunday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.,
Pool attendants on duty.
Open Memorial Day through Labor Day

Snack Bar Window

Casual food with a limited menu

Club Dining Facilities

SkipJack Bar

Upscale casual dining and bar: Hours 11:30am-9:00pm
Tuesday – Sunday, closed Monday. No reservations required

Grill Room Hours of Operation

Lunch: Tuesday thru Sunday, 11:30-1:30

Dinner: Wednesday: 5:30-8:30

Friday and Saturday: 6:00-9:00

Dinner reservations are required and may be made by calling the Club Office at 804.435.1340.

Golf, Tennis and Pickleball

Indoor and outdoor tennis courts, indoor pickleball and 18 hole golf course and practice facilities.

To make reservations please call:

Golf Pro Shop: 804.435.3130

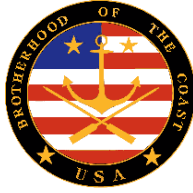
Tennis Pro Office: 804.435.2713

Dress Code

Guests are requested to dress appropriately for the function. Country club casual wear is requested in the clubhouse. No cut-offs, tank tops, men's shirts without a collar, gym clothes or running shorts. Appropriate golf and tennis attire are to be worn at all times when using these facilities.

Accommodations ashore - Kilmarnock Hotel & Suites (804)436-1500
Kilmarnock Inn (804)435-
0034 Back Inn Time B&B
(804)435-2348
Request a hammock in a Brothers Boat

Questions? Eric "Roux Ga Roux" Matherne (757)641-4517 Ph/Text or
ericm@mmdva.com Al "Gunner" Redfield - 703-217-8619 or
dauntless2@att.net
Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club - 804-435-1340



RAFTARRANCHO 2019 REGISTRATION

Brother / Engage' / Passajero _____
Captive / Mate _____
Table _____
Email _____
Phone / contact nbr () _____
Address Street _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____

Arriving by sea, your vessel: Name _____

Check one Power Sail

Length _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Shorepower: 1 or 2 connections Total amps _____

Arrival (date) _____ Departure _____

Arriving by land: Arrival (date) _____ Departure _____

Registration fee: **\$28.00 per person** Total: _____

Payable upon arrival to Michele Ripley or Gunner Redfield

EVENTS

Wed 19 June Raft-Up at Cedar Beach, mouth of Antipoison Creek. (Weather dependant)

Thur 20 June Early arrival (optional)
Dinner - Skip Jack Grill (On your Own)

Fri 21 June Arrival
1630: Cocktail & Induction of Solomons Table
Brother
either on the Docks or In Pavilion (**Summer Pirate Gear**)
1730: Cocktails at Club House Grill Room (Cash Bar)
1800: Dinner; Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork BBQ, Potato Salad, dessert.

Sat 22 June **0900:** Breakfast Pot Luck on the Docks Prepare Something to share.
Normal departure

Sun 23 June Optional departure

Submit Registration by June 15th to: email submittal preferred

Al Redfield 12625 Little Lane Lusby, MD 20657 dauntless2@att.neet
or Eric Matherne 111 High St. #404 Portsmouth VA 23704 ericm@mmdva.com



The Table of New York is honored to host the 2019 U.S. National Zafarrancho and Captains' Meeting, August 16 to 18, in New York City. We will also be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the New York Table and the U.S. Brotherhood! Our program has been developed to allow attendees to sample the best New York City has to offer and give them enough free time to explore sights on their own.

We have reserved a block of rooms for the nights of August 16 & 17 at the Park Lane New York, a 4-star luxury hotel located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan across from Central Park on 59th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, next door to the fabled Plaza Hotel. It is within walking distance of fabulous Fifth Avenue shopping (Cartier here we come!), Rockefeller Center and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Times Square, Lincoln Center and Broadway shows are easily reached by cab or subway. Executive Queen rooms are available at the discounted rate of \$255/night, with a few Executive Double rooms (two double beds) at the discounted rate of \$299/night. Rates include all taxes and fees. Included in this package is a Hospitality Reception at the hotel each evening 5 to 7 pm offering hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks. These rates are available two days before and after the Zaf, based on hotel availability. **In order to get this special package, all reservations must be made through the New York Table.** Since the room block is limited, rooms will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.



Friday Afternoon: There is nothing quite like messing around in boats! Seeing Manhattan from the water is one of those experiences that is hard to forget.



Optional Lunch Cruise. Bateaux New York's unique European-inspired, glass-enclosed dining vessel offers guests the most sophisticated way to see New York Harbor. You will enjoy a three-course lunch, unobstructed views, light narration highlighting the city's most iconic landmarks and a live pianist. Boarding at Chelsea Piers at 11:30 am. Cruise 12 to 2 pm. All taxes and fees are included. Dressy Casual Attire. **Cost: \$69/person plus cash bar.**

Friday 7 to 10 pm: Buffet Dinner in private dining room at Brasserie 8½, an upscale French brasserie located at 9 West 57th Street – a short walk from the hotel. There is a large bar with a generous open area for Brothers to linger after dinner. Two glasses of wine, beer or soft drinks per person are included with dinner as part of the Zaf cost. Dressy Casual Attire.



Saturday 8 to 11 am: National Captains' Meeting at Tuscany Steakhouse, 117 West 58th Street, one block from the Park Lane. Coffee and light breakfast will be served.

Saturday 2 pm: Optional visit to 9/11 Memorial & Museum. Who among us can forget the searing images of the World Trade Towers burning and collapsing on September 11th. Zaf attendees have the option to visit the National 9/11 Memorial & Museum, located within the original footprint of the North Tower, with images, recordings and artifacts from that day. The Museum provides intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning and recovery that are central to telling the story of the attacks and the aftermath. At the entrance to the Museum is the National 9/11 Memorial, twin reflecting pools which sit in the footprint of where the twin towers stood. The names of every person who died in the 2001 and 1993 attacks are inscribed into bronze panels edging the Memorial pools, a powerful reminder of the largest loss of life resulting from a foreign attack on American soil and the greatest single loss of rescue personnel in American history. This is not to be missed! **Cost: \$20/person.**



Saturday 7 to 12 pm: Dinner at Tuscany Steakhouse, 117 West 58th Street. The Tuscany features dry-aged steaks. Other dishes include daily-featured selections of fresh seafood, delicious appetizers and family-style sides. Brothers will select entrees from the menu. Dinner is included as part of the Zaf cost with a cash bar. Formal Brotherhood Dress.



Sunday 8 to 11 am: We invite you to join us for a Farewell Breakfast in the Park Lane Dining Room. **Cost: On your own.**



Total Zaf Cost: \$299/person

The Park Lane Hotel Package includes a Hospitality Reception each evening 5 to 7 pm, unlimited use of the Fitness Center, high-speed wireless Internet, all local, long distance and international calls, and complimentary luggage storage prior to 4 pm check in and after 12 noon check out. All taxes and fees are included in our package.



ZAF REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ **Brother** ____ **Engage** ____

Table: _____ **Attending Captains' Meeting:**
Yes ____ **No** ____

Email : _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Name of Mate/Guest: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

<u>Hotel Dates</u>	<u>One Queen Bed</u> <u>\$255/night</u>	<u>Two Double Beds</u> <u>\$299/night</u>
Wednesday, August 14	_____	_____
Thursday, August 15	_____	_____
Friday, August 16	_____	_____
Saturday, August 17	_____	_____
Sunday, August 18	_____	_____
Monday, August 19	_____	_____
Total Number of Hotel Nights:	_____	_____

Total Cost & Payment

Hotel: _____ nights at \$255/night = \$ _____
 _____ nights at \$299/night = \$ _____

Zaf Cost: _____ people at \$299/person = \$ _____

Lunch Cruise: _____ people at \$69/person = \$ _____

9/11 Memorial Visit: _____ people at \$20/person = \$ _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

25% deposit due by April 1, 2019 / Balance due by June 15, 2019

All payments are non-refundable. Any exceptions will be reviewed at the Captains' Meeting.

Hotel reservations must be made through the New York Table in order to get our special package.

Send Registration Form and check payable to **Brotherhood of the Coast, Table of NY Inc.** to:

Joe Citarella 18 Summit Road Riverside, CT 06878

If you have any questions please call Jane Protzman at 718-885-1517 or email janeprotzman@gmail.com. Due to space constraints the number of participants will be limited. We strongly encourage you to register as soon as possible to ensure your spot for this truly memorable Zaf.