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From the Helm



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

Tribute to a Great Brother

I've always said that you can tell if a man is a brother by simply watching him in a room full of people. The way he carries himself, the way he talks to people, the way people talk and look at him. A brother just stands out. Louis Adams was a first-class brother. He was a man's man. We were fortunate to have him in our fraternity for such an oh-so-short time. You knew when Louis entered a room and you felt his presence throughout the event. He had a gentle demeanor, but you knew not to cross him. He looked into your eyes and he listened to what you said. He always had a smile on his face. He was a gracious host that opened his home and heart to the Brotherhood. Louis Adams will be missed by the Brotherhood. Our prayers and thoughts go to his family and especially to his widow, Karen.

Orza on your final voyage, Captain Lost Louie!

Captain Cruz

Corpus Christi

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Since our last posting to the First Watch we lost our past Captain Lost Louie (Captain Louis Adams). He is greatly missed by Brothers worldwide.

We continued recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey. Some of our Brothers are still undergoing home repairs.

On lighter notes (whew): We've had three Boucans to plot and plan and enjoy the excellent weather we've been having.

In early March we met at Brother "Oasis" aka Joe Seburn's home. The planned Cinco de Mayo celebration was a success. Great food and fun. A piñata was attacked by several people before exploding into tatters. Joe's captive Sandy did an outstanding job.





In mid-July Captain "Walrus" hosted the Table. A short meeting was held, to discuss the upcoming Captains meeting and the issues which may come up and Margaritas and Señoritas. Followed by food and more adult beverages. A cutthroat game of "Left, Right Center" was launched by the captives. No injuries were reported. A birthday cake was presented to Brother "Bluewater" David May for his 86th celebration. The 'Happy Birthday' song and age insults followed.



The world-famous Margaritas and Señoritas event will once again be held on October 5-7. We hope to see everyone here. Contact us if you need information. You will find more information in the "Coming Attractions" area of the *First Watch*.

Houston

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Our season kicked off on St. Patrick's Day as we had a big party. We had a martini party at the Pirate's Porch and it was obvious everyone was ready to be outside and in the elements. Our turn out was in the 50 – 60 people range.

We have done numerous cruises on boats throughout the year. Highlights would be the Easter Cruise to Galveston as well as the Outlaw Challenge cruise to Harborwalk Marina a few miles west of Galveston on the ICW. Mid-June saw our Annual "Boats Boom and BBQ" ZAF. We had an excellent turnout of in the neighborhood of 60 Brothers and Captives. We are considering making this a biannual event or considering having a "Texas ZAF" where each Texas table takes a turn every year. These are just some thoughts and ideas being bounced around.

While we have no Engages at the current time, we do however believe we have a decent crop of Pasajeros we are considering. Next meeting is in a week and we will be discussing moving some of those up to Engages very soon. The Houston Table is alive and well and hopefully it will continue to thrive.

John Baker, "Sky King"
Captain,
BOC Houston Table

New York

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Cinco de Mayo plus One Zaf
May 6, 2018



In May, Brothers of the New York Table gathered at the home of Engage Stewart Napoleon and his Leslie. The day's event was the celebration of the opening of a New Summer Season coinciding with a Cinco de Mayo Party. Of course, this was May 6, so it was "Cinco de Mayo, plus ONE. Brothers do not miss a Party. Captives and Brothers had a good Pirate time. Pillaging, Plundering and Foraging was easy. The table, spread with comestibles, even some from South of the Border was full. All manner of brews was available and sampled freely. Leslie put on a brisket feast. Good food, copious quantities of "liquid" to wash it down and great camaraderie. Pirates and mates were reluctant to leave such a good Plunder.



Brothers in Jail??



“Shall we let them out?”

Third Annual Clam Zaf June 19, 2018

The Joe's selected the perfect day for this year's Clam Zaf on the beach in Greenwich. More freshly harvested clams than 16 of us could consume. To say nothing of the extreme spread of salads, vegetables, brownies and many bottles of wine. We started setting up at 1 pm and having such a good time didn't leave until 6 pm. Relaxing, listening and dancing to fine sea chanteys played by our resident musicians, Lenny, accompanied by Donna and Rick Nester. Since this has become a special event several regular attendees were unable to join us at somewhat late notice. But we enjoyed the company of Engage Stewart and Leslie and our Passajero Viktor Samuelsson.



“Sparks”, Clam Master



Dancing with the Stars



Lenny, Rick and Donna

Oyster Bay Zaf July 20, 2018



“It’s five o’clock somewhere”



“Natanya”



“Maybe it’s ten o’clock somewhere”

This On The Water Zaf was hurriedly organized by the Boat Owning Brothers (BOB’s) to go to their favorite cove in Oyster Bay Harbor. The boats were *Kocka* with Lennie and Elaine on board; *Sojourner* with Robert; *Natanya* with Kevin, Cecile and Jossi; and *Pearl* with Joe H, Maureen, and Laura Lynn.

The New York Table had a Brother, his wife and an Active Captive attend the Zaf in Travemunde in May.

On August 4 the City Island community honored Jay Howard #101 with the dedication of the Jay Howard Garden at the entrance to the City Island Community Center where Jay was a commanding presence for over thirty years. Twelve New York Brothers attended.

On August 8-9 we entertained Brother Til Kleinstauber, #46 of the Düsseldorf Table, The plan was to sail Robert's *Sojourn* on the 8th followed by a Zaf/Barbacoa on the 9th at Robert's home in Port Washington. Spare ribs and other American specialties were on the menu.

Respectfully submitted,
Jungle Jane and Able Assistant Leslie Napoleon



San Antonio

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Purser: Dick "Tricky Dick" Eckerman

At a recent meeting of the San Antonio Table an earlier than usual election of The Table's next Captain was held and The Table decided to dig into the pile of old retreads and call on one of its former Captains to take another tour. Monty "Python" Rogers was selected to serve San Antonio again for the third time (maybe he'll get it right this time). Captain Charles "Oso" Hankins will continue to serve until the end of the year.

It's Back

In a case to history repeating itself, the Captains of the Triangle of Texas Tables (San Antonio, Houston and Corpus Christi) have decided to bring out of retirement The TexZaf. Ten or twenty years ago (when there were only two Texas tables) a major "in State" Zaf rotated yearly between San Antonio and Houston. This concept will begin again with TexZaf 2019/San Antonio. The event will replace Trailer Trash but will have many of the same features but with a few new wrinkles. Look for more about TexZaf 2019 in this section and in the "Coming Attractions" area.

TexZaf 2020 will be held by the Houston table and TexZaf 2021 will be hosted by Corpus Christi.

TexZaf 2019 - A Texas Experience

Mark your calendar, book your flight, hitch up the buckboard and get ready for A Texas Experience at TexZaf 2019. San Antonio will host the new(newly modified) event on April 26-28...that's a full three day event, so plan on arriving for activities beginning early. Either Thursday, April 25th or early in the day of Friday, April 26th.

Activities begin Friday, April 26, 2019 in Bandera, "**Cowboy Capital of the World**". Tour the town and enjoy this quaint village, lunch, shop and then venture a few miles out of town to the hill-top ranch of Brother Bob "Stogie" Wills. Bob has fun afternoon planned filled with Texas games, activities and everything to pique your Texas Experience.

As evening rolls around live music from “*The Roughriders*” will please your ears and their combination of old style cowboy music and western swing will draw you to the dance floor. Dinner will have more flavors of Texas and it all will be washed down from the open bar.

Saturday morning will find us at a familiar place...the historic King William area of downtown San Antonio for the King William Parade. Sporting our pirate “kits” we will march the parade route passing out Mardi Gras beads alongside San Antonio’s “ORZA”, the trailer version of a rolling pirate ship.

Lunch at a local eatery and then prepare for our TexZaf Saturday night party, complete with live music from John Marquette with his combination of country, rock and Buffett. Your Texas Experience continues with a San Antonio flare with dinner of fajitas with all the trimmings. Did I mention an open-bar?.

Sunday begins with the Adios Breakfast at the Rogers’ with egg casseroles, breads, chipped beef on biscuits, fruit, local grilled link sausage and endless coffee, Bloody Marias and Mimosas. Those who can stay can spend the rest of Sunday relaxing or sight-seeing.

Monday, yes Monday. A fourth day of sight-seeing (at your own expense) is available with two programs offered. One option would be a tour of several wineries located close-by in the Texas Hill Country for tours and tastings. This group would be led by the San Antonio Brotherhood’s own oenologists and grape growers, The McNeil’s.

The second option is led by the Rogers and it lets you play Joe Tourist for a day. Breakfast downtown at the Mi Tierra Restaurant, shop the El Mercado, drive to historic The Pearl (as in Pearl Brewing Co.) to board the river taxi to travel the San Antonio River to the downtown Riverwalk area. We’ll disembark and walk to the Alamo to tour the “Cradle of Texas Independence. By now we might be thirsty so we’ll stop at the bar at the old Menger Hotel to get a wet one, the same as Teddy Roosevelt did when he was recruiting the “Rough Riders” of Spanish-American War fame. Once fortified we will walk to the Tower of the America’s, spend time at its bar and observation deck for a 360 degree look at the city from 750 feet above the city.

Back to the river and our river taxi to return to The Pearl. The remaining afternoon will be spent at several of the historic Spanish Missions (recently named to the list of World Heritage sites).

TexZaf 2019 in San Antonio is jam-packed with activities with a diverse selection of events to give you the best bang for your buck. See ya there, yee-haw.

Upcoming Activities:

October 5-7 - We're going to Corpus Christi's Margaritas and Senoritas

October 21 – Winefest @ David Overpeck and Sissi Lewis's

November 11 – Miss Kitty's House of Ill Repute and Saloon at Lil' Wayne McNeil and Laurie's in Bandera

December 16 – 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

Sun Coast Sun Coast

Captain: Virg "Phantom" Mellott
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In April, Steve and Jean Herb hosted our monthly Happy Hour and Tip-A-Few at Linger Lodge. This venue is an "old Florida" restaurant and bar in the woods on the very small, but navigable Braden River. They have recently remodeled and cleaned up the grounds with new ownership by an Australian couple. They provided a nice screened room overlooking the property. Everyone enjoyed the food and drink and getting together for what was to be the first of two events during the month of April.

The Sun Coast Table held its annual picnic a few days early to accommodate those who abandon Florida's beautiful weather to head north to more pleasant temperatures during the summer months. Most of those who head north actually stay for upwards to 6 months, so we won't see them again until last October or early November.

On April 28th, in breaking from tradition of holding our picnic in early May at a beach park on Anna Maria Island, Brother Roger Meyer and Captive Judy Meyer agreed to let us attempt to destroy their beautiful home, yard and patio on the banks of the mighty Manatee River in Bradenton, FL. Much food and drink were consumed while enjoying a chamber of commerce day of sunshine, a nice breeze coming off the water and pleasant temperatures. We held our second lawn hydro races along a stretch of freshly cut St. Augustine grass. The winners were Brother Tom Radcliff racing Captain Virg Mellott's astonishingly fast boat, and in our powder puff division, Jo Gaus, who came from behind after saving her boat with a well-orchestrated barrel roll, putting her in the lead just short of the finish line! A fun time was had by all 34 of the participants, with enough food to feed at least twice that many. Dan Sagan and his committee did a superb job of planning and making the event a success.

May brought us to the River House Restaurant on the mighty Manatee River in Bradenton, FL. We had a good showing with about 27 of us and a couple of guests attending. Not bad for this time of year when so many go north to avoid the humid, hot Florida temperatures.

Not really much to report this quarter since many have headed north and it seems little or no pictures were taken.

ORZA

Virg "Phantom" Mellott



COMING ATTRACTIONS



OFFICIAL PIRATEY INVITATION !!!!

OCTOBER 5-7, 2018

*It's that time of year again
Dust off your pirate gear and swords for*

**THE INFAMOUS
MARGARITAS AND SEÑORITAS PARTY**

HOSTED BY THE CORPUS CHRISTI BOC

*Once again there will be rum, amazing events, rum, food,
rum, drink, rum, live music & dancing, rum, and maybe
feats of daring,
and rum. Arrgg,
Oh yes, plus Margaritas*

Attached: Registration Form, Event Details, Treasure Map

Brotherhood of the Coast
Corpus Christi Table

Margaritas and Señoritas Registration Form
October 5-7, 2018

Dear Brothers and Captives,

We are looking forward to your attendance at our Margaritas & Senoritas Party on the weekend of October 5th, 6th and 7th, 2018. Lodging and docks will be available with local brothers on a first-come first-serve basis.

We plan to have slips reserved at Red Fish Bay Boathouse and Marina.

We have room rates at the Fairfield Inn 2679 Business, TX-35, Aransas Pass at \$104.

Call the Main Desk (361) 226-3939 Code: BOC.

Contact Bob Weber (Brother Walrus) for additional questions concerning berths -

Email: rsddw485@gmail.com

Cell (Bob) 361-790-3227

Cell (DeeDee) 361-790-3217

Transportation from the airport will be available for all out-of-town guests.

ORZA!!!

Bob Weber / Walrus

Captain

Corpus Christi Table

Brotherhood of the Coast
Corpus Christi Table

Margaritas and Señoritas Registration Form
October 5-7, 201

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2016

Please enclose this registration form along with your check made payable to:

Bob Weber
123 Sea Mist Dr.
Aransas Pass, TX 78336

Cost: \$100.00 per person includes all Margarita & Senorita events.

Brother's Name: _____

Captive's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

If bringing a boat: Name: _____ Length: _____

T-Shirt Size - Mens: _____ Ladies: _____



**BOC Sun Coast Table
2018 Little Pirates Christmas Zaf
December 7th-9th
Tariff: \$145 Per Person**

Ahoy brothers, captives and friends of the Brotherhood of the Coast. The Sun Coast Table invites you to attend our 29th Annual Little Pirates Christmas Zaf in the sub-tropical climes of Sarasota/Bradenton Florida.

This party continues to be *the longest running annual Zaf in the US*. By now we think we have gotten it right. Practice makes perfect!

Note that this is a casual Zaf from beginning to end. The emphasis is on comradery and comfort, not formality. So make preparations for getting underway and lay in a course for Sarasota/Bradenton to join in the holiday festivities. Bask in the warm December sun of southwest Florida to escape old man winter, and celebrate the ushering in of the holiday season in authentic Brotherhood fashion!

**Friday, December 7th, 6-10PM – North River Estates
Clubhouse, 7001 36th St., E. Ellenton, FL 34222 – Pirate Rig
Battle Dress**

Our opening party will be held at the clubhouse of North River Estates in Ellenton, FL. This new venue can accommodate 100 thirsty buccaneers and their mates. This will be a casual affair and we encourage you to dress like a pirate!!!



We will feature an open bar with all manner of libations. The catered food will be plentiful and tasty. Music will be provided by the group Sundown. Alex and Mary Lu Kinlaw have been serenading the participants of the Little Pirates Christmas since 2006 with mounds of sounds.



There will be the usual broadsides and comradery that will bring a broad smile to your face, and a warm feeling to your innards (which is probably due to a surfeit of rum!).

Saturday, Dec. 8th – 12-3pm - A Pirate Picnic (weather permitting)
will be held at 2021 72nd Street NW, Bradenton FL 34209

The backyard of Brother Blind Mouth (aka Roger Meyer) and his captive Judy (on the mighty Manatee River) will be the location of the Saturday afternoon ultra-casual picnic party. We tested this locale out on April 28th with a Tip-a-Few gathering and all attendees pronounced it worthy of inclusion in the Little Pirate Christmas line-up for 2018.



We'll have a grill out with some type of deceased mammal involved, an open bar, and a lawn hydro boat race is reportedly in the offing (kind of like shuffleboard on grass with model boats).



This mid-day soiree should loosen you up, wipe away the cobwebs from the previous evening's debauchery, and prep you for the Saturday night event.

Saturday, December 8th, 6-10PM – Arte Cafe, 930 12th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205

Another new venue for our 2018 party, and another very casual dress event (Have you noticed a trend here? No ties, blazers, evening gowns, tiaras, etc. needed for this Zaf.). Arte Café is a jewel of a bistro located in downtown Bradenton's Village of the Arts. It is a local favorite and we are sure you'll understand why after experiencing the food.

This will be an al fresco buffet style Italian cuisine bonanza of homemade comestibles by the estimable chef/owner Remo Mobelli and his wife Meredith.



Besides an all-you-can-eat Italian buffet, consisting of bountiful appetizers, a main course of pastas and proteins, and scrumptious homemade desserts (tiramisu and cannolis), we will be offering fine vino (both red and white) to complement the meal. This wine is estate grown and bottled in Italy. The Maciarelli Montepulciano de' Abruzzo will satisfy all red wine aficionados, while our Pinot Grigio from the same producer will serve to sate white wine lovers. We'll be partying hearty, and you are encouraged to leave your diets at the door. Mangia!!!!



Sunday: December 9th, 10am-Noon: Farewell Brunch at Peridia Country Club, 4950 Peridia Boulevard, Bradenton, FL



The Zaf will conclude with our usual wonderful Sunday Brunch event.

The casual, yet sophisticated Peridia Golf & Country Club offers an outstanding brunch buffet that will guarantee you do not leave the Sun Coast hungry. Note that this is a country club, so we ask the men to wear collared shirts, and the women to dress club casual.

Peridia features a robust, fully found buffet featuring omelet station, chef's carving station, Belgian waffles, salad bar, fresh fruit, rolls and bread, cheese blintzes, and includes coffee, tea, iced tea, orange juice, and champagne punch.

Partake to your heart's (and stomach's) delight, and wish your brethren a happy holiday season as we bid goodbye to another Sun Coast Brotherhood Little Pirates Christmas event, and to 2018.

Accommodations

We have berths available for out-of-town brothers on a first come, first served basis. If you are planning to participate, please immediately email or call The Crab (aka brother John D'Alusio) at jdalusio@gmail.com (cell phone 941-209-8873) and advise what you need (single or double). He will do everything possible to find you a berth at the home of a Sun Coast brother. If we run out of berths, he will recommend a centrally located hotel.

Summary

Four events, three open bars, and millions of calories! Such a deal!!!!

Now you know the details, the places, the events and the cost, so steer a course for Sarasota/Bradenton and take part in the **2018 Annual Little Pirates Christmas Zaf**. We hope to see you here for the party!!!! The registration form is below.



Registration Form for 2018 Sun Coast Table 29th Annual Little
Pirates Christmas Zaf - December 7th-9th Sarasota/Bradenton
FL

Name: _____

Address: _____

Table: _____

Status (brother, captive, engage, guest): _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Name of Captive/Guest: _____

Do you need accommodations at a Brother's Home?: _____

Arrival Date and Time: _____

Departure Date and Time: _____

Cost of Zaf per person: \$145

Make your checks out to John D'Alusio (aka The Crab), and send your registration form with payment to him at 12074 Forest Park Circle, Bradenton, FL 34211

Please send your check no later than November 1st, 2018 (or we'll keel haul your scurvy visage).

TEX ZAF 2019
April 25-29, 2019.

Thangs in Texas are a "changin' up, Padnah! Git yur spurs on!

The Tex Zaf will be in April, 2019 in San Antonio. Each year one of the three Texas Tables will be hosting a gathering for all to enjoy.

Guests should arrive on Thursday, April 25, 2019, and settle in with their hosts. Out of Country and out of State guests will have first available housing with SA Brothers and Captives. Group hotel arrangements will be available for our other travelers.

≈Friday, April 26th - Experience Texas in Bandera. Breakfast with hosts and then you will be transported to Bandera (about an hour West of SA) where you will experience the Cowboy Capital of the World. Shop and tour downtown Bandera. Have lunch at OST - Old Spanish Trail or another restaurant and maybe an adult beverage at Arkey Blues Bar on your own.

In the afternoon we will travel just up the road to the beautiful Texas ranch of Brother Bob Wills for an afternoon of pure Texas. You may experience a game of horseshoes, try your best to rope a steer (probably not a live steer), or target shoot with BB Guns. We won't divulge all events this early. Barbecue dinner, adult beverages, western music and dancing to complete the day. Depending on the number of guests, transportation will be provided from the hotel.

≈Saturday, April 27th - Early, you will don your Pirate finest and gather in downtown San Antonio in the old King William area for the annual King William Fair Parade. Some local breakfast tacos and beverages are expected to once again fortify our group. San Antonio's Pirate ship "Orza" will sail in the parade and we will hand out our Mardi Gras beads and entertain those along the parade route. Afterwards, we will stop at a local "establishment" for food and refreshment. Lunch on your own.

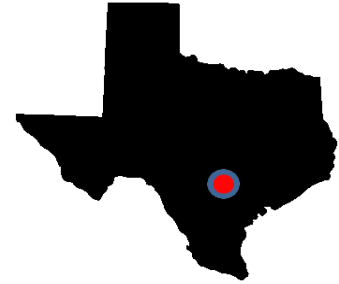
The rest of the day will allow you to tour and travel as you wish or rest-up for the nighttime gathering at a location to be determined. Live entertainment is planned as usual, along with ample food and adult beverages. Depending on the number of guests, transportation will be provided from the hotel.

≈ Sunday, April 28th - we will greet all with our Adios Breakfast to prepare you for your trip home or an extended San Antonio stay.

≈ Monday, April 29th. For those who can stay, there are two options... A Hill Country Wine Tour

OR a tour of the San Antonio Riverwalk, The Alamo, the Menger Hotel, Tower of the Americas and if there is time, a couple of the local Missions. Costs on your own.

Mark your calendars for Tex Zaf 2019 and experience San Antonio and the Texas Hill Country.



TEX ZAF 2019

APRIL 25 - 29

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH: ARRIVE SAN ANTONIO AND SETTLE IN WITH HOSTS.

FRIDAY APRIL 26th: TRAVEL TO BANDERA AND EXPERIENCE TEXAS AND THE COWBOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN. THEN EXPERIENCE BOB WILL'S RANCH WITH GAMES, MUSIC AND BARBECUE.

SATURDAY MORNING APRIL 27th: KING WILLIAM PARADE, DOWNTOWN SAN ANTONIO - BOC 'ORZA' FLOAT – PIRATE ATTIRE (Breakfast Taco's and Bloody M's)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – JOIN THE GROUP FOR LUNCH AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN.

SATURDAY NIGHT – DINNER, ADULT BEVERAGES AND LIVE MUSIC AT A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED – CASUAL DRESS.

SUNDAY MORNING APRIL 28TH – BRUNCH AT THE ROGERS WITH EGG CASSEROLES, SOS, LOCALLY MADE SAUSAGE ON THE GRILL, COFFEE, MIMOSAS AND BLOODY MARYS.

THOSE STAYING WILL HAVE OPTIONS FOR THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

MONDAY APRIL 29TH

OPTION 1 – TOUR THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY VINEYARDS AND WINE TASTING.

OPTION 2 – TOUR OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK, THE ALAMO, MENER HOTEL TEDDY ROOSEVELT BAR, TOWER OF THE AMERICAS AND IF THERE IS TIME A COUPLE OF THE LOCAL HISTORIC MISSIONS.

COSTS ON YOUR OWN.