

# FIRST WATCH

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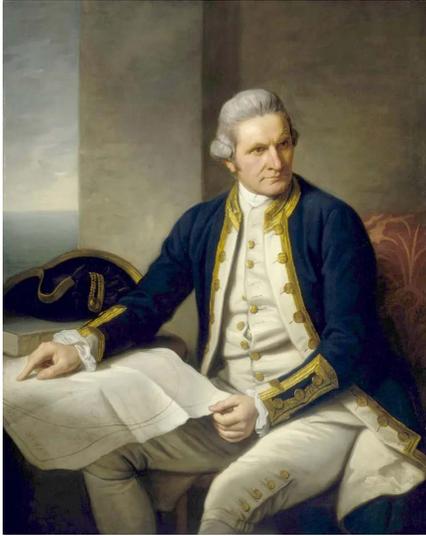
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## SUNDRIES

- Carlos "Espartano" Gómez takes over as the new National Captain of the Brotherhood of the Chilean Coast starting June 23, 2025. His main challenge will be to organize the World Zafarrancho that will take place in Chile in October 2026.
- Planning for the 2026 Norfolk ZAF is underway. Stay Tuned!

# HMS ENDEAVOUR FOUND IN NEWPORT HARBOR

by *Upwind*



In 1764, the British colonies on the east coast of the North American Continent were growing restless under the dominion of King George III. In Port Whitby, England, the cargo ship *Earl of Pembroke* was built by Thomas Fishburn. Four years later it was purchased by the British Admiralty for a scientific expedition to the largely unknown Pacific Ocean. After an expensive retrofit that cost almost as much as the original boat, it was recommissioned as *His Majesty's Bark Endeavour*.

It was commanded by (then) lieutenant James Cook, famous explorer who discovered and claimed numerous Pacific islands, including



New Zealand and Australia for the British Empire. His expedition was also responsible for mapping those two coastlines and holds a significant place of respect and reverence in the histories of both countries. *Endeavour* returned to Dover in 1771 after four years at sea. Cook went onto fame and a second expedition on the *HMS Resolution*. The *Endeavour* was largely forgotten. She was retrofitted as a naval transport and spent some years supporting the British garrisons on Falkner Island.

In 1775, the American War of Independence had started and the British Admiralty needed transport ships to support the troops and deliver armaments that were being sent to the colonies. The owner of *Endeavour*, shipping magnate J. Mather, submitted the *Endeavour* for troop transport but was rejected as being, "unfit for service." Mather renamed her *Lord Sandwich* and submitted her for service again. That submission was again rejected. Repair were made and her service, this time as *Lord Sandwich 2*, was accepted. She delivered supplies and Hessian troops to Sandy Hook (NJ) in the summer of 1776.



After New York was recaptured the *Lord Sandwich 2* was sent to reinforce the British troops that still held forts on Aquidneck Island, home of Newport (RI).

In preparation for what would be the Siege of Newport in the summer of 1778, to prevent a land/sea "pincer" attack by the Continental Army, the British Commander ordered 13 of the transport ships scuttled in a westward facing arc just north of Goat Island to protect the



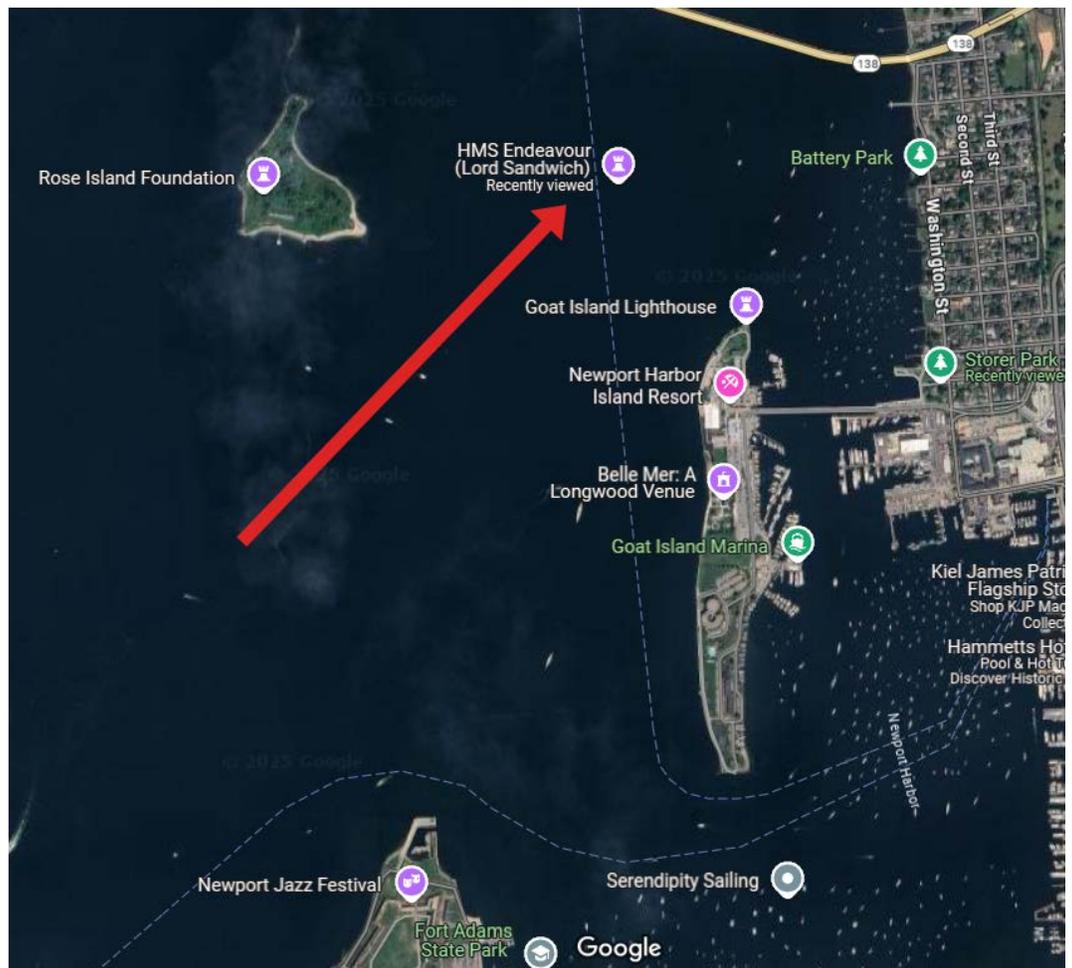
Northern Battery (now Battery Park) which was crucial in protecting the harbor entrance. In early August, 1778, the Lord Sandwich 2 (Endeavor) was scuttled.

As time passed, the paper trail pertaining to the history of Endeavor was lost while the importance of this ship to the founding of Australia and New Zealand as British colonies continued to grow. In 1991 the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project (RIMAP) began research into the identity of the thirteen transports sunk as part of the Newport blockade of 1778, including Lord Sandwich 2 / Endeavour. When preliminary

research indicated one of the vessels sunk was the Endeavour, a second team from the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) added their resources and joined the research.

The research into the sunken vessels eventually lead to the proclamation by ANMM, in 2022, that the Endeavour had, indeed been found. But the RIMAP team disagreed that the evidence was conclusive.

Research continued until last month (June 2025) when both teams released their final report confirming the wreck's identity as that of HMB Endeavour. Unfortunately, the ravages have time have taken their toll and only 15% of the wreck remains intact. Those remains are too fragile to move so what is left of the hull will stay on the bottom of Newport Harbor.

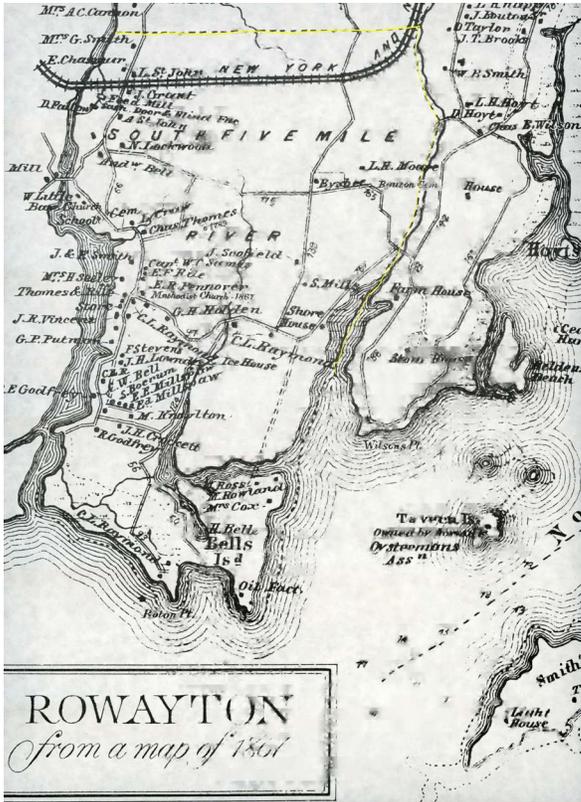


2025 GOOGLE MAP OF NEWPORT, RI, HARBOR

# HOW WE BECAME BOATERS - THE WONDER YEARS

by Upwind  
& Tom Ford

What is it about the sea that draws men and women to it? The age-old question has been the subject of musings going back before written history. Is it the embedded memory of life beginning in the sea? Or just the need to exist on a planet where 71% of it is covered by water? For me, it was growing up in a small coastal village that was bounded on three sides by water. In the first year of my life, I lived in a small house on the Five Mile River where my next-door neighbor was marina and boat yard. From my playpen in the back yard, I could see the boats moored in the river, just a short distance away. I got bit by the boating bug at an early age!



Rowayton is a seaside village along Long Island Sound in Connecticut, about forty miles north and east of NYC. It is about a square mile in area and forms the sixth taxing district of Norwalk, Connecticut. The west side of the village community is bounded by the Five Mile River which is also the demarcation between the cities of Darien and Norwalk. Because of its proximity to NYC, it has functioned as a bedroom community for decades with many people commuting daily to the city. Owing to its bucolic setting, it has always had an active artist community including many associations that support the arts. But first and foremost to its identity are the beaches, river and adjacency to Long Island Sound.

I was not fortunate enough to have access to a water craft but the boatyards of the Five Mile River were just at the end of my street. My younger brothers and I would walk down the street in the spring when boat owners were busy caulking and painting their wood hulled boats (those were pre-fiberglass days!). We were positively spellbound by the large boats blocked up on the hard and fantasized about owning one...someday. During the summer Jenkins Marina (the storage yard in the north part of the

river) provided a row boat to its clients who kept their boats on pile moorings that ran the length of the river. My brothers and I would sneak down to the dinghy dock and offer to row people out to their boats. It was the only access to a boat that we had! Usually "old man" Jenkins would find us out and run us off. At least for a few days. We always snuck back in.

In the autumn, you would find us back in the boatyards as the boat owners prepped their boats for the colder mid-20th Century winters. They built elaborate wood frames over them to support the tarps that would hopefully protect them from the snow of the coming winter. [It was also common to have thick ice in the river during the winters back then.]



UPWIND COOLS OFF IN A FLOODED JOHN-BOAT BEHIND HIS HOUSE ON THE FIVE MILE RIVER (CIRCA 1955)



SANDING, CAULKING & PAINTING A WOOD BOAT

One summer when I was still of single digit age, my brother, Chris, and I rowed out to a small (~14') wooden sailboat that was half sunk by rain water. With a respect for boats we did not own, we pulled up and bailed it out. It then occurred to me that I should be rewarded for my hard work by spending some time sailing this forgotten beauty. With that insanely poor decision, I unhooked it from the mooring lines, hoisted the small mainsail and proceeded to enjoy myself as I headed downriver. Chris said he was having no part of it and took the boatyard's dinghy back to the dock. Unbeknownst to me, he headed to inform our mother. A while later, it occurred to me that, while I was having a great time, I had no idea how to operate a sailboat of any kind: I was doing well downwind but had no idea how to go upwind!

My mother, alerted by my brother, showed up on the bank of the river...very agitated: she was yelling but I could not hear her. She disappeared, proceeded to the Community Dock and commandeered a fisherman and his boat to come get me, return the sailboat to its mooring and deliver us to land. The next summer, I was sent to Windward Sailing School on Rowayton's east side.

Windward Sailing School ("WWS") was my dream come true! I rode my bike to the boathouse in 10 minutes and spent the day there for four weeks out of the summer. It was as close to heaven as I could attain at that age. I had access to day sailors, sun fish and small Hobie Cat style catamarans. Better yet, they taught me how to sail them! I also had marine biology, lifesaving, diving and water-skiing classes. One day, my class was loaded into cars for an excursion to Greenwich, CT. We were to crew and deliver a large sailboat – probably in the range of 40 feet - to a mooring in Wilson Cove, home of WSS. It was a bit rough that day and most of the class ended up emptying our stomachs over the rail. But I also remember making a promise to myself, that one day, I would own a nice sailboat. Thirty-five years later, I made good on that promise when I purchased a Catalina 30.

These and other water adventures led me to an early love of the sea. I could not resist the pull of it or the boats upon it. One of my school friends, **Tom Ford**, was one of the lucky ones who had access to a boat and would take me out for rides. His love of the sea also started at an early age. He recently wrote about his early experiences of just messing about on boats:

"As kids we rode our bikes or walked everywhere including school. We could walk into town, bike, or get there in a boat on the river. It was idyllic. Google "Rowayton."

"A mile off shore is a picturesque lighthouse called "Greens Ledge." It was manned by the Coast Guard for many years. They would row into town for provisions (and beer). It was common when I was a kid to be invited into the light for a tour. Cool view at the top. I had been in it many times in my childhood. There were also Islands with sandy beaches just off-shore to play on, so much fun!

"At age 10 or 11, we had 2.5-3hp outboards on 8' runabouts, spending the summers exploring every nook and cranny of Five Mile River. We burned a lot of gas. One year I was recognized and received a gift certificate for buying the most gas from Jenkins Marina: George was a cool dude. Hartog's was another source of fuel. It was fun going up to



**LOOKING NORTHWARD UP THE FIVE MILE RIVER (CIRCA 1950)**



**GREENS LEDGE LIGHTHOUSE (BEFORE RESTORATION)**

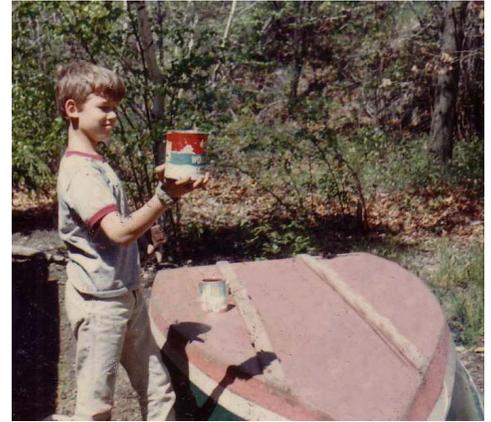


**TOM FORD - JUST MESSING AROUND ON BOATS ON THE FIVE MILE RIVER**

grab one of the Hartog boys, trying not to get caught staring up at the inside of the garage door covered with Playboy centerfolds.

“It was a big day when we were allowed to go out to the buoys of the river, even better was when we were allowed to head over to Fish Island.

“At 14 I lived near the water, my 15’ motorboat on a mooring in Wilson Cove. The Bluff was a favorite place to stop and get some candy and soda. The Valentine family were a friendly bunch inviting us to pull up and hit the Bluff Store for treats.



**LEARNING ABOUT BOAT MAINTENANCE AT AN EARLY AGE.**

Then off to play along the waterfront of Rowayton, a cruise down the river, rides for the Darien girls waving from the rocks at Wee Burn beach club, the “Coasties” inviting us aboard Green's Ledge, water-skiing in the Manresa Lagoon. At nightfall, anchoring off Sheffield Island on multi night sleep-outs. With provisions from the Rowayton Market we were well behaved. We were good at handling boats. We had been at it from a young age.



“Do you know how to fix it?”

“As we got older, 14 or 15, around 1968, we had bigger boats. Tom C., David D., Peter N., Raymond F., and I all had Glastrons. Doug B. had a Starcraft; Bill W. and Chris C. had whalers. Then came the sleep-outs. We did not sleep on Sheffield Island. [This was before the Hammocks in the trees, which was a different group of kids.] We anchored off-shore, rafting up.

This after running around the island or motoring around in the dark.

We had running lights, spotlights and knew where we were going.

I remember driving between the barges anchored off Rowayton, empty of the coal delivered to the power plant.



“To this day we all know every rock off Rowayton, every buoy and how to get home in the fog. Those were our Wonder Years!”



## FROM THE CAPTAIN'S DESK

### The Brotherhood of the Coast: A Community



On Sunday mornings, Theo and I often watch Meet the Press on NBC. The May 25, 2025 episode particularly stood out to us. Titled “Lost and Lonely,” it explored the profound and growing damage that social media is inflicting on young children. It highlighted the troubling reliance children are developing on misinformation and disinformation content often curated by artificial intelligence algorithms designed to engage, influence, and sometimes manipulate. These platforms, powered by AI, don’t just reflect what children want to hear, they can lure them in shaping their perceptions in ways that serve the goals of the platform owners.

Host Kristen Welker opened with a sobering monologue:

“The mental health crisis in America is impacting young people in profound ways, and public health officials say it is an emergency. Two-thirds of Gen Z report feelings of loneliness, and half of young adults report symptoms of anxiety and depression. Youth suicide rates are climbing; it is now one of the leading causes of death among adolescents and young adults. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted on July 16, 2024: ‘1 in 5 young adults report rarely or never receiving the social support they need.’ In our hyper-connected world, over 55 million U.S. adults report frequent loneliness. The smartphones and social media apps that connect us to the world are also accelerating this crisis. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, rates of teenage depression had doubled between 2011 and 2019. The unregulated rise of social media and artificial intelligence presents unique and urgent challenges for the future.”

Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tennessee) added in a Congressional address:

“In the physical world, there are laws against this. It is only in the virtual space that it remains the wild west, and our children can be attacked every single day, nonstop, 24/7, 365.”

What intrigued me most, were the insights from Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, the 19th Surgeon General of the United States. Dr. Murthy, author of Together, has long warned about what he calls an “epidemic of loneliness and isolation.” He emphasized that young people are especially vulnerable. He shared a haunting quote from a student he interviewed:

“How are we supposed to connect with one another when it’s no longer part of our culture to talk to each other?”

Dr. Murthy described walking into a college cafeteria and being struck by the silence. Students isolated, earbuds in, lost in their phones. No chatter, no laughter, no connection.

His solution? Community. In his parting words as Surgeon General, he offered a simple but powerful prescription: “Choose community.” He writes:

“It is what we all crave. It is what we all need. Community is where we know each other, where we help each other, where we find purpose. Relationship, purpose, and service, the triad of fulfillment.”

Social media, by contrast, is promoting something far more artificial. AI-powered “virtual bodies” that can inter-

act with children in dangerous ways. These entities are designed not for care or connection, but for manipulation, driven by algorithmic goals that may be indifferent or even harmful to a child's well-being.

When I was a child, I had a "body" too, my pillow. I could talk to it, cry into it, and it helped me feel safe. But in the end, I had to solve my own problems. It's a very different world today.

Which brings me to the reason I'm writing. The Brotherhood of the Coast is more than a fraternity. It is a relationship with purpose, and it is in every sense a community.

Could it be that our Brotherhood is exactly the kind of human-centered community young people need right now?

I believe that if we're willing to broaden our perspective, we could open the doors of our community to younger generations, perhaps even begin outreach in schools. I'm not suggesting our philosophy is right for every young person. But for some, it could offer an alternative path, one grounded in mentorship, cooperation, and real-world connection. A win-win situation.

Sailing, after all, is a perfect metaphor for life. It requires teamwork, a common heading, and individual responsibility. It teaches resilience, communication, respect and trust. It fosters exactly the kind of environment young people are missing in their digital lives.

To pursue this vision, we would need the help of Brothers and Mates who are skilled at engaging with youngsters. People who can speak their language and reach them where they are. We could develop a program to present in schools, offering sailing and Brotherhood not just as a hobby, but as a community-centered alternative to the isolating pull of social media.

Let's consider what it would mean to offer our sails, our ships, and our stories not just for ourselves, but as lifelines for the next generation.

- RASCAL

## BAHAMIAN BOATING AND FISHING FEES INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY

On July 1st, 2025, the Bahamian government put a schedule of dramatically higher permit costs in effect for the privilege of cruising and fishing their waters. In their wake, there is major push-back from cruisers who are canceling their reservations for the '25 - '26 season and the marinas and tourist business who derive their revenue from cruisers. Here is a quick summary of what is now in effect:

### Temporary Cruising Permits for Pleasure Vessels:

The fee for pleasure crafts for a period not exceeding 12 months are as follows:

- For vessels up to 50 feet in length - \$500.
- For vessels 50 to 99 feet in length - \$1,000.
- For vessels over 100 feet in length - \$3,000.

### Temporary Fishing Permits for Pleasure Vessels (valid for 30 days):

Fishing Permits are no longer included in the Cruising Permit fee. Foreign pleasure vessel fishing permits fees:

- For vessels up to 34 feet in length - \$100.
- For vessels over 34 feet in length and over 2 - \$300.

### Anchorage Fees:

Anchorage fees for foreign vessels, regardless of if the boat is also mooring at a marina, have been amended in a new regulation 91B. These fees cover a 12-month period.

- For vessels under 50 feet in length - \$200.
- For vessels 50 to 99 feet in length - \$350.
- For vessels over 100 feet in length - \$1,500.

These fees apply to day excursions as well as all overnight trips, and must be paid in addition to the cruising permit and dockage fees.

See: [bahamas.com/getting-here/boating/boat-regulations#forms-fees](https://bahamas.com/getting-here/boating/boat-regulations#forms-fees) for updates.

# MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF TABLE CAPTAINS

## [APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> ZOOM MEETING]

### Officers

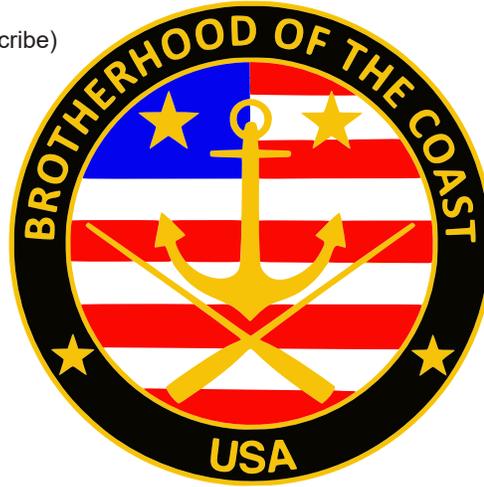
Nat'l Captain  
Nat'l Scribe  
Nat'l Bosun  
Nat'l Treasurer

### Attendees

Tony Olmer  
Joe Citarella  
Tom Connery (Savannah Scribe)  
Troy Leek

### Table Captains

Chesapeake Bay	(n/a)
Corpus Christi	Brad Stokes
Gold Coast	(n/a)
Houston	Mike Stevens
New York	Jane Protzman
Sailing Capital	Ramzi Bannura
San Antonio	Rick Fink
Puerto Rico	Graham Castillo
Savannah	(n/a)
Solomons Island	Scott Redfield
Sun Coast	Steve Herb



### Contributors

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Webmaster	Robert Coles	
First Watch Editor	Peter Dennant	
Nat'l Historian	John Byrne	

The Octalog was read by Brother Sparks aka Joe Citarella

### ***Introduction by the National Captain Rascal aka Tony Olmer:***

- Tony mentioned that many Tables are using Facebook as their primary means to communicate Table events; however not all Brothers are on Facebook and Facebook also features political and other commentary which is not acceptable to the Brotherhood.
- Table Captains are reminded that it is their responsibility to teach new Captains how the Brotherhood works and what the Captain's role is within the Brotherhood. The Guide is an invaluable reference source for new Captains.

### ***Vigie Report***

- Scott Ripley reported that there is no new information on the World Zaf in Chile. The World Zaf will be held the third week of October 2026 and try as he might, it is too soon to get any detailed information. Scott would not be surprised to see 400 – 500 people attending with maybe half from Chile alone. As soon as information is available it will be communicated to all.

***Meeting Minutes of 11/09/24 unanimously approved.***

***Treasurer's Report*** - Account Balance is \$1886.39. Website fees were primary expenditures.

### ***Norfolk 2026***

June 19-23, 2026, is the tentative date – as soon as it's confirmed details will be sent out. Peter Briggs is heading this up and will communicate details as available.

### ***The Guide***

There are some minor grammatical changes but nothing major, so the Guide is finished.

### **The Roster**

- Jane mentioned she had some issues with changing NY entries in that she made changes but they “did not take.” Dave Trawick thought that the issue is changes were made to the “local” copy and no to the “cloud” version. Dave and Ramzi are available to assist anyone who runs into issues such as this. Detailed instructions will be emailed to all who need them.
- Tables are responsible for updating. Dave is looking at some other options other than Excel and will keep looking for better options. Ramzi stated that it is possible for Tables to have Table specific data in addition to the required data needed.

### **Committee to Address Technical Efforts**

- This is a continuing effort to ensure that no one person is in the critical path and that sufficient depth is developed to ensure that data and websites are protected. Ramzi, Dave and Robert Coles are working on this issue.

### **Gold Coast**

- Stew Kaufman related that there are only three people who might be deemed as “active” although he feels they are not motivated to continue the Gold Coast Table as an ongoing Table. Stew will call all “active” Gold Coast to ascertain if rejuvenation is possible, but health and distance issues seem to mitigate against it.
- Stew had a potential Brother who might be interested in becoming a Brother and is in contact with Ramzi on this prospect.

### **BOC Store**

- Mike Slevin indicates that the Houston Table has a very active store (BOCMART.COM) for Brotherhood items and he is willing to expand this for national items. This site uses Shopify and is working very well, as items do not have to be stocked but can be made as “one-offs”, so there does not have to be a stock of items for sale.

### **New Business**

- First Watch - Peter Dennant has a problem with the lack of material for First Watch (FW) from the Tables. Some Tables are posting material on Facebook but not sending anything to FW. It has been very difficult to get content as if the Table Captains are not willing to put in time to do this, then why bother with it. It takes a lot of work to put FW together.
- Stew stated that FW and submissions for Tortuga Post should be shared, although TTP has an international slant. As far as frequency, perhaps three issues per year is sufficient. Stew feels very strongly that FW is important for Brothers who are not close to a Table as it is a source of news.
- The consensus was that someone should be tasked at each Table to submit material – it does not have to be the Captain.

**Next Zoom Meeting is scheduled for July 15th, 2025.**

**Next National Zaf and Captains Meeting** - After some discussion on possible dates, it was decided that the first week of October in Annapolis would be desirable as the weather would be better than later in October. This would coincide with the Motor Boat Show. It was agreed that the dates should be decided on ASAP.

*Respectfully submitted.*

*Joe "Sparks" Citarella  
Scribe*



# NEW BROTHERS



Captain "Ron" Triplett  
Solomons Table  
Flag No. 796

Born and raised in Akron, Ohio—far from any shoreline—Ron was 23 before he first caught the wind in his sails. A week-long voyage on Lake Erie with family friends opened his eyes to the thrill and challenge of nautical life, a spark that would grow into a lifelong passion.

After stepping away from college, Ron charted a bold new course by joining the U.S. Navy. While training at Great Lakes Naval Base, he embraced every opportunity to return to the water, ultimately earning his "Racing Skipper" qualification through the Navy's sailing school. The ocean had found its sailor.

Following his service, Ron anchored down in southern Maryland as a Nuclear Power Plant Operator. There, he deepened his sailing expertise at Annapolis Sailing School and discovered the love of his life—Kay, affectionately known as his "Captive." Along with her daughter, they shaped a life filled with joy, adventure, and lasting bonds.

Despite his seafaring roots, Ron made waves in the powerboat community, piloting a 1986 23' Wellcraft Nova for 15 years as a proud member of the Southern Maryland Power Boat Club. Later, he and Kay moved up to a 34' Sea Ray Sundancer, swapping speed for comfort and creating new memories as empty nesters.

Now retired, Ron and Kay explore Chesapeake Bay's waters at a leisurely pace, savoring dockside dining and precious time with their granddaughters—their favorite port of call. Through every chapter, Ron's life has reflected a deep love of family, the sea, and the camaraderie found in kindred spirits who feel most at home on the water.

Oh—and yes, he did go back and earn his degree in Nuclear Engineering Technology. There's never been a wake too big for Ron to ride.





Mark "Mr Clean" Bliss  
Houston Table  
Flag No. 337

The Houston Table brought **Mark Bliss** (along with his lovely wife Christie!) onboard as a new Brother on July 12, 2025. Mark is sponsored by Brent "The Dude" Hodges. He has been a lifelong boater with a true love of the Sea.

Mark bought his first boat in 1977 and his first "big" boat in 1984. He has boated most of his life on inland lakes while getting to the salt water every chance he had! In the summer of 2023 he purchased a nice Ocean Alexander trawler and moved it to Clear Lake. Mark plans to retire soon and spend as much time as he can cruising the Texas coast!



Dan "Troubadour" Herrington  
Corpus Christi Table  
Flag No. 344

From the moment his father took him sailing on the family's 21' Santana, Dan Herrington developed a lifelong passion for life on the water. Born in Marshall, Texas, and raised across Colorado and Nebraska, Dan grew up fishing, camping, and boating throughout the Midwest and Texas. But it was that early experience on Lake O' The Pines in East Texas that ignited his love for sailing.

*"We motored out of the harbor and my dad shut off the outboard. The sails filled with wind, and suddenly we were moving — quietly, gracefully. I couldn't believe you could go anywhere with just the wind. From that moment, I was hooked."*

Dan attended the University of Nebraska and later SMU' Graduate School of Banking program. He met his future wife, Lori, in Denver, Colorado, and they married in 1998. The couple later returned to East Texas to raise their family close to home. Together, they have three children — Nichole, Stefan, and David — and are proud grandparents to Charlie and Jaxson Kiper. Some of their best memories as a family were made on the water, enjoying weekend sailing excursions, racing alongside Dan's father, and spending summers on Galveston Bay.

In 2019, after years of dreaming about a coastal lifestyle, Dan and Lori relocated to North Padre Island in Corpus Christi. They now enjoy weekly races and cruising aboard **Constellation**, their 2005 Catalina 400. Dan remains deeply involved in the sailing community, serving as a board member and Treasurer of the Corpus Christi Yacht Club, and as a past Vice-Commodore and active member of the Padre Island Yacht Club. He also volunteers as a Boat Safety Instructor and Area Chief for Texas Parks and Wildlife, where he teaches in-person courses and instructor certifications promoting safe and responsible boating.

Professionally, Dan has built a successful 28-year career in community banking. He currently serves as a Senior Vice President and Loan Officer at First Community Bank in Corpus Christi, where he also participates on various boards and committees supporting regional economic growth and local business development.

When he's not on the water or at the bank, you'll likely find Dan with a guitar in hand. Brother Troubadour regularly performs in area restaurants and beach bars, sharing his love of music with locals and visitors alike. He was proudly inducted into The Brotherhood on June 22, 2025, and looks forward to many years of stories, songs, and sailing adventures with his new Brothers.

# TABLE REPORTS

## July Tip-A-Few



The July TAF was held at Rebel Marina on Friday July 18th. It was hosted by Me, Brother Tortuga. My mate, Allison, was not able to attend due to her need to be with her mother who is in decline. Allison put the word out that a helpless man was going to try and put on the TAF all be him self and that she would appreciate it is some people would help me out. It turns out that the Brotherhood is an organization that is full of people willing to lend a hand when needed. I had so much help that I hardly had to do anything. I am so grateful to everyone that was there to assist me. I made my Briggs Family Flank Steak with shrimp. It is not a secret recipe as I will gladly share it with anyone that wants it. We had a good turnout and like always we shared a great time. The one thing that I did not do was take photos that I could include.

## 2025 Raftarancho

For the first time in several years Ally and I had to forgo the traditional solstice cruise. S/V HONU had an encounter. On the return trip to Rebel from Harborfest a Green Can (#17) jumped out in front of us and hit the boat. I think that it had been hiding behind a bush or something and that is why I didn't see it. It couldn't be that I wasn't paying attention. Well anyway Ally and I had resigned ourselves to driving up. We did have a couple of very generous offers to at least stay on other Brothers boats while there. We also received an offer to crew on M/V ORZA which we ended up accepting.

Wednesday June 18th, off we went in the late morning, heading for Cedar Beach and the annual rafting portion of the event. Things are a bit different when traveling on a power boat than a sailboat. The trip took us about 2.5 hours instead of what would be for us a 9 to 10 hour trip.



ANCHORED AT CEDAR BEACH

Brother Cruz put me at the helm for a while just past Back River. We all know that there are a few very devious buoys between Back River and the Mobjack. I felt their call but was able to resist them. We passed by them without incident. We were the first boat to arrive and got an anchor set in the ever-changing anchorage off Cedar beach. The land mass is changing rapidly as the old spit of land is getting quite small, but a newer larger land mass is forming to the north end, and I believe it will slowly grow and move southward. We were joined by Brother Poco Loco and Kim on S/V AMARA and then by Captain Bui and Susan on M/V LANAI. The raft was just the three boats, but we did have a great time. A few adult beverages were consumed. Allison swam to the shore, but no dinghies were dropped, so the rest of us did not hit the beach to plunder.



Thursday June 19th, we headed into Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. As the anchor boat we were the last to head in. It is a short hop from Cedar Beach to the yacht club. The Brotherhood put in 11 total boats this year. Six from Our Table and 5 from Solomons. That was down a bit as a couple of us were not able to come by sea. It was great helping people get docked and seeing everyone once again. The Solomons Table brought down a person of interest on a very good-looking Galeon 550. Meeting new people with the love of the sea and catching up with the Brothers and Mates is a wonderful experience. We had a few drinks on the back deck of ORZA and told some of

our tall tales.

Friday June 20th. The summer solstice. The longest day of the year, or the point in which the Northern Hemisphere is tilted most directly toward the sun. That occurred at 10:42 PM Friday night. But getting back to a time earlier in the day, the sun was hot, and the drinks were cold. We were forced to stay hydrated in any way possible. We all donned our summer battle gear as the Solomons table held the induction of their newest Brother Ron "Captain Ron" Tripplett. It was a momentous ceremony as it always is. The details I will not divulge as the contents of this communique is not

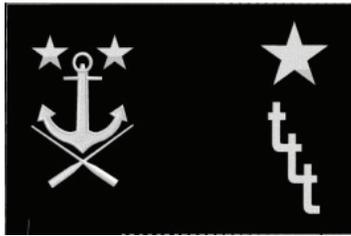


totally secure. Needless to say, he passed the test and took the vows and has joined our ranks as a full Brother. After this event we all made our way up to the club house for dinner. A few words were spoken, and thanks were given. More drinks were poured. Post dinner Brother Piper broke out his guitar and played some music for us all. Culminating with the us all joining in a circle and the singing of "A Pirate Looks at 40" as is our custom. A prayer was said for our Brother Country Boy who is on the road to recovery. He and his mate Frankie Anne were greatly missed this year and we hope for his recovery so that they can both be with us when the next Raftarancho is held. After dinner we all made our way back to the boats where several small parties continued into the night.

Saturday June 21st. We meet up once again at 9 AM for a potluck breakfast before we started our journeys home. We shared some more stories and gave our goodbye hugs and promised to see each other again as soon as we can. Maybe in Solomons in August or Annapolis in October. M/V ORZA headed south to the East River where we dropped the hook. S/V AMARA and M/V SERENITY joined us for the evening and once again we were reminded of what it means to be in the Brotherhood. We shared a meal and conversations.

Sunday June 22nd, the final leg home. In the morning, we talked about the future, the boats we have and the boats we look forward to having. I was reminded once again that power boats are really a nice way to travel. We made the final leg home in about 1.5 hours. To me that is just an incredible thing. As "Tortuga" I am more accustomed to a much more turtle like pace to my travels. We made it back to Rebel without incident and got the boat back into her slip. We packed out our bags and called an end to another successful Raftarancho. Next year things will be a bit different as Sail 250 will hit Norfolk during the summer solstice, so the Raftarancho might just take the year off.





# Corpus Christi

by Brad "Speedy" Stokes  
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The Corpus Christi Table welcomed our newest brother, **Dan "Troubadour" Herrington** at our June Boucan. The fun-filled night began with the induction ceremony, followed by a dip in the swimming pool, lots of Mexican food, home-brewed "Old Peculiar" beer made by Paul "Flash" and Mike "Salty Limey," extensive testing of our new frozen margarita machine, and live music from Brothers Troubadour and Speedy with sea shanties and our favorite Jimmy Buffett music.



Dan and his captive Lori are active members of the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Truly a renaissance man, Dan is a mild-mannered banker by day and a professional musician by night. He's also an active yachtsman, race-car driver, avid hunter, volunteer, and



community leader. We're honored to have him as our Brother.



**BROTHER TROUBADOUR READS THE OCTALOG DURING HIS INDUCTION [WITH HELP FROM SALTY LIMEY AND FLASH]**

That same night, we made our friend **Mark Gottlich** an Engage. Here's a picture of Mark from our Mardi Gras parade in March. Mark has been sailing since his teens and has owned and raced numerous sailboats. He and his wife Zoe currently own a Morgan Out-Island 33'. He regularly volunteers as race committee for regattas in Corpus Christi and is the upcoming Regatta Committee Chairman.

Finally, on a personal note, Brothers Speedy and Gecko are proud grandpa's of our newest family addition, Olivia June Blivin, born this May. Imagine growing up with two pirate granddads!



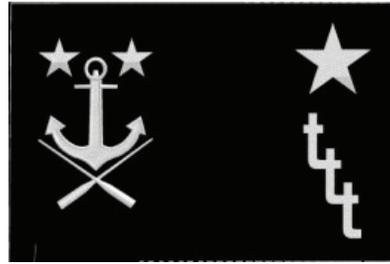
Brad "Speedy" Stokes  
Corpus Christi Table  
ORZAAA!

Mark getting the pirate spirit!

## APRIL 19TH CRAWFISH BOIL

*by Fearless*

Our Annual Crawfish boil was met by great weather and lots of Mud Bugs to eat! We had a great turnout with 9 brothers all coming out to join in the festivities. We held the event at Galveston Yacht Basin on the docks of brother Energizer. We had more than enough food and then had an impromptu boat ride on Lone Palm to see the historic sailing ship *Elissa* come back into port. The day was perfect!



# HOUSTON



## JULY 4TH

*by Sour Mash*

This July 4th weekend saw several Brothers make the trip to Offatts Bayou to watch the fireworks over the water, both Friday and Saturday nights. Brothers Joplin "The Colonel," Hodges "The Dude" and Thompson "Sour Mash" stayed on the hook with Brothers Berkibile "Bootlegger" and Hutchison "Chaser" at Moody's docks. As usual, friends from all around came to visit and hangout. Troy "Old Man" and Jenna joined our group by jet ski to soak in the water at the sand bar.

Dinghy rides were plentiful, beginning Saturday morning with 3 dinghies and 7 people motoring 19nm (round trip) to the other side of Galveston Island to have lunch on The Strand. Several passengers commented that a less windy day might have been a better choice for the trip. Saturday afternoon continued at Moody's swim-up pool bar and evening *Bands in the Sands* next to the anchorage. Once the band stopped, Moody's famed floating plastic firework platform used its trolling motor to maneuver a safe distance from the dock to light the evening fireworks



show. Unfortunately, their "safe spot" was about 15 yards away from the anchored boats of Sour Mash and The Dude. While they were not aboard at the time, it was unnerving to see the boat appear to be set ablaze in a very spectacular fashion.

## *JULY 12TH INDUCTION/JAWS SUNDOWNERS*

*by Old Man*

We had a special Sundowners event this past weekend at brother Pescador's house. His lovely wife Traci and himself put together a great spread of food to include Pineapple Salsa, Hawaiian Rice, Chicken Kabobs and Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts. If that did not make you hungry, then the homemade cookies would put you over the top.

Additionally, we all celebrated the 50th anniversary of the movie **Jaws** by sitting in their pool watching the movie on a giant outdoor screen in a red illuminated pool, the night was perfect weather!

Prior to the event, we had an induction ceremony for our new brother Mark "Mr Clean" Bliss, which was the first brother to be inducted by our new table Captain Fearless. All went without a hitch and our new brother and his bride Christie will make a great addition to the Houston Table.

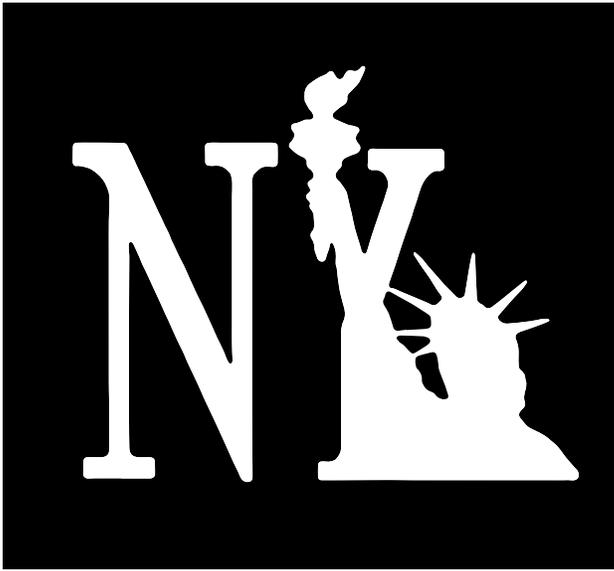


## *FUTURE EVENTS FOR THE HOUSTON TABLE:*

- July 18th – Kemah Fireworks Cruise
- July 25th – Kemah Fireworks Cruise
- August 2nd - Sour Mash's Super Dinghy Bar Crawl
- August 16th - BOC Margaritaville Camping Trip

If anyone would like to join us please contact Captain Fearless to make arrangements for a place to stay and get you onto a boat to enjoy the TX sun!





by *Jungle Jane*



### International Zoom Zafs:

We are still enjoying our monthly International Zoom Zafs. It is always interesting to hear what Brothers overseas are doing - sailing, traveling, and meeting. The schedule is first Sundays at 11 a.m. New York time. Email me ([janeprotzman@gmail.com](mailto:janeprotzman@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining us.

### Saturday, May 10: Spring Zaf:

On a beautiful Spring Day, we enjoyed good company and nourishment at the lovely home of National Captain "Rascal" and First Mate Theo. Since it was such a good day, we were not the only ones on the road. So, to the Olmer's dismay, I am sure, we were all very late on arrival. For Norma and me it took 90 minutes to go 38 miles. The Bienkowski's should get the award for the most miles traveled to join us. I estimate that to be 140 miles round trip from middle New Jersey.

We were all so happy to be together finally we clear forgot to take photos of the 15 of us present. One uninvited guest, but well behaved, was the Morning Dove sitting on her nest on the porch's trellis.



And this image of another sign of a party going on. Hydrangea, empty plate and glass and a cocktail napkin.



While we dug into the appetizers and rum Jungle Jane played grade school teacher with a show and tell. I was in Iceland in 2014 and we were allowed to pick off small pieces of Icelandic crystal. I passed one around and asked "what is it and how was it used?" "Crystal," yes but why? Here is the explanation. Even on a cloudy day, by refraction, one can locate the sun.



It is believed that the Vikings used this mineral as a navigator because of its light-polarizing ability, allowing them to always be able to find the sun no matter the weather. Historians believe the "sunstone" that has been commonly referred to in Medieval Icelandic texts is Iceland Spar. It is also used in high tech optical studies; that is beyond my pay grade. For more go to: [rockseeker.com/viking-sunstones-iceland](http://rockseeker.com/viking-sunstones-iceland)



## April TAF

Steve “Zusedog” Reeves hosted an exceptional TAF event at *Bacon Sails*. The highlight of the afternoon was the delicious food, with mouthwatering burgers and hot dogs that were a hit. The layout table made for a great “bar” which we assumed to be the longest “bar” in Annapolis. It was a memorable night filled with great food, lively atmosphere, and a touch of Annapolis’s rich maritime heritage.



## Early June

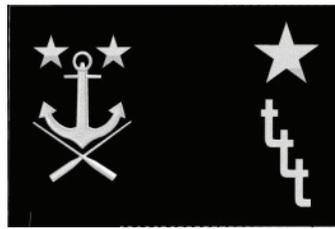
Chris “Wanderer” Nalley hosted his annual Pool Party. This time, the pool got used! The atmosphere was electrified by the soulful tunes of Carlos “Toad” Jauregui, who set the tone with his impressive guitar and harmonica combo. Whether you were lounging by the pool or mingling on the deck, it was a day filled with joy, music, and camaraderie.



## Raftarancho

Dave "Chief" Trawick represented the Annapolis table at the Kilmarnock **Raftarancho**. It was an outstanding event. The weather cleared and provided a beautiful weekend. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to spend the entire weekend mingling on the docks, enjoy, enjoying some tasty beverages aboard ORZA. The hospitality was greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing folks up here in Annapolis in October!





**SAN  
ANTONIO**



On March 22nd Wayne “Boatman” McNeil and Laurie Foley hosted Jim “Goose” and Linda Bailey for Jim’s birthday party and a Texas Fiesta. It was a beautiful afternoon on the deck and fun times had by all.

April 13th had us gather at Bob Wills new home in Kerrville for a Sip-n-Social afternoon.

May 17th the Table gathered to say our final farewell to Dick “Tricky Dick” Eckerman. We were joined by Joe and Sandy Seburn from Corpus Christi Table.



The following weekend Frank and Shelby Simonini hosted Italian Night with a packed house and lots of comradery.

Mike Sasser hosted the cook team of Randy Goodrich, Jim Benjamin, and Wayne McNeil for their Famous Low Country Shrimp Boil at Mike’s Canyon Lake Barn.

Many of you have heard about the devastating floods around San Antonio and the Hill Country north and west of here. Fortunately, all the Brothers are safe. Canyon Lake is the home waters for our Table and due to three years of drought causing low water levels had not been usable since all the boat ramps were closed. The lake water

level has risen enough to reopen the boat ramps once the flood debris has cleared.



JUNE TIP-A-FEW

The brothers got together June 1<sup>st</sup> for a Tip-a-Few at the home of John 'Crabman' Dove and his always magnificent hostess partner, Kim. There were 14 brothers and mates, and 4 pasajeros and mates. There was much food and libations but it was unseasonably hot, nearing 100 degrees! Honestly, it made the drinks go down faster...



[The table has another Tip-a-Few scheduled for July 17th at a local brewery and we expect to cover that in the next First Watch.]

**RAFTARANCHO 2025**

The big event of the summer so far was the annual Raft-a-Rancho on the weekend of the Summer Solstice, as tradition demands. There were 39 total brothers and mates - evenly distributed between the Solomons and Chesapeake Tables, plus Chief from the Sailing Capital table! Included in that number was a pasajero and mate from Solomons and an engage' and mate from Chesapeake. It was great to see all of the brothers and the tradition was well continued and celebrated! There was a rousing singalong led with his guitar by Scott "Piper" Rogers culminating in a circled up all-brother version of *A Pirate Looks at Forty*. And we lifted prayers up for our brothers who weren't with us, especially Chesapeake brother Michael "Country Boy" Montieth. Much partying continued on Orza, although Michelle Ripley was definitely missed as the hostess with the banana rum!



Solomons inducted a new brother (see *New Brothers* section), **Ron Triplett** (and mate, Kay), who from now on will be known by his pirate moniker, "Captain Ron." In any case, thanks for all those that arranged the trip, especially Solomons Table Captain, Scott "Captain Tuna" Redfield.



We are confirmed for our 2nd Annual Chesapeake Crab-a-Rancho on Sunday August 3rd, held at the home of Pat "Loose Cannon" and his world-famous mate, Barbara Dove Whalen (you'll recall that the home's original owners were Bernie "Snapper King" and Margie Dove). This event is mostly focused on the brothers and mates of the three Chesapeake tables but if anyone else from BOCUS is interested in attending, please do let us know. We will find space for you! Also let us know if you are interested in coming by boat so that we can reserve some dock space. Last year we were able to source all of the crabs from our brother's docks and hope to do that again. Keep your fingers crossed!

## New Winter Digs



The Suncoast Table was invited by Scott and Michelle Ripley to their new Florida abode; a condominium high above St. Petersburg Harbor. Upon arrival we were escorted by the building concierge to the elevator, which ascended us 22 floors to the Ripley's heavenly abode. Inside the pearly gates we were warmly greeted by Michelle and Scott. To say the view over St. Petersburg Harbor, St. Pete Marina, St. Petersburg Yacht Club and Vinoy Harbor was extraordinarily beautiful, is an understatement.



Attending from our Table were John and Mariann Dalusio, Ed and Nancy Loke, Joe Vermeren and Julie Smith, Kathy Mellott, Enzo and Elizabeth Anzellini, and Steve and Jean Herb. We all marveled at the views, as well as the spread of delicious and nutritious offerings, and enjoyed christening Scott's bar, selection of libations, and Michele's banana infused rum. Lively conversation and catching up with each other's experiences over the past few months provided a fun afternoon and on into the evening. When it was time to say farewell, we all offered to condo-sit for the Ripleys anytime! It was a fitting

celebration of Michelle and Scott's Florida investment. We look forward to seeing Scott and Michelle often as they spend more time in our area.

Brother John Dalusio capped off the event with a hearty Broadside and an enthusiastic "ORRRRZA!".



## Tropical Time Travel back to 1950's Polynesia

The sun was merciless, searing, glaring. It was late May, temp already in the 90's and would be for months to come. Sarasota was quieter now without the snowbirds. Locals treat the summer like the Yankees treat the winter - migrate to a milder climate or seek shelter. We found a cool, welcoming shelter for our monthly Tip-A-Few.

It took a minute, before taking a second step inside the door. The bartender, hidden in the darkness, greeted us; "yeah, it takes a minute for the eyes to adjust." Bartender aside, the place was empty, As the room came into focus, the past did too. This place really hadn't changed since its opening in 1953, right down to the Polynesian pinups hanging on the wall. It was a Tiki Timewarp: Sarasota's Bahi Hut at the retro-restored Golden Host Resort just down the Tamiami Trail from the airport.



Almost thirty thirsty sailors were about to enter it's Wayback Machine. Three O'clock hit and so did our crowd. One of the largest turnouts of the Suncoast table in the quiet summer months.



We commandeered the bar. A couple of

stewardesses wandered in and wandered out, but for the next few hours we had the place to ourselves. Brotherhood filled the Chickee, a memorable Polynesian afternoon in our own tropical paradise. Nothing beats our BOC camaraderie.

- ORZA!

The brothers of the Suncoast Table met at Gecko's, a local watering hole on April 16th. Attached photos prove we survived "Tax Day"



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BOCUS Table Captains Meeting**

The Annapolis Sailing Capitol Table is once again thrilled to host the U.S. BOC National ZAF gathering and annual Captains' Meeting in Annapolis during the time of the Annapolis Motor Boat Show in October. We welcome all those brothers, mates and families who would enjoy joining us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate another amazing year of the Brotherhood together as many of us prepare for another exciting year with the upcoming World ZAF in Chili in 2026.

We can host a few vessels at Lake Ogleton - Lake Ogleton - Google Maps with prior confirmation. Additionally, those who would like for us to arrange housing with a Brother can please reach out and coordinate your request to our Table Captain Brother Rambo, as per the contact information below.

The Annapolis Sailing Capital Table is delighted to host the U.S. BOC National ZAF gathering and annual Captains' Meeting in Annapolis during the Annapolis Motor Boat Show in October – (Annapolis Boat Shows). We invite all brothers, mates, and families to join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate another fantastic year of the Brotherhood.

We can accommodate a few vessels at Lake Ogleton – (Lake Ogleton - Google Maps) with prior confirmation. If you need housing arrangements with a Brother, please reach out and coordinate your request with our Table Captain, Brother Rambo, using the contact information in the invitation linked below.

### **Details**

- **Friday 1830 – 2200: Welcome with casual Tip A Few and fellowship at a nearby saloon or tavern (casual dress – venue TBD) in Annapolis.**
- **Saturday 0830 - 1130: Captains Meeting (Eastport Yacht Club - 317 First St, Annapolis MD).**
- **Saturday 1700 – 2300: National ZAF Gathering on hill at Lake Ogleton – (Battle attire).**
- **Sunday 0900 - 1200: Farewell Brunch hosted at the home of Captain Rambo (address below).**

This event will cost \$65 per person to cover costs for the weekend's food and beverages which will include a BBQ feast and endless beverages on Saturday and the Sunday brunch; Friday's TAF will be separate.

***Please RSVP at your earliest convenience as we are eagerly anticipating your visit.***

The first week of October is a great time to visit with wonderful weather and the excitement of the Annapolis Boat Shows. There are many amazing events to experience in Annapolis, nearby Washington DC and Baltimore. We encourage all to extend their time here – a tour of the Naval Academy in Annapolis is absolutely worth a visit.

The town will be busy so blocking hotel rooms is proving to be difficult, but the good news is that there are plenty of amazing places to stay in and around Annapolis, including Baltimore and Washington DC, which are both only 45 minutes away with world class accommodations.

# 2026 CHILEAN WORLD ZAF

## Official Program of the 2026 Chile World Zafarrancho

### **Sunday, October 18:**

From 4:00 PM onward: Reception of brothers and visitors at the hotel in Santiago.  
Room assignments.

### **Monday, October 19:**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Breakfast at the hotel, general greetings, review of the program, and coordination.

10:15 AM: Departure by bus for a field day at Viña Santa Rita. We will learn where and how some of the best wines produced in the country are stored. The tasting will take place at a historic site. There, Doña Paula Jaraquemada protected and defended the patriots from the Royalist army following the battle known as the Disaster of Rancagua. The tour includes a visit to the Andino Museum, whose rich exhibits narrate the history of the pre-Columbian peoples who inhabited the region.  
Casual attire with head kerchief.

2:00 PM: Traditional Chilean lunch at Viña Santa Rita, accompanied by a folkloric ensemble that will showcase the most genuine essence of the national soul.

5:00 PM: Return to the hotel by bus.

7:30 PM: Welcome reception with dinner and dancing at the hotel.

### **Tuesday, October 20:**

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM: Breakfast at the hotel to energize ourselves for a day filled with fraternity and adventure.

9:30 AM: Departure by bus to the Cajón del Maipo for activities connected to nature. An adventurous group of pirates will have the option to go rafting on the river, while another group can enjoy horseback riding in open fields.  
Lunch will be a picnic by the rivers, with food trucks providing logistics.  
Casual attire with head kerchief.

5:00 PM: Return to the hotel by bus.

7:30 PM: The time has come for fun—let the music flow freely. We will host our grand Departure Party at the hotel (attire to be determined).

### **Wednesday, October 21:**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Rejuvenating breakfast, abundant with conversations about the experiences of the Zafarrancho.

10:10 AM: Departure by bus to witness and admire the discipline and elegance of the Green Squad of the

Chilean Carabineros, the nation's prestigious uniformed police force, demonstrating their high school of horsemanship founded in 1939.

Casual attire with head kerchief.

10:15 AM: Meeting of the National Captains at La Guarida de la Nao Santiago, founder of the Brotherhood of the Coast.

Formal attire.

2:00 PM: Unparalleled maritime lunch at the traditional Chilean restaurant "Ocean Pacific."

( Attire ?)

7:00 PM: Exciting cultural activity at the Aula Magna of the Carabineros School. A concert that will send shivers down the spines of pirates and captives alike.

Formal attire.

10:00 PM: Return to the hotel with a cold snack.

### **Thursday, October 22:**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Early breakfast at the hotel. We will use our pirate telescope to see what awaits us.

9:15 AM: Transfer by bus to the Central Coast of Chile.

- Group 1: Yacht sailing in the Algarrobo Bay, a coastal town that saw the birth of the Brotherhood of the Coast.
- Group 2: Visit to Tricao Park in Santo Domingo, home to South America's largest aviary.

2:00 PM: Zafarrancho dance in Santo Domingo at the Santa María del Mar Club. Wine tasting from the region, a buffet lunch with open bar, lessons in the traditional Chilean cueca dance, and a display of typical Chilean crafts (casual attire with head kerchief).

8:00 PM: Return to the hotel in Santiago.

10:00 PM: Cold snack.

### **Friday, October 23:**

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM: Breakfast to prepare for the final miles of navigation.

9:30 AM: Transfer by bus to Valparaíso.

11:00 AM: Visit to the Naval School, the academy responsible for training Chilean Navy officers. Tour its facilities, museum, and witness the changing of the guard and a ceremonial parade.

Formal attire.

2:00 PM: Fellowship lunch at the Valparaíso Naval Club, founded in 1885, located at the residence of the distinguished naval hero Arturo Prat Chacón.

5:00 PM: Return to the hotel in Santiago.

8:00 PM: Fellowship activity: light dinner and music.

### **Saturday, October 24:**

Free day. Buses available for visits to the Costanera Center Mall, opened in 2012 and the largest shopping center in Latin America, or a trip to Cerro San Cristóbal to view the city from above.

6:30 PM: Transfer by bus from the hotel to the Event Center.

7:00 PM – 1:00 AM: Combat Zafarrancho at the Military Club of Lo Curro or an alternative dinner at a local restaurant (Buenos Muchachos, Adobes de Argomedo, or others).  
Combat attire.

### **Sunday, October 25:**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Breakfast at the hotel.

11:00 AM: Official Closing of the 2026 Chile World Zafarrancho.

Buses to the airport.

Post-Zafarrancho activities