



Minutes of the Assembly of Table Captains

Zoom 04/01/2025 – 1900 hrs. EST

National Bosun Brother Salty aka Tom Connery called the roll:

Officers	Attendees	
Nat'l Captain	Tony Olmer	
Nat'l Scribe	Joe Citarella	
Nat'l Bosun	Tom Connery	Savannah Scribe
Nat'l Treasurer	Troy Leek	
Table Captains		
Chesapeake Bay	-	
Corpus Christi	Brad Stokes	
Gold Coast	-	
Houston	Mike Slevens	
New York	Jane Protzman	
Sailing Capital	Ramzi Bannura	
San Antonio	Rick Fink	
Puerto Rico	Graham Castillo	
Savannah	-	
Solomons Island	Scott Redfield	
Sun Coast	Steve Herb	
Contributors		
Int'l Vigie	Scott Ripley	Sage, NC Emeritus
Webmaster	Robert Coles	
First Watch Editor	Peter Denant	
Nat'l Historian	-	
Charlie Hankins		Sage
Stew Kaufman		Sage
Bill Hallmark		Sage

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 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

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

Sparks aka Joe Citarella Scribe