

# First Watch

US Brotherhood of the Coast Official News Letter



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## From the Helm



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

Savannah Table's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
January 17, 2015

Michele and I were thrilled when given the opportunity to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Savannah Table on January 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a table only affair so we were truly honored to be included as guests. Captain John Byrne and First Mate Helen arranged a wonderful weekend program to commemorate the occasion. The Savannah brothers reside in five different states, so it is challenging to get most of them together, but John pulled it off.

Friday evening began with happy hour (go figure) and dinner at Johnny Harris Restaurant. The restaurant provided the perfect setting for the travelers to unwind and relive old times. Saturday began with Bloodies and lunch at The 17hundred90 Inn with the rest of the afternoon free.

The main ceremony was a formal Anniversary dinner that evening at the Savannah Yacht Club. After a fine dinner and cocktails, John told the history of the US Brotherhood and Savannah Table's role. Founding Brothers Albert Seidl and Joe Horvath were recognized for their many years of outstanding service to the Table. Joe & Maureen Horvath put together a wonderful slideshow of some past table events that was very enjoyable. It was a great Brotherhood evening and the four guests and their wives/lady friends seemed to enjoy the evening also.

The weekend festivities concluded after a great Sunday brunch at the home of Mike & Karen Pranschke.

The Savannah Table appears to be doing everything right. They are attracting new members and more importantly some *young* new members, which is something that every US table really needs. Even though they are so demographically challenged, the brothers show up when it is important. I think it is because these brothers and their first mates have such a solid foundation of love for the Brotherhood. You can feel passion in their voices and see it in their eyes when they talk with you. They emanate the true meaning of the Brotherhood.

Orza!

Scott "Cruz"

## And now a word from the Past... Captain that is

I have been a brother for 39 years as of March 2015. That being said I want to say thanks for the best four years of that time. I have traveled to the UK, Germany, Poland, Netherlands, Belgium, Australia, France, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay.

I was lucky enough to represent the BOCUSA at two National Captains meetings that I enjoyed very much.

The most important reason for this note is to thank the great people of the BOCUS and of the world for all the support that I have received during my Captaincy. I would not have traded all the good times and sometimes hard times that came with the job. The person that I want to thank the most is, of course, Marcia. I would not have been nearly as successful without her being there. I am looking forward to visiting all the tables in the USA and to continue to travel to different parts of the world as part of the Brotherhood.

It is my opinion that Scott will make a great National Captain for the next four years and hold the traditions of the Brotherhood as near and dear as I do. He has been a great deal of help in the last four years and I tried to keep him in the loop during my Captaincy. He attended the Australian and France meetings with me, as my second. He will go into the next meeting being known by all the national Captains and know what to expect at the meeting.

I cannot think of a better group to belong to than The Brotherhood of the Coast, anywhere in the world.

Thanks again for your support and all the nice things that Brothers and Captives have written or said to me.

Charles "OSO" Hankins



## WHAT IS THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE COAST

The Brotherhood of the Coast is a spiritual community formed by men who love the sea. His law is contained in the Octalog that in synthesis establishes: Cult of love for the sea, discipline, understanding, camaraderie, generosity, hospitality, and modesty.

Its fundamental commitment is to strengthen in its followers the virtues mentioned above so that they can be demonstrated and disclosed to all with simplicity and clarity.

Within this organization become reality images, projects and dreams in which the world is the sea.

In the meetings they are discussing with particular interest topics of scientific and technical nature that refer or relate to the best knowledge of the oceans for the good of humanity.

The art that draw from marine landscape its inspiration and beauty unmatched, promotes and stimulates feelings in brotherhood.

The spiritual vent that offers Zafarranchos of this institution, it helps to throw off the edge, as unnecessary burden, sadness, and the concerns that there is no lack to none. This spirit facilitates the spontaneous solidarity and the broad sense of brotherhood that preside over the meetings.

In these occasions, and always, what uplifts and purifies the spirit of the Brothers of the Coast, and its seafarer's inspiration, where there are: the ocean with its sublime billow and the exceptional qualities that the great men of the sea of all times have demonstrated to have.

Posted on Facebook by Brother Franco Schinardi, Flag #1943, Table of Messina, Italy

# STOP the PRESSES!



## And now a word from the Editor

There has been some interest in reviving the **First Watch**, the US Brotherhood's newsletter and main source of information until the widespread use of website, blogs, etc. That is why I am here.

Our past National Captain, Charles "OSO" Hankins called one day and floated the question, "Would you be interested in..."

Since I generally am unable to keep my mouth shut I told him "Sure, what else have I got to do." This was passed on to our new National Captain, Scott "Cruz" Ripley and we talked. Since there was such a huge response to the "job" and he was swamped with resumes, Scott accepted my offer and gave me the **First Watch** (no one else was crazy enough to do it).

I do have credentials. Either my Captive Audrey or I published the Alamo Yacht Club newsletter "**The Scrimshaw**" for more years than we cared to talk about. I do mean published, it was printed and mailed. Prior to that I even did a stint on my high school newspaper as editor and other unglamorous positions. Hey, it isn't much but at least its credentials.

I do have a point and it is this. I will take occasional editorial license and print things I like BUT this is your newsletter. Take an interest in it and if you see something that you might like to share send it...good chances it will make it to **First Watch** and others can enjoy it also. Photos, send them but please provide some captions so everyone will know what's going on and who's doing it.

The secret to being able to assemble the **First Watch** is to have a flow of information. I mean information that comes in a little at a time. That is why I suggest that stories be written when they happen and send them in. A little at a time, the **First Watch** takes shape and when it is time to "go to press" all I need to do is have Audrey do a final proof and I press send.

The next **First Watch** will publish early July and then quarterly, October, January and April. Cut-off times for each issue is one month prior to print (June 1, September 1, December 1 and March 1).

Be part of the **First Watch** success, it's the Brotherly thing to do.

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# Chesapeake Bay

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When it's time to report on the comings and goings of the Chesapeake Bay Table it can be difficult to know where to start, with twenty one Brothers on the roster, it seems that there's a lot of coming and going. I guess I will start with the International Zaf where we had eight Brothers and their Captives in attendance. A few went early and a few stayed late, touring the French and European countryside. What a grand time!

Once again this year some of us took part in the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race, a 137 mile race In October, from Baltimore, MD to Portsmouth Va. This is also the time when we start saying goodbye for the winter to some of our Brothers as they head south for the winter. Rocket Boy, Limey, Broad Reach, Boogie Man, and of course Blue Stash (now living there). This winter did bring Brise Galets back to the states but he hasn't quite made it back here yet. I have always found it interesting that in the sailing and boating community we hold our friendships very dear and we miss our friends when they are gone. Yet we are happy for these friends when they get to leave and pursue their cruising dreams. We did have to say Bon Voyage to La Launch, as he takes a new job in that sailing Mecca of the Midwest-Ohio.

Of course the one thing that everyone already knows is that our own Brother Cruz is now our new National Captain!

A visit to The Statsrad Limkuhl (here in Norfolk) rounded off the international events of the year. While we gathered together to enjoy our own company in our monthly tip-a-few's.

It was a very cold winter here with record cold and more snow than we normally see but now the weather is returning to warm and spring is in the air we look forward to shaking out the sails and starting the engines.

We hope to see our Brothers and Captives from other tables this summer as you come through on your travels. There is always a warm welcome and a cold beverage here for you.

Scott Rogers  
Piper



Chesapeake Bay Table at the Calvados Distillery

# Corpus Christi

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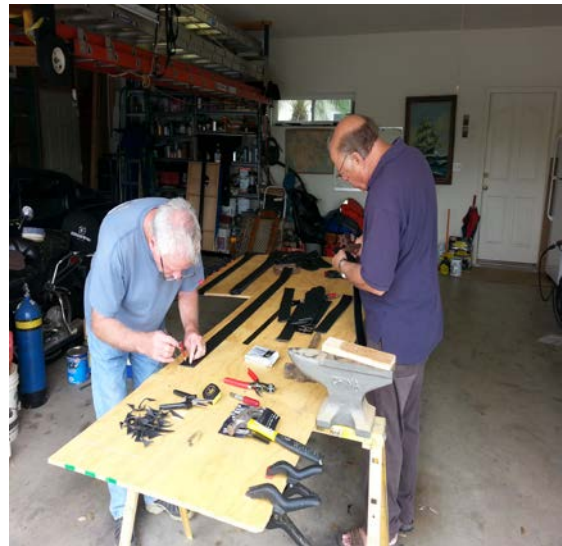
In January the Corpus Christi Brothers assembled at the home of Table Captain Lost Louie to plan the events for 2015. The main event for the Corpus Christi table will be the annual Margaritas and Señoritas Boucan which will be held the weekend of October 2-4 2015.



As their vessels were on the hard for the winter months, the Brothers of the Corpus Christi table took time to bolster the armaments of the table. Swords were purloined for every Brother in the table. Emblazoned on the swords is "Brotherhood of The Coast" on one side and the Brother's nom de guerre with his flag number on the other. The Brothers were presented with their swords at the February Boucan at Brother Knot head's home.



A Baldric production line (see photo) was later established. The Baldric is customized to suit each Brother's fancy. A photo of a finished Baldric will be in the next posting.



For his lengthy (eight years and counting) and meritorious service, Table Captain Lost Louie was presented with a print "En Garde" by Albert Seidl, which was signed by all Brothers of the table.

A Boucan is planned for the month of March at the home of The Salty Limey.

OZZZZAA!!!!  
Bob "Walrus" Weber





# Florida Keys

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The Keys Table will not have a submission this time.

# Gold Coast

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The Gold Coast Table in Fort Lauderdale has been very active this winter, enjoying America's wintertime playground with our local Brothers as well as many visitors. Late last year, an induction ceremony was held at the Scorpion's Lair to welcome our newest Brother – "Tricky Dick" Dick Ulrich and his Captive Karlene to our table. We had visiting Brother Christian Berghausen and Captive Christine from Berlin-Potsdam Table join us as we partied in full regalia into the wee hours of the evening (well, at least until 10:30...)



Deputy Dawg (aka Frank Sessions) had a bright idea that evening, but after all the rum, no one could remember what it was!



The party was the opportunity for the Captives to show off their latest wench fashions...



And of course, this was a very handsome bunch!



Of course, the Gold Coast Table also celebrated the annual Fort Lauderdale Winterfest Boat Parade in December with a raft-up along the parade route and had the pleasure of seeing visiting cruising Brother Sam Morgan from the Norfolk Table to help us on a big group ORZA!

In February, a grand and glorious gathering of the Gold Coast Brothers and guests was held at Shangri-La, home of yours truly and the Fair Maiden Suzie, where we welcome cruising Brother Preston Carraway and his ravishing Captive Sherry who were in Fort Lauderdale for a pit-stop from their adventures in the Bahamas. It was great to swap tall tales with our cruising Brother and also welcome some potential engages to the Brotherhood.

In March, the Gold Coast Table had a visit from Manuel de Luque, National Captain of Spain and Javier Martinez, Vice-Captain accompanied by their Captives Ana and Juanita. It was a wonderful evening again hosted by Scorpion and his beautiful Captive Sarah.



The Gold Coast Table is busy planning our 2016 ZAF to be held over President's Day weekend in February 2016 to coincide with the Miami Boat Show, so **SAVE THE DATE** on your calendars!

**ORZA!**  
MacGyver aka Brian Schmitz

# Houston

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The Houston table of the BOC is about to have a lot of FUN with a focus on boating and some shore side activities thrown in. This year we have a membership drive to bring in more boaters to our table with a goal of one prospective Engage per Brother. We invite all Brothers to attend any of our events. We plan on an active year. Here's what we have planned through May...so far.

## BOATING:

- March 21 & 22- Trip to Double Bayou and staying at Beason Park Marina. The slips are cheap and the happy hour on Saturday will be happy and companionship doesn't get any better. Besides, it's an easy trip.

[http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/default.aspx?name=parks.beason\\_park](http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/default.aspx?name=parks.beason_park)

- April 3, 4 & 5th – Easter trip to Offats Bayou. Either anchor out or we have slips reserved at Pelicans Rest Marina @ \$1.50 a ft. special rate. (We need at least 5 boats for that rate and I have reserved 10 slips which can be adjusted according to need). Great trip to invite prospective Engages to.

<http://www.pelicanrestmarina.com/>

- Mid to late April Dingy Pub Crawl TBD.

- May 22-25 Memorial Day Spring Fling Cruise with TMCA to Port Arthur. It's a BIG party with over 100 boats. Lots of fun, a band all three nights, old flare shoot off, vendor booths, educational seminars, drinking (needless to say). There are nearby hotel rooms at discount prices for those without boats.

<http://www.tmcaspringfling.com/>

- June 19th-21 Trip to Harbor Walk Marina to watch the Texas Outlaw Challenge boats come in. Over 100 go fast boats zoom in and party for about 5 hours and then Zoom off. A sight to see for sure! Before, during and after that we will have fun in the pool and restaurant. We have 10 slips reserved at \$1.50 a foot.

<http://texasoutlawchallenge.com>

## FUN ACTIVITIES:

- Mid-April we will have a gathering at the MAIN EVENT on I 45. When was the last time you went bowling? This place has plenty of bowling alleys for us, along with air hockey, pool tables, a BAR, a big arcade and a lot of other entertaining attractions that will add FUN to our night. For only \$27 you get bowling, one other activity of your choice, a buffet and more. Should be fun!

<http://www.mainevent.com/>

- The date isn't planned yet, however, Kevin and Greg will be planning a special tour of the Battleship Texas. We will go to areas of the ship the normal tours don't get to go to and I've heard this is something that you don't want to miss! This ship was in WWI and WWII!

<http://www.usstexasbb35.com/hard-hat-tours.htm>

Get your calendars out and mark the events you want to attend.

ORZA!!

Ken Hutchinson  
Chaser

# New York

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## New York Table News:

The New York Table held a Potluck Brunch Zaf on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Brother Len and Elaine Sinowitz's home in Closter, New Jersey. Fortunately the snow we've been having for the past month let up for a while and our brothers from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey were able to join in the fun. Good food, good humor and Len's accordion music kept us entertained. Brother Robert Coles couldn't attend but he telephoned us during the zaf while on route to meet the boat that will take him to the Galapagos Islands. We all wished him a great trip. Captain Jane discussed dates for future New York Table events and upcoming national and international zafs. The August zaf in Puerto Rico should be well represented by New York brothers as several expressed the desire to attend. Our next Zaf will be on March 22 at the home of Brother Andre and Irene Bienkowski.







New York Table Captain “Jungle Jane” Protzman enjoyed a recent jaunt to San Juan. Here are a few notes from JJ about the trip:

I escaped the snow and ice and spent five days in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Graham Castillo “Watiki” gave my friend Kathy Gibbons and me the Royal Brotherhood Tour of Old San Juan. After picking us up at our hotel he drove us around the charming narrow streets of the city, gave us history lessons in El Morro, treated us to lunch at El Jibarito, “The Hobo”, a local favorite, and drove us along the shore into small villages. We visited the Verdanza hotel which is lovely with a different feel from that of a chain hotel. I look forward to the Caribbean Zaf.



Watiki and JungleJane at the Verdanza



El Morro

We welcome all Brothers to our upcoming Zafs. Depending on the availability of a local yacht club and the clam supply we are having our annual “The Joes’ Clam Fest” in April or May. In June we will have an on the water “Olmer rendezvous”, and in July we will be welcoming a Hamburg Brother to a Big Apple Zaf. JJ

# *Orange Beach*

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*Space for rent*

# Sailing Capital

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Since our Induction in 2013, our Brothers have been growing into our Table. One of the first things we did was to develop a two page criteria for prospects. The first lays out the history, objectives, etc., of the Brotherhood; the second describes the process for Prospects to become Engage's and ultimately Brothers in the Sailing Capital Table. Presently we have two Engage's and are looking at several prospects.

Our Brothers have attended a number of ZAFs and other functions: Fort Lauderdale, San Antonio's Trailer Trash, the BOCUS Table Captain's Meeting in Sarasota, and the Solomon's Crab Races. We entertained a Brother from France who passed through and also Brothers from Savannah and the barque Statsradd Lehmkuhl.

In February, I was able to hook up with Gary Johnson, Bernard Lefevre and John Simpson in Cocoa Beach. Several of us plan to join the RaftaRacio (Sp?) in Urbanna in June and the BOCUS Table Captains Meeting in San Juan. Solomons Table has agreed that we will do the Crab Races this year, probably in September (date to be determined).

We have had a number of TAFs and gatherings with our Mates. Beginning this year we are doing our TAF's the first Tuesday of each month at one of the local watering holes.

Merf Moerschel  
AKA Salty Dog

# San Antonio

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Scribe: Wayne "Kilo Pata Barrera" McNeil  
Purser: Dick "Tricky Dick" Eckerman

By Wayne "Kilo Pata Barrera" McNeil

**Planning Meeting:** San Antonio BOC began the New Year with a planning meeting at "Tricky Dick" and Captive Sara Eckerman's home. Randy "Scrounger" Goodrich was elected Table Captain and he appointed "Kilo Pata" as Scribe and "Tricky Dick" as Purser. The San Antonio Table thanked David "Baby Bump" Overpeck for his loyal service as Captain.

**Super Bowl Party:** The San Antonio Table met at Bob "Stogie" Wills' ranch in Bandera for the annual Super Bowl Party. As usual we met in the "Blue Wildebeest Saloon". The group was joined by Bill "Joker" Strep and Captive Jan from the Corpus Christi Table. A good time was had by all and even watched a little football. The latest addition to the buildings on "Stogie's" property (joining the House, Hanger and Saloon) is the Bunk House, and it is showing signs of moving toward completion with the exterior almost complete. Captive Audrey Rogers shared a few pictures including this Texas hill country sunset shown here.



**Trailer Trash Planning Meeting:** Monty “Python” Rogers and Captive Audrey hosted the annual TT planning meeting. After the appropriate blood letting it was declared that this year’s Trailer Trash will be the “best ever” so mark your calendar to be in San Antonio the weekend of April 24, 25 and 26.



*On a sad note the San Antonio Table marked the passing of one of its own, Mike “El Pistolero/Hermando Doc” Cantu-Withoff, Flag #118. Doc sailed away December 17th as a result of an auto accident several months ago. He was a former Captain of the San Antonio table and National Vigie for the Americias. He be greatly missed. He leaves his captive Helen, son Mike Jr, and daughter Claudia. Mike was 74 at the time of his passing. Here’s hope for fair winds and following seas to speed you journey.*

## **Upcoming Activities:**

### **April 23-26 - Trailer Trash**

May 23 – Lawn Hydro Races at Dick & Sara Eckerman’s

June 13 – Shrimp Fest at Lil’ Wayne McNeil & Laurie’s in Bandera

July 4 – Blowout at Randy & Julie Goodrich’s at the lake

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

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

October 2-3 – We’re going to Corpus Christi’s Margaritas and Senioritas

November 7 – Winefest @ David Overpeck and Sissi’s

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

Throughout the summer, impromptu raft-ups on Canyon Lake

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

# San Juan

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Must be very busy or their computers are broken!

# Savannah

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2014, a year of changes. The Savannah Table began 2014 with a January "summit meeting" in Black Mountain North, Carolina. Our geographically challenged Table was comfortable, but we noticed a few clouds on the horizon. Most of us had given up our boats or were looking for something smaller, and more members lived away from the coast than near the coast. We wanted to spend more time on the water, but life was getting in the way. Family obligations were drawing us away from our home ports more frequently. We were getting older and parts were showing wear. All of us needed more water, preferably of the salty variety. Maybe that, and some new blood, would rev-up the old enthusiasm. We had a plan. Some new members, new ideas, and new energy. We decided to hold some nice events, bring some good candidates around, and see what happened.

The Table thought 2014 would be pivotal. Going forward our Table events would be different, not the same things people were tired of, and we would get ourselves back on or in the water. More fun would increase participation and commitment. Maybe members would plan their other events around Table events, instead of the other way around. And, if we were having fun, maybe those new members would find us.

Several of us joined a sailing club that was starting up at a nearby marina. It wasn't fancy, but the people were nice. They were all sorts and all ages. Club members liked to race sailboats or aspired to. There was a party every Friday, and it was well attended. The racing was fun and there was plenty of it. Around the same time, some small boats went back into the water. It was a little dicey, a few people got wet, but some kids got their first introduction to sailing and that was really satisfying.

We had meetings, came up with our new events, and put them on the schedule.

The first new event was a Cocktail Cruise and Lobster Dinner. Mike Pranschke's friend, Ted Carbone, took Brothers, Captives, a young daughter, three Pasajeros with their ladies, and one infant daughter, on his 42' Hatteras for a two hour cruise. The day was severe clear with a strong wind out of the northwest. It was a blast! Afterwards we migrated to Chez Pranschke and boiled up a fine dinner of Maine lobsters with all the fixings. Savannah Brother (and Maine resident) Ed Joy (the younger) helped make this possible by facilitating the overnight shipment of live lobsters to Savannah. It is good to have Brothers in northern places!



In November we held a Table Boucan in Savannah with an excellent turnout of Brothers and Captives from Black Mountain. Pasajero Bob Sandlin, took the whole crew on a five hour picnic lunch cruise on his 42' Grand Banks trawler. The day was crystal clear, there was a light breeze, and dolphins played in the bow wave all day; it was spectacular. Once again we brought several Pasajeros along. Afterwards, the group drifted over to Tubby's Tank House and wound down, talking about the day, the next event, and planned others.

The culminating event of our 2014 program was also the beginning of a new Savannah Table tradition, a Brotherhood formal "Winter Dinner". We held our first Winter Dinner at the Savannah Yacht Club, January 17th, 2015. This event was a very special occasion because we were celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Savannah Table. Our honored guests for the weekend were National Captain Scott Ripley and Captiva Michele Ripley.

The Yacht Club did a terrific job, and we had a little fun with the seating arrangement by separating all couples to different tables, and placing a Pasajero and lady guest at each table to better meet the Brothers and Captivas. During the cocktail hour, Scott and Michele were able to schmooze with everyone, and later Scott spoke to us, encouraging members, new and old, to visit other Tables, domestic and foreign, to experience the real spirit of the Brotherhood. While we visited, we enjoyed a photographic history of the Savannah Table assembled by Maureen Horvath, and the recent French World Zaf through photographs, put together with lots of help from Keys Table Brother Joe Hamrick.

After dinner our program for the evening recognized Founding Captain Albert Seidl and Captiva Alise (Captain 11 years, 12/94-98 and 12/06-13), and Second Captain Joe Horvath and Captiva Maureen (Captain 8 years, 12/98-12/06) with piratical and nautical gifts. The Table also recognized Captivas Alise Seidl, Maureen Horvath, Jill Jones, Karen Pranschke, and Ariel Crockett with gifts of orchid plants for their time, efforts, and opening their homes over the years to make the Savannah Table the success that it is. The Savannah Table's reputation for consistently outstanding hospitality is very much due to the thoughtful efforts of all of our Captivas. We talked about old times and new, Brothers and Captivas here and gone, it was a very good time.



Captains Seidl, Byrne and Horvath



Savannah's Four Pasajeros and Ladies



A little history. The Savannah Table was floated as a provisional Table in December of 1994 with Albert Seidl as Founding Captain. The seventh in the United States. The Table dropped the provisional title two months later, in January 1995, when it attained a membership of 7 members. Savannah Table's Founders and Founding Brothers were: John Eberhardt, Brother "Gonfleur", Founder; Paul Anderson, Brother "Felix", Co-founder; Albert Seidl, Brother "Dokwaes", Founding Captain; Joe Horvath, Brother "Joczka", Founding Brother, Past Captain; Gerhardt Schwisow, Brother "Studebaker", Founding Brother; Ernie Brier, Brother "Munro Man", Founding Brother; Bryan Roux, Brother "Kanga", Founding Brother; Ed Joy, Jr., Brother "Mack the Knife", Founding Brother; Ed Joy, III, Brother "Midnight Oil", Founding Brother.

#### Savannah Plans for 2015:

Savannah Table expects to initiate new Brothers ~ Brothers, new and old, will attend out of Table events near and far ~ Several Brothers will continue to race through membership in the Chatham Sailing Club ~ Teaching young people to sail is a goal of our CSC members ~ A Table Boucan will be held in Black Mountain, North Carolina ~ We will try again for a Table Boucan we are calling a "Boat, Beach, and Picnic Weekend" ~ A Savannah Zaf has been discussed but not yet decided upon ~ A day of kayaking in Savannah's back waters is in the works (weather and no-see-ums permitting) ~ Several Brothers and a few others want to do some fishing...that could turn into a fish fry ~ The "Cocktail Cruise and Lobster Dinner" will likely be repeated ~ The second "Savannah Winter Dinner" is on the schedule.

Come see us in Savannah! You're always welcome.

John

# Solomons Island

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Photo taken of the final Banquet of a great Zaf in Honfleur France in September 2014. Solomons has a great representation. Left to right: John Dove, Kim Dove, John Simpson, John Craighill, Monica Simpson, Jan Chabot, Pete Chabot, and Kathleen Craighill.

John Craighill  
Sea Hawk

# Sun Coast Sun Coast

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Like many other tables the Suncoast bunch has regular monthly "Happy Hours" where we typically gather at a local watering hole for refreshments, chow, and a few ORZAs. Most of the Brothers volunteer for a monthly assignment (a few are shanghaied). The Brother-In-Charge selects the venue and makes all the arrangements.

For 2015 the table agreed to challenge ourselves to go beyond the same old haunts.... And set the stage for much more entertaining events. We recognize the key to keeping folks engaged is to have more fun!

Starting in January we had a canoe / kayak adventure on the Little Manatee River. Several of us used rented watercraft to paddle to a county park pavilion where the rest of the table had gathered for a barbeque. The river stretch is remote but pretty. A couple Brothers thought they could hear banjo



music??? This event was hosted by Brother Joe (Flaco) Vermeren.

February found 26 Brothers, Captives and guests braving a blustery and cold (for Florida) night for a 2 hour tour of Sarasota Bay on "Le Barge". This chilly evening found our table almost having the ship to ourselves, much to the amusement of the crew and a few tourists. Le Barge has been operating on the bay for 30 years. This event was hosted by Ed (Brillo) and Nancy Loke.

Suncoast Florida 3/3/15

In early February about a dozen Captives of our table met for a relaxing luncheon at The Bijou restaurant in downtown Sarasota. While the real meat of their conversation remains "classified" the report is they had a great time. Think their plan is to make this an occasional event.

The March table event was coordinated by Ben (The Don) Berarducci and our engage Jeff Gaus. A group of 18 met at the Hann Boat Company, a custom builder in Sarasota. We were treated to a tour of the plant, and review of their company product line and mission. Interestingly, they primarily produce fiberglass and aluminum power boats for the U.S. Navy and Air Force. One model, a 50 footer, travels at 48 knots as a remote controlled drone – and provides aiming practice (laser beam) for the Navy ships 14-15 miles away! You just never know what's happening in those factories behind the fence.

Another 6 or 8 joined the tour group at a very tasty Italian restaurant "Primos" for dinner together following our Hann tour. As always.... Lots of conversation and fraternity was enjoyed.

April is planned as a boat raftup hosted by Dan (Gimbal) and Bonnie Sagan.

May finds us warming up to a beach BBQ where John (the Crab) and Mariann D'Alusio will show some fancy grilling style.

Of note, we had a cruising Brother and his supervisor spend a good bit of their winter with us. Stew (Blue Stache) and Diana Kauffman from the Chesapeake table were here (with cats) aboard Casual Class, their Endeavour 42. We all enjoyed their participation with our table.

Suncoast Table gathering where we entertained the Spain National Captain



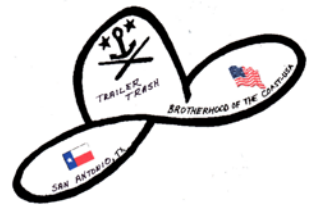
Captain Manuel Demuzue & Captive Ana on right  
With Sub Captain Javier Martinez and captive Juanita



# COMING ATTRACTIONS



Save the Date  
April 24-25-26, 2015



## Trailer Trash Weekend

Friday Evening, April 24  
Meet & Greet



Saturday Morning, April 25  
Downtown San Antonio  
King William Parade  
BOC 'ORZA' Float



**Saturday Afternoon, April 25**  
**Fiesta**  
**"as you like"**



**Saturday Night, April 25**  
**Dinner, Rhum, Beer & Wine,**  
**Live Music with Dancing**  
**at the Big Barn**



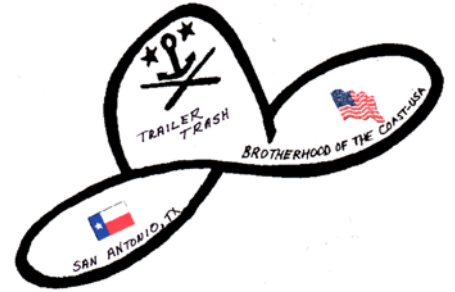
**Sunday Morning, April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Yeehaw Brunch**



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**IT'S FIESTA TIME IN SAN ANTONIO  
WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME FOR.....  
'TRAILER TRASH'**

The Celebration Begins on Friday Night, April 24<sup>th</sup>

See the attached 'Schedule of Events'

for this Raucous Weekend of Fun & Frolic!

Cost: \$150 per couple/ \$75.00 individual

Don't Wait ? Make your Plans Now

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name of Attendee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

# of Bunks Needed (First Come First Served): \_\_\_\_\_

Will arrive by Car \_\_\_\_\_

RV (Do not need room) \_\_\_\_\_

Air (need ride from airport) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_ Will rent car \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ and

email \_\_\_\_\_



**FIRST CARIBBEAN  
ZAFARRANCHO  
BOATELLA #1**

Dear Brothers:

We have reserved 10 rooms at the Verdanza Hotel in Isla Verde, a short drive from the airport, historic Old San Juan, and walking distance from Isla Verde Beach. This area also offers a concentration of many 5 star hotels with a lush nightlife, spectacular restaurants and shows. Additionally, tours to the rain forest, the Bacardi Rum Factory, and Old San Juan will be available.

POINT OF CONTACT: Brother Watiki- [graham\\_albert@yahoo.com](mailto:graham_albert@yahoo.com) (787) 300-1600

**Costs:**

Lodging: Special Rate from 30 July 2015 to 1 August 2015: \$119.00 per night. (The hotel has promised us to extend this special rate for those arriving earlier or leaving at a later date)

Additional Lodging Costs: Third and fourth adult per room: \$25.00

Taxes: 14% per night depending on the number of guests staying per room.

Bellman Charges: \$4.00 per person (one time charge)

Maid Charge: \$1.00 per person, per room per night.

**Bottom line:** The cost for two guests per night will ascend to: **\$141.36**

**Booking:** <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1315086&hotelID=73244>

**First Caribbean Zafarrancho, 1 August 2015:** Dinner, Dance, live tropical music, (Combat Uniform). \$50.00 per person.

- Cost of Taxi transportation from the airport to hotel: \$12.00 per trip

- Cost of transportation from hotel to Old San Juan, (TBD, depending on participation but estimated in \$12.00 to 20.00 per person). Please see the agenda below for preliminary tour costs.

- If schedule allows, and space is available, brothers will be able to host the transportation from the airport to the hotel and to Old San Juan.

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## **AGENDA**

**30 July 2015** - Arrival, Welcome Free Ice Breaker Cocktail at Verdanza Hotel 2100

**31 July 2015** - BOC USA Captains Assembly, Verdanza Hotel 0900-1200

**31 July 2015** - Old San Juan hangout, follow us into 500 years of history in an afternoon exploration and a treasure dinner in a local restaurant in the Old City (Cost of dinner between \$20 and \$30 per person)

**1 August 2015 - (0900-1600) Optional Tours:** Tour Bacardi Rum Factory (May be Free except transportation), frolic at Isla Verde Beach (Free), 1//2 day Rain Forest Tour (\$50.00 to \$60.00), Historical Old San Juan 1:20 PM to 6:30 PM (\$61.00)

**1 August 2015 - (1900) - First Caribbean Zafarrancho** at the Verdanza Hotel (\$50.00 per person)

**2 August 2015** - Check out for those leaving and we will coordinate other local activities for those staying.