

# First Watch

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## From the Helm



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

This will be my final entry to "From the Helm" as I will be handing the tiller over to National Captain-Elect, Rick Hoekstra, on the midnight shift this New Year's Eve. I want all of you to know that it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the US Brotherhood these past four years as the National Captain. The Brotherhood is such an amazing organization. I never had a brother deny any of my requests during my entire four years. Each one always found a way to get the job done. That's pretty cool.

Some brothers, however, did an inordinate amount of work for which I am extremely grateful. Patrick Mills was my scribe for the years 2015 (San Juan meeting) and 2016 (Tybee Island meeting). The national scribe probably does the most work throughout the year of any brother for the US BOC. John D'Alusio has been my scribe for the years 2017 (Norfolk meeting) and 2018 (Solomons Island meeting). Both Patrick and John did excellent jobs and I thank them for their work. John Craighill was the purser for all four years. He did a great job and I really appreciated his help. Joe Citarella stayed on for my full term as the International Vigie for which I am very grateful. Joe's personality and knowledge of the international brothers and Brotherhood makes him a perfect ambassador for the US BOC. He was also responsible for the US articles in The Tortuga Post which takes a good amount of time every quarter.

Tony Olmer and David Overpeck were our historians. They both did a good job and are currently working with the Table Captains to create an accurate history of each US table. My Scribes were Ed Loke, Charlie Hankins, Craig Wright, Stew Kauffman, John D'Alusio and Bernard Lefevre. The Scribes offered their advice whenever I called them with a US BOC problem. They are very knowledgeable about the BOC and helped me tremendously throughout my term. Rick Hoekstra was the Bosun. Rick kept order in our meetings and helped run the meetings. He did an excellent job

and I look forward to his taking over the lead in the US BOC. I hope Rick will one day say about me as I have said about Charlie Hankins and that is that he "left the US BOC in good shape on a good course".

While not in my cabinet, I must again thank Monty and Audrey Rogers for their work on publishing the First Watch. They put in a lot of effort four times a year to get us a great newsletter that we all love to read. That newsletter has become a big asset to the BOC.

I also want to thank all the other Brothers and Captives that made my term as National Captain a blast.

Lastly, I would like to thank my wife, Michele, for letting me sound off on her about the various issues of the BOC. She was my "seventh scribe" that often offered me good advice. She opened up her heart, home and boat to the Brotherhood like so many good "first ladies" before her have done to make our fraternity great.

It's been a great ride and I enjoyed serving the US BOC.

Orza!  
Captain Cruz



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

I was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas then attended Texas A&M University from 1980 to 1988 with degrees in Biomedical Science, Veterinary Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. My sailing career began in 1980 on a Sunfish 16 on Lake Summerville but had many plans for years prior with Brother Mark Sandridge to have a life on the water. In 2009, I married Traci Lynn Greer in League City, Texas and started a lifelong desire to have a life on the water and soon became a Brother.

Traci and I have been active in the Brotherhood since meeting and she was present at my induction in 2008. Since induction I have served as Scribe to the Houston Table under Jim Vick, Captain of the Houston Table and National Bosun. We (Traci and I) have attended two World Zafs and numerous international Zafs including Berlin's 10 Year Anniversary, Luebeck's 20 Year Anniversary, and Italy.

As National Captain, my platform includes many important aspects of the BOCUS; but most importantly, I will be the international ambassador for the Brotherhood and will execute the duties of the office with respect, honor and enthusiasm. I have visited eight different countries to meet brothers, and have developed a close relationship with many international tables and will continue to expand the presence of the BOCUS by attending at least one international Zaf annually. As the National Captain I will work closely with Don Peterson to coordinate the 2022 World Zaf in Houston, Texas. The goal is to make the 2022 International Zaf the best the BOC has experienced.

On the national level I intend to continue encouraging and maintaining communication between the US tables, and in particular concentrate on promoting the growth of the Brotherhood in the years to come. The establishment of committees to promote the BOC to potential Engages through a network of updated media presentations and make available to all tables the tools needed to encourage young sailors to understand the Brotherhood. Education of new brothers is vital to insure important traditions are passed on and not lost in the fog. I intend to visit all the US tables at least two times during his tenure and open one-on-one dialog with Table Captains and Brothers nationwide.

Finally, I plan to abide by the Octalog and always keep with the eighth - "Love of the Sea must be the cult of your day, make sacrifices to her and obey her laws".



## Tour de force

By John D'Alusio

It started out innocently enough. During this past summer's annual Raftarancho (usually populated by the Solomons Island, Chesapeake Bay, and Sailing Capital Tables), National Captain Scott "Cruz" Ripley was speaking with Pete "Sea Devil" Chabot about the latter's experience with nuclear submarines during a 30-year Naval career, culminating in flag rank (Rear Admiral).

Scott mentioned how he'd been taken on a tour of a fleet carrier by Mark "El Maestro" Eller and indicated that he'd love to tour a nuclear submarine. Pete promised to work on that possibility.

Fast forward to the National Assembly of Captains Zaf (Sandcastle Downs) held in Solomon Islands 16 Aug-19 Aug. The welcoming reception was taking place on Thursday evening at a wonderful waterside venue (Drum Point Lighthouse at the Calvert Marine Museum). Brothers and captives were engaged in the usual comradery, while quenching their thirst from the open bar, and sating their appetite from the "heavy hor d'oeuvres" buffet, when Pete Chabot approached Scott Ripley.

Pete advised that he had spoken to the Norfolk Navy Yard Public Affairs Officer (PAO), and that he had arranged a tour of a nuclear attack submarine. The tour was scheduled for 13 October at 1000 hours at Pier 3 of the Norfolk Naval Station. He then advised Scott he was also going to invite John "The Crab" D'Alusio.

Pete sought me out and made the offer. Living on the west coast of Florida, attendance would require making travel plans, so I told Pete I'd have to look at my schedule and get back to him after the Zaf concluded and I was back home.

As it turns out, the weekend of 10/13 and 10/14 was open. Scott offered me a berth at his downtown Norfolk condo if I was able to make it. I checked flight schedules and found appropriate departure times from Tampa to Norfolk and back. I then let Scott and Pete know I was "in."

I have toured numerous submarines in my time, but all were diesel-electric boats. Typically they were WW II era Fleet boats of the Balao class, although I have also been on USS *Albacore* (AGSS-569) which was a unique research submarine that pioneered the American version of the teardrop hull. The *Albacore* was commissioned in December 1953. The boat carried no weapons and was propelled by the diesel-electric systems of WW II vintage. An active "nuke" attack sub was entirely different matter.

Plans were cemented by the end of August. On 12 October, I traveled to Norfolk in preparation for the tour of the nuclear submarine the following Day. Somehow, alcohol was involved the evening before the tour was scheduled, and Scott, his captive Michele, and I were all a bit over-served (yes, shocking).

Pete picked us up at Scott's condo at 0915 on 13 October, and we drove to the Norfolk Naval Station. On the way, Pete informed us we were going to tour USS Indiana (SSN-789). The Indiana was a brand-new Virginia Class attack submarine that was just commissioned at the end of September.

We arrived at the Naval Station, made our way to Pier 3 (which Pete advised was previously known as Pier 22, Sub and Destroyer pier), and after making it through the security check point, we made our way down the pier. On the starboard side of the pier lay the USS Indiana. All the pictures below are from the Indiana at her commissioning ceremony on 29 September at Port Canaveral, FL. As one might expect, no pictures are allowed by any visitors. The Navy frowns on that sort of thing.



Anyone who sees a surfaced Virginia Class attack sub tied to a pier may wonder what all the fuss is about. Unlike their WW II era colleagues, the nuclear boats have no topside weaponry. The typical 4" deck gun and 40mm Bofors and 20 MM Oerlikon anti-aircraft cannons of WW II Fleet subs are now distant relics of the past. The "nuke" attack subs are totally unremarkable from the outside.

We arrived at the gang-plank and checked in with the crew security detail. Initially there was a SNAFU. When Pete announced we were here to take a pre-arranged tour, we were met with blank stares. Pete provided his name, and we were soon told that crewmember Chabot was not on the sub that day. We looked at one another and then back at the heavily armed crewmember who gave us this information. Apparently, they (logically) thought Pete Chabot was related to a crewmember who shared the same last name. Pete disabused the security detail of this conclusion. As we were waiting, it was obvious something was going on at the port side of the pier. We were told USS Newport News (SSN-750) was returning from an extended deployment and would soon be at the pier. We were able to see her being brought in by several tugs and moored on the opposite side of the pier from the Indiana.

After the Newport News was safely moored, we were wondering about the nature of the delay of our pre-arranged tour. The gangplank security detail was milling about and speaking in low tones while shooting side glances at us. One of the crew came over and began making small talk. He asked if Pete was a Navy veteran. Pete answered in the affirmative. The sailor then asked, "What was your rating, Petty Officer?"

Anyone who knows Pete will tell you he is extremely self-effacing and humble. He rarely tells anyone he was a nuclear sub-mariner, ultimately achieving flag officer rank. At this point, I interrupted and stated, "This Admiral Chabot. He ran his own nuclear attack sub in the 70's." That got the security detail's attention. Shortly thereafter, a Petty Officer (E6) made his way down the gangplank, and asked, "Would you gentlemen like a tour of the boat?" Pete indicated that was the reason we were there.

The Petty Officer was John DeMayer, and he was assigned to the sonar section. He was an eleven-year Navy vet, all in subs. John had signed up for another 5 years, but indicated he was going to stay in for at least 20. We couldn't have been given a more capable tour guide.

First, we were brought forward on the pier and Petty Officer DeMayer pointed to the bow of the Indiana, just forward of the sail. There were two circular cut outs, one behind the other, that were clearly hatches of some type. Pete inquired about the nature of those cut-outs. DeMayer explained they each housed 6 Tomahawk missiles. These are 21" diameter vertically launched weapons with thousand-pound warheads. Interestingly, we were also told that Tomahawks could be fired from the four torpedo tubes, just like the Mark 48 torpedoes, but the more efficient launch system was the vertical variety.

We then made our way over the gangplank. The security detail tolled the bell in honor of the visiting Admiral. Finally, they had gotten "the word" that their guest wasn't just another civilian who knew "someone" and pulled strings to arrange a tour of the Indiana.

After making our way down the main hatchway located aft of the sail, John DeMayer began to show us around. He indicated the Indiana is the sixteenth of her class and sixth of the significantly redesigned Block III boats, including a revised bow and VLS (Vertical Launching System) technology derived from the Ohio-class of guided missile submarines.

The Virginia class boat is 377' long with a 34' beam. There are three levels of decks. The boat typically has a crew of 140.

We proceeded forward through "officer's country" to the control room. This is the heart of the boat. The WW II era subs had both a conning tower (located in the sail where the captain could operate the periscopes and give commands), and a control room below connected by a hatch. Modern subs have combined this into one compartment.

The Control Room featured a forest of computer screens (see below). Pete was looking for the familiar periscope tubes, but none were visible. John DeMayer explained that the scopes were now digital. The view of the lens was transmitted to the computer screen at the control console and repeated on a large flat screen on the forward starboard side of the Control Room (the blue screen visible below).



Target bearing, distance, course and speed are fed into the torpedo data computers, which then instantaneously produce a firing solution. The weapons control stations are the second and third screens in the photo below. These stations control both the torpedoes and the Tomahawk missiles.



I commented that I couldn't imagine doing damage control with all of these computers running the boat. DeMayer advised that they had triple redundancy on virtually all systems, and sometimes even more than this. For example, the sonar station (where DeMayer is the Assistant Sonar Petty Officer) on the port side of the Control Room featured six sonar screens each with an operator.

The boat is controlled by one crewman at the forward bulkhead of the compartment who uses a joystick. The days of helmsmen turning huge wheels to control the rudder, and sailors manning dive

plane stations are long gone. The Officer of the Deck (OOD) sits at a two-man station just behind the helmsman, and his screen displays the periscope images. Believe it or not, he uses a modified X-box gaming control to manipulate the periscope.

The forest of computer screens all have repeaters, meaning that an image from one screen, such as the periscope, can be reproduced on all screens if desired.

I asked where the Captain stationed himself in the Control Room. Turns out he has a fold out stool right behind the OOD, which is attached to the navigation table.

In the photo below, the OOD's station is the one where the officer has his hand. Note the periscope image on the screen, which is repeated on the large screen behind the officer's right shoulder.



The Control Room accommodates approximately 20 crewmembers when fully manned.

From the Control Room, we went forward into the Torpedo Room (photo below). The Virginia class Block III boats have four forward torpedo tubes, which mimics the prior Los Angeles class and Sturgeon class subs. A full war complement comprises 24 Mark 48 torpedoes, in addition to the previously mentioned twelve Tomahawk missiles in the vertical launch tubes. Despite the size of the Torpedo Room, it was difficult to imagine two dozen massive Mark 48 torpedoes in this space.





Petty Officer DeMayer indicated that it takes a relatively long time to load and unload the Mark 48s. Hatches have to be unbolted and opened up directly over the Torpedo Room. This task in and of itself takes several hours. Each torpedo takes a minimum of 12 minutes to be loaded into the boat. However, it's more like 15-20 minutes. Multiply that by 24, and you can figure out how long this arduous task takes the crew.

Another jarring realization was that there were no watertight doors on the Indiana between compartments. DeMayer told us there were only two watertight doors on the boat; one to the nuclear reactor and engine room (which we were not allowed to tour), and the other on the washing machine in the sub's laundry.

The Captain's quarters were predictably small and spartan but comprised the largest stateroom on the boat. Pete recalled that his quarters on Sea Devil were about similar in size. The XO's cabin was smaller yet contained a "guest rack" underneath the exec's bunk for important visitors.

During the tour, Pete regaled John DeMayer and other crewmembers about his time as skipper of the Sea Devil, which he captained for 3 ½ years. Pete will tell you it's the best job in the Navy!!

The crew quarters were tight, with six men per room. See below. In some instances, the crew still "hot bunks." This is where several crewmembers share the same sleeping bunk, so when one crew member is on watch, the bunk is utilized by another crewmember. The quarters are certainly not for the claustrophobic.



The Officer's Wardroom accommodated a dozen officers, with the captain's chair at the head of the table. At the other end is traditionally the Supply Officer, the boat's junior ensign (who is in charge of the galley). If the captain is unhappy with the meal quality, a stern look down the wardroom table at the Supply Officer is enough to encourage dyspepsia.

The Crew's Mess (below) is opposite the galley. The food from the galley was served to the crew buffet style. The first table to the right of the mess is for the petty officers. This compartment has the ever-present coffee urns going 24/7, as well as a soft serve ice cream dispenser to those with a sweet tooth.



Our tour concluded with an examination of the Machinery Room. This basically houses everything but the main propulsion turbines and nuclear reactor. During the tour of this compartment, Petty Officer DeMayer showed us the ILPES (Integrated Low Pressure Equalization System) unit. This equipment keeps the air scrubbed when the submarine is running underwater. This is one system

where there was no apparent redundancy. DeMayer explained that the ILPES was totally reliable. It ran so quietly, they often forgot to shut it off when they were surfaced with open hatches.

Pete remarked that on the Sturgeon Class nuclear attack boat that he captained (Sea Devil, SSN-664), there were two air scrubbing systems that were always breaking down. Technology has apparently defeated this past problem. I asked if crewmembers could smoke on board while the boat was submerged. DeMayer advised that as of 2011, this was prohibited. Pete was known to enjoy a cigar or three while he was skipper of the Sea Devil when it was running submerged, but this is no longer an option for the modern sub force.

At the conclusion of the tour, which lasted almost 2 ½ hours, we climbed back on deck up through the main hatch. We chatted with John DeMayer. Pete asked several questions about the composition of the crew, and time in the sub force. One could not help but be impressed with Petty Officer DeMayer and his fellow crewmembers. They represent the best this nation has to offer, and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their service, dedication, and professionalism.

On the way ashore, the ship's bell was again rung for Pete, with salutes all around by the gangplank security detail. And we finally figured out what had gone amiss at the start of our tour. The day before, there was a change of command. It was most probable that the departing skipper did not pass the word along to the new captain and topside detail that a tour had been arranged by the PAO for a retired Admiral and two of his colleagues. That is why no one seemed to understand what we were doing there at 1000.

We arrived back at Scott's condo and had a beer while discussing our tour of Indiana. It was a memorable morning and something that neither Scott or I will ever forget.

For those who don't know him, Pete Chabot lived the Naval life for three decades. An Annapolis graduate, he entered the nuclear sub force when Admiral Hyman Rickover, often referred to as Father of the Nuclear Navy, held sway.

Pete worked with Admiral Rickover (who had the nickname of KOG, "kindly old gentleman" because he was anything but that) for many years. Advancing in rank through Engineering, Pete was promoted to skipper of his own attack boat. After captaining SSN-664 (Sea Devil) for 3.5 years, he was promoted to Submarine Squadron 10 Commander in the Med. He was eventually in charge of bringing the Mark 48 torpedo project to fruition. The Mk 48 is still in use today, attesting to the soundness and reliability of the design. Pete reached flag rank (Rear Admiral) before retiring after 30 years in the Naval service.

Personal thanks to Pete for his graciousness in arranging the tour of the USS Indiana (SSN-789). Scott and I enjoyed ourselves tremendously (even though the crew wouldn't let Scott take out the Indiana for a cruise around the bay). Orza!!!!

# Chesapeake Bay

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Captain Elect: Eric "Roux Ga Roux" Mantherne

## August Tip-a-Few

The August Tip-a-Few was held on the Friday evening of the Labor Day weekend at Rebel Marina. Like many of the evenings from the summer of 2018, the humidity of the earlier day had been swept away by late afternoon thunderstorms. While our gathering was spared any rain, storms could still be seen in the distance as the sun set.



Co-sponsored by the crews of *Talisman* and *Hampshire Rose*, we assessed our attendee list and purchased more than enough baby backed ribs for all. Then came the surprise announcement the morning of the T-a-F: 22 live Maine lobsters showed up at the door of Cruz and Michele and had to be cooked and eaten that day! During the rest of the day, they scrambled to get the lobsters down to Rebel Marina, figure out how to cook them for the Tip-a-Few. Being a native of Maine, Maine Sheet was instrumental in properly cooking the lobsters for consumption by blue-crab oriented southerners. So, the August Tip-a-Few ended up being a three-way co-sponsored event offering a smörgåsbord for everyone. [There were plenty of leftovers!] Thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful end-of-the-summer get-together!



Joker's payback plans were unveiled.

Now, the back story on the lobsters: During his week-long visit with Cruz and Michele for the Sandcastle Downs End-of-Summer bash it seems Brother Joker (Bill Streep – Corpus Christi) had become frustrated with his inability to contribute to the meals and other accommodations afforded to him and his mate, Jan, by the crew of *Orza*. He contacted me about our August Tip-a-Few and I gave him the date but could not get him to reveal his intentions. Without giving it much more thought, I went about my business, completely forgetting that he was up to something. It was not until I got the call from Cruz on that Friday morning that

## War of the Dinghy's

Over the years, long-time high school buddies, Cruz (Scott Ripley) and Bui (John Williams) have had a friendly rivalry going on: who's dinghy is faster. To be fair, this rivalry has been through a number of different boat and motor changes but, to date, Bui has dominated past races.

Equipment changes are the focal point of the last controversy. Cruz bought a new aluminum RIB two years ago but he still couldn't beat BUI. Then, in July he replaced his 2-stroke 15hp Yamaha with a slightly heavier 4-stroke 20-hp Suzuki and declared that he now had the faster dinghy. Not to be psyched-out by Cruz's declaration, Bui promptly challenged Cruz to a race (not for pink slips). But Cruz, wanting to break in the new engine first, asked to defer the race to a later date. Bui immediately seized on the request as fear of possible defeat on Cruz's part.

It was at this point that protocol demanded that the Table Captain step in to mitigate the rivalry. In evaluating the claims by both sides, Cap'n Upwind decided that the race would have to be delayed since Cruz's claim of a necessary break-in period was valid.

A number of weeks later, during a raft-up in the East River over the Labor Day weekend, the race was finally held. The winner, with power to spare was Bui. Cruz put up a valiant effort but, in the end, could not compete with the torque of a 2-stroke engine mounted to a dinghy with a longer water line!

## A Sleepy Hollow Halloween

It was an interesting Brotherhood grouping: The Captains of the Chesapeake Bay and Solomons Island Tables travelling to and staying with the daughter of a Marathon Table Brother and her pasajero husband. Upwind and Junebug drove up to Tarrytown for the Halloween celebrations in Sleepy Hollow (formerly North Tarrytown, NY), home of Washington Irving and his colonial story of the Headless Horseman chasing down Icabod Crane on All Hallows Eve. We met with Goose and



Linda Bailey and our hosts Pat and Barbara Whalen. The Whalen's live in a beautiful condominium just north of the Tappan Zee bridge on the Hudson River.

Pat and Barbara had a wonderful weekend planned for us starting with a costumed Sleepy Hollow pub crawl. Linda was the costume designer: we took the town on as Average Joe's Dodgeball Team (see 2004 movie – **Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story**). This made it easy for



our fellow pub crawlers to identify us as we sampled the libations from a few of the town's best taverns.

Saturday we were slow to get going on a dreary, rainy day - courtesy of Hurricane Willa's remnants. Once revived and re-energized, our group headed out for a guided tour of the area including a tour of the Sleepy Hollow Country Club which is the former mansion built by Cornelius Vanderbilt; various Rockefeller mansions and properties and; Washington Irving's residence.

Afterwards, we returned to our home base and readied ourselves for the evening at the Philipsburg Manor. First up was the "Unsilent Movie." An old-style silent movie that was accompanied by a three-person trio (guitar, cello & accordion) as well as an excellent sound effects man. Then it was onto the haunted estate. More than a haunted house, this Halloween extravaganza involved an extensive sequence of scary scenes spread out over the estate with professional actors doing their best to, and succeeding at, scaring the hell out of us! While it had been sprinkling throughout the evening, we were lucky that the rain held off until we made it back to the car.

On Sunday morning, Junebug and I had to start our drive home while the other two couples headed north for a boucon with the New York Table. Despite the wet and grey weather, we had a wonderful time. I would like to thank our hosts and recommend to the Solomons Island Captain that pasajero Pat Whalen be promoted to Engagé.

# Corpus Christi

Captain: Bob "Walrus" Weber  
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In September Captain "Walrus" hosted the Table for last ditch plotting and planning for the approaching Margaritas and Señoritas. We think we're ready (?), because they are coming ready or not. This was followed by food and more adult beverages and nefarious plotting.

The world-famous Margaritas and Señoritas event was once again held in October. There was an excellent turnout and a good time had by all.



Saturday afternoon guests took boat rides, attended a car show, etc. or rested up for the evening's activities. The evening brought full battle dress, southwestern enchiladas (with all the fixings), full bar, Margaritas, entertainment, and a rousing round of "A Sailor Looks at 40".



Although Neptune smiled on us and we escaped a direct hit hurricane, we were still impacted. The 'Margaritas and Señoritas' shirts were being manufactured in Wilmington, North Carolina, which took a massive hit from Hurricane Florence. We apologized for not having them here for the event. But they will be sent as soon as we receive them. Towards the end, the traditional feet in the last bucket of Margaritas took place, double feet this time.

Thankfully, no injuries were reported.

Bob Weber  
Walrus  
Captain Corpus Christi Table  
(The Scribe is 'Holystoning' the deck)

*And remember:  
"It was the Law of The Sea, they said.  
Civilization ends at the waterline.  
Beyond that, we all enter the food chain.  
And not always right at the top."  
Hunter S. Thompson*



# New York

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Come to New York and Take a Bite Out of The Big Apple  
Help Us Celebrate Our 60th Anniversary  
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## Robert's Barbacoa August 9, 2018



It was a hot and steamy evening scheduled to entertain Brother Til Kleinstauber, #46 of the Düsseldorf Table, visiting New York with his daughter. While touring Cape Cod his daughter was admitted to a hospital so they were not in attendance. (She's fine now.) The plan was to sail Robert's *Sojourn* on the 8<sup>th</sup> followed by a Zaf/Barbacoa at Robert Coles', "Big Hopper", home in Port Washington. A huge supply of spare ribs and other American specialties were on the menu. We had surprise guests which added to the festivities. We enjoyed the company of Connie McCann and Tony Gibb, who had their world cruising yacht, *Sage*, moored in Manhasset Bay. We heard amazing tales of their nine years of cruising, starting in Victoria BC, going west, and now in Long Island Sound. They were headed to the Norfolk area and were advised to contact Brothers there.

## Annual Captains' Meeting Solomon's Island August 17-19, 2018

New York was well represented at the meetings and events with eleven of us enjoying the scenery, spirits and friendship. In addition to Ed and Barbara Krumreich who drove up from St. Augustine,

Florida, (the southern branch of our Table) in attendance were Tony and Theo Olmer, Gail and Joe Citarella, Chris Nietzsche and Marie Genteale, Engagé Stewart and Leslie Napoleon and JungleJane.



Chris, Stewart, Marie and Leslie



Barbara

### Emergency Zaf NYC September 30, 2018



Gail, Gerd and Joe

Vigie Joe Citarella received word that we would be having a visitor from the Lubeck, Germany Table. Within a few days he pulled together a jolly emergency Zaf in the theater district of Manhattan. Gerd Mueller, his wife and daughter were in New York City prior to an extended tour in the USA. We met Gerd in the lobby of his hotel on West 44<sup>th</sup> St. followed by an authentic Italian dinner at Tony's Di Napoli, a short walk from the hotel. Able to join us at the last minute were Theo and Tony, Marie and Chris, Joe and Gail and Jungle Jane.

### On the Water Stories September 22, 2018

Len, "Baggywrinkle", with his crew, won Second Place in the Hempstead Harbor Long Island Sound Classic Boat Race, Catboat division. This is his first not wooden boat, Prudence 25, *Kocka*.





Another On The Water Zaf was organized by Len Sinowitz and the “Our Boat Owning Brothers” to honor Christopher Columbus. It finally happened on the weekend of October 13/14. Marie and Chris on *Spirit*, a Catalina 42, Lenny and Elaine on *Kocka* and Robert and Kathleen on *Sojurn*, a Pretorien 35. It was a cold and windy weekend as captured in the cabin of *Spirit* and *Sojurn* sailing.

## Annual Halloween Zaf October 28, 2018



## “Eerie Aerie” aka “More or Less”



Some new faces and some not so new



The Chesapeake contingent, Andrea, Kevin



Tony and Backi



Happy Birthday

Those who dared made their way to the “Eerie Aerie” of Andrea Torrens #93 and Lory Smith in Valhalla Highlands, a unique community in the Hudson Hills. GPS was necessary to navigate one’s way into the community of stone houses from which one expected Hansel and Gretel to emerge any minute. Three or four fireplaces were lit and each of the three floors was a special treat, the art on the walls and the unique collector’s items in every room.

We were fortunate to be able to host several Brothers from afar in the area. Hartmuth Becker, “Backi”, from the Berlin Table, brought his granddaughters, Svea and Stine. We expect him to come back to New York in the spring. Both Joe Citarella and I were happy to see him again, on our shores. Also, Jim and Linda Bailey, and Pat and Barbara Whelan, from the Solomon’s Island Table, blew in from Tarrytown, all dressed in orange

T-shirts. They created the pumpkin disgorging guacamole platter. Tony Olmer introduced 3 guests, neighbors in his marina. And Kevin introduced Dana and Julian whose 37' wooden ketch is now in Brittany, with plans for sailing next summer to Spain. All in all, we were 35.

Andrea and Lory provided fine display of pulled pork and all the fix in's. Brothers and Mates brought in the appetizers and desserts and liquid adult beverages.

[The highlight of the day was the birthday celebration for our beloved captain Jungle Jane with spooky cupcakes. Needless to say JJ blew out the funky candles with one breath, Orza! ed. Tony Olmer]

Looking forward to hosting the Annual Assembly of Captains in August 2019 in the heart of New York City. Concurrently we will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the New York Table.

Respectfully submitted,  
JungleJane and Able Creative Art Staff, Tony Olmer and Lory Smith

# Sailing Capital

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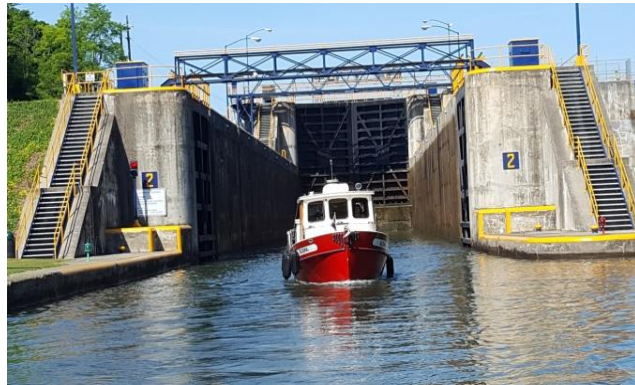


Even with the wettest summer on the Bay for years, SC Brothers were able to spend a respectable time on the water.

Mattigan, "Wookie" hosted our 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks raft up aboard *Sister Mary Catherine* with Ramzi's "Rambo" *Principia*. Wookie was also able to spend some weekends kayaking from *Sister Mary Catherine*.

Lee "Chessie" and Mate Catherine snuck back from their new digs in St. Augustine for The Rock Hall Pirates Festival.

Peter Dula "Sea Dog" and Mate Debra spent most of the summer doing the Erie Canal, Finger Lakes, Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. The locks have more lift than the ICW or across Okeechobee!



Ramzi “Rambo” actively competed his J-80 on the Bay and at several other class East Coast regattas. He recently purchased a second 80 to add to his fleet of a RIB, Whaler and his Sun Odyssey 35 *Principia*.

Michael Lehmkuhl “Ron Rico” and Mate Heidi did most of the EYC Beer Can races and several local regattas. Ava, merf’s daughter did some crewing.

Steve “Zusedog” Reeves did the annual Schooner Race to Portsmouth, VA again this year. Took line honors for the class to get eased out on corrected time!

We had several TAF’s; first an impromptu in September at Ramzi’s who provided home-made pizza. The chimera fire was most welcome. Then we did a larger TAF end October with Mission BBQ, fixin’s, rum and cigars. Below in front, L to R are Chris “Wanderer” and Ken “Lazyjacks”; back Peter Dula, merf “Salty Dog” Mattigan, Ramzi and Carlos “Toad” with our booze barrel “BOB” in the middle. Michael was late coming off the water from a race, Steve was tied up at work and Lee was enjoying the warm.



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# San Antonio

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Captain Elect: Monty "Python" Rogers

Scribe: Wayne "Kilo Pata Barrera" McNeil

Purser: David "Pilgram" Overpeck



San Antonio bid a sad farewell to one of its senior Brothers; Joseph "Jofes" Scherm began his eternal voyage and will be missed by all. Jofes was inducted in October, 1986 and proudly flew Flag #113. He served our table as Captain and attended several National and International Zafs. He was an active sailor and racer and was a strong competitor in both his Catalina 30 "*Muncher Kindle*" and his Soling "*Bavarian*".

Jofes had a home remodeling company and decided to build a home for himself and his long-term lady friend Lillia on the shores of Canyon Lake. When I say build a home I mean framed, nailed, tiled, painted...Jofes built the home. Josef and Lillia were later wed.

May fair seas and following winds be with you on your voyage.



## **Upcoming Activities:**

December 21 – Cowboy Christmas at Craig & Cheryl Wright's Big Barn

January 10 – "Second Thursday" open grill and planning meeting at the Rogers

Throughout the summer, impromptu raft-ups on Canyon Lake

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

# Sun Coast

Captain: Virg "Phantom" Mellott  
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On July 18, 2018, Enzo Anzellini and his charming Captive Elizabeth, hosted a Happy Hour Tip-A-Few at Enzo's favorite Italian Restaurant, Primo Italian Ristorante in Sarasota, Florida. He was able to secure a smoking deal of half price wine, pasta and pizza for our entire group! Our Tip-A-Few get-togethers during the summer get smaller as the summer goes on due to a large number of our members "getting out of Dodge" to escape the summer heat and humidity.

We did not schedule any activities for August since we are officially categorized as a ghost town during this time of year!

In September we had a river boat cruise scheduled in Sarasota Bay on a real stern wheeler that came south from somewhere up the Mississippi River to permanently move to the warm, sunny, crystal clear waters on Florida's Gulf Coast. We didn't get a large group signed up for the cruise, again due to hardly anyone being here, but at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour it was cancelled due to the Red Tide affecting most of the Gulf coast. The normally beautiful white sand beaches in this part of Florida were littered with millions of dead fish and the stench could be smelled for miles. Besides the dead fish and odors, red tide can also cause a serious respiratory problem. Restaurants along the coast shut down as well as stores and shops and businesses to include our stern wheeler. They pulled it out of the water and put it on a hard, where it sat after some maintenance until the red tide dissipated. That didn't happen until after Hurricane Michael passed through the area and moved a lot of water in the Gulf to mix things up a bit. By the way, Hurricane Michael spared this part of south Florida, but sure reeked havoc to the Florida panhandle.

October found 19 of us at Stonewood Grill in south Bradenton for a really nice happy hour and dinner. Several of those who got out of town had just

arrived back “home” and were able to attend. Good times by all since not seeing many of our Brothers and Captives for several months.

Obviously, by the lack of them appearing on this journalist masterpiece, not many of us take pictures at our get-togethers, so there are no pictures to look at from our rather slow and low attendance during this time of year.

A reminder, Sun Coast Table’s 29<sup>th</sup> Little Christmas ZAF is coming up the second weekend of December this year. There are still berths available for this December 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 fun filled ZAF weekend. Please email me or John D’Alusio for more information or the registration form.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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

**Saturday, December 8th, 6-10PM – Arte Cafe, 930 12<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205**

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

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



Besides an all-you-can-eat Italian buffet, consisting of bountiful appetizers, a main course of pastas and proteins, and scrumptious homemade desserts (tiramisu and cannolis), we will be offering fine vino (both red and white) to complement the meal. This wine is estate grown and

bottled in Italy. The Maciarelli Montepulciano de' Abruzzo will satisfy all red wine aficionados, while our Pinot Grigio from the same producer will serve to sate white wine lovers. We'll be partying hearty, and you are encouraged to leave your diets at the door. Mangia!!!!



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



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



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

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

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

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## **Accommodations**

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

## **Summary**

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

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



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

Name:

Address:

Table:

Status (brother, captive, engage, guest):

Email Address:

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Name of Captive/Guest:

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

Arrival Date and Time:

Departure Date and Time:

Cost of Zaf per person: \$145

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

***Please send your check no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 (or  
we'll keel hual your scurvy visage).***



## TEX ZAF 2019

### April 25th-29th, 2019

Thangs in Texas are a “changin’ up, Padnah! Git yur spurs on!  
The Sunsets are Amazing!!

Mark your calendar for Tex Zaf 2019 in San Antonio and the Texas Hill Country.

An Annual Tex Zaf will be held each year by one of the three Texas Tables.

Guests should arrive on Thursday, April 25, 2019, and settle in with their hosts or hotel. Out of Country and out of State guests will have first available housing with SA Brothers and Captives. Group hotel arrangements are at Hampton Inn San Antonio Northwoods for our other travelers. See registration form.

≈Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - Experience Texas in Bandera. Breakfast with hosts and then you will be transported to Bandera (about an hour West of SA) where you will experience the Cowboy Capital of the World. Optional shopping and tour downtown Bandera.

Around 11:00 AM we gather at the beautiful Texas ranch of Brother Bob Wills for an afternoon of PURE TEXAS. Enjoy the expansive views and beauty of the Texas Hill Country. You may experience a game of horseshoes or try your best to rope a steer (probably not a live steer). We won’t divulge all events this early. Barbecue dinner, adult beverages, western music and dancing to complete the day.

≈Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - Early, you will don your Pirate finest and gather in south downtown San Antonio in the old King William Historic area for the annual King William Fair Parade. This is one CRAZY PARADE!

Some local breakfast tacos and beverages are expected to once again fortify our group. San Antonio’s Pirate ship “Orza” will sail in the parade and we will hand out our Mardi Gras beads and entertain those along the parade route.

Afterwards, we will stop at Tycoon Flats for food and refreshment. Lunch on your own with free rounds of nachos and happy hour drinks.

The rest of the day will allow you to tour and travel as you wish or rest-up for the nighttime gathering at Craig and Cheryl Wright’s beautiful, relaxing property just north of San Antonio. Experience a different view of our amazing Texas Hill Country. Live entertainment is planned as usual, along with ample food and adult beverages. Depending on the number of guests, transportation will be provided from the hotel.

≈Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - early start for a tour of the Texas Wine Country is being planned. Transportation provided. Sunday is optional and cost will be minimal, on your own.

≈Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - For those who can stay, a tour of the San Antonio Riverwalk, The Alamo, the Menger Hotel Teddy Roosevelt Bar, Tower of the Americas and if there is time, a couple of the local Missions. Costs on your own.



# TEX ZAF 2019 SAN ANTONIO

## IT'S TIME TO PARTY

## TEXAS STYLE!

The Activities Begin early on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Plan to arrive on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

See the attached 'Schedule of Events' for this Experience Texas Weekend of Fun & Frolic!

Cost: \$250 per couple/ \$125.00 individual — Don't Wait

Limited to first 100 folks registering. Make your Plans Now!

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REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

Limited bunks with San Antonio hosts will be available.  
Out of Country & Out of State will take first availability. In State when/if available.

# of Bunks Needed \_\_\_\_\_

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Hotel has been arranged with Hampton Inn San Antonio, Northwoods  
Call 210-404-1144 for reservations.

\$102 per night - triple Hilton Reward Points.

Tell them you are with Brotherhood of the Coast. They are excited that the BOC is coming!  
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Will arrive by Car: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_      RV (no room needed): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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

Date of arrival? \_\_\_\_\_      Date of departure? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail Your Check & Registration To:

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