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Editorial

**TOM COLLIER
National Captain USA**

We used to meet at the marina on Friday evenings, have drinks and dinner, and then we would go sail until the wee hours of the morning. We still meet at the marina on Friday evenings to have drinks and dinner, but more recently we are long in bed by the wee hours.

A few weeks ago, while having our Friday cocktails with several Brothers, I came to a startling realization.....The older we get, the more we talk about what we did when we were younger. I pointed the change out to those present and in our rum induced brilliance we developed a plan.

On Friday's we would take "cocktail cruise", have a light dinner on board, and enjoy an evening on the water. And so we did. And a great time was had by all....I am told. But there were casualties. Lots of casualties. Enough Excedrin was consumed on Saturday that my Bristol-Meyers stock spiked early the following week.

At least now we have something to talk about that we did when we were older. What a price we pay for memories. This brings me to what I really wanted to say.

The time I spend with local Brothers is great fun, but it is what we do all the time. These are the people that we would probably be our friends if the Brotherhood did not exist. Some of the best memories that I have of my years in the Brotherhood are the result of time that I spent with Brothers from other Tables. I encourage each of you to visit another Table anytime you have the opportunity. That is only way to truly understand the spirit of the Brotherhood.

Tom



VOYAGERS

Meeting My Brothers in Spain

By: Gary Johnson "Swedish Navigator"
Savannah Table

I am always interested to meet my Brothers overseas. Having lived and worked in Europe for 10 years since I was 21 (my formative years) I developed an appreciation for European culture, particularly in Spain and Germany where I met my German wife and spent most of my time. Through the Brotherhood I have reconnected to Germany through the many friends I have made in the Lubeck Table and been back several times to sail and visit and continue to maintain an ongoing contact. This is what the Brotherhood means to me.

But what about the Spanish contingent? I had installed new radar systems throughout Spain in 1959-60 which are still operating today. We enjoyed the rich culture and the people while in Spain and I longed to be reconnected. My favorite place was always Mallorca, the little Spanish Island in the Mediterranean. When I found out that the only Brotherhood Table in Spain was in Mallorca I began dreaming about meeting my Brothers there. A few years later I still had not met any of the Spanish Brothers at the Boucans I attended. I decided to do it on my own and go there.

When a longtime friend of mine who also lived and worked many years in Europe volunteered to share a room with me I took him up on it and our adventure was on. We got to Mallorca and settled in for a few days. I called Table Captain Manuel de Luque and spoke to his wife. He was away for an extended trip to China. (No wonder I couldn't get in touch with him by email before I left.) I was referred to Javier Martinez Beaus. When

I reached him he was preparing for a trip on his boat to Ibiza for 3 days. (I love their lifestyle.) He would contact me when he got back.



This he did. He made arrangements to pick us up at our hotel where we met his wife/captiva Juana. They took us to a popular old typical Spanish

bodega/restaurante with big wine casks and bullfight posters lining the walls. There we met 2 other Brothers and their wives/captivas, Joaquin Perez-Marsa & Marta and Jose Angel Monreal ("Pepe") & Tove. We got to know each other and had a grand time. I was glad we understood and were able to converse in Spanish. I still remember the words of wisdom from Joaquin regarding Spanish wine. "The best white wine is the red." It was great to experience the Spanish culture again.



We were invited to go the next day on Javier's boat "Sorgo" with Pepe and Tove for a cruise around the south end of the

island. It was a great opportunity. After seeing some interesting beaches and developments we anchored in a little cove for a swim where Juana was swimming with some other friends. This is what I came for. After returning to the harbor/marina I invited them for lunch the following week.

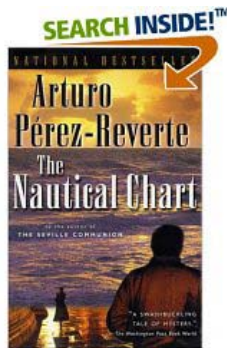
The following week we met at a popular bar/cafe in Palma and Pepe recommended a typical Galician restaurant for seafood. They drove us there and at 2pm we began a traditional Spanish meal, great seafood of all kinds and Galician wine. We ate and drank with the spirit of the Brotherhood until 5pm. We even had a couple of quiet "Orzas". We were truly Brothers when we parted. These were experiences I shall never forget. My Brothers in Spain have truly shown me and my friend the highest level of the spirit of the Brotherhood, especially on such short notice.

Viva la espiritu de la Hermandad!

ORZA!



Good Books



I am just finished with a great sailing mystery and think the Brothers would find it so too.

It is The Nautical Chart, by Arturo Perez-Reverte. He is an "internationally acclaimed" Spanish writer. All his books have the theme of a mystery with different genres, rare books, fencing, ... In this particular one it is sailing while looking for a sunken treasure ship on the Mediterranean coast of Spain. It even mentions the Hermanos de la Costa in Tortuga on pg 352. A main character is a merchant seaman and there are many flashbacks of places he has been. He and his cohorts are now sailing off the southern coast of Spain trying to find the treasure and escape the competition.

Jungle Jane

News from the Tables

NEWS FROM THE CHESAPEAKE

Hello to all of our Brothers throughout the U.S. and the world. Summer is now here and it has been blazing hot – hot is not so bad but humidity in the 90%+ range and heat indexes around 110 – PHEW!!!! All of the Brothers of the Chesapeake Bay Table are well AND in town – at least now the out of town trips are for business reasons or short vacations.

Brother Limey has traveled to Las Vegas and Hawaii – tough life, but someone has to do it! When in town, boat projects, sailing adventures and Tip-A-Fews fill the time until the weather cools down. When not available for Table gatherings, Sook Holly has represented him well.

Brother Country Boy and Sook Frankie Ann are now the proud owners of at least two vessels. His latest motor-sailing is a vessel he has wanted for quite a while – a 32' Failes. It will be a beauty when the project list is complete. The vessel arrived in Portsmouth over the July 4th holiday after several short-hop trips from Florida.

Brother Brise Galets has traveled an ungodly number of miles on what else – a bicycle. Several other distance rides will fill the rest of his year (maybe two years) along with updating our roster and email list and attending all of the Table events. Sook Natasha has been busy with school, work and travel.

Brother Cruz and Sook Anne arrived back in Tidewater in June after a 5,000+

nautical mile delivery of their vessel ORZA (57' powercat) from Bellingham, WA, through the Panama Canal, and up the east coast. It's great to have them back and what a new 'party platform' – it is a truly beautiful craft.

Our Table's newest Brother, Upwind has been busy with work and other projects. He and Sook June were able to take Peter's mother on a week trip on the Bay that included a visit with Brother Snapper King in Solomons Island, MD – our summer Brother of the Keys Table. A trip to the infamous Tiki Bar was the order of the day.

Brother El Maestro and Sook AJ have been occupied with work, land-based home purchase, boat projects and school. Mark is now a chef, having completed his schooling at Johnson & Wales, and is entering ODU this fall. You have to use that GI Bill in order for it to be a benefit of service to the country!!

Brother Piper has been busy with work, travels and sailing the Schooner Shanty alongside the newly christened Schooner Virginia in the annual Harborfest Parade of Sail. Both are truly beautiful vessels and look right at home on the waters of the Bay.

Brother Pilot and Sook Francine have passed the time with sailing onboard Cat Nap whenever time and weather allow. Work is a necessary evil that interferes at times but they have managed to keep this interference to a minimum.

Brother Rocket Boy and Sook Sherry have their vessel, Blue Moon, back in service after a major overhaul this past

winter and spring. Out on the water whenever time allows and participation in local festivals, parties and Tip-A-Fews have filled the time.

Yours truly, Blue Stache, and Sook Diana have welcomed two new boat-kittys aboard Casual Class. They arrived this past Easter and have been absolutely terrific onboard – only one has managed to go swimming as of this report. An 11 day sailing trip on the Bay with highlights of a charter fishing trip out of St. Jerome Creek with a college roommate and a visit with our long-time friends and now Brother Snapper King and Captive Margie featuring fresh steamed blue crabs and a trip aboard the Margie D to watch the 4th of July fireworks on the Patuxent River was a highlight of our summer – so far.

A side note may be appropriate here – we want to thank the Keys Table for sharing Brother Snapper King with us here on the Chesapeake. It's great that you allow Bernie & Margie to come play with us each summer.

As a Table, we have continued to get together at least monthly to celebrate our good fortunes of being part of the Brotherhood. We managed to get together with some of the Potomac Table Brothers at the home of Brother Eagle in early May. Other events have included fabulous food and drink, both shoreside and at anchor and, most recently, at the home of Engage Red Davis, where he and Tricia hosted the entire Table at the christening of their backyard, poolside Tiki Bar – it was a great time and you can see that Tiki Bars play a big part in our travels. Plans are underway for another 3 day Labor Day Zaf sailing somewhere on the Bay – join us if you can.

Finally, I must report that contrary to some rumors we have heard, the Chesapeake Bay Table is not hosting a Labor Day event this year. We have had

inquiries regarding the event BUT that was the first time we heard it was rumored to be taking place. It did get us thinking, however, and there may be news to be distributed after this year's Captain's Meeting at the Gold Coast Table Zaf in October. We hope to see many of you at this event.

Until our next communication, stay safe and have smooth seas and breezes abaft the beam!

Blue Stache, aka Stew Kauffman,
Captain



NEWS FROM CORPUS CHRISTI

The Corpus Christi Table was host to visiting Brother Sven Hebecker and Captive Reni from the Table of Lubeck-Travemunde last April, bringing with them the true meaning of BROTHERHOOD. We were able to dispense with any thoughts that our guests may have had about TEXAS being all cowboy and wide open spaces, but big enough to have palms and tropical breezes as well as miles and miles of open beaches, which was a revelation to our guests.

Informal drop-ins to the area in July were our National Captain, "Ursa Major" and Captive Sue, Jim Musgrove, "Sweet Cheeks" and Captive Celeste. Both Brothers arrived on their own bottoms and tied up at Brother Don Schoenfeld, "Heavy Hung" and Captive Nancy's home. Craig Wright "Marquis de Sade" from the San Antonio Table and Captive Cheryl were visiting Table Captain Rumline and Captive Jean at the same time and added to the impromptu gathering. As is customary the RUM was

breached and the good story swapping and exaggerations were exchanged.

Our former Table Captain John Gibson and Captive Diane are rumored to have their boat in Corpus Christi. We welcome them back from their stay in South Africa. Also noted was the return to the area of Tim Stephenson. "Pakrat" and Captive Sharon.

July fourth activities were hosted by Dave May, "Greywater" and Captive Barb. Their home provided the perfect viewing stand for the extraordinary fireworks provided by KIEWIT OFFSHORE.



NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST

We started off this year with our annual Super Bowl Party hosted, as always, by Danny and Joy Connor. While we were busy eating too much and drinking just enough, we inducted our newest Brother, John Dotto, and Captive Sara.

In February, a number of the Gold Coast brothers made our usual pilgrimage to Marathon for the annual Keys ZAF. What a weekend!

We're looking forward to hosting the 2005 Captains' Meeting October 29th. We'll also be having our Annual Boat Show Zaf that same weekend and hope to see many of you there.

If you haven't already received info and a Registration Form, e-mail Captain Dave "Scorch" Sowers at rumbullion@aol.com.



NEWS FROM HOUSTON

The Houston Table joined forces with San Antonio for a "first ever" combined river rafting trip in Bandera Texas. Several Houston and San Antonio Brothers gathered at Bob Wills' ranch on the mighty Medina River on Friday afternoon to plan our Saturday rafting trip. After several libations and food the plans were set and we were off for a night of rest before the Saturday trip. Dawn broke on Saturday and 40 or so hearty souls, plus one dog, left for the river. After a short bus ride, we set off on the mighty Medina River through rapids, under bridges, calm waters and shady Cypress trees for a five hour float. One big problem came up. We ran out of beer after 4 hours. The last hour was tough, but we made it back to Bob's for a great cookout and live music.

Early in June, Tom and Carol Dayton held a christening party for their 72 boat, Steel Magnolia. They have been working on her for several years and she is beautiful. Complete with custom woodwork, custom etched glass, leather furniture, 4 staterooms and hot tub on the top deck, she is truly a vessel for cruising. Brothers Musgrove, Collier, Hutchinson, Lowe, and Peterson made the trip to Port Aransas for the July 4 weekend. Another trip is planned in October prior to the Harvest Moon sail boat race, the largest on the Gulf Coast of Texas.

With the dog days of summer in full swing, the Houston Brothers are looking forward to the fall and cooler weather. 80 degrees would feel pretty nice about now.

Big Dog #213



NEWS FROM THE KEYS

We are now enjoying the lazy days of summer in the Keys. Lobster season just opened and the fishing is always great so we hope you'll find time to come see us. The Lokes, Deans, Perezes and Hamricks are holding down the home place while our seasonal members are away. Chuck "Tracker" and Donna Ryan are at their the summer home in Minnesota. Don "Backlash" and Carol Coggan are at their farm in Michigan and Bernie "Snapper King" and Margie Dove are in Maryland. Rumor has it that Margie and Bernie won top prize \$\$\$ at the Stripper tournament on the Chesapeake. They always do us proud.

Those of us holding down the fort while half our members are north have been busy traveling. Sid "Fishbait" and Fran Dean visited California and Texas while the Lokes and Hamricks made it to Alaska and Vancouver, Canada. Nelson "El Chino" and Vivian Perez were in Panama for two weeks for their annual deep sea fishing adventure. All of us missed (geographically not emotionally) our first hurricane of the season. Brother Joe "Bubbles" Hamrick finally sold Shenandoah before his trip and Ed "Brillo" Loke has prospective buyers for his Viking 43 Lucky-L. Ed is planning on a little downsizing after the Hurricane Season.

We were all so sad to see the Van Arsdels move from the Keys. They have a new condo in Sarasota, so it is our loss but the Sarasota brothers gain. When not in Sarasota, you can find them in Missouri where they are building a summer home.

Several brothers have made it to the Keys for a visit. Ann and Scott Ripley aboard their new boat Orza joined Lokes and Bob Hadley from Sarasota in Key West. They then had dinner with the Deans and Van Arsdels in Marathon. Dan Sagan rode out some bad weather at

Hamrick's dock. We are always happy to be a safe refuge for traveling brothers.

The monthly get-togethers have really been fun. Several brothers from other tables joined us for several of the evenings. We will be starting again monthly on the third Thursday in October. If you are in the area please let us know and plan on a really great evening.



NEWS FROM NEW YORK

During the on the water Zaf in July in Oyster Bay hosted by Bill Watkins our Brothers showed they still had the stuff when the party attracted the attention of the local authorities. Watch out Texas, we are coming to Argentina.



We all had a great time and Bill Watkins showed his seamanship ability when he had to relocate the 8 boat raft early the next morning.



Bill joined the New York Table in 1988 and was seen sailing the East Coast with his Captive Margaret on board Second Wind, a 42 foot Hallberg Rassy.



Fixit had retired his flag when he and Margaret moved to San Diego and was given the status of Brother Emeritus.

More recently New York Brother N. 55 Axel Pederson also joined the eternal sea. Axel, who resided in City Island, died on June 26, 2005, at the age of 86 in Denmark. He was known for his sailing adventures on board Marco Polo, a 28 foot ketch, which he sailed from New Zealand to Denmark.

On a sad note, I received a note from Margaret Carpenter announcing the passing to the eternal ocean of Brother 94 Fixit aka Bill Carpenter.

She writes,

**“Family and Friends,
Wanted you to know that my dear Bill passed away in early April of complications from Alzheimer’s disease. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by family.”**



NEWS FROM ORANGE BEACH

The Orange Beach table has been very busy since our inauguration. We had a rather unexpected visit from Steve "Boom Boom" Schwedhelm who had been to Panama City, Fl. for some Navy schooling. He attended our fish fry at the marina hosted by Keith and Kathy Robinson.

May was also a very active month starting with a Cinco di Mayo party hosted by Hank and Kathy Coate - which was a blast. Tacos and margaritas all around!!!!

On May 21st, Bill and Sherry Sawyer hosted a luau themed party complete with grass skirts and coconut bras!! Sherry did a great job with the decorations and the hula hoops were a hit.

Memorial Day weekend brought another visiting brother to our marina. Steve and Ann Bolin stopped in on their way to Texas with the catamaran they purchased in Florida. They spent a couple nights waiting for good weather, which was a good excuse to get everyone together and introduce them around. We do apologize to the Bolins for the state of our marina, but we are still recovering from Ivans' fury last year. We hope to have the marina put back together with transient slips available in the next few months.

There was a big celebration for the christening of two boats in June. Mark and Patti Link christened their new Catalina 40 and Bill and Sherry Sawyer christened their new (to them) Defever 43.

Captain Doug has started a new career in the boat delivery business (just kidding). Bill Sawyer asked him to help him bring the new Defever home from Niceville, Florida. Two days later, he and Scott Allen left to

deliver brother John "JAFA" Gibsons' Pacific Seacraft 40 to Galveston, arriving the day after Memorial Day. In June he helped Scott bring his Tartan 30 back to the marina from Mobile. Seems as though he hardly has time to use HIS boat!!

L.A. (lower Alabama) is a great place to be. Come visit us!!!!

ORZA!!!
Graybeard



NEWS FROM THE POTOMAC

The Potomac table brothers have had a busy summer of boating, beaching and cruising. We gathered at the home of brother Eagle and Mary in mid-May for a weekend of food and camaraderie. We were joined by Bernie and Margie Dove of the Keys table summering in Solomons, along with Michael and Frankie Ann and Captain Stew and Diana from the Chesapeake table.

We met next to celebrate the Fourth of July at the home of brother Osprey and captive Donna. We were treated to fine grill work and since Osprey is pyrotechnic guru, he treated us to a magnificent fireworks display which lasted for over an hour. It was truly "Baghdad on Buckner Creek". He was later contacted by the Pentagon for advice on their next "Shock and Awe" campaign. More news in the next addition. Captain Brumby



NEWS FROM SAVANNAH

Back in May, we had the honor of hosting Brother Mark Brown and his Captive Jill from Fort Lauderdale. They stayed with Brother Tony Perry & Captive Gillian. On the Sunday we all got together at the Annual Savannah / South African picnic



and BBQ, enjoying real South African food. Brother Mark and Jill were on their way up to Black Mountain to spend time with our Guarrida Brother Jerry Jones and Captive Jill.

In June, Brother Jerry Jones and Captive Jill came down from the mountains to Savannah. We enjoyed a wonderful Boucan at the home of a prospective Brother, Clayton Doherty and his wife Pam Brandt whose home and large 400 ft dock are on the Herb River in Savannah. Brother Tony sailed his yacht Peregrine down to the Boucan, from the Wilmington River with Brother Mike Pranschke joining their crew. A great time had by all the Savannah Brothers and Captives and included another prospective Brother Alan Barnes and his wife Cynthia.



July 3rd was another wonderful Boucan, this time at the home of our other prospective Brother Alan Barnes and his wife Cynthia. Lots of good food, including BBQ, plenty of booze and cooling off in the pool. Our Brother Gary Johnson was missing since he was happily playing around with Spanish Brothers in Palma Mallorca. He has written a detailed account of this trip which will appear either in the FW or TP.

Brother Tony Perry has just taken off for Nova Scotia as interim Captain of the 153ft M/Y Scherazade and could be gone several weeks. Know of anyone looking for a full time job? Maureen & I will be leaving for Washington DC for the Labor Day weekend to spend time with our late Captain Ron Reifstick's Captive, Patrica, in their Georgetown home. Brother Ted Dowty and his new wife, Brother Barbara Christoph from the Abaco Table, were in Savannah last weekend, and we had a wonderful celebratory supper in honor of their marriage, and listened to the wonderful adventures they had while on honeymoon in Kenya for two weeks.

We are looking forward to the Captain's Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, so until then "tight lines and fair winds".

Joe Horwath

Captain Table of Savannah



NEWS FROM THE SUN COAST

April's gathering took us to "Rotten Ralph's" located on the north end of Anna Maria Island. A nice nautical setting and attended by most. It was hosted by Bob Fowler a.k.a. Tackle.

April also found Brothers Bill Dooley a.k.a. Bligh and Dan Sagan a.k.a. Gimbal aboard "Critical Path, Bill's 51' Beneteau in a race from St. Petersburg to Isla Mujeres, Mexico (near Cancun). A distance of about 500 miles. They were first in fleet for several days doing just fine. The weather began to deteriorate and the seas were building. The bow was taking a lot of water. The gasket on the anchor locker failed and they started taking on water that accumulated in the sail locker. This was secured by a water tight door. The sail lockers bilge pump failed and was filling with water, which in turn caused the bow to drop, which brought on more water. This required them to stop racing and make the required repairs. By the time the repairs were complete, the winners circle was out of grasp. Too bad, but it sounds like the after race parties were worth the trip alone. They did meet a Brother from France who was in the race.

May's gathering was a Mini Zaff hosted by Bob Hadley a.k.a. Rumbeaux. Saturday was a raft up at De Soto Point. Five boats attended. Brothers, Bob Hadley, Dan Sagan, Lorenzo Miranda, Dick Conard and Engage Roger Meyer. A late night storm tested the ability of the group to break up the raft and reanchor in the dark. Sunday morning was a Brunch at the Bradenton Yacht Club. All attended the Brunch that were supposed to, so apparently no one was lost at sea.

June's gathering was sponsersd by Steve Herb a.k.a. Falcon and held at Marina Jack's. We completed the transfer of Enzo Anzellini a.k.a. Vini from the Table of Puerto L Cruz, Venezulea. The

transfer was completed when he was presented a flag from the Sun Coast Table. His new flag # is "V 73". We welcome Enzo and his Captive Elizabeth. We were also honored with the presence of Bernard Lefevre of the Chesapeake Table. It is always a pleasure to have a visiting Brother.


Orza to all !!!!!!!

Bob Langenbach a.k.a. Barnacle
Captain Suncoast Table

CYBER BROTHERS

OUR NEW WEB SITE IS UP AND RUNNING

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Thank you all once again for the great articles. FW is intended to maintain a line of communication within our Brotherhood. So keep on writing Orza! to all

Rascal
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