



Two Sailboats with Maryland Capital Dome as background

## SAILING CAPITAL TABLE INDUCTION

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THE SAILING CAPITAL TABLE LOGO



SAILING CAPITAL TABLE FLAG  
Brotherhood Emblem at the hoist;  
Sailing Capital Table Logo and three white stars at the fly

## ORIGINS OF THE SAILING CAPITAL TABLE

It all began in Portsmouth, VA. I first heard of the Brotherhood while restoring a 30-year old Albin 25 at Mike Montieth's repair yard. I've known Mike for over 20 years and he mentioned the Brotherhood in passing. Several years later (by now 2011) while having an adult beverage with Ramzi Bannura (now our Purser) the subject resurfaced. So I got in touch with Mike and got a more detailed brain dump. The question arose (or perhaps resurfaced) why there was no Table in Annapolis. *Why not's* have always challenged me.

Mike referred me to Pete Chabot who is a Solomons Founding Brother and a USNA Classmate. We met for breakfast in October 2011 and discussed my taking the lead in standing up a table in Annapolis. I studied the Guide and some other stuff and decided to do it. Pete's basic charge was to have a minimum of eight prospective brothers and take time in assembling the right folks. *The Octalog* was to be my guide. For my part, there were three other important considerations in forming a table:

1. Given the number of yacht clubs (EYC, AYC) and organizations (Storm Tri-Sail) in the area no one group should predominate in terms of prospective brothers,
2. Geographically if not socially, the area is composed of two totally different and often competing communities... Annapolis being more formal and historically prominent and Eastport layback if not irreverent. The need to capture both without preference to either was important, and lastly
3. We wanted to attract younger folks.

Pete became our mentor/sponsor and I started approaching potentially interesting candidates. A huge hand up was the invite from the Solomons Table to join one of their TAF's in the spring of 2012. Mike and several Brothers also travelled from Chesapeake Table for this event. In June I was a guest of the Chesapeake Table for OPSAIL. A core group (between 7 and 9) began to evolve and a name agreed on... *Sailing Capital Table*.

Pete hosted a TAF for us to meet Charles Hankins and Patrick Mills. We passed muster and shortly after that we got a preliminary go-ahead to form the table. That announcement provided a most heartily felt series of emails from other tables supporting us and wishing us well.

With this sanction in hand, I appointed a Scribe, Purser and Bos'n as a minimum to assist in the mechanics of establishing our table and we got to work. We set up a schedule for monthly TAFs which were mostly organizational designed to ensure we found our way. Pete and John Craighill and Solomons Table Brothers were frequent TAF "guests" and more often than not helped guide us in producing a table logo, flags, pins, and other traditional gear required to standing up a table. The Annapolis Boat Shows saw visits from Mike, Scott Ripley and others from Chesapeake Table. In November we hosted Brothers joining *Statsraad Lehmkuhl* and were in turn feted on board her in Baltimore. Several of us also attended the Savannah Boucan in April. In May we had our first social gathering with our mates that was well attended and successful.

The late spring and early summer of this year had us focused on the induction ceremony. One of the benefits of the planning for this event was the genesis of a table "Culture". Truth told we don't really have one yet. But if the use of an old crusty green bottle from which we dispense rum is any measure.... Well stay tuned!

merf Moerschel  
*Salty Dog*  
Table Captain  
August 2013



**D.C. merf Moerschel *Salty Dog* Founding Brother - 740**  
**Table Captain Mate Betsy**



Norwegian ancestry drew him to the sea. merf spent his youth on the Chesapeake. Built his first boat at age 12, crewed in Comets, and taught sailing at a camp. He enlisting in the Navy at 17, won an appointment to Annapolis, graduated in 1960 and served in destroyers. Completion of a self-structured graduate program in maritime affairs led to a commercial maritime career with a series challenges

including off-shore oil rigs, managing a foreign oil port complex, a large container port, and a barge and boat repair facility and financial oversight for medium sized shipyard. Fleet management involved transportation scheduling, contract management and negotiation, chartering, transportation cost analysis, and designing a fleet readiness program. He also bought and turned a 200+ slip marina/yacht club complex. Other activities included: teaching sailing and boating safety, marine surveying, preparing repair estimates, expert witness, and serving on a pilotage authority.

Along the way designed and built several dinghies and a 21 foot sloop and restored five boats including his present craft a 1976 Albin trawler. Cruised the Chesapeake extensively... best part as skipper of a 56' Alden schooner. Coastal and Off-Shore work: East/Gulf Coast from New England to Texas, the ICW to Florida a number of times, parts of the West Coast including San Juan Islands (Pearson 38), Trinidad, BVIs (43' Cat and 50' Beneteau), and North Sea. Completed roundtrip voyages to Bahamas and New England (Morgan 366). He is past-member in various maritime associations/professional groups (SNAME, ASME) and Naval Academy Sailing Squadron, and member of Eastport Yacht Club and Fleet Reserve Association.

**Lee McMichael *Chessie* Founding Brother - 742 - Table Scribe**  
**Mate Catherine**



A retired Army helicopter pilot working as a commercial real estate appraiser in Maryland and Washington DC. Proficient as a Delivery Captain, racing sailboat crew, navigator and cook. He is known to provide delivery services on blue water destinations and cruises; ocean deliveries to New England, Bermuda, Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, and Key West.

As a kid ran u-drive fishing boats out of Atlantic Highlands in New Jersey with his grandfather and dad. Began sailing at summer camp and on Cape Cod; gained 50 plus years of boating experience. He met his better half, Catherine, an Army nurse while flying and skiing in Europe. She was introduced her to her first sailing experience on a frigid lake in Germany. My Mate and I love the challenge of the open sea, as the owner of *s/v Wynte* professes "... the business of confronting Mother Nature and learning to live compatibly with her, avoiding if possible her excesses but always prepared to weather them".

After a decade of sailing and exploring the Chesapeake Bay on a 1984 Catalina 30 with Catherine and Mattigan, he's "gone to the dark side" and now captains the *m/v sister Mary Catherine*, a Bay workboat they had built in Crisfield MD. A skilled craftsman with his hands, home construction, designed and building decks, porches, renovation of kitchens, baths, boat interior build outs; possesses the expertise of troubleshooting and repairs on land or at sea. There's nothing more fun than messing around on boats. We regularly cruise the Chesapeake with friends – mostly pirate types of the Maritime Republic of Eastport; ready to go anywhere on the water whenever possible. When we grow up maybe the Great Loop and beyond to the Islands?



**Ramzi Bannura**     **Rambo** Founding Brother – 743     Table Purser  
**Mate Dawn**



Ramzi grew up in New York's Hudson Valley, educated in New England studying technology (Computer Science and Math) with an MBA from the University of Colorado. Ramzi is a former restaurateur, entrepreneur and technology executive consultant and has lived in Boston, New York, Alabama, Georgia and Colorado. In 2000 he had the opportunity to move to Maryland and was immediately hooked on sailing. Since then he has owned, maintained, raced and cruised several boats and crewed a variety of vessels around the Bay, New England, Florida Keys and BVIs.

Ramzi's racing from 2002 to present includes Oxford and St Michaels regattas; AYC Wednesday Night, Thursday J/80 and EYC Friday Beer Can races; Solomons, Governor's Cup, Charleston Race Week, St. Pete and Annapolis NOOD, J/80 East Coast and North American Championship and Key West Race Week.

His round voyage adventures include 2001 Newport to Nantucket and Duck Key to Key West. From 2005 - 2012 he plied the Bay from Baltimore to Solomons in his Jeanneau SO35. A 2012 BVI charter (Jeanneau 42DS) saw weather ranging from 10-35knot breeze and up to 10 foot seas. His certifications include Blue Water Sailing School – Basic Sailing, US Sailing Association – Basic Keelboat, Bareboat Cruising, and Basic Cruising, and J/World – Advanced Racing and Tactics and Strategy. He is a member of Eastport Yacht Club serving as a Committee Chair and presently Board Member, Financial Officer/Treasurer. He is also J/80 Fleet 10 Treasurer.

**Ken Jacks** *Lazyjacks* Founding Brother – 745     Bos'n  
**Mate Phyllis**



I was born in 1940 in New Haven CT and from the age of 8 on my father always had a small power boat (14' Lyman Lapstrake runabout, 15' Glasspar and eventually a 25' I/O). With two friends, to chip in for gas, I was always on the water, fishing, waterskiing or just tooling around. I learned to sail about 1970 starting in a sunfish and eventually working up to a 40' cruising boat. My idea of heaven is having a small cruising sailboat, for when there's wind and a small powerboat for when there's not.

In 1998 my wife agreed to retire, get rid of everything (cars, house, furniture, etc.), live on a boat, follow the sun and see the world. So in 1999 we moved on a Caliber 40 LRC in a marina in Branford CT. We both continued to work while I outfitted the boat and in June of 2001 the adventure began. We sailed to Maine and as the summer waned followed the weather South to Florida, the keys and then to the Bahamas.

Disaster struck, after weathering Hurricane Isabelle in Annapolis, while still living on the boat in 2003. My wife said she was "waterlogged". She wanted health insurance, an income, a house, a clothes washer & dryer, an unlimited water supply, and not to be in charge of maintaining a boat. I knew the live-aboard life was over. The Caliber was sold and we settled in Edgewater, MD because she knew I could work here on the water.

Since then I've worked on the Woodwinds, the 64' schooners based in Annapolis, for the Annapolis Harbormaster, for *SPINSHEET* and *PROPTALK*, taught sailing at Chesapeake Sailing School, Annapolis Sailing School and the Sailing Academy in Deale, MD. I still teach a little at Chesapeake Sailing School and work as a yacht broker at Crusader Yacht Sales in Annapolis. I'm very close to my idea of heaven because we have a small cruising sailboat and my son has a small powerboat. Life is good.

**Carlos Jauregui  
Mate Danielle**

**Toad Founding Brother - 744**



Carlos was born in San Francisco, CA and raised in Washington, DC. His Basque ancestry guaranteed a calling to the sea at some point. That occurred in 1985 when he began crewing for a local sailor in J-24's. For the next several years he got a full indoctrination in the art of the race. The "sailing bug" is probably a major reason why he and Danielle and his kids moved to Annapolis in 1989.

Family trumped competitive racing and he bought a cruising boat. Before long he began cruising with three other like-minded family guys. One of the group came up with the name "Toad Hall Boat Club". It was egalitarian in that all the guys were "commodores" so no one-up-man-ship. And hence Carlos' aka "Toad".

The group cruised the middle Bay for the next decade. Raft-ups allowed the kids to explore, "gunkhole" and just be kids. After dinner one evening the kids (a total of 10 among the four boats) decided to play hide-and-seek while the adults sipped wine and sang songs to Carlos' guitar and "harp" (harmonica). Teddy went missing until he was located... trapped actually, in one of the boats anchor locker! His daughter sailed competitively at St Mary's College a top US collegian program and one of his sons at Old Dominion.

Carlos has made passages to New England and several jaunts on the ICW. He sold his cruising boat a couple of years ago. Except for kayaking locally and in New England, he is presently boat-less. Now that all the kids are on their own, he plans to get a small power boat to return to cruising.

**Mattigan McMichael  
Mate Interviewing**

**Wookie Founding Brother - 741 Gunner**



The son of a nun and a sailor, conceived in Germany, born in San Francisco, traveled with his parents in the military, first sailed on Lake Chiemsee in Bavaria at age 5. Drove an inflatable Zeppelin dinghy to work down the Severn River well before he learned to drive or had a license. Attended local and St Mary's sailing camps, competed on a winning varsity sailing crew, and competitive sailboat racing on the Chesapeake Bay while growing up. Crews the annual distance races on the Bay and he has finished the Great Schooner Race three times. In addition to down island cruising he is an experienced blue water delivery crewman to New England, Florida and Bermuda; currently pursuing kayak fishing on the Bay.

He worked as inflatable boat maintenance technician through high school and sales and information technology under the tutelage of Dixie Bacon in Annapolis. He is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University, interning in St John, USVI, and is an exceptional Chef with numerous cooking trophies under his belt. He is currently in sales for BMW Motorcycles in Maryland. He is an avid snowboarder, motorcyclist, fisherman, sailor and kayaker. Frequently seen hanging out on the water listening to music with the black velvet wunderhund Bassett hound, Guinness Stout.



**Bob Howe *Old Salt* Posthumous Founding Brother - 746**  
**Mate Wendy Kravit**



Bob Howe was greatly looking forward to joining the Brotherhood of the Coast as a founding member of the Sailing Capital Table. He became an avid sailor after learning to sail on Lake Pontchartrain while attending Tulane University in New Orleans as an army officer. While assigned to the Pentagon he became a founding member of the Pentagon Sailing Club. Later he became a volunteer with the Navy Sailing Program. Following retiring from the

Army, spent many volunteer hours as a sailing coach for the Naval Academy and eventually as executive director of the Navy Sailing Program. He loved to tell stories of how this retired army officer was teaching navy personnel how to sail.

His Pearson 39 sported a sticker on the binnacle that said "Army Sailing". He sailed in almost every North American race as an Academy sailing coach, numerous sails to Bermuda (he did at least 9 round trips to Bermuda one summer), the Caribbean 1500 and the Mackinaw race on Lake Michigan. He was known for never allowing yelling on his boat and instituting the concept of the "blame watch". Sailing was meant to be fun.

Bob epitomized the Brotherhood. He was an early recruit to the Sailing Capital Table and was to be the Table Scribe. He became involved quickly: the Baltimore port call of *Statsraad Lehmkuhl*, with Wendy attended the Savannah Boucan, and had planned to attend the World Zafarrancho France 2014. Bob succumbed to a sudden and acute lung disease and passed away on July 1, 2013. He is sorely missed.

**The New Brothers of the Sailing Captain Table and their Mates want to say THANK YOU to the Solomon's Island Table for hosting the event and our National Captain and mentors for their guidance and blessings along the way.**

**To the Brothers and Mates that traveled to this very special event we thank you for being aboard and your presence. On you travel's home, we wish you fair winds and fast tides.**

**The Sailing Capital Table, BOC**

