



August 19, 2020

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## From the Captain's Chair

*Captains Logbook*

*One hundred fortieth entry: August 19, 2020*

*True to form, while we thought we had clearance to sail, the Harbormaster has once again quarantined the ships and crews. 'Tis a sad day to once again be stalled against the docks. We be missing our mates and the laughter of friends, but methinks thar be alternative routes to pursue. Away belowdecks we have mustered a plan to sneak ashore in small raiding parties. No more than 50! A game of ball, some drinks from the islands, and even a walk to help those pirates suffering from the dreaded Alzheimer's disease. Thar be more than one way to party with a purpose, and by Poseidens trident we shall find a way. Keep an eye to the waterline for a message in a bottle, and be ready to gather me hearties! This year shall not be lost!*

*Billy Brehm, the Pirate King*



**Billy Brehm**

*Our Pirate King*

### Top 20 Sailing Superstitions

*Because of the dangers faced by sailors and fishermen, there are countless superstitions around safety and luck on the sea. Some seem a little strange today. From banning bananas to fearing flat-footed people, here are our favourite picks from the old European sailing superstitions. While most no longer apply, we're guessing that some still linger in sailors' minds....*

- 20. Re-naming a boat: It is bad luck to change the name of the boat. If you do, you must have a de-naming ceremony and officially christen the boat again.*
- 19. Tattoos: When tattooing became popular at sea a rooster and a pig were often tattooed onto sailors' feet. It was believed these animals would prevent the sailors from drowning by showing them the way to shore.*
- 18. Blood: It is unlucky to set off at the start of the fishing season without having first shed some blood in a fight or in an accident.*
- 17. Fishing nets: When setting fishing nets it is good luck to use an odd number*
- 16. Caul: Having the caul of a new-born child on board a ship was meant to prevent anyone from drowning. This meant that cauls were often purchased by sailors before a voyage. (A caul is a harmless membrane that covers the face and head of a newborn baby. It is very rare).*
- 15. Hat overboard: Losing a hat overboard was an omen that the trip would be a long one.*
- 14. Egg shells: Egg shells had to be broken into tiny pieces once an egg was cracked open. This was meant to stop witches coming to the ship to sail in the pieces of shell.*
- 13. Personal grooming: Anyone aboard who trimmed their nails cut their hair or shaved their beard brought bad luck to the ship.*
- 12. Feet: Flat-footed people were unlucky on board a ship and were also avoided by sailors before they boarded.*
- 11. Women: Women were bad luck on board because they distracted the crew, which would anger the sea, causing treacherous conditions as revenge. However, conveniently for the male crew, naked women calmed the sea, which is why so many figureheads were women with bare breasts.*

## *Sailing Superstitions (continued)*

10. *Non-sailing days: It was bad luck to sail on Thursdays (God of Storms, Thor's day) or Fridays (the day Jesus was executed), the first Monday in April (the day Cain killed Abel), the second Monday in August (the day Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed), and 31 December (the day on which Judas Iscariot hanged himself).*
9. *Watch your mouth: Some words and sayings brought about bad luck on board, including "drowned", "goodbye" and "good luck". Things to do with the land were believed to be bad luck if mentioned, such as the church, pigs, foxes, cats, and rabbits.*
8. *No whistling : Whistling or singing into the wind was forbidden as it would "whistle up a storm"*
7. *No farewell: It was bad luck for seafaring men's wives to call out to them or wave goodbye once they stepped out the door to leave for a voyage.*
6. *Stirring tea: Stirring tea with a knife or fork would invite bad luck.*
5. *Turning a loaf of bread upside down: Turning a loaf of bread upside down once it had been cut brings bad luck too. These two seem to be superstitions that existed on land as well as at sea!*
4. *Red-heads: Like flat-footed people, red-heads were believed to bring bad luck to a ship. If you met one before boarding, the only way to mitigate the bad luck was to speak to them before they could speak to you.*
3. *Salt: It was bad luck for one crewman to pass the salt pot to another directly. Presumably one could put it down and the other could pick it up.*
2. *Fishy: In order to encourage fish to be caught, Scottish fishermen would begin their fishing session by throwing one of the crew members overboard and then hauling him back on*
1. *Bananas: No bananas on board. They were believed to be so unlucky they would cause the ship to be lost. Whole cargoes of bananas were especially frightening for sailors.*

**New Spin Margarita** - The drink of the month goes out to my grilling friends you know who you are!

This takes time but it really is worth it.

- 4 limes halved, plus lime juice for rimming glass.
- 10 strawberries, stems removed, skewered
- Salt optional (I recommend)
- 2 ounces Cointreau
- ¼ cup agave syrup
- 4 ounces Mezcal

Preheat grill to high. Place the limes cut side down on the grill along with the skewered strawberries cook until charred 3-5 mins. Allow them to cool, then juice the limes, enough to get 2 ounces.

Rim 2 glasses with salt. Place the agave, mezcal, grilled lime juice, grilled strawberries and Cointreau in a blender along with 1 cup ice. Blend for 30 seconds. Pour into glasses garnish with lime slice and strawberry.

Enjoy and CHEERS !

*Drink recipe by Vikci Kerr*



## *Social Navigator*

*Yo-Ho Cheryl*

*Summertime...*

*And the livin' is easy..*

Party with a Purpose

### August 22: Buffett Night at the Chicago Dogs Game:

Impact Field 9815 Balmoral Ave Rosemont IL.

Please email Cheryl at [Cheri1beri@gmail.com](mailto:Cheri1beri@gmail.com) if you want to reserve Chicago Dogs tickets for Jimmy Buffett Night on August 22nd. Game time is 7:05. Remember, we have the entire PRIVATE Leinie Lodge to ourselves. It can hold up to 250 people, but we are limiting it to only 50 people! Tickets are 20 dollars. Kids are welcome! Let Cheryl know your name, and how many tickets you need. You can pay us in cash the day of the game at the stadium. Please only request tickets if you plan to pay for them! ;)

### August 30: 1:00 PM: A Gene and Jude3's HALA-Day!

2720 North River Road, River Grove IL.

Join us for a classic Chicago lunch (tailgate style) in the parking lot of Gene and Jude's before we head out to Hala Kahiki (2834 River Road) for some tropical boat drinks! Hala has renovated, and their patio beer garden is open and waiting!

### September 20: You're Being a Ditka, AGAIN! Pub Crawl.

Location and time TBD. Instead of opting out of a shot of Malort this year, you can opt out of wearing a fake mustache for 5 dollars. This money will go to our Alzheimer's team.

## August Socials (continued)

### Mr. Meyers Band/Todd Donnelley:

**August 19(Wed)**- Todd and Brookdale Senior Living, Hoffman Estates, IL (Aft)

**August 20(Thurs)**- Todd and Sons at Billy Brick's, 64 S Grove Av, Elgin, IL (5:30-8PM)

**August 21(Fri)**- Todd and Sons at Evergreen Golf Club, Elkhorn, WI (7-10PM)

**August 25(Tues)**- Todd and Sons at Hogs and Kisses, Lake Geneva, WI (5:30-8PM)

**August 27(Thurs)**- Todd and Sons at Billy Brick's, 64 S Grove Ave, Elgin, IL (5:30-8PM)

**August 28(Fri)**- Duo at Durty Nellie's, 180 N Smith Rd, Palatine, IL (5-7PM)

**September 1:** Tropical Tuesdays Hogs and Kisses 149 Broad Street, Lake Geneva, WI.

### Beach Bum Band

**August 20:** 7-9 PM 450 West Main St. Saint Charles, Illinois 60174

**August 22:** 8:30 PM Eagle's Club , 107 W Main St, Streator, IL 61364

**August 27:** 6:00 PM Sycamore Sports Complex , 725 E State St, Sycamore, IL

**August 29:** Oak Run Dahinda (More Info TBA)

### Flip Flop Dave:

**August 21:** 7-1 P.M. S76W17745 Janesville Rd Muskego, Wisconsin 53150

**August 23:** 2-5 PM All In Pub and Grub Holiday Hills, IL

**August 30th:** Game On Bar and Grill Peotone, IL

# Chicago ParrotHead Club Cookbook

*Hey Guys,*

*Our cookbook is in the final stages and there are some really scrumptious looking recipes in it! The actual books comes with a digital version, so don't delay—go to the following link and order your copies now!*

<https://createmycookbook.com/groups/UK8Yetk2a>

*Keep the book in mind for—*

- *Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers*
- *Something to share when visiting with club members from other clubs*
- *Birthday presents for anyone who likes to cook*
- *Hostess gifts*
- *If you've contributed recipes, this is a great way to share those recipes with your kids*

*If you have any questions, please send them to [cheryl.wegner@cbexchange.com](mailto:cheryl.wegner@cbexchange.com) or call Cheryl at 630 346 2977*

*Fins Up,*

**Your Cookbook Committee**

*Maribeth Kavanaugh*

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# Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Well more than half of 2020 is over and not soon enough. I really miss seeing all of you at socials and meetings. It has been nice to keep up with you all on Facebook and other social media sites.



Next month starts renewal month a big thanks to the early renewal peeps.



Here is to the next trip around the sun. Happy Birthday you all!!!

Mary Kay Rich	August 18	Renee Fliss	September 1
Kathryn O'Connell	August 20	Don Wegner	September 5
Eileen Pachuta	August 20	Jim Farrell	September 5
Teresa Carter	August 21	Julie Hardesty	September 7
Catlin Pachuta	August 21	Margaret Schmit	September 9
Captain Bob	August 23	Gail Pfingston	September 13
Michael Fitzgerald	August 26	Mike Dorminey	September 14
Michele Szabo	August 26	Mario Armas	September 15
Anissa Leifheit	August 28	Rebecca Armas	September 15
Mary Jo Compton	August 29	Paul Perkins	September 15
Rick Burrows	August 29		

Party like it's 2020 keep your distance from everything but, your drink.

Cheers,



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## The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

### Mr. Give Until It Hurts — Bob Noonan



Our Club will be supporting the Elk Grove Village Alzheimer's Walk on Sunday October 4, 2020.

Some of you may be asking, "Will there be a Alzheimer's walk this year"? The answer is yes! According to the National Alzheimer's Association, we will be having the walk, but it may look different from those held in the past. I will keep you posted, but let's get signed up and start making people aware of Alzheimer's. We will do some sort of walk or gathering on this day, but it may look very different from those in past years. Alzheimer's Association is still working on some new and exciting things; please be patient, but sign up for our team. Shirts, prizes, etc. will still be given to those who participate in the "Walk". I am still getting details of how the walk will work this year, but please sign up today.

As many of you know, having Alzheimer's or taking care of someone who has it is very difficult. Just image you are at a Jimmy Buffett concert. The song "Cheeseburger in Paradise" starts to play. The chorus comes on: "Cheeseburger in paradise, Heaven on earth with..." and you have forgotten the words. I cannot even imagine that happening, but it does. Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. There is no cure at the time, nor is there a drug to slow its progression; there are treatments that may help symptoms. So I am asking for each of you to go to the website below and sign up for Team Chicago Parrothead. Its easy—even I did it. Lets make our Chicago club the leader in the Parrothead nation !!!!

It is very easy to sign up. Just click, or cut and paste the following address:

[act.alz.org/goto/chicagoparroheads](http://act.alz.org/goto/chicagoparroheads)

When you do sign up, don't forget to donate to your own page. Why would others donate if you don't believe in the cause?

The Meeting of the Minds 2020, "Party at the End of the World", from October 29 thru November 1, 2020 **is canceled!!!** I have made the decision to cancel my trip to Key West this year. I will not be going to Key West in fall for the first time in 15 years. There are, however, some of our members who are still planning to go to Key West during these dates. Since the cancelation of "Meeting of the Minds", some events and bands have been planned. The details are still being worked out, but I will keep the club up to date of happening in Key West.

Misericordia Family Fest, which is held the first Sunday after Labor Day (September 13), **is canceled.** I have no further information.

Bob Noonan (AKA—Mayor of MOTM)  
Charity Director, Chicago Parrott Head Club  
Board Member – Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter



**Renee Fliss-Secretary**



**Mike LaGioia -Treasurer**



**Joe Klen-Communications Director**

The Chicago Parrot Head club is a Not For-Profit organization whose purpose is to assist in community outreach programs and to provide for its members a means of social interaction for people interested in Jimmy Buffett's music and tropical spirit. Any general questions regarding our club, contact

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CPHC, PO Box 624, Franklin Park, IL. 60131

The Chicago Parrot Head Club newsletter is a monthly publication. If you have any information on an upcoming event you would like published, or a review of a current event, please contact Joe Klen - No later than the second Friday of the month.

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