

Aye Brethren of the coast,

The wind continues to be at our back. The Southern region will be sailing first into Tampa. Thank you to all the detachment commanders, vice commanders, adjutants, squadron commanders and others who helped to make this adventure successful.

There only be 3 weeks left in this awesome voyage around the sun. My fellow captains:

Blackbeard - Butch Ray

Bootstrap - Robert Manzo

Davy Jones - Mike Monserud

Rear Admiral Kid Tater Tot – Dan Ashley

Aye you have fought a good battle. I have poked and taunted you throughout this voyage to inspire you. You sailed well but the South is a well-trained capable Krewe that has true aim and dedication. We all shall rejoice and plunder in Tampa to celebrate the end of another glorious year.

Remember to sign up for the Southern Region social to be held at the POST 138 COTA fundraising event Saturday night if ye dare.

Lest we not forget the magnificent reception and party our host Detachment of Florida has planned for us on Friday night at the Dallas Bull. Arghhhh I was hoping for a cruise on a pirate ship with swords drawn and cannons firing.

South Carolina is still #1 in the SE Region.

We still have 4 of the top 10 Detachments in membership and 5 above 100%.

Tennessee is at -10 and Louisiana is at -14, you are really close. Make those scurvy dogs walk the plank and get last few renewals to get your 100% before we go into convention.

When I was in Mississippi last week, they had raised over \$4,000 to assist the Texas flood victims. Thank you very much. Louisiana raised almost \$800 at their DEC meeting for Texas, and I know of other donations from Louisiana that are being sent to Texas as well.

Aye and I am breaking with my tradition. I have a lot of information attached most of it you have already seen but I want to keep it at your fingertips.

See the attached [Be The one Pledge](#). Please pass it out amongst your members.

See the attached [Children and Youth Academy flyer](#) and other convention information.

[National Convention Agenda Flyer - 2025](#)

[Detachment of Florida - Friday Night Social](#)

Please do not forget Texas and the flood victims.

*Please earmark the checks/money orders/etc. Kerrville/Guadalupe River Disaster.*

*send them to:*

*Squadron 208*

*c/o Jean "Max" Maxwell*

*710 N Creek Rd.*

*Comfort, TX 78013*

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