

Crab Shack Expedition

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We sent an Expeditionary Force up Chimney Creek for the 2nd time to find survivors of a ship which foundered off the Southern shore of The Crab Shack. To get there, we had to transit the nuclear “Hot Zone” of the missing Tybee Bomb, and safely navigate the shoals of Chimney Creek. Time the creek wrong and you are stuck in the mud; or, if still afloat, “sealed off” by a land bridge until higher waters return on the next tide.



Fortunately, we made it through the treacherous shoals only to come up empty-handed in our search for shipwreck survivors. Did they make it to shore? Were they eaten by the 50+ live alligators which make The Crab Shack home? Did the Crab Shack's chimerical sea monsters tear them apart like the legendary

“Kracken?” Did they succumb to Avian Flu transmitted by Macaws, Parrots and Cockatoos in the Crab Shack’s aviary? Or did they die of radiation poisoning after (like us) sailing through the Hot Zone?

More important...are we next in line for Crab Shack doom?

Finding no answers to these existential questions, we decided to “live it up” by eating, drinking and being merry at The Crab Shack in what may be the final outing of our lives; and most assuredly –on December 4– the final Adventure Cruise of 2023.

Celebrating what could be our last minutes, and not wanting to lose a moment, I composed this story *in situ* on my iPhone; and emailed it to Deb Loomis, editor of OCEAN BREEZE. If you do not see any of us in person by the time this is published, please mount your own Expeditionary Force to challenge the Hot Zone, Chimney Creek, hungry gators and the outlandish sea monsters of The Crab Shack to determine our fate. Your chances of survival are good. Odds are the “3rd time’s the charm” and you’ll make it back to tell the tale.



CRAB SHACK shipwreck.



HUNGRY GATORS at The Crab Shack



GATOR BAIT? Deb Pepe and Scott Johnson



MUTANT CREATURES from the Tybee Bomb nuclear Hot Zone



DEVILED CRAB bedevils Steve Scherer (orange windbreaker) and his guests Craig & Bev Lang and Bill & Nancy Souders while preparing to attack Bob Newbert (white hat) and his guests Mark & Terre Newbert.



“CECE” (Macaw) and “GILBERT” (Cockatoo) share good times with (L to R): John Fitzgerald, Deb Pepe, Debbie & Frank Modrowsky, Linda Bange, Mary Richardson, and Mike Gilroy.



MAKING MERRY at The Crab Shack are TOP (L to R) Amy & Scott Johnson, Patricia Courtois and Peggy & Roelof Zeipveldt, and (BOTTOM) John Marcinowski, Rick Ford and Chris Brigham.



THE CRAB "SHACK"