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Another reminder – Check out the Class Web page. New/Old news as well as early details on upcoming events such as the future mini-reunions with latest details. Do you have a sea story to pass on? The perfect place for it.

I recently heard from **Jay Newbern (8)**: “Hi Bill, Glad to see you’re grinding along. And with a lot of recent caution, we have too, still in Ponte Vedra Beach (PV) (home of the TPC, where **Don Boecker (15)** bumped into me.

A couple of years ago I saw PV High School play three lacrosse playoff games and couldn’t fathom the substitution scheme(s) or scoring plays because the has game evolved. They were leaner and seemingly faster than our players and highly ranked nationally. Army got their goalie that year. The next season, after they finished #1 in the country, they took a road trip to Baltimore and played Boys Latin, losing big, like 6-20 or something. I heard Navy got this year’s PV goalie. See the pattern? PV frequently has the #1 FL school system so it’s a good recruiting area. BTW, Rip and Tom Mitchell ’61, started the game in CA, and it’s in lots of places if you care to see something good with young people.”

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'60: Tidewater group

**Bob Towle (8)** had a funny story about his dog back in the June *Shipmate*, and my lady friend and I recently got a terrier mix. The pup stays in my condo and about 0730, I text the lady when we’re walking the 100 yards to her condo for coffee, and when she comes out I release GiGi, who sprints over for a treat, leash trailing. So the condo rule to keep dogs leashed – are we in violation? Whatever.... When we go out in the middle of the night, we hear four gators grunting – it’s still mating season. One got to be 5’8” so a trapper harvested it. They’re protected, so there are many more than when I was young. That’s not all. The state has special hunts for these 20’ pythons descended from some nut’s pet.

Finally, with no reunion, a recent activity has been reading *The First Thirty Years*, I recommend doing that to all to remember faces from cruises, teams and years in the Fleet. Congratulations to classmates for your good services. Reading your histories has been gratifying here in our twilight. Jay

From **Rod Friedman (5)**:

✉ Bill, we just enjoyed our July Class Luncheon at the Le Yaca French Restaurant in Williamsburg graciously hosted by our Williamsburg gang (**Bob Osmon (17)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Pete Chabot (14)**, **Bob Antonio (14)**, **Dick Hamon (8)** & **Jack Suddath (6)**). Attendees from the South side included: **Bob Ianucci (16)**,

**Rod Friedmann (5)** and **Ed Clextion (10)** (who somehow avoided a speeding ticket). Le Yaca is a consistently fine restaurant, with an outstanding bill of fare and service.

Pete provided a good summary of the class events based on the results of the Class Survey completed by the Committee. These Class events are in lieu of reunions at Annapolis. Next month’s luncheon will be held at the Dockside restaurant in Virginia Beach. This a repeat by popular request.

We have four members on the Binnacle List: **Tom Inderlied (21)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Bob Powers (8)**, **Joe Febel (5)**. Please keep them in your prayers.



Pete's presentation to Tidewater group

Bill, attached are some photos from the luncheon for possible inclusion in *SHIPMATE*. Rod

We also heard from our “World Class Marbleer (I think that’s right) **Jim “Tug” Knorr (20)**. Tug sent a picture and information which I will paraphrase. He attended an annual championship event in Pasadena, California (Takes dedication). Pasadena had an official Marble Rink upon which the event was

held. The two champions (King & Queen) were a pair of 14-year-olds from Allegheny and Ambler PA. There was an Alumni Champ, which must mean a former, but now older champion. Tug, as “Anchor man” ended up in last place but being the oldest participant by over 30 years must earn points in the “senior or master” category.

Finally, Tug feels that a ground swell of support should generate in the Annapolis

Area so that an official Marble Rink can be made available to future local marbaleers. With some support from a Concrete company and some local company donations, Annapolis could have a world class Marble Rink as well. In the meantime, Tug awaits 2023 when he will play in the National Marble 100th anniversary Tourney in Wildwood, NJ (Alumni bracket).

With the future Mini reunion coming up in Sarasota, I’ll be putting information in the column from time to time. Hopefully, if you check the class web page any late breaking news will be available there as well. Information will be available at any time and getting it to you in a timely manner is what we will try to do as best we can.

## '61

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Website: [www.USNA61.org](http://www.USNA61.org)This comes from **Ken Craig**:

✉ “My father had command of the USS *SABLE* In 1942, I believe that was the year. We lived in Chicago, the city fathers found us a wonderful suite at the Edgewater Hotel for a modest rent for the time we were there. Housing was very scarce due to the expansion of the war effort so we were exceedingly fortunate.