



The INVINCIBLE

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SEARCH FOR THE INVINCIBLE

On May 18, 19, 20, 21st, 2004 an electronics survey was undertaken in cooperation with The Texas Navy Association, National Underwater Marine Agency, and



Mr. Tom Oertling who is associated with Texas A&M Marine Branch. After a substantial amount of additional research it was determined that the Texas Navy warship INVINCIBLE lies further off shore near the end of the south jetty at the Galveston Harbor entrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marlowe, who own a Company called Marine Magnetics volunteered to come down from Toronto, Canada to assist in using their very sensitive Magnetometer. Electronic signals indicating ferrous materials were located and logged using a very special digital GPS system in a 36 foot Bertram vessel provided by Mr. Bob Scheffler of Tiki Island. The data is being processed into digital maps that will be studied by the team to determine the best site for exploration diving in the future.

There will be significant support for the salvage and preservation of the canon and other artifacts when we finally locate the site of this historic ship.

BOARD ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

The Board elected Mr. James Earthman to a two year term as President of the Texas Navy. Jim has been a very active participant in many Galveston historic groups and he has great plans for broadening the activities of our association.

The Board also elected three new board of director members: Mr. Tom Deen, a maritime lawyer and past Commodore of the Houston Yacht Club; Mr. Tynes Sparks, an avid sailor and also a former Commodore of the Houston Yacht Club; Mr. Wayne Gronquist an Austin lawyer also joins the board. Wayne is also a director of the National Underwater Marine Agency (NUMA). This is the very active maritime artifact search group funded by the novelist Clive Cussler that recently found the civil war submarine, The Hundley, off of Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. Jim Tysen, a former Board member was also able to rejoin our Board as an active member.

All the members of our association owe a huge debit of gratitude to Mr. Harry Brown and his wife, Francis. They contributed great leadership and support to our group during the past two years. Many, many thanks!

The Board would welcome any suggestions and/or volunteerism with regard to prescribing and promoting the history of the Texas Navy.

Please call 409-762-4444

Texas Navy Annual Banquet October 2003 at the Galveston Yaht Club



Photo #1:
Admiral Wayne Gronquist
of NUMA

Photo #2:
Maureen Connor and Admiral
Ernest Connor



Photo # 3:
Admiral Robert Ruff and Admiral
James Earthman our new Presi-
dent

Photo # 4:
Jacquelynn Fisher, Admiral John
Wilcox and Lynn Fisher Wilcox



Photo # 5:
Francis Brown, wife of Admiral
Harry Brown and Beth Fisher

Photo # 6:
Admiral Sandra Sterling and
James B. Sterling, III



Photo # 7:
Rob and Theresa Caulkins; the
representatives of the winning
boat in the Texas Navy Cup Race.

Photo # 8:
Admiral Fred Butler and Barbara
Butler



ADMIRAL'S LUNCHEON

ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSTON YACHT CLUB INVITED!

HOUSTON YACHT CLUB

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2004

REFRESHMENTS: 11:30AM

LUNCHEON: 12:00PM

SPORTCOAT CASUAL DRESS

DR. SAMUEL MARK, A NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY MARINE BRANCH, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER. HIS PRIMARY SPECIALITIES HAVE BEEN IN THE HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION. DR. MARK WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC OF BALTIMORE CLIPPERS, THE TYPE OF SHIP USED BY THE ORIGINAL TEXAS NAVY. DR. MARK HAS UNDERTAKEN EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON THE SEARCH FOR THE INVINCIBLE.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM HOUSTON TAKE HWY 225 TO HWY 146 THEN SOUTH TO SHOREACRES BLVD. FOLLOW HYC SIGNS FROM GALVESTON, TAKE HWY 146 NORTH PAST CLEAR LAKE TO SHOREACRES BLVD., FOLLOW HYC SIGNS.D

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PLEASE RESERVE _____ PLACES AT \$25.00 EACH

FOR

ADMIRAL'S LUNCHEON

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 2004

MY CHECK FOR _____ IS ENCLOSED.

NAME: _____

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WIFE'S NAME: _____ GUEST: _____

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If you have not visited the Texas Navy web site you are missing a real insight into an area of Texas History that most Texans know little about. The web site has possibly the finest bibliography on the subject that exists today. "This Month in the History of the Texas Navy" is excellent and provides dates for the Navies historic battles in the Gulf.

Check out our "Guest Log" from all over the world. Don't forget to sign our "Guest Log" and please view what you can purchase from the New Texas Navy Ship's Store!

Take the Texas Navy quiz and find out things that you might not have known about our Navy's history. There are several fine accounts of sea battles and logs kept by members of the Texas Navy.

ASSOCIATION POLICY

TO PRESERVE AND TO PROMOTE AN APPRECIATION OF THE HISTORIC CHARACTER AND HEROIC ACTS OF THE TEXAS NAVY; TO PROMOTE TRAVEL BY VISITORS TO HISTORICAL SITES AND AREAS IN WHICH THE TEXAS NAVY OPERATED; TO CONDUCT IN THE BROADEST SENSE A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN; TO CREATE A RESPONSIBLE AND ACCURATE IMAGE OF TEXAS; AND TO ENCOURAGE TEXAS COMMUNITIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, TO PARTICIPATE WITH ACTIONS AND MONEY IN PURSUIT OF THESE OBJECTIVES.