

*You Are Cordially ORDERED to Attend  
The 871<sup>ST</sup> Banquet and Conclave of the  
True Secret Order of False Albacorian Monks  
Saturday, November 5, 2005*



*“Blackbeard” the Pirate Was an Angler*

Two years before his death in 1692, Izaak Walton, the father of modern angling, met a young lad who was crazy about fishing. The boy, Edward Teach, learned from Walton to catch trout, salmon, and pike. Unfortunately, young Teach liked fishing so much that he began to poach Atlantic salmon from the King’s waters. Young Edward Teach was caught, flogged with his own fly rod, and later banned for life from fishing in the waters England.

Teach was so angry at not being able to fish that he changed his name to “Blackbeard” and turned to a life of revenge and piracy along the North Carolina coast. There he stole ships and treasure from the King. As much as he hated the English Monarchy, he loved fishing even more. He became the first fly tyer and angler to fish for false albacore along the shores near Cape Lookout. Even though he caught “trash fish” (tarpon and bonefish) on trips to Florida, he considered the albacore his most worthy adversary. Blackbeard studied the tides and could predict the arrival of albacore years into the future. On November 11, 1718, Blackbeard was gaffed in the back by a British Naval officer posing as the famous Outer Banks’ guide, Captain Bryan Horatio Horsley.

Because Blackbeard was a frequent guest of the True Secret Order of False Albacorian Monks at “swine pickings” on Harkers Island, he gratefully tithed to them 10% of all booty seized from the King. The Library of the Monks, hidden deep in the limestone caverns under Harkers Island, houses all of Blackbeard’s flies, cane rods, and fishing diaries. The Monks’ head librarian recently discovered an entry in Blackbeard’s 1718 fishing diary titled: *“Mother of All Schools”*

In his own handwriting Blackbeard predicted the arrival of the *“...largest school of False Albacore in the history of man in the Bight at Cape Lookout on Saturday, November 5, 2005. The Oceans will churn with Alberts, ships will run aground on shoals of fish in the open sea, fish-driven tides will flood the beaches, and this number of fish will not appear together again for another 10,000 years. This prophecy be true.”*

**See the Diary and Blackbeard’s tackle at the Barbecue Bash and Conclave at 6:30 PM  
Saturday, November 5, 2005**

1576 Island Road, Harkers Island, NC

Again, the Monks have chosen as your humble hosts:

Tom Earnhardt and Dana Jennings

And

The Jones Brothers’ Gang

**Dress Code:** Nautical, Piratical, but nothing British!

**Menu:** Barbecued Swine, Charred Fowl, Hardtack, and Rum

**For Information and Directions Call: 252-240-1995**