

THE FATE OF THE SPANISH TREASURE FLEET OF 1733

FROM SOMBRERO KEY TO KEY LARGO, GOLD DOUBLOOMS, PIECES OF EIGHT AND ANCIENT CANNON MARK THE GRAVES OF 15 SPANISH GALLEONS. THIS LARGE TREASURE FLOTA DEPARTED HAVANA. CUBA AND HEADED UP THE SPANISH MAIN, BOUND FOR CADIZ, SPAIN UNDER THE COMMAND OF GENERAL RODRIGO DE TORRES Y MORALES, ON JULY 14.1733. A STEADY BREEZE CARRIED THE SHIPS NORTH BY EAST, BUT SOON THE WIND DROPPED AND THE GALLEONS ROLLED ON THE LONG SWELLS OF A GLASSY SEA. EXPERIENCED SEAMEN CAST DISTRUSTFUL LOOKS AT THE SKY FOR THEY KNEW THAT UNDER THEIR LEE WERE THE SHARP REEFS AND TREACHEROUS SHOALS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS. ON JULY 15, THE PALE SKY GREW DARKER AND THE WIND INCREASED - THE SHIPS RIGGING STRAINED AND GROANED UNDER THE INCREASED PULL OF THE SAILS. SUDDENLY THE WIND CHANGED TO EAST SOUTH-EAST AND THE HURRICANE STRUCK IN ALL ITS FURY. THE GALLEONS STAGGERED AND HEELED -OFFICERS SHOUTED COMMANDS THAT NO ONE COULD HEAR - SAILS WERE RIPPED TO SHREDS. SOME SHIPS DROPPED THEIR ANCHORS, BUT THEY FAILED TO HOLD. ON DECK, NO MAN COULD BREATHE THE HOWLING MIXTURE OF WIND AND SPRAY - IT WAS EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF.

THE FLOTA'S CANNON OFFERED LITTLE DEPENSE AGAINST THIS TYPE OF FOE, AND SOON THE FIERCE HURRICANE WINDS DROVE THE PROUD TREASURE FLEET ONTO THE HUNGRY TEETH OF THE FLORIDA KEYS WHOSE CORAL JAWS RENDED IRON AND TIMBERS ASSUNDER. IN SECONDS THE PRECIOUS CARGO OF GOLD AND SILVER SPILLED THROUGH THE GAPPING HOLES IN THE SHIPS HOLDS, PAST THE SILENT MUZZLES OF THE ONCE ARROGANT CANNON TO THE SANDY FLOOR OF THE HOSTILE SEA.

RECONSTRUCTED FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE IS THE GREAT CABIN OF "LA ALMIRANTA", THE ADMIRALS FLAGSHIP OF THE FLOTA. THE CANNON YOU SEE ARE ACTUALLY FROM THE TREASURE GALLEONS AND HAVE BEEN UNDERWATER FOR MORE THAN 233 YEARS. THE TREASURE CHEST IS SIMILAR TO THE ONES USED TO CARRY THE IS MILLION IN GOLD AND SILVER THAT NEVER REACHED KING PHILLIP OF SPAIN.

FROM THE SEAFOOD BAR COCKTAILS

BAY SHRIMP 1.50 OYSTERS ON HALV SHELL 2.50 CRACKED CRAB one HALV 2.50 SASHIMI 1.50 HAWAIIAN FRUIT COCKTAIL 1.50

SOUPS

CUP BOWL

owl

CLAM CHOWDER .50 .75

HAWAIIAN SALAD

STUFFED PAPAYA WITH CRABMEAT AND AVOCADO WITH SHRIMP

3.50

SALADS

LOUIE SALAD 2.75

LOBSTER MARINA 3.50
CRAB, SHRIMP & LOBSTER SHRILL
SERVED IN LOBSTER SHELL

STUFFED AVOCADO 3.25

STUFFED PINEAPPLE 2.95

SANDWICHES

TERIYAKI-BURGER 1.75
REUBEN SANDWICH 1.95
KOSHER CORN BEEF 1.75
SHRIMP & AVOCADO 1.95

COFFEE . SANKA

TEA . MILK

.25

LOW CAL

CHOPPED STRIOIN STEAK COTTAGE CHEESE, TOMATO SLICES, PEACHES 1.95

SALES TAX ADDED TO PRICES OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES SERVED IN THIS ROOM.

SEAFOOD LUNCHEONS

SHRIMP PLATTER 2.75 ISLAND SNAPPER 2.50 scallop platter 2.75 abalone steak 4.50 SOLE CASTAGNOLA STUFFED WITH CRABMEAT 2.75

> CAPTAIN'S PLATTER SHRIMP, SCALLOPS, FILET OF SOLE 2.95

FROM OUR BROILER

FRESH ISLAND MAHI-MAHI 2.75 STEAK SANDWICH 3.85

HALF BROILED LOBSTER
MELTED BUTTER 3.50

BROILED JUMBO SHRIMP MARINATED 2.95

OMELETS

PLAIN OMELET 1.50

SEAFOOD OMELET

1.95



