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LIVE BY THE BAY

A sultry August night. Heat shimmered up from Biscayne Bay, almost seeming to boomerang back from the stars overhead. Behind Miami's Marine Stadium, boats of all kinds were flocked together in the Bay, their inhabitants leaping into the water to keep cool. Thousands of people in the stands were not so lucky. They sweated.

Suddenly the stage was spotlighted, and *Miami Vice's* Don Johnson smilingly introduced Jimmy Buffett. Forgotten was the sweltering heat. Here with his guitar was the Mayor of Margaritaville—and nothing else mattered one little bit.

For Jimmy Buffett, the Miami concert was a very special one. He was making a 90-minute video treat for the fans he calls "pretty normal most of the time"—but with "a slight streak of insanity in their make up."

Live By The Bay, also referred to as *The Parrot Head Home Video*, is more than just another concert on tape. It is as much about Buffett's fans as it is about the man himself. Scenes of boaters frolicking in the Bay, and a whole stadium of people swaying to the music, are intercut with concert footage.

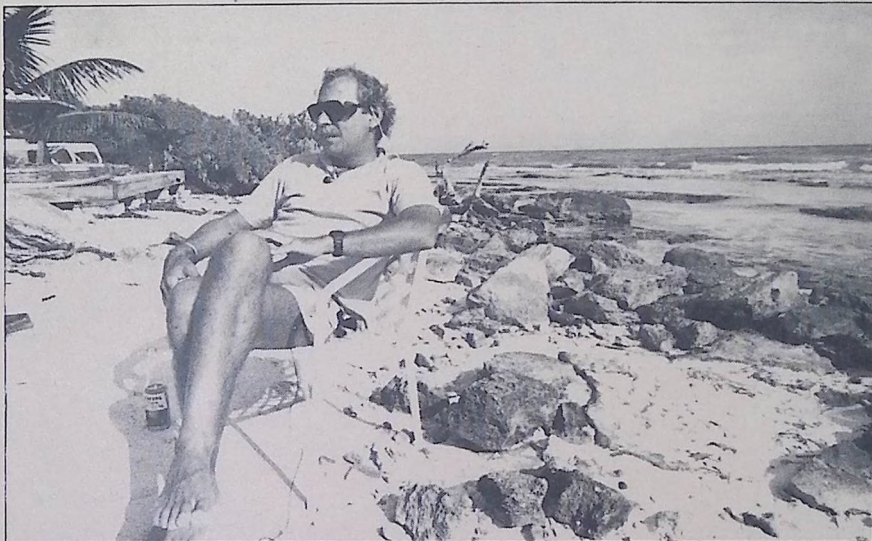


Photo by Henry Diltz.

The concert is highlighted, of course, by Jimmy's infectious warmth and enthusiasm. He moves from a mellow *Come Monday* to the mania of *We Are the People Our Parents Warned Us About* with grinning ease. And songs like *A Pirate Looks at Forty* prove the man is indeed a poet.

But a true Parrot Head video wouldn't be complete without *The Coral Reefer Band*, and this one offers a liberal dose of those fine

musicians. Virtuoso solos by Greg "Fingers" Taylor and Robert Greenidge, the acrobatic energy of Josh Leo, the flying fingers of Mike Utley . . . it's all there.

Also included are segments of Jimmy speaking candidly about his musical background, his fans, and his early ambitions.

Presented by MCA Records and shot by Split Screen Productions, *Live By the Bay* should be released

this coming spring. Although distribution and pricing details are still being finalized, the video will be available through The Margaritaville Store.

Live By the Bay is for every Parrot Head who can't see enough of Jimmy Buffett in concert . . . for every Parrot Head who wants to make the trip to Margaritaville on a regular basis . . . for every Parrot Head. You'll love it.

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Dear Jimmy

Doug and I want to tell you how much we enjoyed our weekend in Paradise—winning The Last Mango Cruise was the most wonderful time of our lives. The planning that was put into everything was so evident, and your hospitality will never be matched anywhere. We both feel very special and privileged to have been a part of the Coral Reefer family!

For the past 10 or 11 years that we have been Buffett fans we've always hoped that someday we would

meet you, but never did we ever think that an event like the one we just participated in would ever happen. I don't think you could ever know how much we thank you.

We've both found it very difficult to adjust back to our usual routines, there's still a little of "living our life like a song" hanging in. Fortunately, our pictures turned out great, it's still t-shirt weather up here so the Caribbean Soul wardrobe is not in the cedar chest yet, and the *Margaritaville Cookbook* is yielding some good recipes. Who knows, maybe this will be the winter to end all winters and we'll be heading South for good.

I'm sure there were many people who were behind the scenes in helping to make our weekend in Paradise the success that it was. Please pass our appreciation on to everyone who was involved—you all did a great job.

And last but not least, please accept our contribution to the Save the Manatee Fund. It's obviously a very worthy cause.

Take care, and thanks for the memories.

Ruth Hauser
Doug Parsons



Christine and her Gorgeous Gator.

COCONUT CHATTER

by Margaritaville's Own Rona Ferret

My dears, there have been some strange doings indeed in Margaritaville this month! An alligator has been sighted in the waters surrounding our little town—and at one point, our own JIMMY BUFFETT was glimpsed astride the beast.

Now Rona, you might say, you have been drinking too many Margaritas. Not so, my children of the Parrot, not so. The lifelike alligator was actually The Margaritaville Store's entry in Key West's "Rambunkshus Raftin' Regatta," and was ridden in the race by Christine Lea. Ridden to victory, I might add—the Gorgeous Gator won the Pride of the Fleet Trophy, as well as a substantial cash prize. Go, Gator!

Captain Tony Tarracino, the gallant adventurer from *Last Mango In Paris*, recently ran for Mayor of Key West. JIMMY supported his campaign wholeheartedly, and we sure wish Tony had won . . .

By the way, Maggie Hoff has a question for all true Parrot Heads—what do you get when you combine tequila, cream of coconut, a mango, and ice? A Margarita, of course. Sounds simply delicious!

Anyone who is really paying attention to JIMMY BUFFETT'S Parrot Head Home Video can catch the entire Margaritaville Store Staff—including yours truly—in the front row of the audience . . .

And Rona sends her special love to the original Pirate that looked at forty, wherever he may be . . . because a legend never dies.

I've raised over \$250.00 from my little book.

Even though there are no manatees in Ohio where I live, many people vacation in Florida, and I think they should know about manatees.

Love, Annie Laurie (age 10)



Cruise winner Ruth Hauser, with her husband, Doug Parsons.

Photo by Henry Diltz

SAVING THE MANATEE

With Annie Laurie Freeman

Dear Rona,

When I was in 2nd grade, I couldn't believe these gentle giants' only enemy was man.

I first became interested in manatees when I was 7 and read an article in my reading book. Because of my interest, my parents gave me a stuffed manatee. Attached to his front flipper was a tag with the address of the Manatee Club in Maitland, Florida. I

wrote and received an application to join.



Annie Laurie Freeman

When I got their first newsletter, I found that Jimmy Buffett was the Chairman. My parents told me he was their favorite singer. I've been listening to his music ever since. (My dad is an international banker and says he has been to Margaritaville many times.)

One newsletter told of some children who had a spaghetti dinner to raise money for the manatees. I asked my mother if we could have one, and she said I had to do something by myself. I liked working in activity books, so I thought I'd write one.

When my book was finished, I mailed it to relatives. I sold it to friends, classmates, teachers, doctors, and hairdressers. I can't believe that