

Being such a sailing enthusiast, Jimmy Buffett has eagerly anticipated his trip to Australia to view the finals of the most famous international sailboat race, the America's Cup. Hopefully, the U.S. entry, "Stars and Stripes" will be victorious in its attempt to take the Cup back from the Aussies. Jimmy has contributed to the U.S. effort with a rallying song for the "Stars and Stripes" crew. Some of you may have heard Jimmy and The Coral Reefers sing this on the January 16th Johnny Carson show.

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Take it home to the Up Above.

We ain't stealing, we're just taking back.
Very simple statement of fact.
Call it pillage or call it plunder,
We're taking it back from the boys Down Under!

Hit us hard; took our treasure.
That was the worst thing they could do.
It will be our good pleasure
To take it back from that Captain Kangaroo.

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Just a Cup is all we could use (just a Cup).

The sails are up and the nets are down.
Let's lighten up this harbour town!
By hook or crook our new design,
We're streaking for that finish line.

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We ask ourselves if we get in a fix,
What would Popeye do in a tight spot like this?
He'd race for his true love and easily win it
In an old spinach can with a mast stuck in it!

Lift us up, take us high
Come and let our spirits fly.
Lift us up, take us high
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(Editor's Note: This song is available for purchase.)



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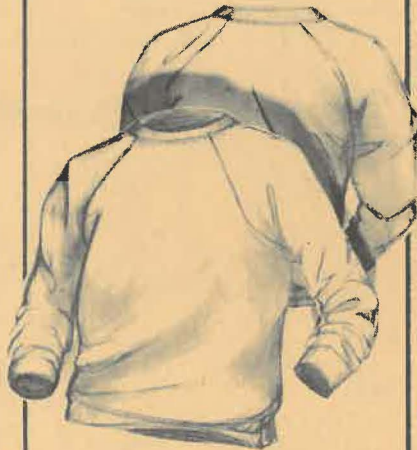
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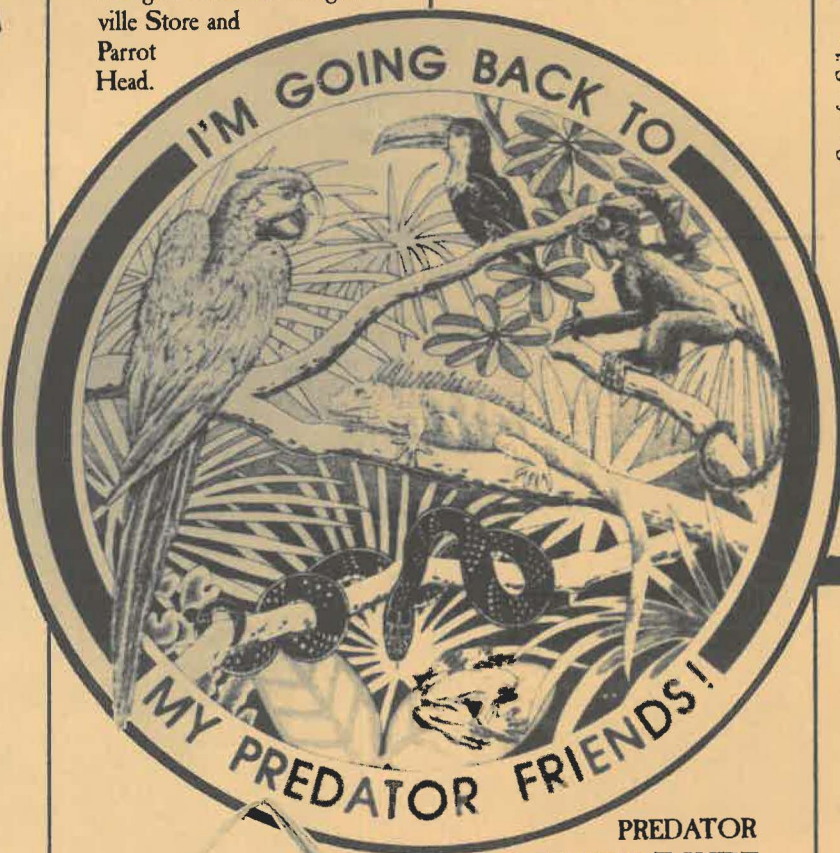
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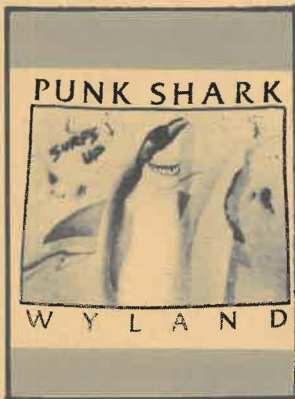
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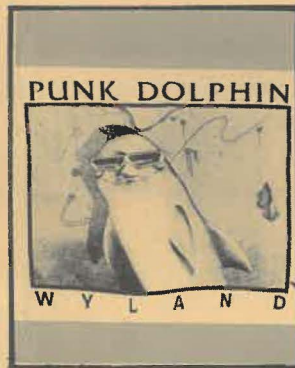
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BUFFETT DOWN UNDER

BY DREW NAGLE

Jimmy Buffett's trip Down Under is a first for him, but he is not the first Buffett to venture there. Actually, the Buffett name has been common since the mid 1800's on Norfolk Island, a 13 sq. mile Pacific island community 700 miles east of the Australian mainland, populated mostly by descendants of the HMS Bounty mutineers. Jimmy's mother, Peets Buffett, has provided some interesting facts about the first "Buffett Down Under."

"It was long rumored in our family that among the mutineers on the HMS BOUNTY was a sailor named Buffett, who afterwards settled on Pitcairn Island, along with Fletcher Christian and the other revolutionaries. When Jimmy Buffett and his sisters and cousins were growing up, they thought it pretty neat that possibly one of their ancestors had helped overthrow the villainous Captain Bligh, and then lived happily ever

after in a Pacific paradise. They made it a point to read Nordoff & Hall's MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY and to see the movies made from the book.

A search of records, however, proved the rumor was not true - at least, not entirely. There was no Buffett among the BOUNTY crew, but there was a John Buffett who sailed into Pitcairn Harbor in 1821 aboard a whaling ship in want of water and provisions. He was so impressed with the admirable character

of the island community that he requested permission to remain there and assist the island leader, Pastor John Adams, in the role of schoolmaster. His captain gave him permission to leave the

whaler, and the islanders welcomed him enthusiastically.

There he remained for many years, serving as teacher and, sometimes preacher, to the mutineers and their families. Ultimately, after an uprising led by dissidents on Pitcairn, he was forced to leave with his own wife and children, and settled on Norfolk Island, where subsequently many of his descendants have populated the area."

Jimmy will fly, not sail, to Norfolk Island, and most likely sing - not preach or teach - for a Buffett family reunion during the last leg of his "Down Under" tour. Prior to that, Jimmy will stop in Tahiti with his daughter, Savannah, and then go

on to Australia in time for the last week of the Americas Cup races. Concerts are planned for the Aussies in Perth (Feb. 7), Sydney (Feb. 14), Melbourne (Feb. 15), and Brisbane (Feb. 16). From there he'll meet up with his parents in New Zealand, see the local sights, and then travel to Norfolk Island for the family reunion.

Look for an Australian influence in upcoming catalogues!

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This issue is dedicated to the memory of John D. MacDonald, creator of the Travis McGee novels.

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