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COBB ISLAND YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Look Eastward, Angel. And you thought Texans had south'n accents. CIYC has just returned from Crisfield, MD *Crab Capital of the World* where none other than Toody Sterling, unofficial mayor and longtime friend of Sue Zantzinger regaled us. Except for the language barrier we got along greatly.



Parliamentarian RDLU

Flashbacks? I know, I know, the pictures. First there was a slight miscommunication between Flash and myself. He overheard me talking to Scoop when I said I wished his opening shots had more dramatic *lighting*. Then, I told Scoop that his would be our most extravagant *September* issue ever... not *Sepia* issue, but *September* issue.. oh, well.

One Nation, Indivisible... Because recent executive board meetings have become somewhat, oh... spirited, the board has enlisted the aid of Roberta 'Rules' Nation as parliamentarian. Roberta, who bears a striking resemblance to great aunt *Carrie* Nation, brooks no tomfoolery at board meetings.



"Lucky" Lindy RDLU Archive

Pilot here, pilot there... Oh, yeah. Not only is this our extravagant September issue, but we decided to honor distinguished pilots as well. Of course, we meant guys like Magellan or Captain Cook or folks like that. But when Pappy Varoom found out about this, he got Scoop to run an old shot of his instructor, Lucky. Apparently, anyone who ever flew with Pappy and lived to tell the story was called Lucky.

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Taj Mahoy Some guy

Hope Floats. New clubhouse proposed. On the left is an artist's rendition of the proposed new CIYC clubhouse. Considerably more elaborate than the humble shack depicted, the clubhouse could cost even more than the current structure. There might even be a modest increase in dues.



Don 'Big Tuna' Thayer

Commodore's Corner. (reprint)

The Cobb Island Yacht Club has been in existence, with the exception of a couple of years, since 1982. A number of members have passed to other places; others have developed different interests or moved and

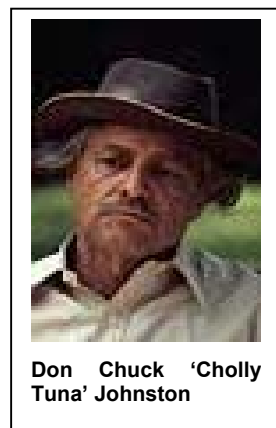
left the club. What started as almost entirely a sailing group has evolved, as the membership has aged and changed, into mostly cruising powerboats.

If the club is to continue to provide education and pleasure to boaters in our area of influence, it is imperative that we attract more members of the next generation of boaters. We need to interest more sailors into the club and provide activities that will interest them and cause them to want to participate.

I urge each and every member to attend the annual meeting and to bring a guest or guests that may be interested in joining the club, or who knows, someone who can contribute to furthering the club's reason for being. Please fill out and return A.S.A.P. the information for the annual meeting and be prepared to bring up any matters of interest or concern that the members need to discuss.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB! Let us all work together to make it better, more interesting, and to continue to provide a benefit to the Cobb Neck community and the boaters who cruise our waters

Vice-Commodore's Wardroom.



Don Chuck 'Cholly Tuna' Johnston

We don't mean to imply that the VC belongs in a ward, but as they say in the mental health biz, 'he has good days and bad'. Just the other day he was heard to mumble, 'I did not know until this day that it was Barzini all along', which should give you some idea of where *he's* coming from. Interviewed

on how to increase the membership, he suggested: 'maybe we could make them an

offer... would they then be called upon to offer a service one day in the future and that day might never come?' You see what we're up against here...

Rick's Lament:

"Of all the gin joints in all the marinas in all the world, they had to come in to mine". We could have been in tall cotton or tall timber, or



Rick Meatyard (with admirer)

something tall. Rick (not Blaine, but Meatyard), played host to Cobb Island, Dahlgren and National Potomac Yacht Clubs, along with a few strays over Labor Day Weekend. He provided antique cars, great food, legendary Bloody Marys, a pig roast, live music, a bonfire, gambling and a Redskin victory. (Actually the gambling was a reference to the weather). Here's lookin' at you, babe... Maybe if he changed the name of his place from *The Reluctant Navigator* to *Rick's Café Americain*. It's pretty easy to see that the problems of three or four hundred little people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world. One day they'll drink up and leave. Maybe not today or tomorrow or next week... but soon; and for the rest of their lives... play it, Sam... you know the one... I can stand it if she can... at least we'll always have Paris.

Bill Fuhrman was in the hospital right after Labor Day for surgery. He came home that Friday and is resting comfortably according to reliable sources.

Due to inclement weather, the planned trip to Old Town Alexandria became an unplanned trip to Cedar Cove. With the exception of the Vice Commodore who missed just one port turn and wound up at Solomon's Island, the gang got there in record time.

The Vice Commodore got to Solomon's Island Yacht Club in good time also, and since his graduating high school class was having a 40th Reunion sitdown which had been guaranteed by the Clemenza Family, he stuck around.

The folks at Cedar Cove enjoyed what was uniformly described as the quietest weekend in recent memory. Sunday dawned so nicely that everyone was ready for an uneventful trip home.

As they exited the Tall Timbers cut, they were reminded of why they changed venues in the first place. But soon everyone, even the VC, was safely back at Cobb Island.

Starburst Raft up. First it was the Med Tie (how to tie to a T-dock with only one line). Now it's the star burst (rafting up several boats at the stern). Some of our members have been busting a gut to give this one a go, and Saturday the 30th will give them a chance. The raft up is to be held in the Port Tobacco River. Contact Fleet Captain For details.

Elections. Billy Mudd has agreed to serve as chairman of the Elections Committee. Please see him if you wish to serve as an officer. Nominations from the floor will also be in order at the annual meeting.

We noted that during the production of this issue that we hadn't yet stolen anything from other sources! (How come stealing from one source is plagiarism, but stealing from many is research?) So, we decided to hook this item on GPS. We have referenced GPS in the past, but never gave a working definition. The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a collection of 24 earth-orbiting satellites. These satellites allow any person who owns a GPS receiver to determine his or her precise longitude, latitude and altitude anywhere on the planet. That is such an amazing capability! For as little as \$100 you can know exactly where you are and where you have been. For anyone who has ever been lost while hiking in the woods, or lost in the middle of the ocean, or lost while driving in a unfamiliar city, or lost while flying a small airplane at night, a GPS receiver is a miracle. With a GPS, you are never lost. In this edition of CIYC we will discuss both what a GPS receiver can do and how it works so that you can learn more about these amazing devices.

What GPS Receivers Can Do

A handheld GPS device weighs about 8 ounces and measures about 6 inches by 2 inches (ignoring the antenna). The antenna is the vertical stub on the side, roughly three inches long. They usually have a small LCD screen and a set of buttons to activate its different features.

When you turn on a GPS receiver, its first task is to try to find the radio signals for the satellites it can "see". GPS satellites live in very precise

orbits about 11,000 miles up (for comparison, the space shuttle orbits at about 200 miles and geosynchronous satellites orbit at about 24,000 miles). Because the satellites are so far away, their radio signals are fairly weak. Therefore, for the GPS receiver to "see" a satellite, the satellite must be above the horizon and unobstructed by buildings, mountains, etc. At any given moment at any point on the planet there are between 6 and 9 satellites above the horizon. Once the GPS receiver has locked on to 3 satellites, it can display your longitude and latitude to about 100 foot accuracy. If the receiver can see 4 satellites it can also tell you your altitude. With this information you know exactly where you are.

Most modern GPS receivers are able to store your track. As you move, the GPS periodically stores your position in its internal memory. It can then show you the path you have followed on the display so that you can see exactly where you have been. Tacks also make backtracking easy.

Most modern GPS receivers also support the concept of waypoints and routes. A waypoint is a specific point (longitude and latitude) that you have stored in memory. A route is a series of waypoints connected together to form a path from one point to another. You can imagine that if you are a boater, you might mark certain buoys as waypoints, or store the coordinates of your favorite fishing spots as waypoints. A hiker might store different landmarks or resting points along a trail as waypoints. You can then string a collection of waypoints together into a route. At the start of a trip you tell the GPS receiver which route you want to follow.

The receiver will then tell you the heading you need to take to get to the next waypoint in the route. As you pass each waypoint, the GPS receiver gives you the heading to the next waypoint on the route.

Some of the newer receivers, like the GPS III, have road maps stored in memory. The unit is therefore able to show you exactly where you are on a map of the area. Internal maps usually show major highways. By hooking a GPS up to a laptop computer you can locate yourself on very detailed road or topographic maps loaded from CD-ROMs.

CIYC ANNUAL MEETING – 2nd Notice

SHYMANSKY'S DOCKSIDE RESTAURANT
(DECK)
SATURDAY OCTOBER 21
HAPPY HOUR - 1700 DINNER - 1800

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - BRING A GUEST THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COBB ISLAND YACHT CLUB.

Please complete and return the attached coupon or respond by e-mail or other form of communication with the necessary information. The Executive Committee will meet before the annual meeting to determine whether and how much to subsidize the cost of the meeting. Cost for the meal will be \$16.95 per person. The meal includes the salad bar and baked potato.

This is about your only chance during the year to meet all of your fellow members and to learn about the activities that have taken place during the year. See videos and photos of your other members in action (or inaction as the case may be) put together by our noted historian and other members.

Member _____

Mate _____

Guest(s) _____

MENU - PLEASE NOTE YOUR SELECTIONS
& NUMBER

Rib Eye Steak _____

Choice Angus Beef, 10 oz. seasoned to perfection and char-broiled to your liking. _____

Grilled Chicken Breasts (two) _____

Grilled Mahi-Mahi _____
Marinated in our own special sauce and cooked on the grille.

Please complete and return, or otherwise provide this information by October 10.
Send or provide to:

CIYC P.O. Box 458, Cobb Island, MD 20625



I believe I said *Beef*, Mister, That's *red meat* unless you'd rather be guarding flagpoles at McMurdo Sound.



COBB ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Membership Application

I would like to join the Cobb Island Yacht Club.

Capt _____ 1st Mate _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: Home () _____ Work () _____

E-Mail address: _____

Radio Call Signal: VHF _____ CB _____

Boat Name: _____ Boat Type: Power or Sail

Boat Length: _____ Boat kept at: _____

Boat Manufacturer: _____

Enclosed, please find our one time Yacht Club membership fee of \$30, as well as my annual dues of \$25.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Cobb Island Yacht Club and mail to: Commodore Don Thayer
P.O. Box 458
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Address any questions to Don Thayer (301) 259-2166

Acceptance of the applicant is hereby recommended by two current members:

_____ Member _____ Member
signature signature

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