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## C O B B I S L A N D Y A C H T C L U B N E W S L E T T E R

*FINAL ISSUE*... That's right! From now on we're gonna send this baby over the internet. That way, we save a few trees, a few stamps, and a whole lot of laser ink. You'll get an E-mail telling you that the latest issue is now available at [www.ciyachts.tripod.com](http://www.ciyachts.tripod.com). Of course, if you don't have an E-mail address, you'll still get the old hard-copy. So make sure you give Chuck your address at the General Membership meeting on October 21. The magazine is also available at [www.potomacriveryachtclubs.org](http://www.potomacriveryachtclubs.org) (What's New? Section) in both HTML and Adobe™ PDF Format. Go to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) to pick up a free Adobe™ Acrobat Reader 4.0 so that you can create your own hard-copy. There's a link from our site to the PRYCA site to get you started.

*Hmmm-de-hmmmm... La de dah de dah...* Don't pay any attention to the background noise. That's just Flash in the darkroom humming. This is his favorite time of year. Even though children in Halloween costumes terrify him, he likes the whole concept of Autumn. The leaves... the crisp air... the smell of chrysanthemums... apple cider... *especially* apple cider... *old* apple cider.

*The "W" word.* In case you lost your calendar, you should know that ol' man winter is cleaning up the act to take it on the road. That means only one thing. We hate to use the 'W' word (especially around Scoop and Flash since they think it stands for that other 'W' word: gainful employment), but it will soon be time to winterize. And since El Niño is out of the picture, this one should be a doozie.

*Of course, there's always Indian Summer.* Guess Cap'n Billy's only nod to winter thus far is to include oyster stew on the menu. Man, you haven't lived 'till you've tried a few buckets of his buttermilk oyster stew with those little crackers and globules of butter floating around. Cholesterol? Heh, heh, heh, how droll... of course there's no cholesterol! (Editor's note: as long as you eat one ounce per year while on a dead run of at least four hours duration.)

*The Legend of Sleepy Timbers or Ichabod Meatyard says 'Goodbye, Columbus'.* Cobb Islanders were once again drawn South by the siren song of pumpkin carving, pig roasts, patented Bloody Marys, Redskin games, late evening beach bonfires, Italian specialties, and we don't know what-all. Survivors report that a great time was had by all. Nancy Jackson walked off with 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Seniors' Division. Um, that just means that they have a kiddies' division.

*How many vice-commodorees* does it take to re-wire a flybridge? Apparently, more than one, as yours truly is discovering. Johnston's corollary: it takes three times as long to put 'em back together as it does to tear 'em apart. Oh well, maybe the Mainship OneList will do a series on wiring.

*Welcome aboard!* To new members Bert and Bonnie Cheseldine (47' Bayliner *My Way*), Les and Pat Combs (38' Carver *Pakalekia*), Ed Frere (29' Luhrs Sportfish *Mr. Ed*). Any other new members snagged at the Oct. 21st meeting will be dutifully reported in the next issue

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Don 'Big Tuna' Thayer

**Commodore's Corner.**  
 Thanks to the work of a number of members, 2000 has been a busy and eventful year. For those unable to participate in the club activities, we missed you and hope you have time to join us next year. Pam Mudd, our fleet captain and

her helpers put together an outstanding cruising schedule. Notwithstanding some weather glitches, which somehow she was unable to control, or just tossed in to keep things interesting, we had good participation in the events.

Bob Jackson and crew put together an outstanding cruise to Albemarle Sound and the southern environs. His three crew changes went off without a hitch and afforded the working folks a chance to join in with the retired crews. Those of us who went along learned from the experience, things to do, and things we would do different next time. Folks this weekend at the Columbus Day trip to Tall Timbers are already discussing planning for a trip to the upper Bay next summer to include Baltimore Inner Harbor and other points of interest. Again, the trip can be planned so folks can join us for the whole trip, or for any particular leg that fits their working schedule and is of particular interest to them.

Roger Fajans did an outstanding job of lining up the t-shirt order and selling the shirts at Cobb Island Days along with his helpers. We need your ideas for a new design for shirts for next year. See Roger for discounted Island light house shirts--how about Christmas gifts for friends and relatives?? Roger has also discovered an island source that will provide us CIYC logos, boat names, etc. for club paraphernalia. He plans to have some samples at the annual meeting and will discuss what he has discovered.

Barbara Finch did her usual outstanding job of planning and hostessing the happy hour to greet PRYCA boaters on Friday evening before Cobb Island Days, while I goofed around the marina sorting out last minute arrivals and electrical snafus.

Chuck Johnston deserves a round of applause for his award winning CIYC newsletters. We have heard kudos up and down the river for the innovative and newsworthy quality of his production. He explains in this newsletter that we are now going full steam into the information age, and can save money at the same time!!

**BRING A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!!!** The Executive Committee has agreed that the club will pick up the tab for dinner for prospective member guests. Our club is not just for us old fogies, but also for the younger set and we need to look for ways to expand the membership and particularly reach out to those folks. Remember, we were mostly only in our thirties and forties when the club started back in '82. We look back nostalgically at those days when the party started Friday evenings on B dock at Cobb Island Marina and closed up on Sunday afternoons when we had to start thinking of work on Monday. Boy for the stamina of those days!

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ANNUAL MEETING CIYC

AGENDA

1700 - Happy Hour

1800 - Dinner

1900 - Business Meeting

1) Secretary call the role and establish quorum is present.

2) Introduction of new members and guests.

3) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer lead discussion re:

(A) Use of Treasury

- invest part of it (capitol account)

- subsidize the annual meeting

- spend \$ to advertise for new members & other

- suggestions to increase membership

- other

(B) Exec Committee proposes an increase in amount of dues (e.g. \$35.00).

(C) Proposals on how to increase the membership.

4) Quartermaster Report - Supplies and sources of CIYC coats, hats, burgees, blazer emblems etc.

5) Election of Officers.

6) Other Business.

7) Set date and place for winter meeting.

Adjourn



Don Chuck 'Cholly Tuna' Johnston

Vice Commodore's Wardroom. I fully support what the *capo di tutti capi* has stated. For he is a man of respect and is deserving of our support. As I once said to my son Santino: Santino, my son... Oh, Santino... what was I saying? (We interrupt the

Vice-Commodore's report at this point since the rest was mostly unintelligible mumbling followed by snoring.

**Starburst Raft up.** Due to a recalcitrant anchor, the long-awaited starburst resembled a star cluster since Ken Semler was the only one on a hook. With Bob Jackson rafted to starboard and Chuck Johnston rafted to port, we decided to raft Billy Mudd at the stern. He acted as a sail and kept us off the wind. Morning came creeping in behind a soft fog, but a quick check of the ol' GPS showed that we were right where we had left ourselves.

**This Month's Stolen Material:** Sonar is a device that is used to detect objects through sound waves. There are two main types of sonar: Active and Passive. Sonar technology enters a signal into the water in a narrow beam which has the speed of about 1500 m/s. If there is an object in the path of the beam, it sends sound energy back to the sonar dish. Then the distance is calculated by  $\text{range} = \text{speed} \times \text{travel time} / 2$ .

In active sonar, a pulse signal is sent to a transducer which changes the electrical signal into a sound signal. After that it is put out into the water and it detects returning echoes. A receiver amplifies the soft echoes and measures the range of each object. Passive sonar does not generate signals but is able to acquire signals generated elsewhere. It is therefore less reliable in range determination.

The term sonar is an acronym for sound navigation ranging. The main component of sonar equipment is an electroacoustic transducer that is in direct contact with the water. It is suspended from the hull of a ship or on a cable from a low-flying helicopter. The transducer converts electric energy into acoustic energy (thus acting as a projector), much as does a loudspeaker, and converts acoustic energy into electric energy (serving as a hydrophone), as does a microphone.

A pulse of electric energy vibrates the diaphragm of the projector, sending sound waves through the water. These waves are concentrated into a sound beam, which scans the water when the projector is rotated. After the sound wave is emitted, the projector is converted into a hydrophone and listens for an echo. The cycle is repeated periodically. A returning echo is converted into an electric current by the transducer and may be interpreted (for range, bearing, and the nature of the target) aurally or by a cathode-ray tube, as is done with radar signals. The various types of sonar in use can be put into three classes:

direct listening, communications, and echo ranging. In direct listening, the object under observation generates the sounds that are received. In communications and echo ranging the sonar must generate its own signals. Sonar operates in the 10- to 50-kilocycle acoustical frequency range. It is used for communication between submerged submarines or between a submarine and a surface vessel, for locating mines and underwater hazards to navigation, and also as a fathometer, or depth finder. Sonar is widely used by commercial fishermen for locating schools of fish

**CIYC ANNUAL MEETING – Final 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.

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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 ASAP.  
Send or provide to:

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



OK, hang a left at W1. And make it snappy, I have to have the suit back by nine o'clock.



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# COBB ISLAND YACHT CLUB

## Membership Application

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I would like to join the Cobb Island Yacht Club.

Capt \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Cobb Island, MD 20625-0458

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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***The Mission:***

*Boating Safety*

*Education in seamanship*

*Partnering with the community*

*Sail and Power events*

*Organized cruises, raft-ups and gunkholing*

*Monthly newsletter*

*PRYCA events and*

*so much more...*

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