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COBB ISLAND YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



Flash on the mend! We'd like to thank everyone who sent get well cards to our own Flash Rdlu in response to ... the incident. In honor of Independence Day, Flash decided to take some shots the old fashioned way, with flash powder. Figuring that if one ounce was enough, twelve ounces should really light things up! Besides, it was dark outside. You'll be happy to know that as soon as an eyebrow donor is found, he'll be 100%. At left is the shot we found on Flash's film taken fifty microseconds before the explosion.

Apparently, some curious onlookers distracted the hardworking fotog as he was counting out the ounces. As Flash likes to say: *"some days you win, some days you lose, and some days it's just not worth chewing through those leather straps"*.

The Dredge Report... Rep Steny Hoyer's office announced that the fiscal year 2002 House Energy and Water Appropriations bill contained major federal funding for several important Charles County water projects. Of the nearly \$4 million appropriated, an amount of \$677,000 was earmarked for Neale Sound. "...located in Charles County, provides mooring space, repair facilities and other amenities for approximately 50 commercial watermen, charter boats, recreational boaters and transients. The upper channel has shoaled to a controlling depth of 4.1 feet since it was last dredged in 1990. This level creates a dangerous situation for [commercial] vessels as well as for pleasure boaters and transients. The commercial watermen are required to either wait for high tide or to travel around Cobb Island to the lower channel. As a result of the difficult navigation conditions, which necessitate circumnavigating Cobb Island, local vessel owners are suffering economic losses, delays, and unnecessary hardships. At Congressman Hoyer's request, [nearly] \$700,000 was included in the ... bill to dredge Neale Sound from the Wicomico River to be at its authorized level of 7 feet deep and 100 feet wide". Soon as the Army Corps of Engineers finds out, it's a go!

Funds, Funds, everywhere... not only that, but the final results are in from Cobb Island Day, and it turns out that the executive committee won't have to leave the country after all. Pappy Varoom had *Cobb Island One* gassed up and idling at the end of the runway when word came down: *"We made money!"* *"Man, I can't believe anyone would give those clowns a dime"*, muttered Varoom as he taxied back to the hanger.

Keeps growing, and growing, and growing... welcome aboard to the Sullivans, Al and Betty, owners of *SullyBet* who joined the club in July. In fact, they sat through the July meeting and they're *still* members!

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Commodore Chuck... too old?

View from the Bridge. Now, *that* was a meeting! On July 7, the combined membership managed to make over 20 changes to the bylaws and was still in time for dinner. Proof is included in the minutes (printed later).

Vice-Commodore's Wardroom. We regret that Bob could not join us for this issue. Since the Commodore reviewed some of Bob's recent editorial work on the command page, Bob has been attending classes in a re-education center. Maybe you've heard of the *Hanoi Hilton*? Think of this as the *Shymansky Sheraton*.



Bob conferring with business associate...

Eight Bells and All's Well! Aboard Navy ships, bells are struck to designate the hours of being on watch. Each watch is four hours in length. One bell is struck after the first half-hour has passed, two bells after one hour has passed, three bells after an hour and a half, four bells after two hours, and so forth up to eight bells are struck at the completion of the four hours. Completing a watch with no incidents to report was "Eight bells and all is well." The practice of using bells stems from the days of the sailing ships. Sailors couldn't afford to have their own time pieces and relied on the ship's bells to tell time. The ship's boy kept time by using a half-hour glass. Each time the sand ran out, he would turn the glass over and ring the appropriate number of bells.

If you want to hear an example, ask Bonnie Cheseldine the next time *My Way* is in port.

Now Just a Darn Minute! (Minutes of General Meeting on July 7, 2001)

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Johnston. Present were Don Thayer, John and Lorraine Seymour, Ken and Sharon Semler, Bert and Bonnie Cheseldine, Chuck and Sandra Johnston, Roger and Wilma Fajans, Al and Betty Sullivan, Pam and Billy Mudd, Bob and Nancy Jackson, Ed and Carol Ann Frere and Richard and Christine Hinchliffe. Those present stipulated to the presence of a quorum.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

The Treasurer, Ken Semler, reported Income from Cobb Island Days at \$7445.30 and Expenses at \$5583.53 for a profit of \$1861.37. Total assets in the bank exclusive of CDs equals \$8385.78.

A number of proposals for changes to the by-laws had been distributed to the membership at the previous meeting. The Secretary read each of them one by one and the Club voted on them one by one. Changes relating to the statement of location of the Club, definition of members and membership, dates relating to payment of dues, notice of meetings, definition of a quorum, voting rights, preparation of tax returns, authority to sign checks and other cosmetic changes were approved by the membership. The Secretary will incorporate the approved changes into the by-laws.

A committee consisting of volunteers Sandra, Bonnie, Barbara, Betty, Sharon, Carol Ann and Nancy was appointed to establish time, place, invitations, etc to a pot luck party during our next meeting to be held in August at Shymansky's. (This turned into a dock party, *ed.*)

Nancy Jackson reiterated the July 12 deadline date for making a Mears Marina reservation deposit.

It was mentioned that the Corp of Engineers has been budgeted \$700,000 to dredge Neal Sound to a depth of 7 ft. and a width of 100 ft.

Sharon Semler made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Don Thayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Jay Williams, Secretary

Fleet Captain's Hailer. Our first July CIYC cruise was the Family/Independence Day Cruise which turned out to be a fun-filled weekend. We had a total of six grandchildren, actually it was four grand and two great grand kids! Dennis Point had their fireworks display on June 30 and they were spectacular to say the least. All of our boats were decorated in red, white, & blue in honor of the occasion.

Sandra baked a cake which some of the kids decorated. We just might have some "budding artists", they turned the cake into a beautiful American Flag!

At the close of the weekend Dennis Point management complimented us on what a well-behaved group of children we had. And indeed they were a pleasure to be around.

Our next scheduled event was the PRYCA Float-in followed by a cruise up to Old Town Alexandria (July 20-24). See related story (*Ed.*)

The next big event will be the Upper Bay Cruise. We're scheduled to arrive at Solomon's Island Yacht Club on August 10. I think general consensus was to leave Shymansky's at 9:00 a.m.

Thinking back on our last visit to SIYC, I'm sure many of you will remember the great hospitality extended to CIYC.

From there we'll head for Inner Harbor East where the entertainment opportunities are unlimited.

Then on Monday, Aug. 13, we head for Mears Yacht Haven in Oxford, MD. For those of you who haven't been to Mears Yacht Haven before, it's a quiet, restful harbor with wonderful opportunities for interesting walking tours. They also offer book exchanges and cable TV.

On August 15 we leave Mears and head back to Solomon's where, I'm told by the Dock Master, we'll be sharing the facilities with a Tall Ship. Then on the 16th we head for home or where ever your GPS wants to take you.

It promises to be another great cruise!
Nancy Jackson

Scenes from Dennis Point



Nice buncha kids



Let them eat cake

CIYC Trashes Competition at PRYCA Annual Float-In Cobb Island was represented by seven boats at the annual float in. We participated in every event and attended several classes. Competition included a Captaincy Test, Bo'sun Skills (Ring Toss and Dinghy Race), Scavenger Hunt and Blowboat Competitions. After the smoke cleared, Marshall (*Iron Man*) and Karen (*Puff, the Magic Dragon*) Bartholow had doublehandedly lifted the club to a record finish (4th of 9 clubs participating).

Scenes from Float In



Front row: Karen Bartholow, Sandra Johnston, Cocoa Cheseldine, Bonnie Cheseldine, Barbara Finch, Susan Malloy, Sharon Semler, Nancy Jackson. Back Row: Marshall Bartholow, Chuck Johnston, Bert Cheseldine, Don Thayer, Paul Malloy, Ken Semler, Bob Jackson



Same scene two milliseconds after brunch call



Bartholows flex winning muscle while the gang savors victory at Chart House in Alexandria.



Left to right: *Happyface*, Karen Bartholow's 2nd place winner in the blowboat competition; *DE933 Big Bopper*, Flash Rdlu's entry (disqualified due to budget overrun) and *Break Out Another Thousand*, Sandra Johnston's 1st place winner in the design competition



More Pictures from the Float In

Left:

*Blow, Blow, Blow yer boat
Gently down the raingutter*

Bonnie Cheseldine dons her lucky hat for the blowboat competition.

There but for the grace of God...

Other contestants cast their eyes respectfully downward as 'Crazy Ralph' Burner of Fairfax Yacht Club Interrupts the competition by walking his imaginary dolphin.

No, wait... Now I got it!

Anna Burner shows proper method of tossing ring buoy in the first part of the Bo'sun skills venue.

Bullseye! Karen Bartholow takes a practice toss in the warm-ups.

Above:

No! Yer Other Starboard! Coxswain guides blindfolded rower in the dinghy races



Hackers and other morons. You can't believe some of the stuff that arrives in our e-mail... including viruses. Apparently, some pasty-faced little trolls derive pleasure from sending bacteria through the Internet in an anonymous fashion. There is a complicated explanation of why this is possible. Basically it is a design flaw. If you recently received a virus purporting to be from yours truly, it was due to the efforts of one of these dolts. Norton antivirus will pick it up and it won't harm your machine, but don't *ever* open an executable file attachment that you are not expecting!

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