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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

*Down by the Old Maelstrom...* The Taliban today announced through clenched teeth that there is no truth to the rumor that Osama bin Laden has been replaced. However, knowledgeable Mid East observers say that mullah Oman Bahad Faleesh, the warlord churchman, appears to be in control. Wild-eyed crowds raced through the capitals of several Mid-Eastern countries screaming: Oman Bahad Faleesh! Oman Bahad Faleesh! We tried to get in touch with Flash to see if he could get some photos of this Faleesh character but Flash has been having a tough time getting acclimated. First, there was the incident in the Gulf of Aden, (see photo, left) where Flash arrived via tramp freighter. He was told to wait at a nearby liquid oxygen storage facility for the customs people and told specifically not to touch any of the controls. Next thing you know, there was some kind of a mix up and the facility suffered some minor damage. Later, that same day, Flash was leaving a nuclear facility (photo, above) when he couldn't find his radium-dialed watch. As luck would have it, the reactor melted down as a result of a jammed control rod. Officials stated that a foreign object was to blame.

*BarbecueSaurus Wrecks...* The gang descended on Bachelor's Hope Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for an all-out no-holds-barred down-home knock-down drag-out... Wait! I'm running out of hyphens! Anyway, Billy Zantzinger cooked up a bunch of chicken and we all stood around drinking beer and soft drinks and trying to decide whether to take our jackets off (it was pretty warm) or put our jackets on (it was kinda chilly). Finally, Billy announced that it was time to load up our plates, and he didn't have to ask us twice.

*The Missiles of October...* We contacted Flash in an attempt to get some of the lowdown on this Bahad Faleesh joker, but Flash was on the move and said he'd have to get back to us. Seems the radiation levels in Khandahar had exceeded recommended levels. One of the Taliban was showing a visitor how to fire a stinger missile when Flash fired up the old Nikon. Startled, the soldier misfired, sending a round into a nearby aspirin factory. Why the aspirin factory was in the possession of fissionable materials is anyone's guess, but they all decided to vacate *post haste*.

*Meeting of the Bored...* The annual membership meeting is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> at Shymansky's Restaurant. This is the BIG one, folks. Yeah, we know, we meet once a month anyway, but this is the one the bylaws say we *have* to have. The one with a meal and elections, and reports and Robert's Rules and all like that. Anyway, the club is gonna kick in \$10.00 towards your dinner bill, or your bar bill, or your bail bondsman, or whatever else you can come up with.

*Back to the Front....* OK, this is all starting to fall in place now. I just got off the phone with the Pakistani ambassador. I also got calls from the Taliban, Iran, Iraq, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Turkey, India and some guy in Lichtenstein. It wasn't Bahad Faleesh after all. Apparently that's the Middle Eastern pronunciation of 'Bad Flash'. At any rate, they all want us to take him back. Naturally, we agreed, and they said they would send him... as soon as he turns up. He disappeared on a fact-finding mission to the Northern Territories, but they said he'd be along the second they find him. Oh well, it was a good time while it lasted.

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### View From the Bridge.



Chuck, the commodore we have.

State of the Club. As we come to the end of the year, it is gratifying to review our progress. Club membership has nearly doubled since this time last year. We have completed another exciting year of cruising, we have started some new traditions (change-of-watch, dock party, etc.) We have updated the bylaws. We participated in the main PRYCA event of the summer, the float-in with our largest and most successful contingent ever. We staged yet another legendary Cobb Island Days celebration in spite of the inclement weather, and we didn't go broke in the process. We got a record number of Vessel Safety Checks completed. We began a partnership with the Cobb Island Citizen's Association via the Scholarship Fund. We expect to continue our partnership with the community by additional support for the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department.

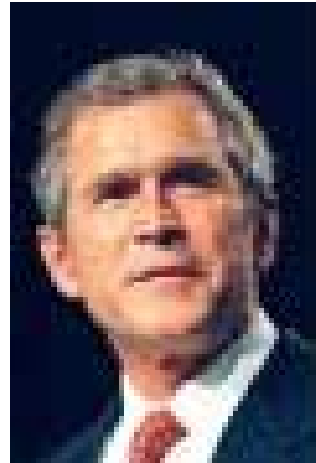
If the current slate of officers is returned to office, additional plans are in the offing.

On the other side of the coin, we have suffered through death, illness and horror as some parents of members passed on and as some members contracted serious illnesses while the nation suffered its most serious attack in history. The indomitable spirit which binds Americans together shone through though, as we struggled onward.

Oh yeah, before I forget, thanks to Bob for once again handling the layout of the command page. I didn't have time to review it before press time, but I'm sure he did a fine job.

Chuck Johnston.

### Vice Commodore's Wardroom.



Bob, the commodore we *could* have.

As I come to the end of my elected term of office, I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve the club. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the decision making process of the Executive Board as well as the assignment of representing the club to the PRYCA. The club's relationship with PRYCA has been supported by the membership and I thank you for that.

The Board decision to standardize the Treasurer functions is a significant board achievement.

The activities of the Quartermaster have added in a big way to enhance club morale (not to mention our appearance). Of course, I think that each year our cruising schedule gets better and better!

The question that must be asked is, "Is the club better now than it was a year ago?" and I believe it is.

Finally, I think our growing relationship with Shymansky's Marina has resulted in improved club participation. We all owe Butch a "**Thank you**".

Thanks again for letting me serve the club.  
Bob Jackson

### Fleet Captain's Hailer

By the time you get this News Letter the cruising season will basically be over. I'd like to take this opportunity to say it's been a pleasure to serve as your Fleet Captain. And I'd also like to thank the Cruise Committee (Ken Semler, Don Thayer, Chuck & Sandra Johnston, Pam & Bill Mudd, and Gary & Ruth Golden) who helped to plan the schedule.

Thanks to all of you for the support you have given me in fulfilling this office.  
Nancy Jackson.



Scenes from a barbecue... Top Row: Retirement Section Clyde the Horse nibbles on Bernie Williams' hand as Ann Fels looks on while (Right) Ken and Sharon Semler enjoy a snuggle.

Second Row: Lorraine and John "Cap'n Tuna" Seymour (Right) Billy Z .at Lake Billy.

Third Row: Phyllis and Stim Eveleth at Lake Billy. (Right) Dick Blohm watches as BarbecueSaurus Rex eats Billy Z's head.

Fourth Row: Dick and Mary Ellen Blohm. (Right) Finally ! Soup's on! (continued on next page)



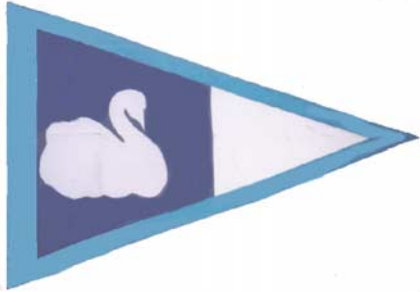
Upper Left:: Bonnie Cheseldine and Roger Fajans found a set of Clyde's moccasins and started horsing around with them. Above: Sue Zantzinger shows would-be anglers how to snag a skiff. Lower left: If you ate all your chicken and all your cole slaw and all your beans... well, you get the idea.

Special update. Both Ken Semler and Bernie Williams have announced that they will retire from their current club positions as of Dec 31, 2001. Ken is the Treasurer and Bernie has been Secretary for as long as anyone can remember. While we hate to lose the talents of these dedicated members, it does fit in with a proposed change to the bylaws that the Commodore has been considering: term limits.

While the nominating committee filled its slate by offering positions for a term of two years, the bylaws set a limit of one year on terms with no limit on the number of consecutive terms. Since we will have two vacancies as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, it would seem logical to institute a one-term, two-year limit at that point, thus staggering the terms of two members of the Executive Committee and thereby providing continuity. Incumbents would still be limited to one-year terms, but could not serve more than two consecutive terms.

With this in mind, the Commodore will propose such a change at the October General meeting, scheduled for October 20, 2001. The meeting will be held at Shymansky's Restaurant at 6:00 PM with buffet dinner following. This proposal would then be voted on at a subsequent meeting, in accordance with the bylaws. Note that a complete version of the bylaws can be obtained at <http://ciyachts.tripod.com>

We thank Ken and Bernie for their unselfish service and their support of the club.



# COBB ISLAND YACHT CLUB Membership Application

I would like to join the Cobb Island Yacht Club.

Captain \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup>  
Mate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Power or Sail

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

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:  
Ken Semler, Treasurer  
4410 Lady Trisha Court  
Pomfret, MD 20675-3248

Address any questions to Chuck Johnston (301) 259-4628

Acceptance of the applicant recommended by two current members.

Member's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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*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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