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### FORUMS

Greg Temple & others say that Sailnet is going out of business soon, & thus their fine, useful sailboat forums will stop working. Greg has set up a replacement forum on a Yahoo site [WhitbyBrewerSailboats@yahoo.com](mailto:WhitbyBrewerSailboats@yahoo.com).

To subscribe, send a blank email to [WhitbyBrewerSailboats-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:WhitbyBrewerSailboats-subscribe@yahoo.com).

If you would like detailed step-by-step instructions, email Greg at [greg@mail.com](mailto:greg@mail.com), & he will forward them to you. We soon will modify our website, [www.whitby42brewer.org](http://www.whitby42brewer.org) to include instructions for accessing the email forwarder.

### W42 REFRIGERATION

This is a condensation of 8-10 emails responding to my inquiry of 5/15/05 on Sailnet's Whitby Forum. Thanks every one! I think this will help other owners decide what to do if & when their Grunert systems give out. Ours is still functional, but we don't use it much, & I am pretty experienced with this stuff. I must admit that it is too complex. I strongly favor keeping all systems on a boat SIMPLE. You may understand a complicated one, but a substitute mechanic may not, & it will take him time to figure it out.

For this reason, I like the battery-powered systems. Charge your batteries ashore or afloat, with engine, genset, or solar cells, it's all pretty simple. Before deciding, it would pay to read some of the articles on the subject, but what advice is better than that from fellow sailors who have done it? But above all, remember KISS, and buy spares for everything!

An idea offered by Lew Streeter is to use small 12 v RV refrigerator/freezers. These are self-contained, so separate compressors aren't needed, though you would need one for Air Conditioning. Relatively inexpensive; replace if they give you trouble.

### CHESAPEAKE FALL 2005 RENDEZVOUS

Our new management of John Cece, Joe Machado, and Dick Seibert did a great job last year at the Rankin-Drenning piers/houses on Whitehall Creek, Annapolis. Now, they are going to try another location South of Annapolis, at the West River Sailing Club. We have been very lucky up to now in avoiding rain, & this venue will enable us to meet inside. Bob Kramer & Bill Speary will be our Dockmasters, to raft us at the pier & secure our boats with lines & anchors where needed. So, thanks Virginia, Linda, & Pat for all you have done for us!

### PROPELLER BARNACLES

Without tributyl tin, how do we repel barnacles? I guess I'll try hard bottom paint next. Soft paint quickly wears off. This summer's heat (& old age) have reduced boat usage, so prop barnacles greatly reduced propulsion..

Overboard I go, with long shirt & pants for sea nettle protection, plus 2" wide putty knife with float attached. The swimming ladder was set deep enough to get back aboard. (Reminds one of the value of the emergency pull string.)

Luckily the rudder was set for max right turn. Positioning myself at the transom's stbd corner, I grasp the rudder top & go down 2 or 3 feet to the right, easily reaching the prop. Now, I can lean on the rudder, head pushing up on bottom of boat, using right hand for scraping & moving prop. Once in position, it's not a bad job, with your head only a foot or two below water surface. Lefties, use the other side. Baldies may need a hat! Little visibility in the August Chesapeake. Scuba would make it easier, but I do without it. Cleaning the whole bottom is another story.

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Here is an update from Les Litton , Palau Islands, 8/28/2005.  
Palau is about 600 miles E of Mindanao, Philippines. To the  
NE are our great WWII naval & air bases of Ulithi, Guam, Tinian,  
& Saipan. Part of this group is Peleliu, taken at great cost by  
US Marines & little used. BCB

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Hello All,

I want to share with you some highlights of our Babeldaub/Big Island Trip.

Surrender Crew finally got around to touring the big island to the north. It is truly an island, connected by bridge to the part of Palau where we are, which is Koror State. This bridge was built by the Japanese after the original one collapsed. I do not know who built the first one. There is a local book all about it, but I just did not feel like dropping \$15 to learn more.

We rented a 4WD truck, hired a guide, and went with our neighbor Josh to see the island. It was a long day of kidney-bashing driving to see the sights. But a big part of this trip is just to see the road itself, and of course, the newly built but still empty new Capitol/Government Center.

To give a little perspective, for those back home, imagine Bowling Green, Ohio as Koror state, and the rest of Wood County as the island of Babeldaub. The numbers and sizes do not match exactly, but that would be a close analogy. Babeldaub is roughly 400 square miles. Now imagine that Babeldaub (or Wood Co.) is mostly overgrown jungle, hills, rivers, and just a spattering of villages, none with more than a couple hundred people living in them.

Next, imagine that the United States promised you (as the country of Palau) that they would build a very nice road all around your almost uninhabited jungle island. For free. Now you are getting the picture.

The Compact Road, which is part of the Compact of Free Association negotiated between the US and Palau (FSM and Marshall Islands have their own Compacts), is well over 50 miles long. It is being built by the Korean based Daewoo company, under the supervision of the Army Corp of Engineers. I forget what year it was actually started, but it was in the early 90s. It was projected to be finished by 1999. It still is not. Presently, Daewoo is trying to sue the US for faulty weather info given, as they are blaming their delays on too much rain. The US of course is countering that.

One of our good friends here (an expat) works for Daewoo, and he tells us the road will be done in about a year.

Well, Ann and I are not engineers, but from our own experience of seeing road construction in Ohio we think it will be years before this road here will be done. In Ohio, we watched crews take all summer to repave a few miles of road. Just repaving.

This project here was mammoth to say the least as they had to start by clearing jungle, blasting holes through hills, etc. And alot of materials and all equipment had to be shipped in.

There are still miles of road that are just dirt or stone substrate that keeps shifting and creating new potholes. They have built the drainage culverts along the side in places, but they still have to build the road up to that level, which is a foot deep in places. Some bridges are still under construction. And in the whole day of our touring, we honestly did not see more than a few dozen workers on the job. 50 tops. I will include a photo of the road workers taking their lunch break. These guys must be at the absolute bottom of the employment totem pole in Korea as they work for \$1/hour on difficult road construction. They are out in the jungle in the hot sun or rain, basically. They have rows of hammocks set up under black tarps by the road where they take their lunch break/nap.

In the local news just last week, there were three landslides on the road, that brought down a 15 foot deep pile of dirt and rock onto the road, which will now have to be cleared before work can move on.

This has happened before, and will likely happen again.

So, to us, it would be quite a feat for that road to be complete in anything less than a few more years.

The other big highlight of the tour was to see the new Capitol, which is another joke, and I will get to that in a minute.

Other things we stopped to see included a pretty waterfall that we had to hike to down a big hill, through some jungle and along a river bed. Not the most spectacular waterfall we have seen but a very nice one and the hike down and back up was pleasant, with enough elevation changes to get the heart and lungs working harder and make you sweat. Also muddy enough to cause my 50 cent flip flops to break/pull through. Our guide, Malahi, traded me hers. Yes she is a woman, yes I am a man, but she is an island girl and has tough feet. I do not. And, she offered. She can and does do that hiking barefoot. I sit on the boat and drink beer barefoot.

At the north end of the island are some ancient stone monoliths and again, they were not the most spectacular, but I always dig monoliths and learning the history of why did guys feel the need to move those huge rocks and set them up so? From a picnic area atop a big hill, we walked down a set of steep cut steps to get to the monoliths. While we were there, some other expats decided to drive their truck down to them.

They got down easy, but spent over half an hour trying to find a path back up that their truck could negotiate. And it was even 4WD but I guess the driver did not know how to shift into 4WD mode, or assumed it was but was not. So we had some lunch time entertainment as well.

Another must see stop for me was the North Coast Cottages, a small but lovely hidden resort that became home to the losers on SURVIVOR. Yep, I mentioned this back when Survivor was here filming, that the resort was chained off and off-limits to public at that time. These are small cottages built up off the ground, each a private bed and bath suite. The resort is right on the ocean with its own very nice beach. It is very peaceful and serene as it is so remote, there is nothing near. No boats, no jet skis, nothing. Just these rustic cottages with great beds and baths, paved pathways between them all and the water, and you can take your own food or the resort will cook for you. So, I will include a couple photos of us hanging out at the very spot that the Survivors who got voted out got to stay. Hey, it sucks to lose man.

We made our Capitol stop later in the day. This was another must do for Les. I vowed to not leave Palau until I got to see the Capitol in person.

First, let me clarify our feelings about Palau. We love this place and we really like its people. Well, almost all of them. We will have stayed here longer than anywhere else. That is in part due to aborted plans to fly to the US for a family visit, in part to the many big projects needing done on Surrender, and in part to the weather and seasons (avoiding typhoons), but also a big part is just that we love this place. It is a haven for people living on yachts as it has so much beauty, calmness, and convenience. There is just a wonderful mix of those things for us here that will be difficult to leave. And, difficult to find anywhere else.

So take my comments with a grain of salt. I may sound like I am dissing the place or people, and I do not mean to. Palau is so far ahead of other places in terms of cleanliness, caring for the



environment, governmental transparency etc. (An aside: In Chuuk state in FSM, it is well known that the governor there keeps buying trucks with government money, and giving them to his friends. Yet nothing is ever done about it. Here in Palau, a former Senator was just found guilty of fraud/misconduct. His crime, he submitted a receipt or claim for a business dinner that he hosted and it was found to be for a few hundred dollars more than the actual cost of the dinner. That is about as bad as the corruption gets here.)

But still, stupid things get done. Like the new Capitol. Where to even begin...

Well, first, Taiwan built it for them for around \$24 million. Which is probably cheap for a building/complex its size. And, it was a grant. Here, Free Capitol Building.

Second, it is on the big island of Babeldaub. There is a road to the Capitol, but as of today, there is still not electricity or plumbing/sewerage to it. The building is done though. It is not decorated or furnished yet, but the structure is done, exterior light fixtures are up, the 140 foot dome is done, the windows are in, it is carpeted, etc. And empty.

The parking lot is finished and painted as well.

The government officials are talking about moving into the building next year. However, they now have concerns about the estimated completion costs, and more importantly, the estimated \$1.3 million it is going to cost to operate and maintain the building each year. Oh, by the way, the government here was behind in their own payment of their own electric bill by \$1.6 million, and they got the power company to forget/forgive \$600,000 of that, so they are not even making their energy payments now, on their small crappy old buildings.

Third, it is hideous. Well, when you see the photos you may think me unpatriotic (to the US) but it is out of place here. It is almost an exact replica of our Capitol. What we have learned is that during the design phase, the hired architects presented several conceptual ideas to the Palauans. Each was rejected, much to the surprise of the architects. They finally presented a final idea, almost as a joke. Kind of, "Well, if you don't like plan A or B or....there is always this one...(handing over the drawing of the US Capitol-looking structure), to which the Palauans charged with the decision said, "Yes. That is what we want." OMG.

Fourth, it is quite grandiose. Remember, the total population of Palau is under 20,000. There is a President, vice-President, 9 Senators, and 16 Representatives. That is the core of the government here. Then of course there are all the departments (Education, Health, Resources, Ways & Means, etc.) and the Judiciary branch. But for an island nation of less than 20,000, this complex seems a bit much to us.

As a child I had aspirations to be an architect and on days when there were not enough players for neighborhood football, I would be up in my room designing floor plans. I myself could design a more appropriate new capitol here. (Yes, they had architects doing that and the plans were turned down).

They could have gone with a more modern looking bai (the traditional men's meeting house) that could be large enough, and fantastic. So many creative possibilities. And they chose this. Well.

The buildings in the complex were built with no opening windows. It sits on top of a hill with unobstructed views and clear to the ocean breezes. But with no opening windows, it will be dependent on air conditioning since the average temps here year-round are about

82 degrees. As I said, there is no electricity to the building yet, so it is already starting to show signs of mold/mildew since the air-con is not yet on.

The exterior surfaces are actually some type of foam and fiberglass, not real concrete as they appear, and the mud wasps are already starting to use it for nest building materials.

It is some building. Actually several buildings as each branch of the government has its own new building there. In the courtyard between buildings, there are two echo chambers. Small domes that cover walkways are built to amplify sound so that when you stand in the center, and speak or make noise, it amplifies and resonates all around you very loudly. That will be cool for visiting children. I don't know what other purpose it would serve. It scared Kramer.

So, I will for sure include some photos of this capitol. My favorites are the one where I am up on the entrance to the wing for the Judiciary, with an open beer can in my hand. Save that for the history books. Also, you will see me with full access to some of the building phone lines and wiring. In these days of security concerns and the T word, here is crazy rastaman with access to the wiring of the new Capitol of Palau.

Your Reporter on the Scene,  
Les

#### ARTICLE ON WHITBY 42

A very nice article by Ed Lawrence has just appeared in the September-October Good Old Boat magazine. Four pages with photos. Boats owned by Brian Stewart, Mike Curry, & Scott & Cheryl Young are featured. Good Old Boat's very nice Editor has permitted us to include it in this Newsletter.

I'll admit that I never had seen a copy of Good Old Boat, but I like it very much & have subscribed. Ted Brewer is a contributing editor, which says a lot for its high quality. The other articles are equally good. I understand that it is available at many news stands. Its website is [www.goodoldboat.com](http://www.goodoldboat.com). Interestingly, back issues are on available CDs.

#### LIGHTNING STRIKE

Doug Stephenson has told us that Rose de Vents, Carlyle & Sylvie Miller's Whitby, was struck by lightning near Kingston, Ontario, near their marina. Doug thinks some of might be help later on with gifts of surplus gear.

Our sympathies are extended to the Millers. All of our boats are possible targets of lightning. The question is - how best to protect against it? I have seen articles on the subject, & am sure we all could use an update.

#### LEAVE BOAT CHECKLIST

Main Switches ----- under ladder  
 Water Intake Seacock ---- under floorboard, beneath stove  
 Seacock for sink drain - " " " "  
 Seacock for Aft Head ----- under floorboard, beneath shower  
 Seacocks (2) for Fwd Head  
 - under port main cabin floorboard  
 under floorboard betwn fwd head & locker  
 Close deck hatches - main cabin, fwd cabin, aft cabin  
 Place covers under any leaks  
 Close ports, remove hatch screens  
 Covers on wheel & aft sliding hatch  
 Close fuel filler caps  
 Raise Dodger & hook straps  
 Close & lock companionway hatches  
 Check mooring /dock lines  
 Stow access ladder