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VR Headset Ban

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Greg Kerr

May 7, 2024, 12:20:58 PM
to South End Rowing Club

Josh's email about no VR headsets at the club had me briefly imagine a horribly dystopian future, where 100+ year old wooden row boats sit around rotting and covered in dust. Strange machines nobody knows how to use anymore while everyone sits on ergs upstairs with VR headsets on that, "Help you escape the doldrums of the gym and make it look and sound just like you're rowing around world class destinations like the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz."

Yeah, let's not let that future happen.

No VR at the club!

Go Josh!

Greg



PhatMichael T

May 8, 2024, 7:18:02 AM
to South End Rowing Club

Now, I don't own a VR headset, and I have no plans to acquire one, preferring to use what little eyesight I have left on what is naturally before me, but I do have to ask what is the difference between sitting in our wonderful day room with one's eyes closed and wearing AirPods, and sitting there wearing a VR headset? Or, sitting there reading a book, or sitting there staring out the window...? Or someone sitting there trying to impress us with their guitar virtuosity?

Or, to take it further, what is the difference between sitting there with a book or magazine, and sitting there with a laptop? How do we know if one is "working" on that laptop or simply reading the NY Times (and, to be honest, I'd rather someone be working than reading that rightwing rag, but that is another rant and a distraction from this note)?

I know I'm an old fart, but I did work on some pretty cutting-edge technology in my time (those of you enjoying your streaming video can thank me later), and I see a ban on VR as some sort of cultural reaction, almost to the point of being a luddite. Maybe we should ban the internal combustion engine? Maybe we should all check our mobile phones at the door, pick them up when we leave? I'm definitely in favor of banning PowerPoint presentations...

I mean, I get it if you don't want someone running around the place with VR goggles playing some sort of Augmented Reality game -- just like we don't want you playing darts in the boathouse or playing Twister in the sauna (well, maybe some of us would enjoy that but, again, that's another note) -- but, to ban someone from sitting peacefully in the day room with something on their eyes or something on their lap is rather arbitrary, morally elitist and judgmental.



Micah Blumberg

May 8, 2024, 3:12:44 PM
to South End Rowing Club

I think I'm the only one who has ever used a VR or AR headset at the club, but I rarely bring it to the club anymore these days. I can tell you from experience that a VR AR headset is good for relaxing if you are feeling stressed, or want to connect with friends online who have VR headsets in other cities, but I've never seen anyone else use one at the club, and I doubt that its going to catch on with other people in the club anytime soon.

Obviously the club has four main sports, handball, swimming, rowing, and running, and we only have a gym to support those who are training for those four sports. Yet some people come just to use the gym and not to do the clubs four main sports. Some people only seem come to the club during bar night for the bar. Some will bicycle here to spend most of their time eating and talking. But the SERC has always been the relaxed club with no official rules, no one trying to micromanage what you are doing, or make you conform to a list of things you can do or not do. The Dolphin club next door has rules about where members can swim (they claim its about

liability) and they used to not let people use the WIFI over there because their dystopian nightmare was that the club would become Starbucks with people filling up the rooms sitting around on their computers all day.

The club could be against laptops, against phones, against Meta's Rayban AI (Artificial Intelligence) sun glasses, the club could have a lot of stupid rules that micromanage people, but its kind of better that we don't. It's kind of better that the SERC is the no rules club, do stuff at your risk, but be considerate of your neighbors & club property. Obviously we don't want "wet" wetsuits in the club, they have to stay outside and dry, but in general people have freedom, and this is a people first, culture driven, community. Where we can give each other feedback, but we don't necessarily have to have hard rules about everything a person can or can't do.

I completely agree with Phat Michael's post, if someone is sitting in a chair with a VR header, what's the difference between them having their eyes closed listening to music? Or reading a book, or reading a newspaper?

But for me the point is: Do you want to become the club that micromanages people, with heavy draconian rules like the Dolphin Club, "you can't do this, you can't do that" or do you want to be the South End Rowing Club, known for naked birthday swims, respect for freedom & individual liberties, known as the no rules club, because that's who we are. Do you want personal liberty? Or do you want to control other people, and to be controlled by other people?



Ilana Peterson

May 8, 2024, 4:31:48 PM

to Micah Blumberg, South End Rowing Club

I would argue that being immersed in a VR/AR headset does differ from being on the phone, on a laptop, reading, etc., as it's a technology that is SO immersive that one loses touch with the "real world". While I find the VR experience amazing (and this coming from a generally tech-averse person) and agree with you that it can be used for relaxation, social connections, and other applications, I agree with the recommendation to not have them in use at the club.

In fact I think technology use overall should be minimized at the club. We are all so stuck to our screens, for so much of our time, what a joy it is to walk into a place like SERC and connect on a face to face human level, and to be present in a magical physical environment - the historic vibe of the building, the view! (is there any view more majestic than the one from our Day

room?), to chat in the sauna, to erg on the deck, to feel the sand beneath our toes as we wade into the healing waters of the Bay...

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Ilana Peterson

(who sadly hasn't set foot into the club for far too long)

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Micah Blumberg

May 8, 2024, 4:31:59 PM
to South End Rowing Club

Ben Sheldon said:

"Micah, you're the only one I'm aware too that has brought a VR headset to the club. I enjoyed chatting with you about it then and since.

"Prior to the board setting a policy and sending the email, has anyone from the board (simply) talked to you about it?

"I hope we aren't a club where we set narrow reactive policies that might simply be addressed by a chat. And if folks aren't comfortable having a chat ("hey, would you mind taking that outside, it's rather loud and distracting from these sport activities we're planning") ... then perhaps we need a visible volunteer role or paid staff who are prepared to have that chat.

"I don't mind if we want to make the day room a quiet space or a "no remote space" but I hope that it is a blanket policy of no radios, no phones, no FaceTimes, regardless of purpose or intent (personal, work, or otherwise). (I guess I do think a "no eye coverings" would be a rather stupid policy; though I do sometimes see folks napping with a towel over their face and dreams are the og VR).

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"Ben Sheldon

Hi Ben,

Using a VR headset is analogous to using a cellphone, a person can use it quietly, watch a video, read the news, check Facebook. Or they could make a phone call, in which case it should be okay for someone to say "hey could you take that phone call or VR experience outside because it's loud and I want the Day room to be quiet right now"

I don't think that anyone has ever made that sort of request to me personally, as far as I can recall, but if someone does want the day room to be quiet, or if they want to use the day room for a club meeting, or if a group of people are meeting, obviously I'm not going to use a VR headset or a phone in defiance of their wishes. I would rather leave the room than create a conflict for someone else if they are having an issue.

I think we might agree that if someone is using VR quietly to watch a movie or read Facebook or the news then a ban is the same as banning someone from using their own personal mobile phone with headphones.

On the other hand I think we can agree that if someone is using VR to talk to someone else in VR, it's an identical situation to someone making a phone call or a conference call, and if we ban that we might as well ban people from making phone calls in the day room.

If you are asking someone to be quiet so you can make noise, that is pretty hypocritical isn't it? Do folks want to make rules that force person A to not use their devices, mobile phone, or VR headset, so they can do the same thing, talk. I'm not allowed to talk to someone so you can talk to someone? Or you are not allowed to talk to someone so I can talk to someone, or so I can have quiet? Isn't that selfish? Do we want selfish people controlling us, to prevent us from doing the same thing they are doing which is talking?

That said, my position always has been, and always will be, to accommodate other people, even if I secretly think they are sometimes being selfish & ridiculous. Or even if someone wants the entire day room to themselves on Sunday night so they scratch Jameson on their lap, helping the cat recover from a lifetime of trauma and PTSD, and the stress of being around a club full of noisy people (do you guys know you are stressing out the cats? (humor)), and they can't accommodate someone else being in the same room, quietly sitting with a glass of ice water, or a computer, or a newspaper, then I'm happy to oblige the irrational person with their ridiculously inconsiderate and selfish request making these ridiculous demands, because there are other areas of the club to explore, and I really don't need someone else's nonsense.

So honestly if anyone ever does ask me, and no one ever has, to take the VR to a different room, or turn it off so they can have a meeting, I'm absolutely happy to oblige them and their needs. With grace & civility. No need to make a hard rule against individual things. What are we going to do next ban guitars? Ban books? Ban people watching videos on their phones because they make tons of noise. Are we going to ban John from stuffing all the leftover food marked "for all" into his personal food bags so the rest of the South Enders don't have food to eat? Are we going to ban everything that doesn't meet some whimsical purity test for what everyone should be doing like we are the Dolphin Club?

I think let's let people have guitars, and cell phones, and take any left over food marked for all that they want to take, and not have a bunch of rules and not demand that Dolphin club members pay \$12 dollars just for visiting to say hello to his friends over here, like one club

member is trying to do. Let's be cool to everyone, and allow people freedom, and treat others the way we would want to be treated, let's follow the golden rule.

Do we need to even designate the Day room to be one thing or another thing? I personally think it's better if the community just decides to go with the flow, using the day room for whatever person is acceptable to the people who are in the dayroom, at any given time. The key is to be respectful of other people's needs, even if they seem ridiculous, to accommodate other people, to not stress other people, to be nice to our visitors from the Dolphin Club, and to take the high road, respect & protect club property, our board members, and each other.

As long as we can talk things out, we can forge a path forward, that is inclusive, respectful, and considerate of everyone.



Micah Blumberg

May 8, 2024, 4:51:31 PM
to South End Rowing Club



Ilana Peterson said:

unread,

4:31 PM (now)

to Micah Blumberg, South End Rowing Club

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Thank you for writing Ilana and sharing your views. I agree that that a VR AR headset is slightly different from being on a phone, in AR mode you can still see the room around you, you can still see the sky and the water of the bay, and watch a movie if you wanted to. I agree that it does not make sense to use to separate yourself from people who are in the same room as you, but if there is no one else in the room with you, then it can connect you with people who are not in the room with you, but who are in different cities, visiting you as avatars. In the next 5-10 years the VR AR headset and your mobile phone will both merge together into a pair of glasses, like wearing sunglasses, you will be able to connect with the avatars of people who are remote at the same time as continuing conversations with people who are in the same room as you. So I slightly disagree with the notion that it is going to separate us from our social connections here in the club, it could do that, if used improperly, and as a general rule those of us who have VR headsets should be mindful not to create the kind of situation where someone else in the room is not feeling connected to everyone, because one or more persons has their face covered in VR. Let's avoid that creating that situation.

I think if other people are around, it's better to not cover your face with a VR headset, so we can connect face to face, on a human level, and be present in our environment, with those who want to connect with us,

but sometimes the club is full of people who are ignoring each other anyways, without technology, you will have a group of four people come in, and one or two people by themselves, and the people by themselves don't join in with the group of four who are talking, and it's not like the group of four people talking have made eye contact or verbal contact with the people who are alone, this happens everyday, people are sitting together, but separate, isolated, without technology, in those situations if someone wants to get on their phone, their computer, or their AR VR headset, because the rest of the people in the room are ignoring them anyways, then why not?

On the other hand if the club is empty, and no one is in the room with you anyways, and you want to talk to your friends in VR or AR why not?

I generally agree with Ilana, but there are more situations than I think Ilana might be considering, if the 10 people who arrived in the room don't want to connect with you anyways, should you be able to do whatever you want as long as you are not bother them? Is it wrong for the persons or people that the popular group of young folks was ignoring to be happy on their own devices doing their own thing? If you wanted to do this "walk into a place like SERC and connect on a face to face human level, and to be present in a magical physical environment - the historic vibe of the building, the view! (is there any view more majestic than the one from our Day room?), to chat in the sauna, to erg on the deck, to feel the sand beneath our toes as we wade into the healing waters of the Bay." why did you ignore that person when they said hello, why did you never make eye contact with them, why did you only talk to the people you came with, and now you are unhappy that they are having fun with their own devices, by themselves?

Fine, we will accommodate you, whatever you want, even if we don't think your wishes or demands are fair, or rational, or considerate, or reasonable. If you have a problem with someone else having a good time, we are happy to put it away and or go to another room. No arguments.



Christian Einfeldt

May 8, 2024, 7:21:02 PM

to ker...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

I am opposed to banning VR. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Miccah ain't hurting anyone by sitting and playing his VR. What's next, no Linux computers at SERC? What about people sitting and

playing games on their phones? (Children of handballers play games on their phones for hours during handball tournaments).

Miccah's VR games are much much less intrusive than parties in the day room or people playing guitar in the day, and of course we don't want to ban those activities.

This is bad policy. Can we please drop it?



Robert MacKimmie

May 8, 2024, 7:21:34 PM
to South End Rowing Club

While there are many issues surrounding the use of a VR headset in the remarkably historic setting of The South End Rowing Club, I wanted to give example to PhatMichael T's question about what's the difference between someone listening to music with their smartphone/earbuds, and someone having their VR experience?

If a person is enjoying the view from the Day Room: the water; the swimmers; the historic boats at Hyde Street Pier; the sun setting over the Golden Gate Bridge; and suddenly someone is waving their arms excitedly exclaiming, "Grab the weapon, grab the weapon! .357, .357!"

Not my idea of why I love the South End.

If someone has been enjoying the 200th Anniversary of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony via iPods in the Day Room, they haven't let it slip ...

That's the difference as I see it, PhatMichael T.

Robert MacKimmie

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Michael Taylor

May 8, 2024, 9:16:00 PM

to mack...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

You describe an activity, not unlike some one using their iPhone to chase Pokémon around the room, and the equivalent perhaps as I described (throwing darts in the boat house, playing Twister in the sauna) as probably something undesirable and maybe deserving of a conversation. However, VR is a device, just like your phone or your laptop or your sexton.

Remember, iPhones don't kill Pokémon, people do.

Michael T.

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Kevin Whalen

May 8, 2024, 9:20:33 PM

to phatmi...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club, mack...@gmail.com

my alternate reality is the water.

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randy brown

May 9, 2024, 6:42:48 AM

to mic...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Aloha all,

Very well written Llana I agree 100%. Science fiction has proven to come true; submariner, space, travel, etc. it's pretty obvious that AI will take over and only robots will inherit this rock as it's going to become uninhabitable by human beings and animals and most living creatures. Let's be human beings being human as long as we can.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 9, 2024, at 4:47 AM, Micah Blumberg <mic...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Judy Irving

May 9, 2024, 7:37:04 AM
to South End Rowing Club

I agree with you, Robert. The Day Room provides a spectacular view of the Bay -- Alcatraz, the cove, the Golden Gate Bridge -- and It bothers me to see someone with a VR headset blocking the real world out. To me this room is a meditative space. It's easy to upset the "vibe" of a meditative space. Maybe this is all part of our growing pains as a community. But if someone wants to use VR he could do that just as easily in a bathroom stall!

Judy Irving

19 Arrests, No Convictions

Cold Refuge

Boat Night project in progress

(Life member, joined in 1989)



LeeBender

May 9, 2024, 8:47:08 AM
to fi...@pelicanmedia.org, South End Rowing Club

Thank you Judy 🥰 it's easy to upset the vibe of a meditative space" so true and says it all. It almost seems that could have been the original intention.

LeeB

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Dylan Tweney

May 9, 2024, 11:03:05 AM

to phatmi...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

For me it's about whether you're available to chat with people passing by or not.

I think people come to the South End to interact with others.

If you're checked out - whether on a Zoom call or some VR headset experience - you're not participating in the vibe of the place.

Obviously if you're napping in the day room I'm not going to wake you up, though.

~Dylan~

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Steven McDonald

May 9, 2024, 11:03:22 AM

Amen to that! I read a story this morning where Elon Musk says we are on our way to a world where 99%



Alan Lapp

May 9, 2024, 11:43:26 AM

Even though nobody asked for it, here's my opinion. Don't make a rule for everything. Let



Alex Gammelgard

May 9, 2024, 10:44:04 PM

to alanb...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

^^^^ Def agree.

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Seth Kenvin

May 10, 2024, 5:50:27 AM

to South End Rowing Club

kazoo playing allowed?



Michael Taylor

May 10, 2024, 7:14:18 AM

to se...@kbizlabs.com, South End Rowing Club

This Southend Talmud suggests that, yes, kazoo playing is allowed but not with one's eyes covered, as that is a sin against communal society, and not if one is playing an Eagles or Beatles song, as that is a sin against nature.

Michael T.

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Alison Saylor

May 10, 2024, 10:34:33 AM

to se...@kbizlabs.com, South End Rowing Club

Only when accompanied by the accordion. Above state rules regarding the Eagles and the Beatles apply.

On Fri, May 10, 2024 at 5:50 AM Seth Kenvin <se...@kbizlabs.com> wrote:

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Nelson Auner

May 10, 2024, 11:04:42 AM

to alison...@gmail.com, se...@kbizlabs.com, South End Rowing Club

South End is a special club dedicated to Swimming, Running, Rowing, and Handball.

In particular, we have a special lease with the city with the understanding that we are using the space for those pursuits.

If we want to open up to any activity that does not bother members, fine. Then we're running a wework, and I bet the city would like us to pay rent.

Nelson

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Micah Blumberg

May 10, 2024, 11:20:02 AM

to nel...@auner.org, South End Rowing Club, alison...@gmail.com, se...@kbizlabs.com

Your comment will not age very well Nelson, in 3-10 years the mobile phone everyone uses will be replaced with glasses, the same pair of glasses that will replace the VR & AR headsets. A VR or AR headset is not a new club activity, its the same as checking your phone, and in 3-10 years it will be obvious to most people how ridiculously silly this conversation was.



The headset now is basically a phone you can look through, and still see the world around you, but in addition your phone screen except the screen is really big.



This helps people who have to squint their eyes to see their tiny phones. It's more about accessibility for partially blind people than anything else.



Before you know it, you too will have glasses with a display that makes all your phones applications big & in 3D.

As far as playing a video game with the VR headset, its the same as playing a videogame on your phone. I certainly can avoid playing noisy games at the club and just use my AR Glasses for reading only, and only when no one else is around who might be bother by my silent reading, I think that is a good compromise for everyone, if we can use it quietly without making noise or irregular movements it should be fine for most people.

I can't wait to see which model of AR glasses you eventually get in the next 3-10 years.

Sincerely,

Micah Blumberg,

My Code + My Notes: [v5ma on github](#)

My News Blog/Writing <http://svg.n.io>

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Kristin Ingeman

May 10, 2024, 11:30:41 AM

to mic...@gmail.com, nel...@auner.org, South End Rowing Club, alison...@gmail.com, se...@kbizlabs.com

Has the VR conversation reached completion now?

Kristin~

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Johnny Diesel

May 10, 2024, 11:48:49 AM

to se...@kbizlabs.com, Michael Taylor, South End Rowing Club

Kazoo?

Yes, and especially welcome

For modal Scottish folk tunes.

Johnny Diesel

Trout Meadow Farm Ltd.

<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/CAAwnPdHH40J1HCUv6OYrN-VKNxp4FPy9i9nbfEhTCb2SZxOzEQ%40mail.gmail.com>



Micah Blumberg

May 10, 2024, 12:31:03 PM

to South End Rowing Club

I just want to say one more thing: In the ethics of law making, and club rules making, not just here but everywhere in the world, it is unethical to make laws and rules that apply to just one person, or to some specific minority. For example John Engle at the Dolphin club can't make a club law that only applies to keeping out specific South End members whose content he doesn't like, he would have to motion to ban all SERC members at the same time. Rules & laws are meant to apply to everyone, not just to one person, and a minute ago at the South End Rowing Club someone asked me if I felt targeted by this discussion of a VR ban, kind of yeah, if folks are considering this VR ban only because they didn't like what I said about the board meeting last month, well that's not ethical is it? On the other hand if this is about banning content you don't want to hear or see, lets make a conversation (like we already have), instead of proposing to ban something that is akin to having a new kind of phone, a face phone, so we can listen to each other, instead of making hard rules, and laws about it. Anything you propose will apply to you also, and who knows you might be the one in 2-3 years, afterall, to get your own AR glasses phone.



Allen Levin

May 10, 2024, 2:22:57 PM

to nel...@auner.org, South End Rowing Club, alison...@gmail.com, se...@kbizlabs.com

Unbelievable

On Fri, May 10, 2024 at 11:04 AM Nelson Auner <nel...@auner.org> wrote:

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https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/CAEk9gU4-4usJObHZbXb_42G6xT4huDEc44DG6%2BSfUCfd9O-tvg%40mail.gmail.com.



Allen Levin

May 10, 2024, 2:30:37 PM

to nel...@auner.org, South End Rowing Club, alison...@gmail.com, se...@kbizlabs.com

There were people sunning themselves on the beach today. One was blowing bubbles while playing with her dog. Someone else was running back and forth with a small boy.

Things are really getting out of control!!!! Too much enjoyment! Crack down now!!



Andrew Kelly

May 14, 2024, 4:09:34 PM
to South End Rowing Club

I just found out about an amazing new technology innovation in the sport of rowing. Powered by augmented reality, you can see data like your pace, stroke rate, heart rate, distance rowed, and time in a non-obtrusive AR display projected into the inside of a pair of regular sunglasses. Really too bad that these aren't allowed at the club.

<https://performancephones.com/2024/05/14/crewnerd-microoled-bring-augmented-reality-displays-to-rowing/>

https://engoejewear.com/?sca_ref=5063640.t47J5WDVHs



Libby MacKenzie

May 14, 2024, 5:03:41 PM
to South End Rowing Club

And since we are an inclusive club, let us not forget the swimmers who also have VR options available to them today:

FORM Smart Swim

<https://swimswam.com/form-goggles-get-gps-open-water-features-available-now/>

<https://www.formswim.com/?view=sl-3BA6DEC6>

FINIS Smart Goggle

<https://www.usms.org/fitness-and-training/articles-and-videos/articles/dont-swim-with-your-watch-ever-again>

<https://apps.finisswim.com/smart-goggle/>?



Marc D Glomb

May 14, 2024, 5:20:01 PM

to libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

1960's SCUBA mask

Is actually a rear screen projector..... waaaay ahead of its time 🤔🤔🤔

\$10 to anyone who can

1- Define what 'SCUBA' means

&

2- who invented and where does the 'FLA' (Five Letter Acronym....😏) come from

No googling allowed. No Internet allowed... on your honor...!



On May 14, 2024, at 17:03, Libby MacKenzie <libby...@gmail.com> wrote:

And since we are an inclusive club, let us not forget the swimmers who also have VR options available to them today:

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/640aba78-da3f-4b05-bed0-d7866302c732n%40googlegroups.com>.



Libby MacKenzie

May 14, 2024, 5:22:50 PM
to South End Rowing Club

Self contained underwater breathing apparatus. I'll take \$5 of the \$10 for a coffee at Cafe de Casa. :)



Libby MacKenzie

May 14, 2024, 5:24:24 PM
to South End Rowing Club

Oh wait...was it Cousteau???



Marc D Glomb

May 14, 2024, 5:24:46 PM
to libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Sorry

This is not a buffet ...

You need BOTH answers to play

But I like your honesty and appreciate the effort...!!

On May 14, 2024, at 17:22, Libby MacKenzie <libby...@gmail.com> wrote:

Self contained underwater breathing apparatus. I'll take \$5 of the \$10 for a coffee at Cafe de Casa. :)

To view this discussion on the web visit

<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/dee477cf-85b7-4d6a-888f-891157c0db73n%40googlegroups.com>.



Marc D Glomb

May 14, 2024, 5:27:25 PM

to libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Non...!!

faux - ce n'était pas le cas. mais il l'a popularisé. et qui n'aimait pas la musique de ses spéciaux sous-marins des années 1970 .. !! 🇫🇷

wrong - it was not. but he did popularize it. and who didn't love the music from his 1970's undersea specials ...!! 🇺🇸

On May 14, 2024, at 17:24, Libby MacKenzie <libby...@gmail.com> wrote:

Oh wait...was it Cousteau???

To view this discussion on the web visit

<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/7102a0b5-d39c-4aaa-8e24-a76678ae4f21n%40googlegroups.com>.



Bradley Mart

May 14, 2024, 5:29:03 PM

to mdg...@gmail.com, libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus

No idea about FLA

Bradley Mart

[415.425.5590](tel:415.425.5590)

From: southendr...@googlegroups.com <southendr...@googlegroups.com> on behalf of Marc D Glomb <mdg...@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 5:19:42 PM

To: libby...@gmail.com <libby...@gmail.com>

Cc: South End Rowing Club <southendr...@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Re: [SERC 75362:] VR Headset Ban

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/EF18D198-27AA-4D92-A75A-DE3A01C6A422%40gmail.com>.



Marc D Glomb

May 14, 2024, 5:50:52 PM

to Patrick & Linda Streb, libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club



NYET....!!

HET....!!

On May 14, 2024, at 17:47, Patrick & Linda Streb <pst...@weltinlaw.com> wrote:

invented by Joseph Stalin

On May 14, 2024, at 5:19 PM, Marc D Glomb <mdg...@gmail.com> wrote:

1960's SCUBA mask

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\$10 to anyone who can

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Craig Marble

May 14, 2024, 6:26:39 PM

to mdg...@gmail.com, Patrick & Linda Streb, libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Marc!!! You're distracting us from the Popcorn Dialogues!!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2024, at 5:50 PM, Marc D Glomb <mdg...@gmail.com> wrote:



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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/1E09DF0E-9E52-491F-ADAE-4BDC9D79777F%40gmail.com>.



Marc D Glomb

May 14, 2024, 7:14:57 PM

to Craig Marble, Patrick & Linda Streb, libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Nope

Popcorn did not invent SCUBA



On May 14, 2024, at 18:26, Craig Marble <craiga...@gmail.com> wrote:

Marc!!! You're distracting us from the Popcorn Dialogues!!

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/E118A267-2C6C-4037-B17A-8817FA9C5C36%40gmail.com>.



randy brown

May 14, 2024, 7:18:40 PM

to Craig Marble, Marc D Glomb, Patrick & Linda Streb, libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Popeye did!

Aloha nui loa,

Randy Brown

To view this discussion on the web visit

<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/79570D74-555A-474E-BA96-869FC8F93372%40gmail.com>.



Craig Marble

May 14, 2024, 7:20:38 PM

to Marc D Glomb, Patrick & Linda Streb, libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

My closest brush with fame was a friend, who was a sweet old bear, psychiatrist to the stars in LA 40s-80s, owned Aqualung #5!

He would swim off of PCH every morning, swimming 30 min out and 30 min back until his early 80s!!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2024, at 7:14 PM, Marc D Glomb <mdg...@gmail.com> wrote:



Bryce Goeking

May 14, 2024, 7:24:18 PM

to mdg...@gmail.com, libby...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

OG scuba:

<https://youtu.be/yF8J4fae5nU?si=oatZgW6041YQ4n70>

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2024, at 5:27 PM, Marc D Glomb <mdg...@gmail.com> wrote:

Non...!!

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/28346660-90D8-4D03-BAC0-71FA4AC6AFB8%40gmail.com>.



shannon...@gmail.com

May 14, 2024, 9:44:33 PM

to South End Rowing Club

Okay, what's the upshot. Do I have to stop caterwauling with the guitar in the dayroom? That's all I want to know, thank you.

Shan



Marc D Glomb

May 14, 2024, 9:53:26 PM

to shannon...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club



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Caterwauling😂

On May 14, 2024, at 21:44, [shannon...@gmail.com](#) <[shannon...@gmail.com](#)> wrote:

Okay, what's the upshot. Do I have to stop caterwauling with the guitar in the dayroom? That's all I want to know, thank you.

To view this discussion on the web visit

<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/7b616854-e5c5-473d-a9a1-051fdc6b794bn%40googlegroups.com>.



Michael Taylor

May 15, 2024, 11:57:29 AM

to shannon...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

I'm all for it...! But, please, no Eagles, Jackson Brown or Beatles tunes. I mean, there is a limit that any one human being should have to withstand....

Michael T.

You received this message because you are subscribed to a topic in the Google Groups "South End Rowing Club" group.

To unsubscribe from this topic, visit

<https://groups.google.com/d/topic/southendrowingclub/qhSaWqloCwI/unsubscribe>.

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southendrowingc...@googlegroups.com.

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/7b616854-e5c5-473d-a9a1-051fdc6b794bn%40googlegroups.com>.



shannon...@gmail.com

May 15, 2024, 1:28:21 PM

to South End Rowing Club

Dang. I was just going to add some of them to my repertoire.

S.



Greg Kerr

May 15, 2024, 7:44:07 PM
to South End Rowing Club

Since I had no idea what a long thread I was setting off with my comments, I'll just leave here a song I had ChatGPT write, in the style of Jackson Browne, about VR headsets at the gym, including Judy's comment about using it in the bathroom. And yes the irony of using ChatGPT for this is deliberate.

(Verse 1)

Doug down at the YMCA, a weary sight to see
Muscles aching, morale sinking, just another Tuesday for he
Heads to the clubhouse for solace, a protein shake in hand
But the door swings open wide, revealing a dystopian land

(Chorus)

There's Harold flailing wildly, headset strapped real tight
Sweat dripping down his forehead, in a pixelated fight
Turns out VR's been outlawed, in this haven for the buff
Seems some folks were getting too frisky, chasing virtual fluff

(Verse 2)

Brenda used to do her Zumba, in a world of sun and sand
Now she's stuck with dusty weights, a scowl upon her tanned hand
Marvin, bless his cotton socks, thought a headset might inspire
His bathroom to be Tahiti, with a flaming cocktail fire

(Chorus)

But the plumber saw right through it, the wonky floor and wall
Said, "Those graphics ain't foolin' me, this here's a concrete stall!"
Turns out VR's been outlawed, in this haven for the buff
Seems some folks were getting too frisky, chasing virtual fluff

(Bridge)

Now the manager, a burly man with a cauliflower ear
Says, "Exercise is primal, gotta face your sweat right here!"
But the members grumble lowly, of beaches they can't touch
And mountain peaks they can't conquer, with a virtual clutch

(Chorus)

There's Harold flailing wildly, headset strapped real tight
Sweat dripping down his forehead, in a pixelated fight
Turns out VR's been outlawed, in this haven for the buff
Seems some folks were getting too frisky, chasing virtual fluff

(Outro)

So the treadmills tick a lonely tune, the weights sit cold and still
No virtual worlds to conquer, just the burn that gives you a thrill
Maybe someday VR will return, but for now it's sweat and strain
Just another day at the YMCA, where reality holds reign



Libby MacKenzie

May 16, 2024, 5:04:53 AM

to ker...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

I would love to see this music video produced...what would have to be true for that to happen?

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/1bb2950f-fc12-45c2-bd81-cbd29167170bn%40googlegroups.com>.



Marc D Glomb

May 16, 2024, 8:18:23 AM

to libby...@gmail.com, ker...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

The chorus' needs to be sung by a collection of sea lions, seals, pelicans, seagulls and cormorants in the background a la Disney



On May 16, 2024, at 06:04, Libby MacKenzie <libby...@gmail.com> wrote:

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/CALc-5%2Bs8KXDO3rjkzDYCsQ5b8orvCGrKCnr2mp%2Br9jOjZc%2BfRg%40mail.gmail.com>.



brittany sutphen

May 16, 2024, 9:58:23 AM

to mdg...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club, ker...@gmail.com, libby...@gmail.com

I prefer to stay out of these types of threads but I'll make an exception to say this. This is my empathetic suggestion that people stop replying to this thread.

As soon as it started, this threat (I see the typo and will leave it as some of the emails sent were legit threats) quickly devolved into bullying. The single person targeted by said bullying (and threats) now has to continue seeing the subject line pop up fresh in their email every day.

At SERC, we are many things, but we are not bullies. Or, so I used to think.

I never imagined I would feel the need to type that in an email to the whole club.

Brittany Sutphen

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/8EB7839E-5491-4E2E-AE5F-B4E06320416D%40gmail.com>.



Greg Kerr

May 16, 2024, 11:22:21 AM
to South End Rowing Club

Hey ya'll, I didn't know there was feelings that the VR headset thing was referring to one specific person.

I still support the club's right to pass rules that apply to all members (which this one does), and specifically a VR headset ban (they're full of video cameras analyzing the world around them).

But it's not my style to leave specific individuals feeling targeted, so let's let this thread die off?

Greg



Cameron Pfiffer

May 16, 2024, 12:17:24 PM
to South End Rowing Club

Yep -- agreed. I am disappointed in much of the behavior in here. Let the thread die.

Cameron



Craig Marble

May 16, 2024, 12:36:13 PM
to cpfi...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Agreed! Spankings in the sauna for all parties involved! Sign ups through EventBrite to follow!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2024, at 12:17 PM, Cameron Pfiffer <cpfi...@gmail.com> wrote:

Yep -- agreed. I am disappointed in much of the behavior in here. Let the thread die.

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/465f957f-aa91-42e1-b832-5e1fd06ba524n%40googlegroups.com>.



Seth Kenvin

May 16, 2024, 1:43:27 PM
to South End Rowing Club

I endorse that this thread should suffer the most expedient demise imaginable -- imminent perpetual cessation



jeanine dubois

May 16, 2024, 3:31:18 PM

to craiga...@gmail.com, cpfi...@gmail.com, South End Rowing Club

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2024, at 12:36 PM, Craig Marble <craiga...@gmail.com> wrote:

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<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/southendrowingclub/453A81A2-A554-4CBE-BFB0-35CED900792C%40gmail.com>.



jeanine dubois

May 16, 2024, 3:34:15 PM

to craiga...@gmail.com, southendr...@googlegroups.com

well, it's obvious that you've never been the target of bullying at the south end rowing club. It's one of the reasons why I rarely go, and I will not participate in any functions.

But we can let the thread die. We can further censor people, when we don't care for what they have to say, we can bully them like I've been bullied. Have a nice day. I hope that you never experience the bullshit that I have. And the president didn't do anything about it.

Jeanine Du Bois

Sent from my iPhone