

WIRED

OCTOBER 2000

BURN THIS

CLIENT: Attempting connection to 208.184.216.185:7777
SERVER: anon@napster.com
CLIENT: 200FILENAME CONTAINS "dont tread on me" MAX_RESULTS 100
SERVER: 6761 796259 3215
SERVER: "C:\Program Files\Napster\Music\Metallica - Dont Tread On Me.mp3"
08e85debfe6f34a7e900ade05d72e653-3852592 3852592 128 44100 241 crutch69 587527960 7 0
SERVER: "C:\Program Files\Napster\Music\Damn Yankees - Don't Tread On Me.mp3"
dbc7e85ee8f5d0a428e6ff7ec23e80e8-7406724 7406852 192 44100 307 jcassel250 1359089614 4 0
SERVER: "D:\MP3'S\Metallica\Metallica - Black Album\Metallica - Don't Tread On Me.mp3"
5d74d91750c8d997a90832735f7cfebf-3844806 3844934 128 44100 240 metallica_sucks 3592923600 2 0
SERVER: "C:\Program Files\Napster\Music\Metallica - Don't Tread On Me.mp3"
3827ba080c4b557c2a796a1c86171764-3813587 3813587 128 44100 238 KerzieBear 550674860 0 0
SERVER: "C:\Program Files\Napster\Music\Cro-Mags-Don't Tread On Me.mp3"
892085c64b9b12d00ec2c94dac60abf9-1567863 1567863 160 44100 82 snooky2403 85441496 9 0
SERVER: "E:\Songs\Barat\Alternatif\Metallica - Don't Tread On Me.mp3"
73b88fb4010704d15ca65ef9d7bdb8eb-3834272 3834400 128 44100 240 fmoza 2189451210 0 0
SERVER: "C:\Jeremy\Sounds\MP3's\Groups\Metallica\Metallica - Don't Tread on Me.mp3"
d7431fa29e4c1d7205a12d7c6376f450-1673807 1673807 56 22050 239 zingerpga 2369130776 7 0
SERVER: "C:\Program Files\Napster\Songs\ACDC\Don't Tread on Me.mp3"
6c05dbe40be6613aeeb2cbb837f495f8-4793992 4794368 160 44100 240 tbuckle45104773841 9 0
SERVER: "C:\WINDOWS\Desktop\MP3's\Metallica - Don't Tread on Me.mp3"
617469c211b996537d97fac16bd98064-4806531 4808704 160 44100 240 Sentilian 888215359 4 0
SERVER: "C:\Program Files\Damn Yankees- Don't Tread On Me.mp3"
3f0cecacc0921a87b2598b26358ee537-4927488 4927488 128 44100 306 ouidhopper 4234740248 7 0
SERVER: "D:\Metallica\Enter Sandman\06 - Don't Tread On Me.mp3"
cdd1b463ea80985d998f860a48a59db4-3802381 3802509 126 44100 241 pmuppet746 1094652952 7 0

RANTS & RAVES

ビジネスマン必需のホテル予約サービス!

サクッと
ミニ情報

夜のホテル取れます。

便利で安心!!
手頃な価格も魅力です。

ポイント

- 簡単に予約できます。
- より割引価格にて提供します。
- 日以外の予約もOK!
- ルはシティホテルからビジネスホテルまでご利用頂ける70施設をご用意。
- ターは年中無休 10:00~22:00まで営業
- 算に応じて検索いたします。
- 約も承ります。

※右記まで
お気軽にお電話
ください。

シテイホテル 東京都内 ビジネスホテル

今日のホテル予約できます

WIREFID

LIKE A TAXI
FOR YOUR MIND

国法人 東京乗用旅客自動車協会

"Like a Taxi for Your Mind," by J. J. Clift.



It's ludicrous to say that HavenCo CTO Ryan Lackey's "big concept" is that "freedom is the next killer app." Sealand is the antithesis of true freedom. It has the same charter as every garden-variety third-world dictatorship: The leaders make up the laws to suit themselves. As usual, this anti-democracy is wrapped in feel-good lingo about independence and empowerment so the masses – er, clients – won't notice that they are nothing but passive participants in the dictator's power fantasies.

Sealand, with its explicit anti-authority posture, is actually about as authoritarian as they come.

Kim Allen
kjas@mindspring.com

Beta Haven

I pray that the brave men and women of Sealand ("Welcome to Sealand. Now Bugger Off." *Wired* 8.07, page 230) will build a Napster and give the world free music forever. Nobody can stop them. Will we be so lucky?

Eric Jacobson
jacobson2@prodigy.net

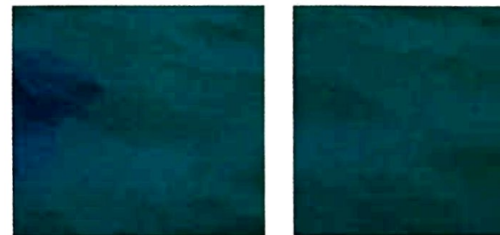
Along with all the advantages of being off-government, HavenCo and the Principality of Sealand may discover some disadvantages. Providing their own laws, police, and national security may not be as easy as they think.

Let's assume they become as rich as they imagine. One of the citizens might decide to confiscate more than their share of the profits. Who would enforce HavenCo's internal agreements? The company couldn't bring their case to a British court. What if some of the staff staged a coup – where would the royal family turn? If a foreign nation tried to conquer Sealand, the British would probably intercede. But would the British lift a finger if a boatload of Bristol ruffians occupied Sealand by force?

John Pankowicz
john-pankowicz@home.com

I commend the action of the Sealand/HavenCo patriots. They have taken sovereignty to another level. If the physical nations shut them down – which is likely – it will only prove that these nations talk of freedom but don't mean it. But if HavenCo succeeds, we will see a dotcom stampede to buy or lease space on offshore oil rigs and the like. HavenCo will reveal the obsolescence of the socialist nation-state.

George Mullen
gmullen@cybernationoffreedom.com



Return to Sender

Get a special-edition *Wired* T-shirt if your postal art is selected. See page 317 for rules.