

CREATE SHORTCUT TO LAST MESSAGE READ

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Once you've joined a CruiseCritic blog, you're going to return to it daily to ensure you stay current on what's going on. The challenge is how to return to the page and the message you read last. (While that is not a challenge when there are less than 5 pages on the blog, when the blog reaches 220 pages and 4,397 messages (like the 10/16/2010 Oasis of the Seas blog reached on July 15, 2009), you'll need to be a lot more creative.

Here's a method that might aid you.

1. When you've read the last entry you're going to read (**Figure 1**):

① RIGHT-click on the comment.

② Left-click on the "Create Shortcut" [Windows Vista] or Send to ► Desktop (create shortcut) [Windows XP].

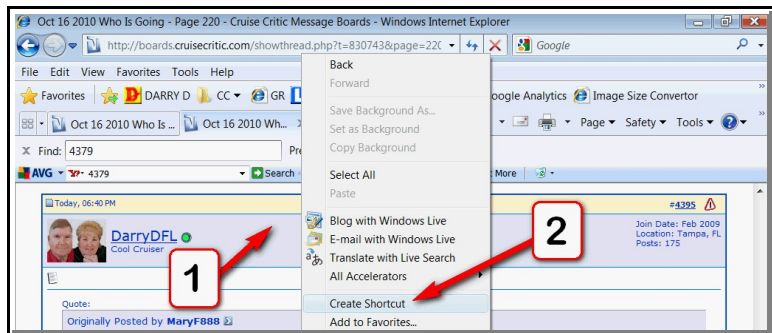


Figure 1

2. Left-click on "Yes" [Windows Vista] to confirm the creation (**Figure 2**).

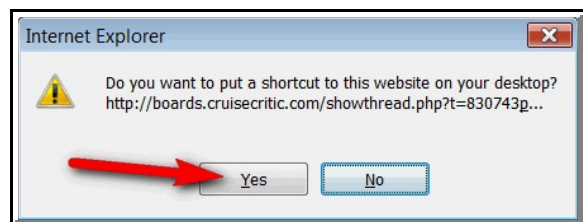


Figure 2

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3. Rename the shortcut (**Figure 3**):

You may want to rename to the shortcut so that you can add the # of the last message you read:

- ❶ RIGHT-click on shortcut.
- ❷ Left-click on “Rename” option.

NOTE: An alternative is to Left-click on the shortcut name, pause, and Left-click on the name again.

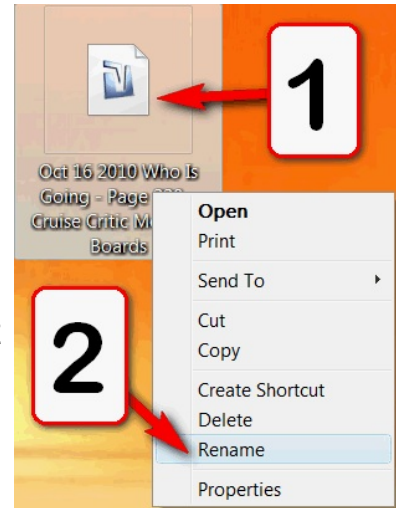


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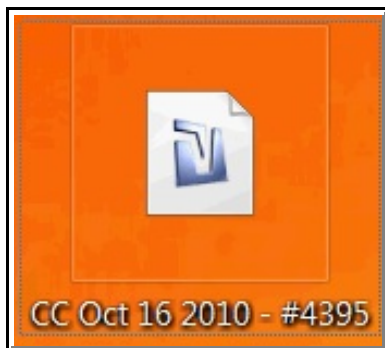


Figure 4

4. Type the name you want the shortcut to have, and touch the Enter key on your keyboard (Figure 4).

- You might want to add “CC” (for CruiseCritic) in front of the shortcut’s name, especially if you’re tracking multiple cruises.
- The shortcut will take you to the top of the page, so add the number of the last comment.

5. To visit CruiseCritic, double-click on the shortcut (**Figure 5**).



Figure 5

6. The last page you visited opens, but it only shows the first post — not the one you were last reading (**Figure 6**).

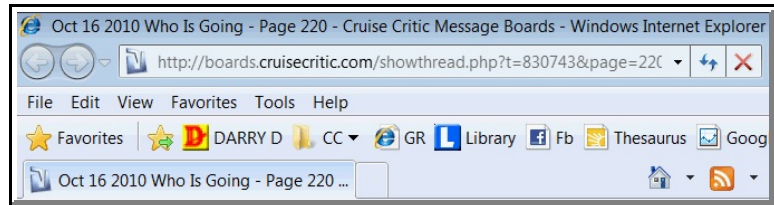


Figure 6

7. To find the last post you read, do this (**Figure 7**):

- ❶ Use the **Ctrl+F** keys on your keyboard to open the 'Find' menu.
- ❷ Type the number of the last post which is listed on your shortcut.
- ❸ The cursor moves to the post and highlights it in blue.

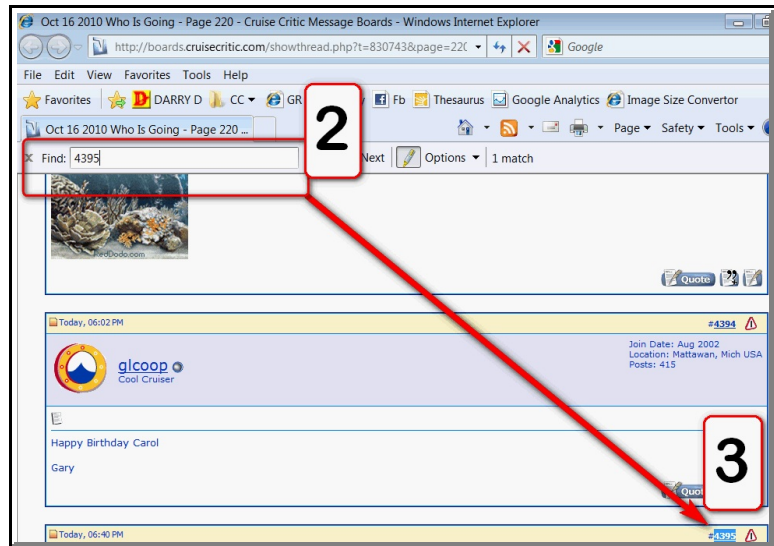


Figure 7

8. You are now looking at the last post you read on the last visit (**Figure 8**).

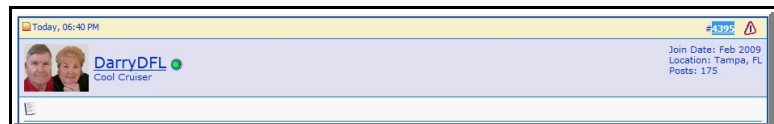


Figure 8