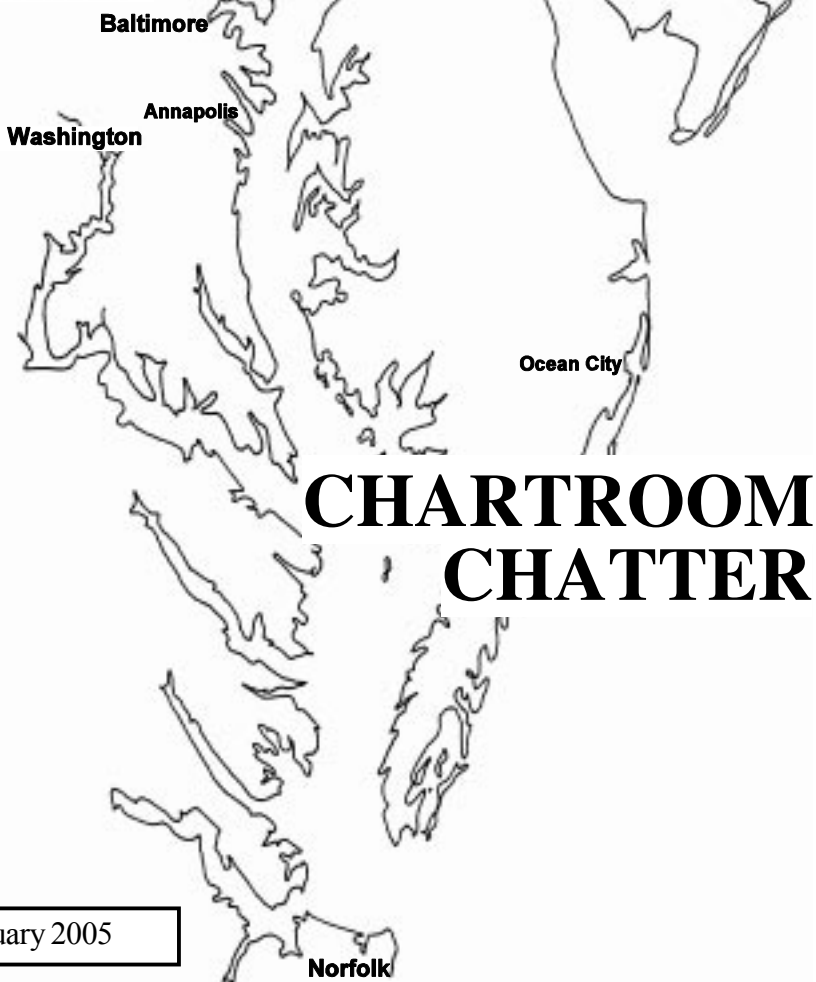


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The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) is a non-profit, volunteer association of Yacht Clubs located throughout the five state Chesapeake Bay Region. Its purpose is to represent the interests of recreational boating at the national, state and local levels of government, and to promote boating safety and education. For information, visit the CBYCA homepage at:

WWW.CBYCA.ORG or contact
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Commodore's Corner

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I want to thank all the yacht clubs and their members who attended the Commodores Ball on December 11. We ALL had a great time. The Best Western went out of its way to see that our event was a huge success. There were 30 clubs represented with approximately 152 people attending. The ballroom was decorated in a Christmas setting; there was a singing Santa, lighted reindeer, garlands, and Christmas trees, and a huge buffet with all kinds of good food, and plenty to drink. We danced to the music of the "Satellites".

The hospitality suite opened at 1 pm and was filled to capacity both prior and after the Ball. I want to give NERYC kudos as a party club. They closed the hospitality suite at 3:30 am. FYI we have made up a centerfold of Ball pictures.

PASSING OVER On a sad note Dave Moxey a Past commodore of CBYCA and Bush River Yacht Club passed away on Dec 4, 2004. Our thought and prayers go out to His family.

Mr. & Mrs Robert Eck also lost their daughter in December our prayers also go out to them.

ROSTERBOOK. We are investigating a slightly different format for the Rosterbook. We will be reporting to you at the Feb meeting

FOR THE GOOD OF CBYCA There are many new developments taking place regarding the Association. I am happy to say that we have received many calls from people wishing to volunteer their services. The Silver Wreaths (Past Commodores of the CBYCA) are looking into the bylaws and will be making recommendations at the February meeting. All in all I am happy with the way things are progressing.

CLUB ROSTERS Remember that it is now time to fill out the Roster forms. We need your information to print the 2005 Roster book. If you do not fill out the Roster information, the information from the 2004 Rosterbook will be used. Only you can make sure that your information is correct. CBYCA does not hold any fund raising events to support its efforts. All funding of the CBYCA is done through your dues, ads in the Rosterbook, and by your supporting the friends and patrons of the CBYCA. I am asking you to support the CBYCA by having your club place an ad in the Rosterbook...If you have a business; please take out an ad in the Rosterbook...Individually you can place a friends ad. It only costs 2 dollars and your name along with club name and boat name will be placed in the Rosterbook... A patrons ad costs 20 dollars, you will receive the above plus you

will receive 9 editions of the Chartroom Chatter and a copy of the Rosterbook. Finally, please actively seek friends and patrons ads from your club members and friends.

This year, more than ever, your support is needed.

Have a Save and Happy New Year

John Garlotta
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Jerry Donofrio Sr. • VC@CBYCA.Org



CBYCA meeting locations being planned right now!!!

We now have a full complement of District Representatives to work with our Member Clubs. Congratulations to All the New DR's. I know we will have a wonderful new year!

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Shortly, your DR will send a letter of introduction. The DR is a key element of communications with our members. This is a two way street and we hope that you will communicate with your DR any conditions, that need the attention of the CBYCA. We are here to work for you.

Our next meeting is at the Colonial Yacht Club, Colonial Beach, VA on January 15th 2005, 10 AM. This is a Board/Regional meeting and everyone is invited to attend. If you plan to attend this CBYCA meeting please contact me. A menu is available on the CBYCA Web site. Wishing everyone a Health, Happy and Wonderful New Year!

Respectfully Submitted: VC Jerry Donofrio Sr.

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Rear Commodore's Report

Don Burton • RC@CBYCA.Org



We are in the process of putting together the updated edition of the CBYCA Roster Book for 2005. Information and forms were included in the December 2004 Chartroom Chatter for you to supply us with your Club rosters and your Club Ads. If you have not yet submitted this information, now is the time.

Forms, as well as instructions, are available on line at our website:

WWW.CBYCA.ORG.

As you are aware, support through Club Membership and Ads in the Roster Book are our major source of income for sustaining CBYCA operations. We thank you in advance for your timely replies.

REMEMBER, You can individually provide additional support by joining our PATRONS sponsors. You will receive your personal copy of the 2005 Roster Book, the monthly Newsletter "Chartroom Chatter" and be listed in the Yearbook as one of our PATRON SPONSORS. Contact Allie Chin at patrons@cbyca.org or our website for more information.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Legislative Director's Report

Robert Williams • LD@CBYCA.Org



As you will see by reading the SLD's reports there are several crucial issues that need our attention. Even though these may not affect your particular area at this time, they will likely be issues your area will face in the future.

1. The prospect of a municipality taking over boat club property, as in Old Dominion Boat Club in Alexandria, Va. is an issue we must strongly oppose. Please refer to CBYCA web site to review a sample letter from VALD Jacque Knight. This letter should be altered and forwarded to the Alexandria Mayor and Council. I would ask all CBYCA clubs to support our sister club.

2. The year 2005 will be bringing higher registration fees in Pa now that Gov

Rendell has signed HB 2155. The fee increase is listed in the PA/DELD Art Friedman's report.

3. The massive oil spill on the Delaware River has now spread from Philadelphia to Cape May and to the Upper Chesapeake Bay. The clean up has now been extended into the early summer months. I will be attending meetings January 12 or 13 at WEBC in Essington, Pa., with the Pa State Legislators and Pa Boat Commission. I will also be attending a meeting on January 18 with Federal Officials and the US Coast Guard at the Phila Maritime Museum. I will be discussing the cost incurred from the spill and the damage to the environment of the Delaware and Chesapeake Bay waterways. Please e-mail me with any reports of oil sheens or "tar balls" that are sited at your clubs. Ships are being cleaned in the Delaware but are still carrying the oil south through the Canal. I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.



Maryland Legislative Report

Coles Marsh • DSLMD@CBYCA.Org



The 2005 legislative session will begin early with the emergency session called into action by the governor. This session will begin the week of 27 December. They will have a short break and be back for regular session Mid-January.

I still have not heard of any serious legislation affecting the recreational boater. I will know more when I report in January.

Hats off to Bodkin YC and Maryland YC for joining the "Clean Marina Program". This program can set the yacht clubs on the right path when it comes to being a leader in protecting our waterways. Thanks!

Hope Santa treats everyone well. Have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season.

Your clubs voice is important!

I would like to hear from you.

Coles marsh
Legislative Director, State of Maryland



Virginia Legislative Report

Jacquie Knight • DSLVA@CBYCA.Org



No legislative bills concerning recreational boaters were pre-filed in Richmond ahead of the January 12 opening of the Virginia General Assembly by the December 25 deadline for Chartroom Chatter.

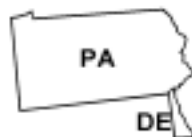
Previous sponsors on either the Senate or the House of Delegates side had not yet stepped up to try once again to get a Virginia law on the books to require personal floatation devices, pfd's, on children under the age of 13 aboard a boat less than 21 feet long. Federal law has required the pfd's on children on boats on federally patrolled waters such as the Potomac since July 2003. In the 2004 Virginia legislative session, a bill to require the life jackets for children under 13 years of age failed to get out of a Senate committee by one vote. Virginia is the only coastal state that does not require life jackets on children who are on recreational boats on lakes or tributary rivers to federally patrolled waters.

Old Dominion Boat Club in Alexandria is continuing its fight against takeover of its parking lot and clubhouse by the city of Alexandria. CBYCA representatives will offer their support at a meeting with city officials in late January. CBYCA member clubs can obtain information about the ODBC dilemma on the CBYCA webpage and help out by sending a letter to the Alexandria mayor and city council.



Pennsylvania/Delaware Legislative Report

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GOVERNOR SIGNS FISHING & BOATING FUNDING BILL

Governor Edward G. Rendell has signed House Bill 2155 into law, providing much-needed operating revenue for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) through modest increases in the fees charged for fishing licenses and boat registrations.

The new fees go into effect January 1, 2005 – the first time since 1991 that boat registration rates have changed. Fishing license fees were last adjusted in 1996. HB 2155 also includes new forms of licenses and permits including a Lake Erie stamp, a combo Lake Erie/Trout stamp and charter boat/fishing guide permits. Unlike most state agencies, the PFBC does not receive General Fund tax revenues for its day-to-day operations, relying instead (con't on page 8)

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(con't from page 5) almost exclusively on the revenues generated from registration and license sales. The fee structure established in HB 2155 evolved from the input of the state's major sporting and boating organizations, including the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Pennsylvania Boating Association of Southeast PA, Pennsylvania Trout, Pennsylvania B.A.S.S., Pennsylvania Boating Association of Southwest PA, Coalition of Concerned Anglers, and Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania.

The boating fee package in HB 2155 is as follows:

Boat Registrations

<i>Category</i>	<i>Price (2 yrs)</i>
Unpowered	\$ 18.00
Less than 16'	\$26.00
16' to 20'	\$39.00
20+' to 40'	\$52.00
40+' to 65'	\$52.00
More than 65'	\$52.00

PA Fish and Boat Commission meetings for 2005

- January 24-25 (Monday & Tuesday)
- April 25-26 (Monday & Tuesday)
- July 18-19 (Monday & Tuesday)
- September 26-27 (Monday & Tuesday)

Boating Advisory Board Meeting

January 10

HB 2775 Act re: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education Program (PN 4809) The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education Program would provide grants to schools to promote the teaching of watershed education and afford students the opportunity to participate in meaningful bay or stream outdoor experiences. The bill establishes requirements for an eligible school to apply for a grant. The bill also provides for the powers and duties of the Department of Education. (Prior Printer's Number: 4214, 4460)

Last Action: 12-1-04 G Approved by the Governor (Act:231)

CBYCA SHIPS STORE

We have all kinds of CBYCA logo merchandise for sale. Everything from Hats, Pens, Watches, T-Shirts, Denim Shirts, Wind Breaker Jackets, Sweat Shirts & Charms. If you are interested please contact our new Supply Officer Jeanette Baker, email TandJBaker@aol.com. We will soon provide an inventory of all goods available along with pricing on the CBYCA Website.



Qualifications Officer Report

Tom Powers • QO@CBYCA.Org



It is again that time to get your club information in for the Roster book. The easiest way to do that to be sure that it is accurate go to the CBYCA web site www.cbyca.org, and scroll down to (Click Here To Enter Site). On the right side click on (Forms) then again on the right side click on (Officers Roster Forms). From there just follow instructions. Where you see (Club Name) just scroll down to your club. If you see a question that does not apply to your club put N/A. When you have finished **check for any mistakes** then hit (Submit Form) at the bottom of the information you have just put in. By doing this there will be less chance that there will be any inaccuracy in the Roster book. I would like to thank you for your cooperation on this important project



WebMaster Report

Jerry Donofrio Sr. • Webmaster@CBYCA.Org



Be sure to visit WWW.CBYCA.ORG as all the latest information is posted daily. While visiting, be sure that we have your clubs burgee listed properly and advise the Webmaster of any links available to your club's Website or email address. Find your club burgee under Member Clubs and click on your District then find your burgee. It only takes an email to have a change made that same day. Your EVENTS form automatically loads to the EVENTS page. Once the information is typed and you press the submit key, it is published, so check your work before submitting. A database file has been established for the collection of Roster Information and this information will reflect your clubs information for the new Roster Edition. PLEASE USE THE ELECTRONIC FORMS TO REGISTER YOUR CLUB ROSTER INFORMATION.

BOG Email addresses will be forwarded for each of the Board Members and Committee Chairs. IE. Commodore@cbyca.org will go to the current individual person holding the position. This will eliminate having to constantly modify our literature or website email addresses and the membership hunting up the new email addresses every year. It will be done internally at the website. Currently, we are having a little trouble with bounced mail do to an open relay in the server. Until a fix is in place, some address will be forwarded to the Webmaster.

The CBYCA is YOUR Association. There is always some work to be done at various levels within the CBYCA. If you have a computer talent or wish to help us, now is the time to step up! Many outstanding assignments await a thirsty volunteer in MySQL Data Base, PHP Administrative server, CGI scripting. Graphic Design, Word-processing especially in MS Access, Proofreaders, Excel and Front Page are just a few areas of support where you can help.

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Silver Wreaths

P/C Betty Stahler IPC@CBYCA.ORG

The Silver Wreaths have been aggressively reviewing the CBYCA by-laws, which refer to the Nominations Committee and the Nominations process. This will be an ongoing process and we are compiling an initial recommendation to presented to the Board by mid January.

2005 PRINCESS FLAGS

2005 Princess flags have been ordered. To purchase one, please call or email IPC Betty Stahler (410-437-5448, IPC@CBYCA.ORG). The price is \$30.00 each.

Publicity Director's Report

June Donofrio • PD@CBYCA.ORG

Deadline for the next

***Chartroom Chatter* is January 25, 2005**

2005 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars!

January 15	Sat	10:00	Board/VARegional	Colonial YC
February 19	Sat	10:00	Board	North East River YC
February 19	Sat	1:00	Delegate	North East River YC
March 19	Sat	10:00	Board	North Point YC
April 16	Sat	09:00	Board	Maryland YC
April 16	Sat	1:00	Delgate/Roster Book	Maryland YC

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BOATER VOTER COALITION REPORT

The Boater Voter Coalition has struck a strong defense to cause the US Army Corps of Engineers to rid the Delaware River of debris. The recent oil spill as refocused the interest of the media and government officials on the problems facing vessels of any size.

Since 1996 the BVC has been delivering the message to improve the waterways for recreational boaters, with the DE Clean Sweep Program. The envision would combine the effort of thousands of volunteers with the requirement that the USACE to rid the Delaware River of submerged and partially submerged floating debris as a proactive Command Mission.

Large debris take the form of 60' cut logs, telephone poles, railroad ties, refrigerators, 1000 gallon propane tanks, earthmover tires, plywood sheets, pallets, dimensional building lumber and millions of pieces smaller to include plastic bottles, balls and containers.

Congressman Rob Andrews (NJ) has been a strong supporter of our effort. He was distressed to see the amount of debris, during a boat journey November 11, 1999 from Philadelphia to the Delaware Memorial Bridge. It was long cold day with 35 mph wind and three-foot seas off our stern, as we welcomed the Battleship New Jersey entering the Delaware River on her trip to the homeport of Camden, NJ.

The Congressman never forgot that day or the need to support the BVC effort. Over many years, he has maintained a statement line in the Federal Budget, placing the responsibility squarely on the USACE to clean the river. Now with the cause of the oil spill blamed on the hull holing by a submerged obstacle, he has vowed to enlist the aid of fellow politicians. An urgent letter dated December 13th, with wording directly from the original BVC letter, was sent to the President of the United States. The letter request that the 2006 budget include **\$3,000,000 for the Army Corp of Engineers to eliminate the Dangerous and Costly problem of floating and submerged debris in the Delaware River.**

The letter was signed by Rep. Robert Andrews, Sen. Arlen Specter, Rep. Chaka Fattah, Sen. Frank Lautneberg, Rep. Frank Lobiondo, Rep. Jim Saxton, Sen. Jon Corzine, Sen. Rick Santorum and Rep. Curt Walden.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Events Schedule 2005

Commodore Balls 2005

Date	Time	Club/Contact	Event/Location
January, 2005			
8	1830 hrs	Chesapeake Commodores Club Helen Chaney 410-437-3178	Ocean City
8	1830	National Potomac Yacht Club Kathy Corley 703-532-5429	Powtomack Landing Restaurant
9	1200	Hunter Sailing Association Carl Reitz 215-672-5422	Griffins, Annapolis
15	1900 hrs	Bush River Yacht Club P/C Jack Clark 410-838-1621	Richland Ballroom
22	1900 hrs	Galloway/Key YC Andy Anderson 410-477-3760	Martins North Point
22	1700	Great Oak Yacht Club Carol Jefferson 609-921-7236	WestinHotel, Princeton, NJ
22	1600 hrs	Almas Yacht Club Joseph Burrows 301-948-2418	1315 K St. NW WashingtonDC
29	1800 hrs	Belvedere YC P/C Dan Miller 410-536-0554	Best Western Travel Plaza
29	1730	PRYCA Frank Erwetowski 301-259-2523	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
February, 2005			
5	1900 hrs	Middle River Yacht Club P/C Bruce Bickel 410-574-548	Martin's Northpoint
12	1900 hrs	Bodkin Yacht Club P/C Mike Riccobene	BWI Holiday Inn 410-360-0846
19	1800 hrs	Crescent Yacht Club Dennis Discher 410-335-3943	Boumi Temple - Rosedale, MD
26	1930 hrs	White Rocks Yacht Club R/C Paul Pfaeffle 410-225-0275	Best WesternTravel Plaza
26	1600	DRYL (Delaware River Yachtsmen's League) Joe Campbell 856-858-5169	Cannstatters, Philadelphia, PA
March, 2005			
5	1800	Prince William Yacht Club Tim Baker 703-719-5558	Springfield Hilton
12	1800 hrs	Top of the Bay Cruising Aberdeen, MD Jane Wiertel 717-244-2816	Four Points Sheraton,
19	1830 hrs	Outcast YC V/C C. Downs 856-468-3724	Holiday Inn, Wilmington

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Click on Forms, then Click on Coming Attractions Form

Or Mail Hard Copy updates to: WebMaster Jerry Donofrio, 11 Needlepoint Lane,
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CLUB NAME: _____
OPENING/FLAG RAISING

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

COMMODORE'S BALL

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

SOCIAL EVENT

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

To Change an Incorrect Mailing Address:

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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**The CBYCA 2006 Commodore's Ball
will be held December 10, 2005 in
Baltimore at the Best Western Hotel!
Please consider this when planning your
upcoming 2005 events!
Details coming soon**



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