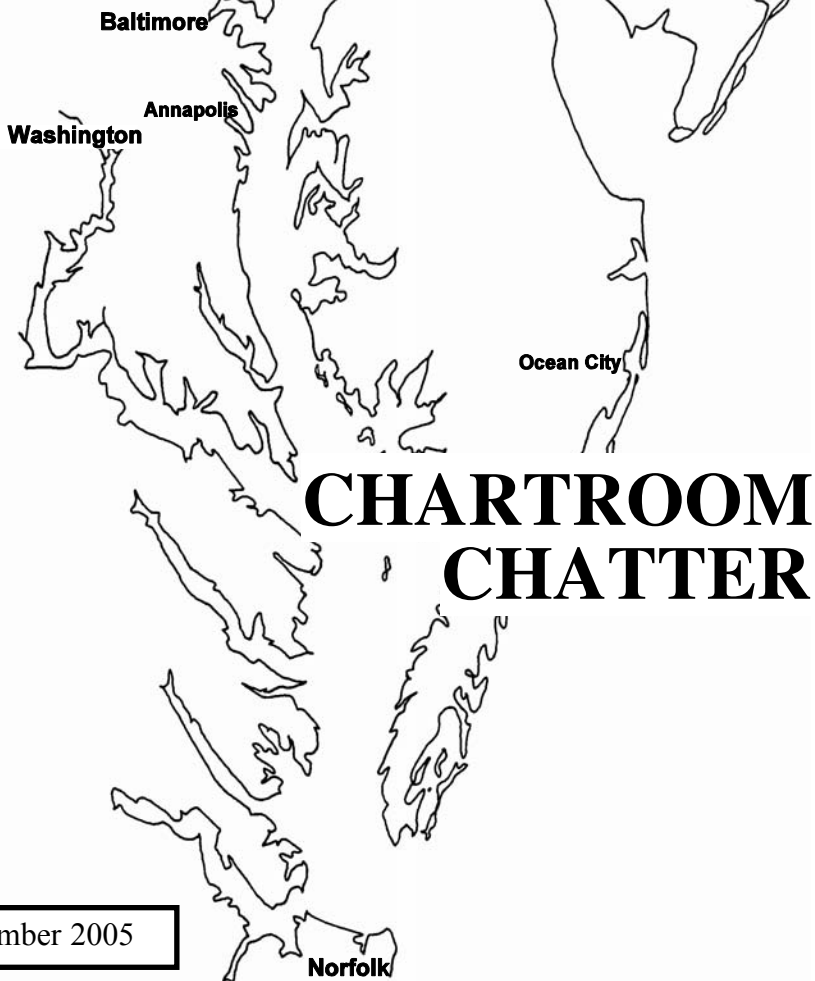


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Commodore's Corner

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Fellow boaters, this is my last article for the Chartroom Chatter as Commodore of this great Association. It has given me so much enjoyment and satisfaction being Commodore of the CBYCA. It is an experience that I will relish for the rest of my life. During these past 12 months, I have met many people and have made many new friends. I want to thank everyone for their support.

I started off the year hoping that I would leave the CBYCA in better shape than when it was handed to me. I believe that in that respect I have succeeded. During my watch, it was a goal on my part to see that new bylaws were written for this association, which would help to guide us into this new century. The founding clubs of the CBYCA did a great job in writing the original bylaws. These bylaws served the association well for the past 47 years. However as any organization grows, its bylaws have to change as the organization changes. New and finalized bylaws will be presented to the delegates at the November meeting. These bylaws were written with the cooperation of delegates from various clubs and with the written suggestions of many clubs. We will be voting on the bylaw changes at the February 06 delegates meeting. I urge all delegates to attend both of these meetings.

I also urge all member Yacht Clubs to not only send their delegates to our meetings but to have their officers attend our meetings. In this way the member clubs will be better informed as to the Goals of the CBYCA, and see how the CBYCA operates.

New officers will be taking over at the next meeting, please give them your support. These officers, like you are volunteers. They are dedicated to helping their fellow boaters. They spend a lot of time working on behalf of boaters trying to influence legislation for our betterment. Your CBYCA is a unique Association, keep supporting the association in the years to come as you have in the past.

I keep talking about the CBYCA website www.CBYCA.org. It belongs to you. Please make use of it. There are many clubs who have not yet placed information for their Commodore Balls and social events. Get this information in.

In parting I wish good luck to the new Officers of the CBYCA, and to all the Yacht Clubs of the CBYCA.

John Garlotta
Commodore CBYCA

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Vice Commodore's Report

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As we watch the trees turn brilliant colors and draw to a close another boating season, we also change the watch in our clubs. This is an exciting time of year, as new people volunteer to serve in new positions, dedicating themselves and families to the tasks that will keep our boating community effectual. This is my last report to you as Vice Commodore and it has been an amazing experience to serve during the past years in the many positions of State Legislative Director, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, Webmaster and Assistant to the Publicity Director June Donofrio (soon to be First Lady). Now, I look forward to my furthestmost role serving the CBYCA and Membership as Commodore!

Our next meeting of the CBYCA is the Delegates Change of Watch Meeting at Baltimore Yacht Club. Lunch will be \$10.00, please email me if you are coming for lunch. We will be reviewing the compilations of the revised By-laws as submitted by the By-laws Committee Chairperson P/C Penny Orth. Your final vote will be at the February 2006 Delegates meeting. All of the modifications are to provide a clear understanding of procedures for operations of the CBYCA and to eliminate ambiguity and struggles as seen in the past. The CBYCA continues to maintain the highest principles and honor as the premier regional boating organization on the East Coast.

As a side job and in my "Spare Time", the website continues to represent all our membership with information of events, legislative news and handy references in the link section. The CBYCA has worked rigorously over these many years, developing web site artwork and standards of uniformity, not for only our membership but for yachting clubs around the world. Please use the website forms to enter your Club Events, Roster information, Ball Reservations and Advertising renewals. When you visit our website remember that you saw it First at the CBYCA Website.

The 48th CBYCA Commodore's Ball is on December 10, 2005 6:00 PM, at the Best Western on O'Donnell Street just off I-95 in Baltimore. Robin and the Rythmix is the featured band, with a decoration theme setting of the "Nutcracker" to offer a Holiday spirit. The course of foods will include Slice Prime Rib, Chicken Chesapeake and Seafood Newburg as well as a long list of other excellent menu items. The hospitality room will be open from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and again after the Ball. See the enclosed flyer for all details.

It is my expectation that ALL the Clubs of the CBYCA will attend this Ball to reestablish our Friendships and move onto new opportunities for the coming year. You will have a wonderfully enjoyable evening. I Promise !

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By now all new BOG members should have their uniform insignia. If they have not received them please notify me by phone, 703-719-5558, or email, TandJBaker@aol.com. Jeanette Baker : Supply Officer

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Rear Commodore's Report

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YOUR CLUB CAN HOST A CBYCA MEETING IN 2006

CBYCA Board and Delegates meetings are hosted by various member clubs. If you are interested in hosting one of our meetings in 2006, please contact me.

We have four (4) Delegates meetings (preceded by a Board meeting) and six (6) Board meetings planned for 2006.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.



Legislative Director's Report

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The LNG problem continues to be in the news. As you will read in DSLDE/PA/NJ Friedman's report. He and I attended a meeting with Capt. Scott and Lt Cmdr. Myers at the Coast Guard station in Philadelphia. The transport of LNG should be of concern to all member clubs of the CBYCA. We have had excellent communications with the Coast Guard in relation to the LNG situation and the Athos oil spill. I might recommend that state LDs communicate with their local Coast Guard stations when you have questions about local issues on and around the waterways.



Maryland Legislative Report

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Where did the summer go? It seems like just a few months ago we were making plans to attend YC Balls. Renee' and I look forward to meeting many of you as your clubs honor their leadership for 2006.

As new officers prepare to take helm, CBYCA we stand firm on its commitment to adhere to the three main objectives that were established in 1957.

1. To protect the interest of better boating in the Chesapeake Bay area through Legislation;

2. To define and set up standards of recognition for Yacht Clubs in the Chesapeake Bay area so as to distinguish between those Yacht Clubs completely controlled by the members thereof and those wholly, or partly, controlled by commercial ventures; and

3. To act as a liaison and coordinator between Yacht Clubs as to coming events, such as Opening Days and Commodore Balls, and as far as possible, prevent overlap of these type of events.

Thanks to the early founders for their wisdom and vision.

As the legislative session will soon be underway, some of the focus this year will be on environmental issues. We read everyday about the impact and damage caused by many sensitive areas. As Yacht Clubs we can do our part to keep our treasures the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay clean and enjoyable for us and our children. In previous articles you have heard and some have responded to the Clean Marina Program. The clubs that have joined would be happy to share their experience with you. That's one way for the Yacht Clubs to help. Support a Riverkeeper program on your river. Let me know if you would like information on the Riverkeeper program.

I look forward to a great year for CBYCA and the member clubs.

YOUR CLUBS VOICE IS IMPORTANT!



Virginia Legislative Report

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Sailing for 37 days on the Chesapeake this summer, I can now take along some first-hand knowledge when I represent CBYCA at legislative and committee meetings in Richmond. For example, I was the only boater at a recent session of the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) committee.

But state government and marina representatives at the sessions I have attended all seem to have at heart the best interest of the environment and recreational boaters. I've been very impressed by individuals I've met so far, by their knowledge and follow-through with requests for information.

One thing my husband Ed and I noticed for sure on the Bay this summer was the apparent violation of pump-out restrictions and environmental runoff. Ed thought pump out slicks were similar to those he used to see 20 years ago. There is little mistaking the ugly sight when you see it, and that's why I will be interested in finding out more about the status of Bay water quality when I represent CBYCA at a meeting of a Virginia House of Delegates and Senate Joint Subcommittee on November 14. The Joint subcommittee is studying options to provide long-term funding sources to clean up Virginia's polluted waters, including the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Virginia Clean Marina Program Seeks More Participation

One of the BIG committee members is Pete Hall. He reports that only 22 of Virginia's 1,000 marinas are members of the voluntary Virginia Clean Marina Program. But, as of early September, a total of 37 more Virginia marinas had pledged to join the program and go through a self-assessment checklist, followed

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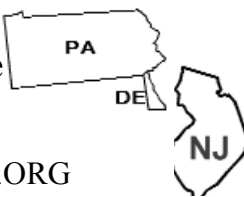
by a visit from state marina technical advisory committee from the Virginia Department of Health and Department of Conservation and Recreation. "This is a good program for marinas, boaters and the Bay," says Hall. After approval, a marina receives a three-year designation as a Virginia Clean Marina participant and can continue in the program if it meets requirements in follow-up assessment by the technical committee.

The program is similar to a five-star restaurant or hotel, Hall says. "Transient boaters would rather stop at a designated Clean Marina than take a chance," he adds. So far eight states and the National Park Service have established Clean Marina programs. Six states are considering the program.

The Clean Marina is also an educational program and provides pollution prevention guidance and on-site technical assistance to marinas, local governments and recreational boaters. Private and municipal



**Pennsylvania/Delaware
New Jersey
Legislative Report**
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A simple line-art map showing the outlines of Pennsylvania (labeled PA), Delaware (labeled DE), and New Jersey (labeled NJ). Pennsylvania is at the top, Delaware is to its right, and New Jersey is to the right of Delaware.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission decisions affecting the boater at the fall quarterly meeting held in Philadelphia September 26-27. Regulations for the licensing of charter boat or fishing guide operations on Commonwealth waters were adopted, including a provision that an individual must be at least 16 years of age to become a guide. The licensing requirements will go into effect January 1, 2006.

Commission removed a general prohibition on the operation of watercraft in a manner other than a counterclockwise flow of traffic, effective January 1, 2006. The Board determined that the best course of action would be to eliminate the general regulation and to consider the applicability of counterclockwise operation on a case by case basis.

Computerized Vessel Registration: Administration and legal staff continue to negotiate with a potential vendor to allow boat dealers and other agents to conduct certain boat registration and titling functions at the agent location. If successful, the proposed concept would allow agents of the Commission to process certain transactions locally at little or no charge to the Commission. Target date for implantation or pilot phase is no later than January 2006.

Boating Safety: Over 12,000 Boating Safety Education Certificates have been issued so far this year (8,650 or 72% took internet or correspondence courses). This is a very slight increase over 2004, but is not statistically significant. There have been ten recreational boating accidents with eight fatalities to date. Over the last ten years, 90% of all fatalities have occurred prior to October 1, and we averaged 11.2 fatalities per year (i.e., 2005 is an average year to date).

Fish and Boat Commission established January 23-24, May 1-2, July 17-18, and September 25-26 as quarterly meeting dates in 2006.

Legislation

SB 202 Greenleaf - (PN 194) Amends the Automobile Lemon Law changing the

name of the law to the Motor Vehicle Lemon Law to allow for the inclusion of personal watercraft and motorboats. - The bill was reported as amended by A2924 with Senator Mary Jo White (R-Venango) voting in the negative. A02924 (Greenleaf) adds definitions for "boat" and "personal watercraft".

HB 1641 Fairchild - (PN 2026)

The House Game and Fisheries Committee met to consider HB 1641 Fairchild - (PN 2026), which mends Titles 30 (Fish) and 75 (Vehicles) providing for boat and marine forfeiture; for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission with regard to boat sale; for boat, marine equipment and watercraft trailer forfeiture; and for the powers and duties of the Department of Transportation with regard to watercraft trailers. The bill is active and on the table.

Philadelphia Gas Work's LNG deal may not be dead. City Council Member DiCicco may be premature. "There is no deal," DiCicco told a forum in South Philadelphia about PGW's plan to bring tankers filled with LNG up the Delaware River to Port Richmond.

The controversial plan to develop a shipping terminal in Philadelphia's Bridesburg section for handling a liquid form of natural gas is on track, a senior executive for the Philadelphia Gas Works yesterday told City Council.

Despite remarks to the contrary last week by Councilman Frank DiCicco, PGW is drafting a contract with a developer to build a liquefied-natural-gas terminal in Port Richmond, said Craig White, PGW's chief operating officer. "The deal is far from dead," White said after testifying before Council.

PGW has not disclosed the name of the energy company it is talking to, but sources in the port community say it is Hess LNG.

NJ Legislative Report

LNG Logan Township, NJ.

BP attempts to build a \$500 million terminal in Logan Township, N.J. hit another bump in the road. Delaware has dismissed as incomplete and premature a draft federal air quality report on a proposed liquefied natural gas terminal near Claymont.

Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control said BP needs to meet state and federal air quality review requirements before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission can take public comments on the draft report. In addition BP must file a Risk Management Report.

October 4th 2005 meeting with Captain Scott USCG, Lt Cmdr Myers USCG, Bob Williams & Art Friedman : Role FERC and Coast Guard

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is responsible for authorizing the location and construction of onshore LNG facilities. The Coast Guard assists FERC by reviewing the information provided by the applicant and providing input to the Environmental Information Services (EIS) regarding the maritime transportation aspects as well as the full range of risk management strategies being considered to responsibly manage safety & security aspects of LNG maritime transportation.

BP is encouraged to conduct a risk-based assessment. (WSA, Waterway Suitable Assessment) The approach is to considers risk as the combination of the consequences of an undesired event and the associated probability of that event occurring. Fundamentally, this means asking, "What can go wrong?", "How severe can the consequences be?" and, "What is the likelihood that this will occur?" By answering these three questions the stakeholders can effectively

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characterize the risk.

Risk management requires measures include such things as vessel security zones, waterway traffic management, and establishment of positive control over vessels. Coordination among all port security stakeholders is essential. Incident management and emergency response measures should be carefully evaluated to ensure adequate resources (i.e., firefighting, salvage) are available for consequence and risk mitigation.

Scandia Labs Report (SLR) is an independent source providing risk management information. SLR identifies three concentric Zones of Concern around a LNG tanker. This information can be superimposed on a chart of the Delaware River providing an excellent visual graphic showing the possible effect on shore lines as the tanker proceeds up the Delaware River.

Without additional manpower and equipment the risks and containment would be impossible to control. All stakeholders along the river would require funding and additional manpower to meet the possibility of disasters.

Delaware Legislative Report

Enforcement Section of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Many people inquire about registering their boat or yacht in the State of Delaware. While creating a corporation to own the boat may have advantages, such as making it easy to transfer title, registration should normally be done in the locality where the boat will spend most of its time. The Enforcement Section of DNR administers the state boating registration program, registering over 40,000 boats annually. Please note that Federal Rules require vessel registration based upon predominance of use. That is, the vessel should be registered in the State whose waters it will spend the predominance of its time. Renewals of boating licenses in Delaware are available on the internet.

Section Administrator Major James Graybeal (302) 739-3440

Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation

Herb Von Gores President of the Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation was the guest speaker at the Pennsylvania Boating Association South East Chapter (PBASE) meeting held at the Delaware River Yacht Club November 16th.



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Legislative Director



NBF Meeting - Michigan City, Indiana -A very constructive and informative meeting was held at the Blue Chip Casino hotel in Michigan City on 15 October 2005. Excellent reports were received from local state organizations, NASBLA, USCG Auxiliary, USPS, USCG, and NBF members. In its report, NASBLA thanked NBF for its support in obtaining greater funding for boating safety under the Wallop/Breaux program. The Coast Guard encouraged boater support in the America's Waterway Watch Program by calling the National

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Response Center at 877-24WATCH to report any suspicious activities of vessels or individuals in sensitive locations. A panel discussion was held on the interaction of self propelled vessels, canoes, kayaks, etc., with other recreational vessels and commercial fleets. Panel members included the American Canoe Association, the Pilots Assoc., tour boat operators, the USPS and the USCGA. Among the suggestions were that paddle boats be brightly colored, use brightly colored PFDs, have radar reflectors, use radar reflecting materials in PFDs and improved operator education on Rules of the Road. Finally a resolution will be prepared on NBF's position on the declaration of eminent domain for the purpose of taking boating facilities and/or limiting boating access.

H.R. 3824 - Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act This bill implements major revisions to the 1973 Act. In essence it will be more difficult to reject sites for public access to waterways do to the presence of "an endangered species". Prior to this bill, applicants required approval by both the Dept. of Commerce and the Dept. of the Interior (DOI) for construction on a waterway. The new bill would now require only DOI approval. Also included are considerations of personal property rights, more public input and compensation to property owners if measures to protect species thwart development plans. The bill has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

US Army Corps of Engineers USCOE, Maintenance Funding - Citing inadequate funds the USACOE may close the Dismal Swamp Canal, a portion of the East Coast Inter Coastal Waterway connecting Hampton Roads VA to Albemarle Sound NC. This 22 mile waterway has been in operation for 200 years. As we have learned previously from the Corps, funds for the Municipal Works Program have been in jeopardy for years with funds being cut for much of the ICW last year. Again the formula for funds allocation is based on commercial tonnage which does not take place on the Dismal Swamp Canal. Clearly the formula needs to include tourist boating which contributes to the local economies and National economy as well.

There are a number of additional bills which we are monitoring for their implication or any real impact they may have on recreational boating. Among these are bills resulting from the Presidents Commission on Ocean Policy and the two new commissions that have been established and are active. They could have a major impact on our use of the waterways.



Publicity Director's Report

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2005 CBYCA Meeting Schedule

Mark Your Calendars !

November 19 Sat 10:00 Board Baltimore Y.C.

Sat 13:00 Delegates

December 17 Sat 10:00 Board Selby Bay Y.C.



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