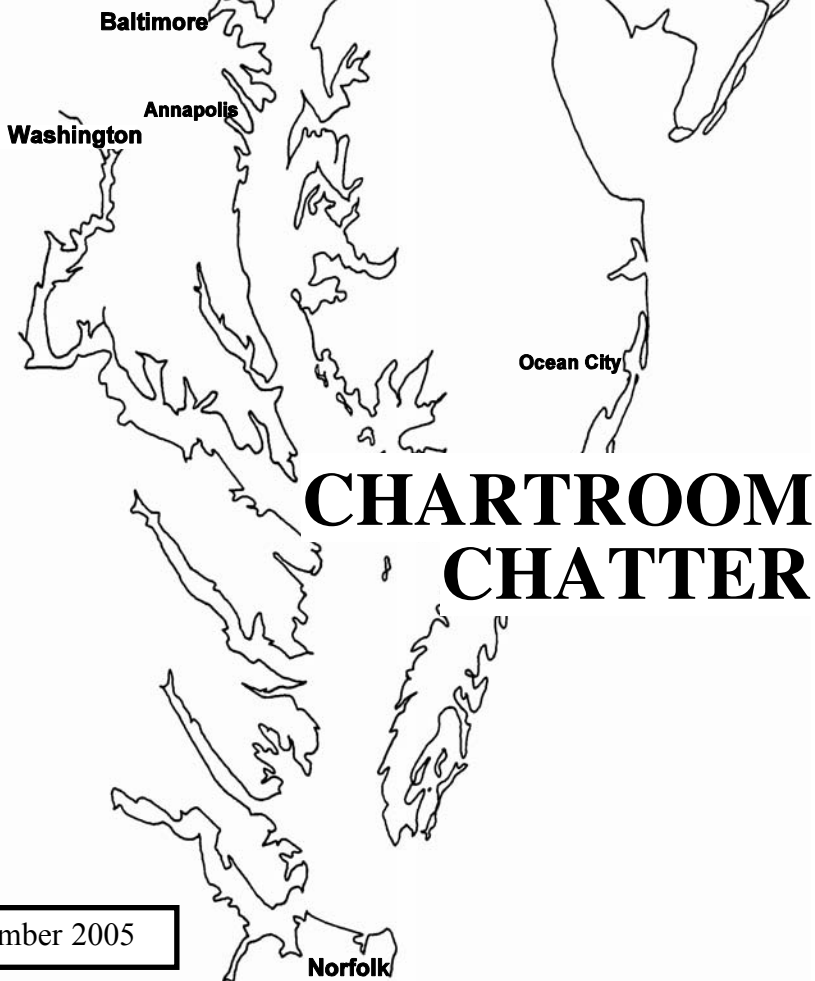


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## Commodore's Corner

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Hello once again. Where has this year gone too? It is hard to believe that September is here already. It is soon time to start the closing days and the Change of watch. Speaking of Closings and Balls. I would urge your clubs to list your functions on the CBYCA website [CBYCA.ORG](http://CBYCA.ORG). The sooner you list your function the sooner it will become part of the Goldenrod and be published in the Chartroom Chatter.

The August meeting of the CBYCA at Kent Island Yacht Club was filled with activity. Our guest speaker was Mr. Richard Bruns CBYCA District Rep. and member of Baltimore YC . He gave a very informative talk on the MD State Police Helicopters. He was also able to have a rescue helicopter fly in for a couple of hours and give the delegates a demonstration and a chance to ask questions. During the meeting, we reviewed the new proposed bylaw changes, and held elections for the 2006 Board of Governors. I want to congratulate the newly elected Officers and BOG for 2006, and wish them the best during their term of office. I also want to thank Commodore Hal Lane and Maggie for their hospitality. We always enjoy our visit to their facilities.

An insurance claims agent, who is working with the Coast Guard regarding the Athos1 oil spill on the Delaware River, recently contacted me. He asked if there were any boat owners or Yacht Clubs who had damage to their boats or facilities. If you are aware of any person who has a loss and should file a claim for this incident have them contact the following person. There is no charge for his services. -Mr. John Grant 617 829-7105.

It has been a very quiet year for legislation. One success that has been made is with NOAA. This spring a bill was introduced to congress, by Senator Rick Santorum, R Penna., which would have taken away the broadcasting of weather reports by NOAA and turned the responsibility of broadcasting these reports to private companies, such as Accuweather. Can you imagine having to call or watch TV to get your boating weather reports?

Quite a bit of letter writing was accomplished by CBYCA, Pennsylvania Boating Association, and others voicing opposition to this bill. As of this date the bill is dead, however we must be vigilant. There have been monies donated to campaign chests, and like a Frankenstein it could be brought to life again.

The next delegates meeting will be in November, however I want to extend an invitation to any delegate or member of any member club to attend our Board of Governors meetings. You are always welcome!

Have a great fall boating season  
Commodore, John Garlotta



## Vice Commodore's Report

Jerry Donofrio Sr. •VC@CBYCA.ORG



Thanks to all to attended the CBYCA meeting on August 20th. Several more meetings are coming up, all of which are well south of Baltimore. These meetings are being held in the Southern region to benefit our membership in those locations. It is my hope that members in these areas will attend the meeting and sound a voice with our BOG on important issues of Bylaws and local concerns.

As the boating season rolls to an end, please remember that the work of the CBYCA goes on throughout the year. We are in need of individuals to step forward and help with important work. Are you the person to take on a portion of the effort to improve boating? I would like to hear from you!

Currently, we are looking for someone to work in the legislative areas for New Jersey, Delaware and portions of Virginia. These would be for Legislative Liaisons to work directly with the Legislative Director.

If you have the time to help with the website development please contact me. We do not need you to work at it full time but just to help with areas of development on our communications committee.

As we move into this next year, I am resolute on making the CBYCA meet the needs of our membership and to improve boating enjoyment whenever possible. This can only be accomplished with an intense team of individuals willing to contribute their talents to the objectives of the CBYCA. We have a strong group of people elected for the 2006 board. All of the positions of office elect have folks who have a proven track record of being boater friendly and have previously held positive leadership roles. If anyone has a desire to join in on this CBYCA Team - feel free to sign up now!



## Rear Commodore's Report

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The 47th Roster Book edition was distributed at the Delegates meeting, April 16th, held at Maryland YC. We printed 2300 copies for distribution to Member Clubs, CBYCA Patrons, YC and Commercial Advertisers, as well as State Legislators and various government offices. A limited number are still available for purchase at \$10.00 each. These can be purchased from the Ships Store or by contacting me. (Add \$3.00 for S&H if mailed).

The total cost of production and distribution for this years' Roster Book was \$8,979.00. The income from advertisers was \$17,660.00, resulting in a net

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income to CBYCA of \$8,681.00.

We sincerely thank all those advertisers; Yacht Clubs, Commercial Businesses and individuals who supported CBYCA by taking ads in the 2005 Roster Book. The Roster Book is on a financially sustaining basis and also supplements CBYCA operating costs.

We hope this Roster Book proves to be a useful reference during this years' boating season.

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## **Legislative Director's Report**

Robert Williams •LD@CBYCA.ORG




In reviewing this past year certain items were prominent in our CBYCA concerns.

Old Dominion Yacht Club had quite a year of fighting for their very existence. With the hard work of their members and most importantly DSLVA Jacque Knight it appears they will be part of the Water Front Re-Development DSLVA spent a great deal of time and effort to support the rights of all clubs. Thank you Jacque for all of your hard work.

The proposed LNG port in Logan Township, NJ on the Delaware River is an issue that will be going to the US Supreme Court. The State of New Jersey is suing the State of Delaware because Delaware vetoed the approval of the piers. Due to an agreement dating back to the 1700's Delaware has control over 22 miles of the Delaware River because of the Coastal Zone Act. DSLDE/PA Art Friedman and I will continue to monitor this situation.

Rep. Rick Santorum's (R) Pa. NOAA Bill on controlling access to the weather channels appears to be dead in the water due to the massive negative response from the public. CBYCA, NBF, PBA, PBASE, DRYL and BOATERVOTER led a successful campaign to have the BILL die. Thanks to all who responded!

The massive oil spill in the Delaware River in November 2004 has prompted many changes in how the Coast Guard responds to oil spills. Special meetings have been ongoing to review response to all emergency situations. Once completed the new format will be the pilot program for the whole country. June 1 the Coast Guard declared the Delaware River clean. They took water samples from various spots along the Delaware River through the C& D Canal to the Upper Bay. The O'Brien Group which handled the cleanup left the area June 1. A small group remained to continue clean up at Paulsboro, NJ the site of the spill. Since that time a meeting was held with the Coast Guard and a Representative of the National Pollution Funds Center at Harbor Light YC in Tinicum on July 28. A total of 96 claims have been received and approximately 12 have been settled. The meeting was called due to oil resurfacing at West End Boat Club and Riverside of Pa. Some of the material used to absorb the oil from the river

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bottom separated and sunk. Now with the water temperature rising, oil and tar balls have surfaced. The Coast Guard is currently dragging the river at those clubs to retrieve the sunken material. Due to the resurfacing of the oil some of the boats are being stained again. The Coast Guard has informed me that a mobile cleaning station will be set up on the Delaware River after Sept. 10. Anyone who has additional damage to their boat can call 609-548-3154 to make arrangements for their boat to be cleaned.

In this next year we will continue to press the PFD issue in Virginia. Farragut Sportsman's Association will also have to fight to maintain their Club at a site which the City of Camden, NJ wants to re-develop.

I wish to thank everyone for their support this past year. I especially want to thank all of the state LD's and the NBF rep for their hard work and the great assistance given to me. I look forward to next year.



## Maryland Legislative Report

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I would like to congratulate the officers selected to serve you for 2006. The selection of Richard Novotny to serve as the Maryland Legislative Director is a great step for CBYCA to provide you with a good strong voice in Annapolis. Richard has served the Saltwater Sports Fishing Association for many years. I will say; he knows his way around Annapolis. I plan to stay active on the Board of the Boat Act Advisory Committee and be available to help Richard any way I can.

### SOME FACTS TO THINK ABOUT:

Out-of-state boaters spent \$154 million last year. This prompts the thought; how does Maryland expand its \$2.1 billion boating industry without sacrificing the services. This is currently being explored with the MTA and DNR. CBYCA is part of that exploration. About 11.1% of the over 44,000 marina slips in Maryland are available for transient vessels. The \$154 million equates to about 2,600 full time equivalent jobs. Transient boaters indicated they would remain an average of 1.9 months longer in Maryland if they didn't have to worry about tax consequences.

Three CBYCA member clubs were honored by DNR for joining the **Clean Marina Program. Maryland Yacht Club, Bodkin Yacht Club, Kent Island Yacht Club.** Please discuss the benefits with other Yacht Clubs. It's a great program and we need to be involved. **IT MAKES FOR EASIER LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS.** We should take the lead in making sure our precious resource stays clean and healthy for us and our children to enjoy.

I'm looking forward to a great year for CBYCA and the member clubs.

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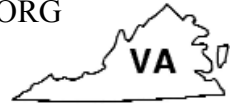
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## Virginia Legislative Report

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### Virginia May Fight Eminent Domain Ruling

Virginia legislators are hearing from local municipalities who want their state to be among the first to enact state laws to get around the June decision by the U. S. Supreme Court. The court preserved the right of local governments to claim private property for public use either for public access use or for development that would raise tax revenue.

Alexandria's delegates and those from neighboring districts are already hearing from constituents on the issue. The Old Dominion Boat Club's campaign to stay in its prime Old Town waterfront location is still alive because the city fathers have delayed until next year the final decision on the project. So, the Alexandria boat club members will be looking to the General Assembly to prevent the city from taking their 80-year old site and parking lot.

CBYCA will continue to follow the issue and make our support for Old Dominion known. The club is considered the oldest chartered yacht club in the state.

Of course, state legislators are caught between lobbying by local governments and local constituents. CBYCA will offer an overall perspective about the value transient boating brings to a community, both from a recreational and economic point of view.

Northern Virginia legislators contacted so far have indicated interest in the issue, so look for Virginia to be among the first of several interested states to challenge the Supreme Court's unpopular ruling on eminent domain seizure of private property with a tweaking of state law.

### Virginia to Seek More Transient Boat Funding

I plan to attend the fall session of the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program again on September 13. We meet to participate in the selection of projects to be considered in the next round of federal grants for use as matching funds to build and improve transient boat facilities. As Virginia's waterfront properties give way to more and more condominiums and closed boating communities, the support of transient boating facilities is a key CBYCA interest.

Virginia is one of the most successful states in applying for the BIG funding, which is available through the Federal Transportation Bill (Highway Bill) and the Department of the Interior.

CBYCA boaters should plan to steer into Virginia's transient boat facilities in Yorktown. The project, partially financed by BIG funding, was scheduled to be completed in time for the 400-year anniversary in 2007.



# Pennsylvania/Delaware New Jersey Legislative Report

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## **Pennsylvania**

Commissioners Richard Czop and Howard ("Gary") Pflugfelder, Jr. were elected President and Vice President, respectively, of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) at the board's July 19 meeting. PA Fish and Boat Commission will meet Sept 26-27th in Philadelphia.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) today announced it was awarding more than \$1.8 million in grants to 22 municipalities to develop, improve or rehabilitate public recreational boat launches and encouraged eligible public entities to apply for a second round of funding through the Boating Facilities Grant Program.

Rendell Administration Announces \$1.3 Million to Protect Pennsylvania's Coastal Zones with federal and state grant money for projects intended to protect and enhance Pennsylvania's coastal zones while reducing conflict between competing land and water uses.

Next PBASE Meeting Anchor Yacht Club September 13th 2005, Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and Tracy Carluccio Director of Special Projects for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network will be the guest speakers. Pennsylvania Boating Association(PBA) September 24, 2005, 9am meeting at Raystown Resort & Lodge Entriken PA

Delaware Valley area received for:Bucks, Berks, Chester, Erie, Montgomery, Schuylkill and Delaware Conservation Districts; and the Philadelphia Water Department; \$25,000 each for implementing and tracking of Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Program management measures.

Phila. LNG terminal;  
Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) recently announced a plan to receive LNG from tankers sailing up the Delaware. A tanker carrying liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Port Richmond, will pass several adjacent neighborhoods in Philadelphia and New Jersey.

## **New Jersey and Delaware**

LNG the continuing debacle

Attorney General Peter C. Harvey to filed a lawsuit with the U.S. Supreme Court challenging Delaware's denial of approvals for a 2,000-foot pier that would serve an LNG facility in Logan Township planned by BP subsidiary Crown Landing LLC. Critics are concerned about the potential environmental and safety risks involved, including the possibility that LNG tankers and the terminal could be targeted by terrorists looking to set off a potentially catastrophic explosion and fire. The required BP report showing that the proposed facilities will be consistent with environmental, public safety, land use and zoning requirements has not been made public.

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Under boundary determinations that date to the 17th century, Delaware controls the river up to the mean low-tide mark on the New Jersey shore. Delaware's attorney general, said New Jersey's action was not unexpected and that Delaware was prepared to defend its boundary. A bill introduced in the Delaware Legislature, authorizes the calling up of the National Guard if New Jersey tries to go ahead with the project.

BP's plan for a liquefied natural gas terminal opposite Claymont could snarl or restrict Delaware River traffic while still leaving the site vulnerable to terrorist attack, according to a New Jersey review of the project.

Kenneth C. Koschek, supervising environmental specialist in DEP's Office of Permit Coordination & Environmental Review, said that more than 50 percent of the river would be blocked while ships are at dock "thereby forcing all boaters to enter the Federal Navigation Channel to proceed up or down the river"



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Legislative Director



GMDSS - The GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System) Task Force met in Washington DC on 11 August. GMDSS is a major effort to modernize the USCG stations, provide added capabilities and better communications for enhanced Coast Guard efforts under the Rescue 21 Program. CG Groups Eastern Shore and Atlantic City are expected to be operational by the end of calendar year 2005. By the middle of CY 06, Groups St Petersburg, Mobile, Seattle and Port Angeles will be on-line. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that, for the 2006 boating season, VHF-FM radios should be equipped with the new emergency DSC (Digital Selective Calling) feature. With this feature, when the DSC button is pressed, an emergency broadcast is automatically sent over channel 70. Even better, if your VHF is interfaced to your GPS, your boat's Lat/Lon location will be sent as well.

Federal Legislation - HR3, the "Highway Bill," was signed by the President on 10 August. The bill has been two years in the process and required House/Senate conference to resolve the many differences in the bill and its total funding (\$286B). Included in the bill is the reauthorization of the Wallop/Breaux program which returns our tax dollars on gasoline and fishing equipment to boating programs. Included are State Boating Safety Grants, Clean Vessel Act (pump outs), Boating Infrastructure (Transient slips), Wetlands restoration and Sport Fish Restoration. The reauthorization will recover \$110M of boater tax dollars which was being diverted to the general treasury. With the capture of the fuel tax, total funding for boating programs will rise to approximately \$570M per year.

The Energy Bill - Congress passed and the President has signed the Energy bill. This does not portend more fuel or lower gas prices, at least in the near term. It does provide huge tax breaks and subsidies for the energy providers to encourage more production. For those navigating the Delaware there may be some concern as the bill does ease the way for more imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) by giving federal regulators final say over import terminal locations. Specifically, the legislation provides the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

with exclusive authority to authorize the citing, construction, expansion, or operation of LNG facilities located ashore or in state waters. We are not sure of what immediate affect this might have on the proposed Delaware citing but no doubt will have some impact.

NOAA Weather - While we believe Santorum's bill is dead, we have just learned an effort by the weather providers is being made to resurrect this. Lobbyists have been hired and will attempt to include the bill as part of other legislation. Stay tuned.



**Proposed By Laws Changes  
P/C Penny Orth, Chairman, By Laws/Blue Book Committee**

Based on discussions at the June 4, 2005 Board Meeting and comments from Delegates the By Laws Committee, made up of myself, IP/C Betty Stahler, and P/Sec Tom Martin, submitted a third draft of proposed changes to the Constitution and By Laws for review. As approved by the Commodore, one copy per Member Club of this third draft was distributed to the Delegate or Alternate Delegate attending the August 20 Delegates Meeting. One copy will be mailed to each Member Club which does not have a Delegate or Alternate Delegate at the meeting. Comments are to be sent to Commodore Garlotta or By Laws Committee Chairman P/C Penny Orth **no later than September 24, 2005.**

Based on comments received, the By-Laws Committee will make any appropriate changes, and prepare a final document of the proposed new Constitution and By Laws. This document will be presented to the Board of Governors. Since the proposed changes are so extensive, the By-Laws Committee believes the document can only be submitted to Member Clubs to be voted on as a whole new Constitution and By-Laws. Presenting individual Articles for adoption, where some may pass and others may not, could result in a document with some old Articles and some new ones with numerous conflicts, inconsistencies, and/or omissions. The plan is for the proposed new Constitution and By Laws to be distributed at least sixty (60) days prior to the February 2006 Delegates Meeting with the vote to take place at that meeting. If approved at this Delegates Meeting, they will be in place early enough to cover the 2006 nominating process and vote on the 2007 Board at the August 2006 Delegates Meeting.

If there are any questions, I can be reached via e-mail: Penny.Orth@auatac.com and PennyPinch1@verizon.net. Please send e-mails to both addresses.



**Qualifications Officer Report**  
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Congratulations to our newest member Port of Washington Yacht Club into the CBYCA. This club is located at Gangplank Marina in Washington, DC. If you meet any of their members in your travels welcome them into the CBYCA. Also remember in your travels watch for clubs that are not in the CBYCA and give me their location so I can talk to them. Thanks for all of your help.

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## 2005 CBYCA Meeting Schedule

### Mark Your Calendars !

September 17	Sat	10:00	Board	Corinthian Y.C.
October 15	Sat	10:00	Board	Mathews Y.C.
November 19	Sat	10:00	Board	Baltimore Y.C.
	Sat	13:00	Delegates	
December 17	Sat	10:00	Board	TBA



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