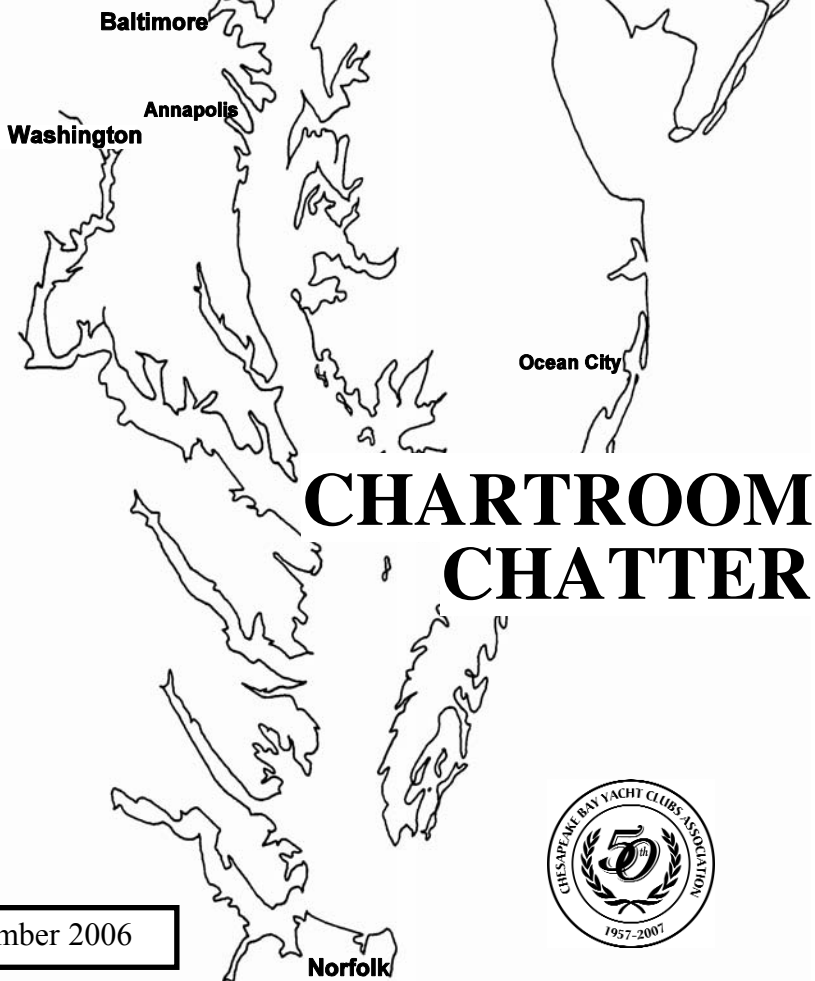


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Commodore's Corner

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Seasons Greetings To All



This is my first article as Commodore. I want to take a moment to tell you what an honor it is to serve as Commodore of CBYCA for 2007. It is a special privilege to be at the helm as we enter the 50th year. Many special events are being planned to honor this significant time period.

I want to express my appreciation to all those who have supported me over the years I have served CBYCA. Thanks go to past Board Members, Officers, Delegates, and the many other friends in the boating community.

Our thanks and "job well done" to Past Commodore Jerry Donofrio, the 2006 Board of Governors, and Delegates. Our successes can only be attributed to the growing team of hard working members giving of their spare time.

Our focus will remain on our ever-growing presence and involvement with legislation at the Federal, State and local levels. Also, we continue to reach out to our "partners" in the marine and environmental communities to leverage our interests in many areas. We will concentrate on listening to our member Clubs to be sure CBYCA has its priorities in proper order. And yes, we will continue active recruitment of new member Clubs (please spread the word).

You have elected a great slate of Officers and Board members for the 2007 year. Most have administrative and/or legislative backgrounds, and all are dedicated people with one common goal: Representing you, the recreational boating community.

You can help by making your concerns and views known to the CBYCA, through your Delegate, by contacting anyone of the Board members or myself. All are invited to the Delegates meeting held four times a year (February, April, August & November). Be assured we welcome your feedback, favorable or otherwise.

On behalf of the CBYCA Board of Governors, Carolyn and myself, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PS: Hope to see you at the CBYCA Commodore's Ball, December 9th.



CBYCA's 50th Anniversary !

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Vice Commodore's Report

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I look forward to serving the members of CBYCA as your 2007 Vice Commodore.

We have planned a great celebration for the 50th year of serving the membership. The April Roster Book distribution will be held at Boumi Shrine Center and will include a cocktail party following the Delegates meeting.

I look forward to holding meetings at each of the Charter and Founding member Clubs. I hope to have most of meeting places firmed up by the next publication of the Chatter.

Your voice is important!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the membership.



Rear Commodore's Report

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I would first like to congratulate P/C Jerry Donofrio for having such a successful year. Jerry you will be a tough act to follow. I would also like to congratulate Commodore Don Burton, good luck my friend. Don you have shown the true spirit of the CBYCA running to and from Annapolis keeping our law makers honest and I have learned much from you.

I have settled back in and expect to get all the invoices for advertising out shortly. I have had several inquires so far for new advertisers so don't forget to talk it up to your yacht club or marina.



Legislative Director's Report

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The results of our last national election have shown that when some elected officials did not relate to the needs of their constituents those officials were not re-elected. In Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum was the author of the bill to eliminate NOAA as a vital weather tool for the boater. The boating community showed a strong force against the bill and had it tabled. Sen. Santorum was defeated in the election because of his position on several issues that was contrary to his constituents. The states represented by the

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CBYCA are served by 10% of the Senate with our 10 Senators, Of the 435 representatives 53 are from CBYCA states. It is imperative that all CBYCA members become familiar with whom their representatives are. There were a lot of changes in November. Committee Chairman will be changing. We need to become familiar with the new chairman of state committees that relate to recreational boating.

One of the main issues in 2007 will be the silting in of Kent Narrows. This will be a federal issue due to the involvement of the Corps of Army Engineers. The CBYCA and its members need to apply pressure on the federal government to increase the funding for dredging through the Corps of Army Engineers. Letters are being sent to all legislators from me and all State Legislative Directors to the Senate requesting that funding for maintenance dredging of Kent Narrows Channel be added to H.B. 5427 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2007. The bill has already passed the House and we have requested that Kent Narrows be tagged onto the bill due to the urgency of the matter. I urge everyone to e-mail, call or write your Senators to support the saving of Kent Narrows Channel.

I want to thank IPC Donofrio and First Lady June for all of his assistance this year. CBYCA had a very busy and productive year. I wish Commodore Burton and First Lady Carolyn all the best in the upcoming year. I also wish everyone a blessed Holiday Season and healthy New Year.



Maryland Legislative Report

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Lighting Regulation: DNREC will hold a public hearing Dec. 4 on the proposed amendment to volatile organic compounds emissions regulation which would add a new section on lightening operations. The meeting will be held at the DNREC auditorium in the Richardson and Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway in Dover, beginning at 6 p.m. Cecilia Battaglini, the incoming CBYCA Legislative Director for Delaware expects to attend.

Lightening is the process where the draft of large ocean-going vessels is reduced by bulk transfer of cargo, usually crude oil, from the ocean-going vessel to the smaller, service vessel. This reduction in draft is necessary for the ocean-going vessel to be able to proceed upriver. The lightening process emits large amounts of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) into the air.

Offshore Drilling: Nationally, with the election just over and Congress returning to a lame-duck session, it is speculated that efforts will be made on the new Congress to legislatively accept a limited expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling. With Democrats in control, it also speculated that the long-standing drilling bans protecting most coastal waters will hold. At issue may be the interest in developing oil and gas resources in the Outer Continental Shelf. This is of most importance to Florida and the Gulf Coast states but also may be of interest to the Atlantic coastal states including Delaware--an issue the CBYCA Legislative Representative needs to be aware.

Intracoastal Waterway Association: This association just held its annual meeting in North Carolina. Major concern was the piecemeal management of the waterway stretching from Norfolk to Miami. CBYCA may have an interest on the reports made by US Army Corps of Engineers on strategies for continuing waterway funding of dredging concerns. For CBYCA Boaters who use the intracoastal waterway and wish to follow up, go to the website: www.atlintracoastal.org.

Maryland Kent Narrows Dredging Issue: My first business as the incoming Legislative Director for Maryland involved reviewing and providing input for the new CBYCA position letter regarding the dredging needs for navigation through Kent Narrows. Our legislative Affairs Chair Bob Williams has worked diligently on the position letter, and I am most grateful for his leadership.

Happy Holidays to All,



**Pennsylvania/
New Jersey
Legislative Report**
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Pennsylvania Legislation

BAB: The commission's Boating Advisory Board is recommending that the agency increase the maximum horsepower limit on Sugar Lake in Crawford County from six to 10 horsepower. Boaters had petitioned the commission to make the change earlier this year. The majority of comments received at that meeting and via the mail subsequently favored the change, said John Simmons, director of the commission's bureau of boating and education. Commissioners will decide the issue at their meeting in January.

Pennsylvania House Bill 3028, co-sponsored by 47 bipartisan Representatives, has been introduced to encourage private landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting their exposure to liability. The bill was authored by Rep. Bastian and referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Recreational purpose "includes, but is not limited to, any of the following, or any combination thereof: hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, nature study, motorized recreational vehicle riding, water skiing, water sports, cave exploration and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites."

HB 3007 Semmel Amends "An act encouraging landowners to make land & water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting liability in connection therewith & repealing certain acts" further providing for liability of landowners. The bill seeks to limit liability for land and water areas available to the public for a "recreational user" defined as any person who enters or uses land for a recreational purpose.

11-20-06 Final Passage (Vote Y: 191/N: 0)

Unfortunately, there was not enough time left on the Senate's Calendar to take up this bill this year. We've been promised that it will be reintroduced next year and be one of their top priorities for passage.

Pennsylvania : Lake Erie

A live fire training zone proposed by the United States Coast Guard in Lake Erie is too large and inappropriately sited, according to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) asked that modifications be considered. A public meeting was held in Erie on November 6. About 75 people attended. Generally the comments were opposed to the zone, mostly for environmental reasons. There was significant concern for the lead contained in the bullets and the impact it would have on the resource. The Coast Guard consultant was there and indicated that their studies showed that the impact would be minimal. The public didn't agree. A meeting between the Coast Guard and the Commission will be set up in early December to discuss the impacts on the resource and anglers.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network's boat found trashed

An 18-foot fiberglass boat belonging to an environmental organization that has publicly opposed a proposal to dump treated VX nerve agent waste into the Delaware River and another proposal to deepen the river's shipping channel was discovered abandoned and severely damaged Monday morning. "

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network's boat was discovered about 20 miles north of its docked location at Penn's Landing Monday morning stripped of all its electronics, gear shaft, motor, and radio with large gashes cut into the vessel, apparently made by a circular saw. Boaters from the Pennsylvania Yacht Club in Bensalem, Pa. made the discovery

New Jersey

A1565 Provides four-year phase-in of boat safety course requirement for operating power vessels and personal watercraft; restates age requirements for power vessel operation and exceptions to course requirement; appropriates \$2 million for enforcement.

The phase-in applies to anyone under the age of 35 on June 1, 2004; anyone under the age of 45 on June 1, 2005; anyone under the age of 55 on June 1, 2006; and anyone operating a power vessel or personal watercraft on June 1, 2007.

This bill phases in over a four-year period a prohibition against any person operating a power vessel or a personal watercraft on the waters of the State of NJ, without having successfully completed a boat safety course approved by the Superintendent of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety. You must have in your possession a certificate certifying that you have successfully completed a boat safety course approved by the Superintendent of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Section of the bill provides for a written test for experienced boaters to replace the course requirement, and further provides for the issue of the required certificate.

Out of state boaters with their States or Coast Guard certification will be accepted in NJ waters.

No payoffs in VX wastewater disposal plan, DuPont says

DuPont & the Army are stating there's no truth to the rumors that DuPont is trying to buy off objectors to a controversial plan for disposal of a lethal nerve agent's waste, according to the chemical company.

The two organizations that asked for funding from DuPont last week in connection with the VX waste disposal project are: Maurice River Government who have vocally opposed the plan changed its position at least in part because of the promise of DuPont funding, according to township committee members. Another of the projects proposed by the Haskin lab is similar to an aquatic life monitoring program recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Virginia Legislative Report

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Virginia To Consider Mandatory Boating Education

Virginia members of CBYCA might help chances for enactment of a mandatory boating education bill in Virginia in 2007 by including their support in their holiday cards to their delegates in December.

House Bill 1627 has been pre-filed and will be heard by the House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee in January, so quick action is necessary. Even though many commercial, volunteer and community organizations are supporting the proposed legislation, opposition is expected from those who have opposed legislating education in the past.

CBYCA members are asked to contact their delegate and the committee chairman, Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, via e-mail at: DelKCox@house.state.va.us or by mail at: General Assembly Building, Capitol Square, Richmond, VA 23219 or by phone at: (804)698-1066. You can also contact your delegate by accessing the Internet at: <http://leg1.state.va.us>

If Virginia acts, it would be the 46th state to require that operators of motorboats and PWCs require education. Since 1991, when such laws were first enacted, fatalities have dropped from 8.3 to 5.4 per 100,000 registered boats.

Potomac Views In Danger

Virginia legislators planned to meet November 28 as the Joint Subcommittee Studying Open Space and Farmland Preservation to discuss CBYCA concerns about the disappearance of open space along the Potomac River. CBYCA will follow this legislation initiative in 2007.



Delaware Legislative Report

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DNREC Orders Two-Year Moratorium on Horseshoe Crab Harvesting

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Secretary John A. Hughes has ordered a two-year moratorium on the harvesting of horseshoe crabs in Delaware waters effective Dec 11, 2006 as a protective measure for the

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horseshoe crab population and the migratory bird populations that depend on the resource for food."The red knots are at risk and the only thing in the world we can do is to make certain that every egg from every female horseshoe crab that spawns on our beaches is fertilized." said Secretary Hughes.

Appendix B

3215 Horseshoe Crab Harvest Moratorium

1.0 Under the Department's authority granted in S2701(a) of 7 Del. C. to administer a program for the conservation and management of horseshoe crabs, it shall be unlawful for anyone, except as specified in S2702 and S2704 (b) of 7 Del. C to collect by means of a dredge or to collect or attempt to collect by any means any horseshoe crab or parts thereof from Delaware lands or waters for a period of two consecutive years beginning January 1, 2007. It shall further be unlawful to land from a vessel in Delaware any horseshoe crabs taken from outside of Delaware's jurisdiction for a period of two years beginning Jan 1, 2007. For the two year term of this harvest moratorium all other horseshoe crab regulations are suspended, except for Horseshoe Crab Regulation 3202. Those persons holding horseshoe crab collection permits in 2006 shall retain their eligibility to apply for a commercial horseshoe crab collecting permit once the fishery is reopened and must do so by December 31 of each year once the fishery is reopened, or forfeit their eligibility to obtain a horseshoe crab commercial collecting permit in subsequent years.



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Legislative Director



H.R.5427 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2007

NBF is fully supporting this bill which provides funding for the US Army Corps of Engineers dredging projects throughout the US. We hope to get it passed in the final days of the 109th Congress in December and hopefully add an amendment for dredging the Kent Narrows channel. There are a lot of obstacles to this including the fact that the Republicans want to pass a Continuing Resolution which would fund these programs at last year's budget level and eliminate any amendments. NBF has prepared an E-Lert to send to all our members encouraging individuals and member organizations to contact their Senators urging this bill be brought to a vote now.

International Loran Assoc.(ILA) Convention, Groton, CT

I attended this conference on Oct 24 in Groton which is also home to the USCG Academy. There were many technical presentations on Loran performance, timing capability, the Loran modernization program, eLoran (enhanced Loran) and current Loran use in aviation and in Europe. Generally, the reports were upbeat and favorable to the much improved Loran system and its use as a complement to and backup for GPS. I also presented a report as part of a panel discussion on Navigation Safety. Langhorne Bond, the President of the ILA, thanked NBF for opposing legislation which would have shut down Loran and working to obtain language in the House/Senate Conference report guaranteeing continuation of Loran. There was also discussion of a new integrated GPS/Loran receiver being produced. To our knowledge the only manufacturer of such a device is Sitex.

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NOAA - National System for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

This is a draft frame work for developing a National system for MPAs. It would consider and states: "as appropriate, the recommendations of government partners concerning a structure and function that builds partnerships with and supports the efforts and voluntary participation of state, tribal and local governments." "Increasing impacts on the world's oceans, caused by development, over fishing, and natural events, are straining the health of our coastal and marine ecosystem. Some of these impacts to the marine and Great Lakes environment have resulted in declining fish populations; degradation of coral reefs, sea grass beds, and other vital habitats; threats to rare or endangered species; and loss of artifacts and areas that are part of our nation's historic and cultural heritage." This is still a draft framework for developing MPAs and public comment is invited. Electronic copies may be downloaded at <http://www.mpa.gov>. As is the case in some Government initiatives, this could limit areas for use by the boating public or eliminate them entirely.



CBYCA's 50th Anniversary ! Latest News



CBYCA starts its celebration of 50 years of service to the boating community in 2007.

There will be a cocktail party to celebrate this event, Saturday April 21, 2007 at the Boumi Shrine. Please mark your calendar for this date. Presentations will be made to the founding and charter clubs. More details on this event will follow in the January issue of the Chartroom Chatter.

The CBYCA has a few items for sale to commemorate this event.

50th Tee shirts.....\$10.00 each for regular sizes. Sold by order only

50th Flags.....\$30.00 Sold by order only

The 50th Flag is a full size 12" x 19" embroidered flag . Blue background with the 50th logo and a gold border. This is a quality flag and will be great to fly on your boat or hang on the wall of your clubhouse.

Please contact me by email to place an order : jgarlotta@hotmail.com

John Garlotta PC

At the same time the CBYCA Delegates were meeting November 18 at North East River Yacht Club, a benefit fund raiser to assist the family of Queen Lacie Bunting was being held in Essex, MD. IPC Donofrio reached out at the meeting asking others to help the Bunting family during this time of medical crisis. The CBYCA donated \$400.00 and the Delegates present more than doubled that with contributions amounting to almost \$1000.00. The donation was delivered to the Benefit Fund Raiser by Delegate Ernie Molnar of Red Eye Yacht Club. About \$6500 was collected for the fund but more is needed. Visit the CBYCA website for more information on how you may help.

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Qualifications Officer Report

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First, I would like to thank all of the clubs who were represented at our November Delegates' Meeting. The Delegates voted to accept the Pleasant Yacht Club as a member of the CBYCA and to reinstate Marley Boat Club. We have talked with a number of other interested clubs and are working very hard to bring them in; you will be hearing more about them later in 2007.

As you know, now is the time to start submitting your club roster information for the 2007 CBYCA Roster Book. The easiest way to do this, is to go into the CBYCA web site (www.cbyca.org) and on the right side click on Roster Yearbook. Then click on Roster Information-On line Forms. Go down to Club Name and scroll down to find your club. From there just fill in the blanks. After you have done this and checked it to make sure everything is correct, go back to the top of the form and fill in your name, etc. Then hit the submit button at the very end of the form. The sooner you get your information in, the better and less chance of mistakes in the Roster Book because it will allow time for us to contact you if there are questions. Although I have received information from a number of clubs and have tried to be diligent in getting that information in, I would appreciate it very much if the information is entered by the delegate or someone in the club who knows the officers. A Roster Form was sent out to all member clubs prior to the November Delegates' Meeting.

I want to take this time to wish you all a wonderful season of love and happiness during the Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year.



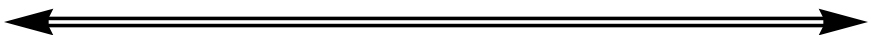
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Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is December 25, 2006

Please submit your new Roster info as soon as available. The easiest way is through the website WWW.CBYCA.ORG. If you have any changes to the current Roster info please contact me with the corrections : PD@CBYCA.ORG or regular mail, 11 Needlepoint La, Willingboro, NJ 08046. Also we have been receiving many "return to sender" Chartroom Chatters, if you are going to be away for months at a time, please contact me at the above address with your new mailing address, or the time of your return. otherwise your copy may have to be deleted from our mailing list.



2006 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

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