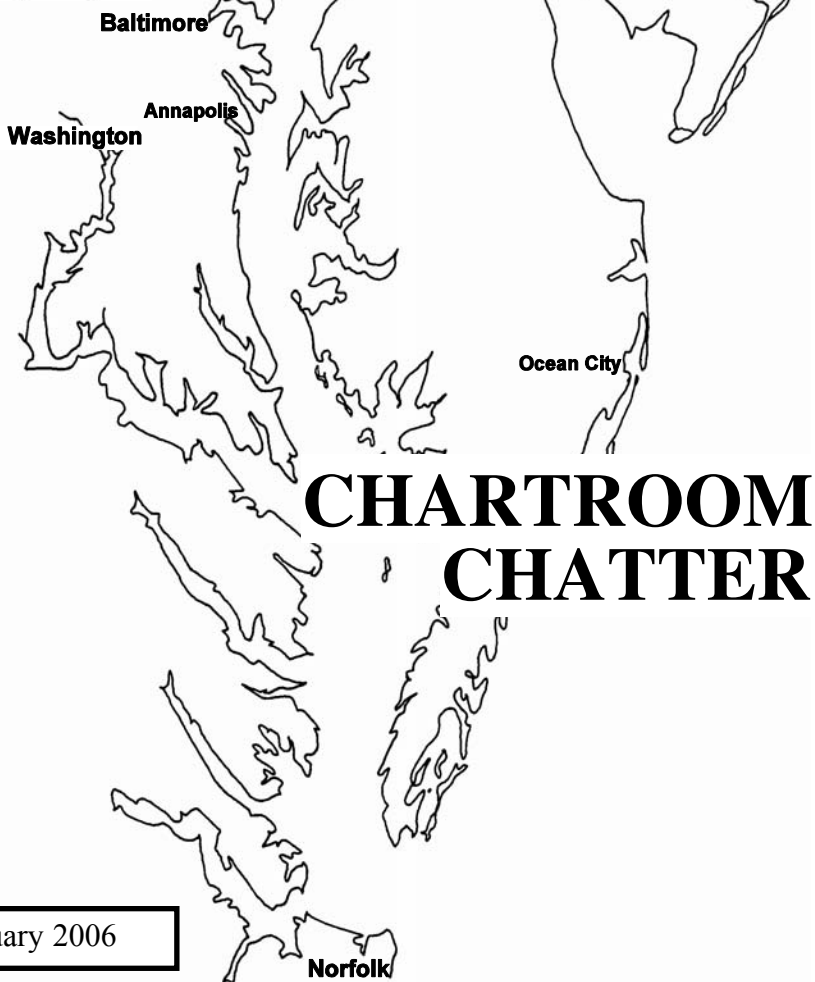


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Commodore's Corner

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Everyone at the CBYCA Ball had such a great time. Thanks to all who helped in anyway but mostly thanks to the folks who attended this event making the "Nutcracker Ball" such a huge success.

First Lady June and myself were overwhelmed with the large turnout. North East River Yacht Club had the most people with 19 members at the ball. We were thrilled to meet so many wonderful people. I am especially appreciative to the helpers in the Hospitality Room who helped keep everyone fed and full of beverage. Incidentally, the hospitality room did not close until 2:30 AM and the last to leave were Harbor North, Charlestown and North East River Yacht Clubs. The Ball is over and time to get back to work.

Our last BOG meeting was held at Selby Bay Yacht Club. We had an opportunity to hear from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. Charles Conklin, Vice Chairman MD introduced Executive Director Mr. David Bancroft. Mr. Bancroft reviewed the mission of the Alliance and how programs they promote affect the quality of water and the environment of the Estuary. We asked the representatives to investigate how they may help with some boating problem including onboard treatment legislation, recreational dredging projects, access to land / water for boaters under the BIG program and improved pumpout locations. The meeting was followed by the BOG Christmas Party MC'd by P/C Dion Guthrie. Thanks to Selby Bay Yacht Club and Delegate Emil Gallina for the hospitality and use of a superb facility.

The CBYCA is going to the Baltimore Boat Show. That's right; we will have a booth at the show complements of the NMMA to promote the CBYCA and the member clubs. In exchange we urge all members of clubs to attend the NMMA Baltimore Boat Show. Please see the CBYCA Special Discount Coupon on the back of the Events Golden Rod. This is a first time situation and we are still working on details. We hope to find an opportunity to meet people that are not members of a yacht club and direct them to the Roster Book. There they can locate information about clubs in an area of interest. This may be one way we can help clubs find new members. We hope this opportunity will be rewarding for all the volunteers that plan to stand watch at the booth. Stop by and visit us. We will be there to answer any questions.

Insurance is a big issue for most clubs. I am currently looking at plans that may save hundreds if not thousands of dollars to member clubs. Directors/Officers coverage is one specific area of interest that will be targeted. Many clubs that do not have a facility have no insurance coverage at all. This leaves many individuals vulnerable and without insurance coverage, no protection. It is hoped that we may have a presentation prepared by the February meeting.

Communications is a very important part of our established purpose of existence. The Website is updated regularly but does not go far enough to explain in a concise manner - "What is the CBYCA" and what do we do for our membership. To this end, District Representative Tom Cusick has been asked to prepare a Power Point presentation to explain and introduce the CBYCA to prospective and current members. Anyone interested in working with DR Cusick is urged to contact him via email DRF@CBYCA.ORG. At the completion of this project we will have a CD that may be used for mailing or with a video projector and a presentation team.

DSLMD Novotny has moved to a liaison position do to medical reasons and I am proud to announce the appointment of our new Director of State Legislation for Maryland Kevin Noon Past Commodore of Bush River Yacht Club. DSLMD Noon had volunteered to act a liaison for the Bush River Dredging projects that the CBYCA is supporting. Little did he know that he would be called to help at a higher responsibility. Thank you Kevin for stepping up. We are with you all the way.



Vice Commodore's Report

Don Burton VC@CBYCA.ORG



Carolyn and I want to add our wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

We now have a full compliment of District Representatives. Check your Roster Book (page 142) to verify the District your Club is in. There is a listing of the current DR's, their phone numbers and e-mail addresses, on the inside of the front cover of the Chatter.

A tentative listing of CBYCA meeting dates is included in the back of this issue. There are several open dates available, especially in the second half of 2006. Any Club wishing to host a Board meeting (approx. 25 persons) or a Board/Delegates (approx. 100 persons) should contact me, 410-885-2492.

Our next two meetings are:

Board	January 21st - 10:00am, Middle River YC
Delegates	February 18th - 1:00pm, Bush River YC

We are forming an Ad Hoc Committee to address dredging issues. Anyone with experience or having an interest in this subject is welcome to join. Again, contact me at 410-885-2492. Meetings will generally be "as needed" or in conjunction with Board or Delegates meetings.

See you soon; do not forget that the CBYCA will have a booth at the Baltimore Boat Show, January 21 -26; Stop by and say hello.



Rear Commodore's Report

Coles Marsh •RC@CBYCA.ORG



Holiday Greetings to all!

The Holiday Spirit was certainly alive at the CBYCA ball. If you missed the event please take a look at the pictures on the Web Site. The Theme of the Nutcracker was well carried out with over 100 crafted Nutcrackers on display, (yes fellows, one was a girl) Renee' and I have collected Nutcrackers for several years and have never seen a girl. The warm greeting from club officers and ladies made the event even more special. The Commodores family, our Princesses and The Queen of the Chesapeake added a special touch as we welcomed the new Commodore and first Lady for the year 2006.

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I would like to convey a very special thanks to Past Commodore John and first Lady Ali for a great 2005. The past year saw the revision of the By-Laws, and a very successful Roster Book, with many sincere and loving friends to help them have an exciting year. "HATS OFF TO YOU BOTH".

The 2006 Roster Book is off to a great start with some \$3,500 in Ads already in. Please place your Club or individual ad early. I would love to see a banner year for 2006. The Roster Book is very professional, and should make all member clubs proud of the efforts of those involved. It is very informative and as our founding members indicated a tool to bring all members clubs valuable information. you can find advertising forms in this issue & also on the Website.

I look forward to working with Kevin Noon as he takes my past position as Maryland Legislative Director for 2006. Members Clubs should be very proud to have the professionalism and dedicated service that he will bring to CBYCA as the Maryland Legislative Director. Looking forward to working with all officers and members clubs in 2006.

"YOUR CLUBS VOICE IS IMPORTANT"

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Please start signing up Friends & Patrons for the upcoming 48th annual Roster Book. Form & info was mailed to Commodores & Secretaries with the Dues invoices. Mail forms to Allie Chin, 38 Dennis Court, Hightstown, NJ 08520-3018 You can also go to the CBYCA Website at WWW.CBYCA.ORG & print out the forms you need. Any questions contact Allie Chin at **Patrons@cbyca.org**.
FRIENDS AD - your name, your club name and the name of your boat will be printed in the Rosterbook, Cost is \$2.00
PATRONS AD - your name, your club name and the name of your boat will be printed in the Roster book. In addition, you will receive the Chartroom Chatter& a copy of the 2006 CBYCA Rosterbook. Cost is \$20.00, Deadline is Feb 28,2006
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Legislative Director's Report

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It appears that the states that were involved in the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement are showing a greater commitment to recovery efforts. Virginia had new regulations go into effect in November to require the York and James Rivers to meet the quality standards already imposed on the Rappahannock and Potomac. Reduction in nitrogen and phosphorus will reduce the algae that starve the bay of oxygen. Gov. Warner wants to earmark \$200 million for the recovery effort. The Gov -elect Kaine has endorsed the plan. We the boating community need to follow this closely when he takes office.

Maryland is in the second year of its "flush Tax" This is a great aid in cleaning the bay.

Gov. Rendell of Pennsylvania has made a commitment to a cleaner Susquehanna River. A cleaner Susquehanna is vital to the bay because it contributes half of the fresh water that enters the bay.

We need Washington's response to match those of Annapolis, Richmond and Harrisburg. We need to press our congressional delegations to work hard to achieve this.



Maryland Legislative Report

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Greetings and I trust everyone had a happy holiday. My name is Kevin Noon; I am a Past Commodore of Bush River Yacht Club. It will be my pleasure being your Director of State Legislation for Maryland this year.

There was a second meeting in Harford County to discuss the dredging of the Bush River. At present there will be three channels dredged, one to Otter Point, one down the western shore and another down the eastern shore. There will be another "workshop" meeting scheduled in the near future. This meeting will be held to discuss "Spur Channels" to the various marinas and yacht clubs. The proposed depth is between four and five feet at mean low tide.

There has been much talk of the B I G Program, this stands for Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The website <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/grantsandloans/waterwayimprovement.asp> will provide many details on this grant process.

The Maryland Legislative Session starts in January and I look forward to reporting back to the membership on any legislation directed at the Boating Community.



Virginia Legislative Report

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All appeared quiet on the Virginia General Assembly legislative front for the New Year as far as boaters are concerned.

December 12 was the deadline for pre-filing of legislation that would be readied for the opening of the General Assembly on January 11. As of the December 28 deadline for the Chartroom Chatter, no bills were on file in either the House or Senate that had to do with recreational boating, the Chesapeake Bay or Personal Flotation Devices. Four bills dealing with eminent domain questions were filed, but none appeared to have direct impact on the City of Alexandria's possible takeover of the Old Dominion Boat Club. CBYCA will be monitoring this issue.



Pennsylvania/ New Jersey Legislative Report

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Bills Passed In The House:

HB 1641 Fairchild (R)

(PN 2026) Amends 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. This bill allows boat yards,

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marinas and yacht clubs to accelerate boat and marine forfeiture. This bill was passed with all votes in favor of the bill, most unusual occurrence in Pennsylvania politics.

Senate State Government Committee

SB 881 Pennsylvania Senate tackled reform of its state's eminent domain laws. In response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Kelo v. City of New London*. This bill will stop continued abuse of eminent domain throughout the state. In a unanimous vote, the Senate passed S.B. 881, the Property Rights Protection Act. The bill, introduced by State Senator Jeffrey Piccola, prohibits the use of eminent domain for commercial development and tightens the definition of blight (declaring a property "blighted" is a prerequisite for condemning it and transferring it to another private party). However, at the last minute, exceptions were inserted to exclude existing blight designations in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Philadelphia's City Council members under pressure withdrew a resolution critical of PGW's proposed liquid natural gas terminal in Port Richmond.

Members of the Street administration requested City Council members to withdraw a strongly worded resolution that would have effectively eliminated a Philadelphia Gas Works(PGW) proposal to build a liquid natural gas (LNG) terminal on the Delaware River. PGW rents the land from the city.

The submitted resolution by Council stated they would not approve any legislation needed to implement" an LNG terminal and expresses City Council's "unqualified opposition" to the proposal.

The Coast Guard says" an LNG tanker headed for Port Richmond would require major security during the 12-hour journey from the mouth of the Delaware Bay River traffic would be limited and bridges closed as a tanker floated by."

U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz was appointed to the Committee on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005. Her role on the conference committee is to help protect that language in this legislation. This includes requirements for the Coast Guard to conduct a vulnerability assessment of all elements of PGW's proposal to construct a liquefied natural gas terminal at their Port Richmond facility.

New Jersey Report

Liability Insurance (information obtained from NMMA)

NJ A3500/3080, the mandatory liability insurance bill passed last week in the Assembly, but its prospects in the Senate is questionable. There is only one more possible committee date in the Senate in January; however this issue may not make it since there is no Senate sponsor.

Mandatory Boat Safety Education

NJ A2624, the mandatory education bill, is on hold till the January voting sessions to see if compromises can be reached between the Assembly sponsor and the Senate. The Senate granted the request of the State Police to water down the standards for boat safety instruction that NMMA had originally requested.

Concerns have also been raised by groups like the Power Squadron that background checks are going to be required for volunteers teaching boat safety courses under the bill. Senate and Assembly staff has told NMMA that changes are unlikely to that section of the bill, although the Senate is considering offering the background checks at reduced cost.

LNG N.J.-Del. boundary-rights dispute

U.S Supreme court agreed to take up a boundary-rights dispute between New Jersey. The case is New Jersey v. Delaware, Case No. 134. I doubt if the case would be heard in January.

The possibility of the LNG terminal approval by federal regulators and eventually given a pass by the U.S. Supreme Court would result in, two to three tankers a week making their way up the river, escorted by armed ships and squads of shoreline defenders. This would be similar to the Boston protocol.

"As far as the Coast Guard is concerned, this project is a do-able project. That's the basic conclusion of our review," said Lt. Cmdr. Tim Meyers, a Coast Guard spokesman. Under normal conditions, he said, tanker arrivals are unlikely to trigger any disruption for traffic or riverside attractions, or "unreasonable" effects on recreational boating. He does not define unreasonable effects.



Delaware Legislative Report Kay Brawley •DSLDE@CBYCA.ORG



Economics Favor Deeper Channel?

Although many are concerned with the proposal to deepen the Delaware River shipping channel, given the realities in the aftermath of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, many feel it is vital to our economic future that we begin to look for ways to make our current refinery production as efficient as possible. Some ways to increase the efficiency of the current system can be found in the Delaware River area, which is home to the second-largest petrochemical refining center in the country, with six major petroleum refineries along the River: three in PA, two in NJ, and one in DE. These refineries have a combined production exceeding 1 million barrels/day, and depend on the shipping channel of the River to deliver crude oil.

There have been proposals for over 20 years to deepen the main channel of the River to enable modern ships to deliver crude to these refineries more efficiently. According to a report recently released from John Perzel, speaker of the PA state house of representatives, overall increase in efficiency of the existing processes would be a major step toward improving the economic viability of the River's port areas, and in turn, the entire region. Perzel pointed out that this economic development project has been stalled and the economic feasibility of the project questioned.

LNG Tankers on Delaware River

The U.S. Coast Guard gave to go-ahead for liquefied natural gas tankers to sail up the Delaware River to a proposed terminal in Gloucester County (NJ), if extensive security measures are put into place, including safety zones around the LNG carriers, a waterway traffic management plan, escorts by armed law enforcement vessels, and surveillance on the water and along the shore.

According to the USCG, the security measures were recommended by a committee of about 20 law enforcement, security and public safety officials from the federal government, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The State of Delaware has objected to the terminal, saying its pier will extend into its territorial waters and would violate the state's coastal protection law.

This objection most likely will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. The decision is slated for this month.

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Rescue 21 System Launched by USCG - On Dec 20 the USCG officially accepted and dedicated its advanced search and rescue communications command and control system, called Rescue 21. A dedication ceremony was held at the USCG Air Station, Atlantic City NJ. Other sectors will be implemented incrementally in the coming year. With Rescue 21, the Digital Selective Calling feature on our VHF marine radios will be activated. The radios must be registered to obtain a Mobile Maritime Service Identity (MMSI) number. When the DSC button is activated the identifying information is automatically broadcast over channel 70 which is reserved for DSC transmissions. Again, as was stated in the September Chatter, it is time to upgrade your VHF radio with one containing this feature.

GMDSS - The Global Maritime Distress & Safety System task force will meet Thursday 5 January 2006, at the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) at 1800 Kent St, #1060; Arlington Virginia. GMDSS is the overall USCG Command and Control system upgrade at CG stations nationwide and includes deep sea commercial services as well as coastal operation under Rescue 21. Reports will be given by the USCG, FCC, RTCM and others. All are invited to attend.



Qualifications Officer Report

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We are now starting the New Year and that means it is time to get the information in on your club for the Roster book. Last year there were too many clubs that missed the dead line and did not have the correct information in the Roster book. It is not only bad for your club when you miss the deadline but also for all the other clubs that use the Roster book to see who to call for information about your clubs affairs etc. As I mentioned last month, the best way to get your information in is through the CBYCA web site (www.cbyca.org) and follow the instructions. That said let me go through it with you here from the beginning to the end.

After you have entered the web site scroll down and click on Click Here to Enter Site. On the right side click on Roster Year Book - On Line Entry. From there go down to Roster Information-On Line Form. As you scroll down you will see a space for the person that is putting in the information to put in their name. **DO NOT FILL THAT OUT UNTIL YOU HAVE PUT ALL THE INFORMATION IN AND HAVE CHECKED IT TO MAKE SURE IT IS CORRECT.** After you have checked it and everything looks good you go up and fill in the information on the top about yourself and then scroll down to the bottom and hit Submit. If you do it in this order you will not send it before you are ready too. We have also included in this issue the form for Roster info.

At this time I would like to thank all of the clubs that have already sent their Roster information in. It is a big job to get this information sorted out and in a book form and have it printed and ready for you by the April Delegate meeting. So please get that information to us as soon as possible. Thanks for your support.

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**A letter received from a founding member of the CBYCA
Colonel Edwin J. Wolf (RET)**

11/25/05

To: Publicity Director,

I am glad that I am still on the mailing list. Believe me, I read every word of the "Chartroom Chatter & Roster Book". Definitely read of progress, particularly of the clubs membership. It was always my hope as a Charter Member, with Bill Mathews and a few others that we would encompass every boater's interest in the Bay and the States adjoining.

Looks like that has been accomplished. Keep up the good work, for the CBYCA was established on a solid foundation

My best wishes to all and good wishes for a Happy New Year.

Most Sincerely,

Col. Edwin J. Wolf (ret.)

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Publicity Director's Report

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2006 CBYCA Meeting Schedule

Mark Your Calendars !

January 21	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Middle River YC
February 18	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Bush River YC
		1300 hrs	Delegates	Bush River YC
March 18	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Avail. for NJ or Pa Club
April 22	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Crescent YC (Tentative)
		1300 hrs	Delegates	Crescent YC (Tentative)
June 3	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Maryland YC
August 19	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Maryland YC
		1300 hrs	Delegates	Maryland YC

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