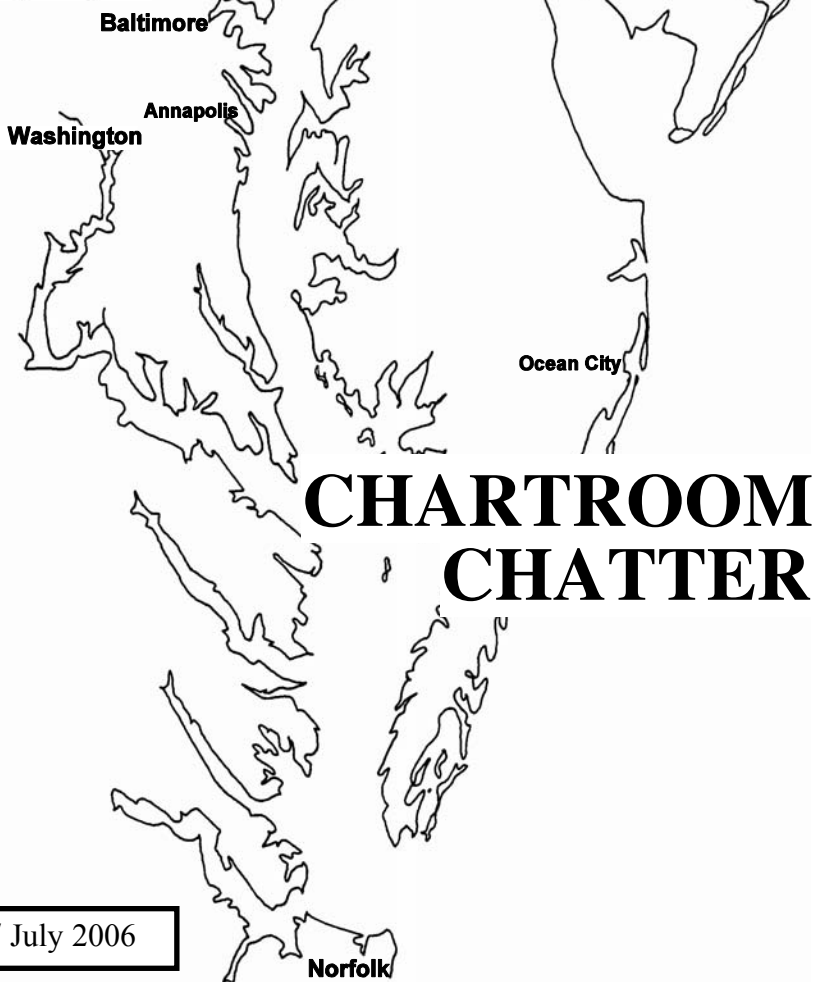


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Commodore's Corner

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The 2006 spring season Opening Days has been blessed with great weather for club events. From the North to the South, many clubs celebrated milestones of service to their membership such as Anchor Yacht Club, PA with 100 years to Mt. Vernon Yacht Club, VA with 50 years. Congratulations to every club that reached Anniversary achievements. First Lady June and myself have traveled far and wide visiting clubs for Opening Days. On a few occasions, we had openings at eight location and hundreds of miles apart. It may have been impossible for a representative to attend your opening and we apologize. I suggest that for next year, a coordinated review of this year to eliminate conflicts in time and dates.

The CBYCA is also approaching a milestone of 50 years of dedicated service to the Membership. This September, we enter our 49th year. It has been 50 years since our founders formulated and traveled through 5 states to organize the CBYCA. Over these many years we have grown to the expectations of our founders. Extremely important legalization to improve boating conditions for mariners has been spearheaded by the CBYCA in every state where we represent our members.

Our work will never cease. Even now our Legislative Directors have been busily attending meetings on LNG hearings. LNG is a hot topic from Philadelphia to Baltimore and we are working to reduce the impact these facilities will have on boating. Take the time to read the reports from our Legislative Group. These folks are the best you are going to find anywhere. The Board of Directors work tirelessly to defend boating issues on waterways and on land to protect and improve your boating experience.

No doubt you have heard that we may face another excessive hurricane season. Preparation is the keyword. A few years ago many clubs were devastated by storms with many boats and docks destroyed. We are also faced with many other dangers including fires, fuel spills and accidents. All of these need preparedness. Does every member of your club know what to do in the event of any of these dangers? Chances are answer is NO! The CBYCA is proud to have a member of the board is an expert instructor of plans that should be in place for these types of emergencies. DR Tom Cusick is preparing a short course to be presented at a Delegates meeting. It will outline what you can do to prepare for emergencies.

The Board of Governors recently voted to add three more District Representative to cover areas of the Southern Eastern shore and areas in Virginia. I am sure this will ease the burden on existing DR's and improve coverage to member clubs. On another matter, the Nominations Committee has presented to me the lists of Nominations for 2007. These people represent another excellent group of dedicated boaters stepping up to help our goals. I urge your continued support for them at the August Delegates meeting.

Maryland Yacht Club hosted the "Queen of the Chesapeake" pageant and crowned Queen Lacie Bunting of Red Eye Yacht Club. Congratulations to Queen Lacie and all the Princesses and Past Queens for their dedication and participation in boating. To see pictures of the event visit the CBYCA website.

With much regret we note the passing of Douglas G. Michael on April 23, 2006 at the age of 85, in Rotunda West, Florida. Doug was Commodore of the Chesapeake Bay Club Association in 1977 and Commodore of the Kent Island Yacht Club in 1970. He was a great individual and contributor to the boating and yacht club associations. Marie, Doug's wife, resides at 253 Caddy Road, Rotunda West, Florida 33947, Phone 941-697-8085, email- supedo@GLS53C.com, and would appreciate hearing from old friends.



Vice Commodore's Report

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Mark your calendar for the next Board and Delegates meeting on August 19th at Baltimore Yacht Club. Elections for CBYCA Officers and Board will be held at this meeting. Also, our speaker will be a representative from the U.S. Coast Guard who will speak on the "Bay Watch" program.

Please see the back of the Goldenrod for our meeting schedule for the balance of this year.



Rear Commodore's Report

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The final Roster Book results are in and I'm please to say your 2006 edition was on budget with sales and expenses.

My thoughts for the next issues:

- (1) Incentive for Clubs to advertise. What would you like to see?
- (2) Photos from member Club events.
- (3) Special pages for couples or individual photos.
- (4) Secure (10) more commercial advertisers.

Thanks again to all who advertised and to those who worked hard to make your book a success this year.

This is the member clubs book; we hope you will offer your comments on the above suggestions and any others you may have.

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Legislative Director's Report

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As we are all aware, the LNG issue will be with us a long time to come. I attended a meeting with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials on June 6 in Downingtown, Pa. The meeting brought boaters and non-boaters to the same conclusion that LNG issues are a problem for us all. Under the current regulations notification is only required if the pipeline is within 200 ft. of your property. Some of those attending the meeting were unaware that the LNG was coming by ship to Baltimore and Philadelphia. I feel the more the public is aware of the pipeline sites the more support we as boaters will receive from the general public. Some of the land owners already have four existing pipelines going through their property. They cannot refuse under Eminent Domain.

In May DSLNJPA Art Friedman and I attended a meeting at West End Boat Club with representatives from DuPont Chemical and the US Army in reference to the VX Gas waste water issue. Col. Jesse Barber is in charge of the project and went to great lengths to reassure us that DuPont has the necessary expertise to dispose of the waste water. After a 3hr meeting there were still unanswered questions. One of the big questions left unanswered was the monitoring of the Delaware River upstream and downstream. There was no commitment from DuPont on the scope of monitoring. We intend to follow this issue very closely. At this time the contract has not been awarded.



Maryland Legislative Report

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LNG is still making headlines!!!!

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hosted meetings this month to allow residents to comment on how this 87 mile LNG pipeline from Sparrows Point to Pa running right through Baltimore and Harford Counties project would affect their lives, recreation and property values.

Interestingly enough you only received notification if the pipeline were to run within 200 feet of your property. Thanks to many in our community the CBYCA was made aware of these meetings and attend all three.

I am pleased to report V/C Don Burton led the charge and was supported by many board members and politicians. Robert Ehrlich Governor of Maryland showed up at the North Point-Edgemere meeting along with several concerned citizens voicing opposition.

I did not make the Harford County meeting but I understand it was very VERBAL in opposition as well.

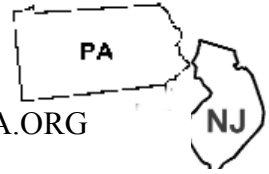
This is a bad idea, the only place this should be stored is OFF-SHORE. Please get involved, I do not believe for a minute this is over, there is just TOO MUCH MONEY INVOLVED!!!

What can you do???? Write your state and federal officials and keep your ear to the ground, if you find out about a meeting let us know. I can be reached on our website and will make sure your information gets into the right hands.

I still remember Commodore Jerry, PC John, Ray and Joe, telling me not much happens in Maryland Politics when I was thinking of accepting this position. YEAH RIGHT!!!! Actually I would like to thank the Commodore and the aforementioned PC's as this has been a BLAST.



**Pennsylvania/
New Jersey
Legislative Report**
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Bill Signed by the Governor: HB 2054 Grell (R) This bill creates the Eminent Domain Code, which provides a complete and exclusive procedure and law to govern all condemnations of property for public purposes and the assessment of damages. The bill includes limitations on the use of eminent domain including prohibiting the use of eminent domain for private business. The bill also provides for blight, extraterritorial takings, eminent domain of agricultural property, procedure to condemn, procedure for determining damages, just compensation and measure of damages, and special damages for displacement.

Approved by the Governor : SB 881 Piccola (R) (PN 1414) Amends Title 26 (Eminent Domain) adding a chapter entitled the Property Rights Protection Act. The legislation prohibits the exercise by any condemnor of the power of eminent domain to take private property in order to use it for private enterprise.

PA Boating statistics 2005 : Registered Boats 349,159, Accidents 63, Fatalities 12, Injuries 52, Property damage \$256,535. Based on these statistics statutes are being considered for mandatory boating education.

New Commissioner : Lenny Lichvar of Boswell, Somerset County, has been sworn in as the newest Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commissioner. Commissioner Lichvar fills a vacant seat for Commission District 4, comprised of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin and Somerset counties.

New Jersey

LNG Update : The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has given approval of a plan to ship liquefied natural gas into southern New Jersey however the facility will not be able to open without more permits and a ruling from the United States Supreme Court.

The Crown Landing developers of the proposed LNG site stated that 82 people

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live within 1 mile of the proposed site and 383 within two miles.

However a New Jersey developer has demanded an outside review of energy giant BP's plan for a liquefied natural gas terminal along the Delaware River, saying regulators ignored thousands of future neighbors.

Windsor Companies LLC, based in Freehold, N.J., they are considering a proposed housing tract north of the LNG site that could have 1,326 homes with up to 4,000 residents, putting many within 1.5 miles of a complex designed to handle more than 150 million gallons of LNG weekly. Windsor's property lies along the New Jersey side of the river north of Penns Grove, N.J., opposite Marcus Hook, Pa., between Birch Creek and Raccoon Creek in Logan Township, N.J.

The proposed LNG facilities dock and a tanker will reach out into the river for about 2000 feet. The river at this point is 3000 yards wide with good water 1000 yards wide and the channel is 200' wide. Three deliveries a week of LNG will curtail boating to and from the C&D canal considerably.

New Power Boating Law Effective June 2006 : Under state law, those born in 1969 or later must have proof that they passed a boating safety course before they can legally operate a powerboat on New Jersey waterways.

People born in 1959 or later will be required to do so by June 2007, and people born in 1949 or later will be required to do so by June 2008.

By June 2009, all power-boaters will be required to pass a boating safety course.

VX wastewater dumping likely to be delayed : Work was halted at the Newport Chemical Depot in western Indiana after workers discovered degraded seals in a reactor used in the process. It took two weeks to replace the damaged seals and work has resumed.

Additional Testing planned : Operations will resume in the other reactor after testing is complete on that reactor's new three-way valve system. Engineering data related to the valve system replacement has revealed the maximum number of hours of operation before the valves' internal seals need to be examined.

Parsons Technology Inc. workers are destroying the VX stockpile by mixing batches of it with heated water and sodium hydroxide in the chemical reactors, leaving behind a caustic wastewater called hydrolysate.

The plan to ship the hydrolysate to South Jersey has been met with resistance. Under a provision included in the federal budget bill, the plan to dump nerve agent wastewater into the Delaware River may be delayed until at least next year.

The provision -- included in the bill by U.S. Reps. Rob Andrews, D-Haddon Heights, James Saxton, R-Mount Holly, and Frank LoBiondo, R-Vineland -- requires the General Accountability Office to conduct a study on the viability of the Army's proposal by the end of the year. The Army may not go forward with the VX plan until 60 days after the report is issued.



**Delaware
Legislative Report**
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Future Supply of Liquefied Natural Gas??

Internationally, according to the Wall Street Journal article of April 28, 2006, enough countries are moving to boost LNG production to source more gas that some analysts believe there could be an over-supply of LNG in the next decade. However, it is not clear how soon those projects of production can be finished, and delays may happen due to rising costs and environmental concerns such as we are dealing with in the CBYCA regions.

Locally in Delaware, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has released a report in support of the LNG pier project--which appears to be a procedural loss for Delaware but it's still too soon to call. Furthermore, the LNG terminal project got a safety approval report by the US Coast Guard. For more details, go to articles of the Delaware News Journal Online, April 29, 2006.

Finally, FERC will be conducting LNG terminal meetings in June regarding the Sparrows Point project and pipeline through Baltimore, Harford counties and into Pennsylvania. I will be attending the meeting on June 7 at Harford Community College to gather further information and hear comments on how the project could affect boater recreation and transportation. This will allow time for written response representing CBYCA to FERC by its comment deadline of June 16.



National Boating Federation
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Founded in 1966, the National Boating Federation celebrated its fortieth year at the Annual Meeting, April 22, 2006, at Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda, CA. We had good attendance by members and guests.

Formal congratulations were received from both the National Boating Safety Advisory Council to the Coast Guard (NBSAC) and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), as well as good wishes for our continued success from all present.

A panel of speakers, representing the width and breadth of recreational boating advocates presented their points of view. I reported on legislative activities in Washington followed by Larry Innis, Government spokesman for the Marine Retailers Association of America. Larry roundly criticized the recent actions of ALAB, in the allocation of funding between the boating safety and fishing interests to the detriment of the boating side. He cautioned against reopening the issue since the Wallop/Breaux legislation is included in the Highway bill which has already passed. He also indicated that CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) the gas mileage standards for light pickups and SUVs had been raised. This has implications to those who tow boats since raising fuel economy usually lowers horsepower.

Raynor Tsuneyoshi, Boating Law administrator of California expressed

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concern regarding a recent move by The California State Lands Commission proposing phasing out copper-based bottom paint for recreational vessels statewide. This type of suggestion could easily spread nation-wide and deserves our attention.

Langhorne Bond, President of the International Loran Association (ILA) again thanked NBF for its steadfast support of the continuation of Loran C as a back-up to interference-prone GPS, and presented us with a GPS/Loran C combined receiver unit, now being manufactured.

Jeanne Timmons, Executive Director of NBSAC brought greetings from Coast Guard Recreational Boating Director Jeff Hoedt, and also echoed the unreasonable, lopsided distribution of Wallop-Breaux boating safety funds, derived from our national fuel taxes.

John Johnson, Executive Director of NASBLA, urged our continued cooperation with his organization. NASBLA recognizes that there may be differences of opinion in some recreational boating administrative matters. Both organizations feel that these differences spark discussion and ultimately work for the benefit of all recreational boaters.

Joan Lundstrom, Chairman of the San Francisco Bay Harbor Safety Committee, Jeff MacCarthy, AIS expert with the San Francisco Bay Marine Exchange and other speakers, including reports from several of our member associations made for a well-rounded day, capped by the election of the 2006/07 NBF officers and Executive Committee members. Marlene Barrington of the Northwest Boating Council was elected to replace outgoing President Penny Orth.

Preceding the meeting the Executive Committee agreed on a NBF Position Statement on Eminent Domain.

The next meeting of the National Boating Federation is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2006, at the Holiday Inn in Olde Portsmouth, Virginia. The celebration of the 225th anniversary of the battle of nearby Yorktown is scheduled for the NBF weekend.

Other Items of Interest - The Coast Guard Change of Command - The Change of Command ceremony at Fort McNair in Washington, DC, was most impressive. Attendance included Michael Chertoff, Secy, DHS, General Pace, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secy Mineta, DOT, and, President Bush. Bush presented the CG the Presidential Unit Citation Award. Admiral Collins received the Distinguished Service Award. The Coast Guard was lauded for its service after Katrina and the many lives saved. The ceremony was most impressive with the retiring of Admiral Collins's colors and the raising of Adm Allen's aboard the Eagle which was anchored just outside the ceremony area in the Washington Channel. Secretary Chertoff cited many accomplishments of the CG and its service as the oldest continuous military service in the US (216 years). Admiral Allen will be the service's 23rd Commandant. General Pace cited the CG as "the Nations Maritime First Responders."

Loran C - Recent activities include forwarding the NBF Resolution on Loran to the Secretary's of DHS and DOT and Administrator Blakely of the FAA and the relevant Congressional committees. To date the House Appropriations Committee completed work on the FY 07 DHS Appropriations bill and gave LORAN continuation a boost in the committee report accompanying the legislation. In essence, it says DOT has not agreed with the Coast Guard proposal to terminate and the Committee assumes the continuation of LORAN since the decision has not been fully coordinated within executive branch. Now the task is to get language in the Senate Appropriations bill to effectively reject the proposal to terminate Loran.

Nominating Committee Report

As required by the Constitution and By-Laws of CBYCA, the 2006 Nominating Committee, consisting of P/C Karl Homberg, P/C Marty Weiner, P/C Ray Littleton, Tim Abel and IP/C John Garlotta, Chairperson, has selected the following slate of candidates for the 2007 elective offices to be voted on at the August 19, 2006 Delegates meeting. All of the candidates selected have expressed their willingness to serve.

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District B	Liz Horner	Outcast YC
District C	Debbie Fields	Miles River YC
District D	Rolfe Garrett	Otter Point YC
District E	Richard Bruns	Baltimore YC
District F	Thomas Cusick	Admirals Annapolis YC
District G	Howard Gasaway, Sr.	Chesapeake Cruisers Assn
District H	Tim Baker	Prince William YC
District I	Robert Warren	Mathews YC
District J	John Zalusky	Solomons Island YC
Nominating Commt(07-08)	Thomas Powers	Northern Star Hunter Sailing
Nominating Commt(07-08)	P/C Fred Levitan	P/C Cbyca 1989
Nominating Commt(07-08)	Richard Miller	Kent Island YC
Nominating Commt(06-07)	P/C Ray Littleton	Bush River YC
Nominating Commt(06-07)	Tim Abel	Prince William YC

Upon completion of his current term of office, Commodore Jerry Donofrio will serve as IP/C and become Chairperson of the 2007 Nominating Committee.

Sincerely,

John Garlotta

IP/C John Garlotta, Chairperson, 2006 Nominating Committee

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