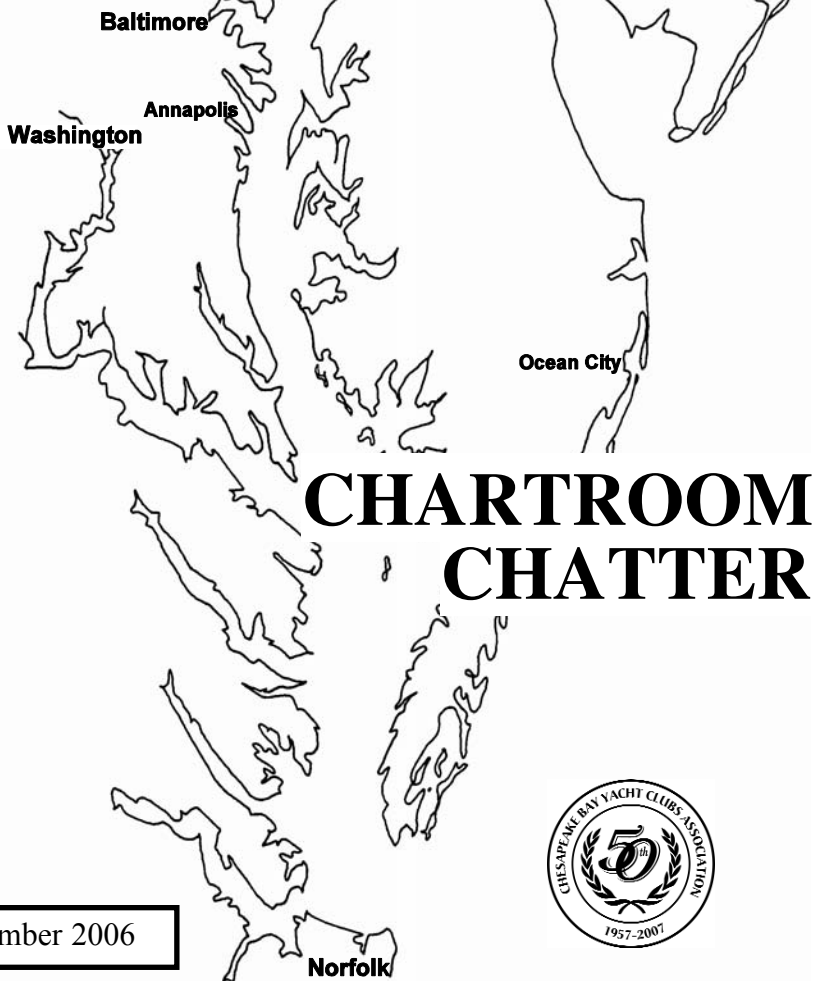


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The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) is a non-profit, volunteer association of Yacht Clubs located throughout the five state Chesapeake Bay Region. Its purpose is to represent the interests of recreational boating at the national, state and local levels of government, and to promote boating safety and education. For information, visit the CBYCA homepage at:

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Commodore's Corner

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Our last Delegates meeting was held at Baltimore Yacht Club. Sincere thanks to Commodore Phil Hock and the staff for Hosting our Board and Delegates for the Election Meeting. Congratulations to the 2007 Board of Governors Elect that will move into office at the November meeting. Thanks also to the Delegates that traveled great distances to be a part of their election process.

We are now entering the Fall Legislative period. Now we must keep tuned in on any previously proposed legislation and keep an eye out for new legislative issues that may pop up that will adversely affect boaters. Eminent Domain still looms on the horizon for any waterfront property owner. Specifically, yacht clubs! Municipalities are on the lookout for opportunities to cash in on valuable properties for commercial development now that the Supreme Court ruling has taken hold in local communities.

New Jersey is facing a possibility of mandatory Death and Injury liability insurance for all registered vessels over 25 HP. The legislation passed the Assembly and currently resides in the Senate Transportation Committee without a sister Senate bill to support the measure. On the surface this sounds like a good idea but further investigations reveals many pit falls. The Bill "A-1953" was moved on a party line vote and was never properly heard or vetted in committee. So much for independent thinking from our Legislators.

The overwhelming majority of deaths and injuries occur in vessels under 23 feet. In this group about 50% of incidents are in boats 16 feet and under. USCG records illustrate the larger the vessel, the fewer the fatalities per 1 million population. The Bill was watered down to exclude smaller vessels, under 25 HP after pressure from constituents in many of the Northern lake communities and people along the shore who use small outboards for crabbing and fishing. These are primary contributors to the statistical data of deaths but were excluded from the "Protective Legislation". Many of these boats could be covered under a home owner's policy, generally at no cost.

If the bill is moved in the Senate it will mean that every registered boat, regardless of age, will have to have a survey to get insurance and many older boats, especially wooden boats may not be able to find insurance. Currently, there is no standard "liability only" insurance written without a clause for property damage. BoatUS only writes policies on an individual basis that includes property damage. The cost for insurance and a survey could reach on average \$1000 per boat. There were less than 8 deaths by vessel in New Jersey during 2004. The proposed New Jersey law does not include property damage. We have asked to be heard on the issue if the bill is moved in the Committee.

As we enter the Fall Season many clubs will be voting on a new Bridge. Please be sure to enter your new Bridge info on our website - CBYCA.ORG. You may enter all the new data on a form that will go directly to our data base server.

If you need help please give me a call. Alternatively, we have included a copy of the form in this issue of the Chartroom Chatter. This will help you in securing all the information needed to complete the form on line. While on line be sure to enter your clubs activities for publication. If you have a flyer on the event, send it to the Webmaster for publication. We want to help coordinate member's events to prevent overlap.

First Lady June and I will be attend Ball's through the month of November. This has been a very challenging year for the CBYCA and I wish to thank my entire Board of Governors for their support and hard work throughout this year. We are not finished with our work and are preparing the incoming Board with the tools to continue a seamless transition. Again, Congratulations to Commodore Elect Don Burton and the finest group of dedicated officers any volunteer organization could possibly aspire.



Vice Commodore's Report

Don Burton VC@CBYCA.ORG



Our thanks to Brian Bjers and his staff at Baltimore Yacht Club for hosting our September Board of Governors and Delegates meeting. Also, my special thanks to the Linda & BYC staff for making the "Commodore Elect's" cocktail party, following the elections, a success.

Our next Board meeting will be at Mount Vernon Yacht Club, Alexandria, VA on September 16th. See back page for the complete meeting schedule for the balance of this year.

Plans for the CBYCA Commodores Ball are firming up. It will be held on December 9th at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center (Travel Plaza), O'Donnell Street, Baltimore, MD. Member club invitations will go out in September.

The cost will be 75.00 per person; Princesses \$35.00. Mark your calendars now.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Best Western for this event at \$99.00. (mention CBYCA). Phone 410-633-9500. Dinner will be prime rib; music by Robin & the Rhythmix.

Ball reservations can be made by contacting Tom Powers at 410-687-4442 or QQ@CBYCA.ORG. Happy Boating.



Rear Commodore's Report

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We had a great Delegates meeting at Baltimore Yacht Club on August 19th.

I congratulate all elected officers for 2007. I'm very excited to be part of that team.

I was happy to report the income from the 2006 Roster Book was \$ 8,746. In the last Chatter I outlined some ideas I have to pass on for the 2007 edition. If you would like extra copies of the Book, please contact me via phone or email. The cost is \$ 10.00 plus \$ 3.00 for shipping.

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Legislative Director's Report

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The past year has been an extremely busy year in legislation. Many of the issues we started the year with are still major issues for the boating community.

The CBYCA web site contains House Bills from the various states that should be of concern to all of us. Please take the time to read over the information. As a voice of the boating community we are still urging everyone to oppose the LNG tankers coming to our waters. The LNG engineers were recently banned from government property in Baltimore. Baltimore County is very much against the AES facility. The public officials from all of the effected areas are becoming more aware of public opposition. In Pennsylvania the CDC issued a report endorsing the release of VX Gas by-products into the Delaware. This is a major concern to all of the areas the Delaware River flows into. We will be closely watching this issue. Pa also has a new BUI law. New Jersey has the new insurance liability law still under consideration. A certificate of education requirement for all boaters has become law. These are just a sampling of the Legislative issues that are of concern to the boating community. I urge everyone to check out the web site that gives information in depth. We all need to stay informed on these many issues.



Maryland Legislative Report

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I found an article on the internet I thought was worthwhile sending to our membership.

"Guidance on Risk Analysis and Safety Implications of a Large Liquefied Natural Gas Spill over Water"
Who wrote it: Eleven experts on staff at the Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico

Why: For the U.S. Department of Energy

When: Published December 2004

Method: Risk-assessment based on fire and dispersion models of LNG spilling from a double-hulled, 125,000 cubic-meter-class LNG tanker. Spill scenarios estimate an accident would create a hole about 5 feet in diameter and that an intentional incident could create a hole up to 13 feet in diameter. Scenarios assume about 12,500 cubic meters -- 3.3 million gallons -- could spill from one tank and up to 37,500 cubic meters of LNG -- 9.9 million gallons -- could spill from all three tanks on the ship.

There are multiple conclusions, each worth reading, I have included the web link for you. Enjoy

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Pennsylvania/ New Jersey Legislative Report

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Pennsylvania

New limit would curb drinking onboard

The state Senate in June passed legislation SB 1262 that would lower the blood-alcohol threshold to 0.08 from 0.10. The House is expected to take up the legislation next month.

Rep. Bruce Smith, a York County Republican and chairman of the House Game and Fisheries Committee, said the bill will be a top priority. "The law needs to be changed. There's no reason why boating under the influence and driving under the influence should be different," Smith said. The state Fish and Boat Commission, which enforces boating laws, has long sought the change, said commission spokesman Dan Tredinnick. When enforced federally by the U.S. Coast Guard, the limit is 0.08. In Pennsylvania, alcohol is a contributing factor

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in about 80 percent of boating accidents, Tredinnick said.

HB 2900 By B. Smith. Amends Title 30 (Fish) further providing for acknowledgement of guilt and receipts for payment; providing for a youth fishing license; further providing for exemptions from license requirements & for license, permit & issuing agent fees.

Rep. Bruce Smith (R-York/Cumberland) introduced legislation today that would create a Youth Fishing License for persons 12 to 15 years old. The license would cost \$5 and the proceeds would be directed to programs benefiting youth anglers, said Smith who chairs the House Game and Fisheries Committee. "This measure has the full support of the Fish and Boat Commission and the Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation," Smith said. "This is a 'fun' raising measure not a fund raising measure as the proceeds from the licenses will be used to promote the joys of fishing. At the same time, it's educational. More young students will learn about fishing in their schools, clubs and through community fishing organizations."

New Jersey

Life jackets suit safety issues 212th Legislature introduced January 30, 2006
Sponsored by: Assemblyman Jeff Van Drew, District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Synopsis

Requires children under 16 years old to wear personal flotation device. The scuttlebut is that it may be enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey this year:

Every person who operates a vessel on the waters of NJ with a child [currently 12 years of age] under 16 years of age on board shall have the child wear at all times a properly fitted United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device whenever the vessel is underway.

Mandatory PFD's for Everyone is being considered in NJ and PA. Another Law to Replace Common Sense. They are attempting to equate the use of seat belts, smoke detectors and helmets for bikers with the use of PFD's

CBYCA approach:

- For use of PFD's that are U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- For promotion of voluntary quality boating safety education which the CBYCA believes would be a better solution to PFD use problems.
- For testing and approval of new options such as the recently approved inflatable PFD's and looking for development and approval of a safe reliable auto inflation feature.
- Strongly supports National Safe Boating Week.
- Opposed to mandatory wearing of PFD's by adults but for fair and reasonable regulations requiring use by children 12 and under aboard a vessel underway and when the children are on deck or otherwise outside a safe enclosed cabin or cockpit area.
- Generally, the CBYCA has opposed attempts at legislation/regulation because the proposed language, understandably, falls short of fair and reasonable because of the wide variation of behaviors it seeks to control (e.g. what about vessels at anchor?, what is a safe cabin area?, what persons/boats are exempt?).

• The CBYCA was strongly opposed to the recent Coast Guard trial balloon suggesting mandatory PFD wearing by all boaters all the time. The Coast Guard primary argument was there might not be enough time to don them in an emergency. The CBYCA feels that any experienced safe boater knows that most boaters and captains have enough sense about when to break out and when to don PFD's. Also, the accident statistics do not show problems with operators of larger boats. Obviously, making the responsible 99 percent of boaters suffer for the few that are not responsible is not the right approach.



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Legislative Director



Loran -C - We continue to work in opposition to the Coast Guard proposal to end Loran operations. We see Loran as a National asset, central timing source and backup to GPS. While we were successful in getting language in the DHS appropriations bill to continue Loran operations, Senator Coburn (R-OK) offered an amendment that would shut down the Loran system. Other Senators voiced strong opposition to the Coburn amendment but agreed to a compromise that would permit funding for only certain states, effectively ending the service on the coastal states and Gulf. The DOT and FAA who also have roles in the decision on Loran continuation have not concurred with the CG (DHS) proposal to shut down. Further the Government has spent \$160M upgrading Loran stations Nationwide so it makes no sense now to shut down. We expect a decision on this when Congress reconvenes in September and will be contacting the House/Senate conferees to obtain support for continuation.

NOAA Weather - The status of a bill sponsored by Senator Santorum (R-PA), S786, that would end NOAA weather broadcasts on our VHF radios is unchanged. Committee staffers where the bill is assigned tell me the bill is not scheduled for a hearing and is unlikely to be so. My other contacts also have not heard of any action so we continue to believe the bill is dead. LD Bob Williams will contact Santorum and restate our opposition. A July article on this in the Marco Sun-Times caused a stir in Florida.

Boating Access - As previously reported in Chartroom Chatter, access to our waterways (land storage, launch ramps, marinas, etc.) is threatened as developers purchase waterside facilities for condo construction. Many facilities are taken by exercising Eminent Domain. NBF has passed and published a resolution on this which we hope will be used in State legislatures to limit the use of Eminent Domain by municipalities. The boating community's concern is evident in that a National forum on water access; "Working Waterways & Waterfronts - A National Symposium on Water Access" is set for May 9 -11 2007 in Norfolk VA.

Global Maritime Distress & Safety System (GMDSS) - I attended a meeting of the GMDSS task force in Arlington VA on 2 August. GMDSS is an upgrade of the ship to shore and ship to ship communications systems worldwide. It is largely a system designed for ocean vessels but can effect recreational boating.

It includes VHF radios with DSC and AIS, Automated Information System and Rescue 21.

NBF Meetings - Alameda CA, April 22 and Portsmouth VA, Oct 20 -21 06 - We had a successful meeting chaired by outgoing President Penny Orth and informative presentations from our guest speakers. The next NBF meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2006 in Olde Portsmouth Virginia. Also that weekend a celebration of the 225th anniversary of the battle of Yorktown is scheduled.



Qualifications Officer Report

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In this issue of the Chartroom Chatter you will find the CBYCA Roster book form for the year 2007. As soon as you have your change of watch and know who your new officers are, fill out this form and send it to me. Better still go on the CBYCA web, www.cbyca.org, and put the information in there. It is important that you do this right after change of watch so that we may get the Chartroom Chatter and necessary information to the right officers. If you elect to fill it out by hand make sure that it is legible so that the correct information goes into the Roster book. Thanks for all your support.



Publicity Director's Report

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Deadline for the next

***Chartroom Chatter* is September 25, 2006**

With the April issue of the Chatter we are using a new mailing list taken from your Roster info, if there are any corrections or comments please contact me 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 !

September 16	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Mount Vernon YC
October 21	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Miles River YC
November 18	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	North East River YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegates	North East River YC
				Change of Watch
December	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Key YC
				Christmas Party

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The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association's 50th Anniversary



2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association. The Board of Governors is making plans for celebrating this occasion. At the November delegates meeting we will distribute commemorative lapel pin to Delegates and Bridge officers of member clubs.

In 2007 we are planning a cocktail party after one of the Delegates meetings. This will be either in February or April. A picnic is also under discussion. I will keep you informed as to the particulars of these events.

The CBYCA will also be presenting certificates of Appreciation to all member clubs during the upcoming year. In addition we will be passing out mementos of our 50th throughout the year.

It is my sincere hope that all member clubs and delegates will participate in our celebrations.

I am now taking orders for commemorative Tee Shirts sporting our 50th logo. Prices for the tee shirts sizes are Small...Medium...Large and X Large \$10.00. Sizes XX and larger will be \$12.00 Orders of 20 or more tee shirts from a club will receive a 10% discount.

Tees will be available by order only. So please order your shirts early. Contact IPC John Garlotta to place your order, 609-859-0263 or jgarlotta@hotmail.com

*John Garlotta,
Chairman 50th Anniversary Committee*

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