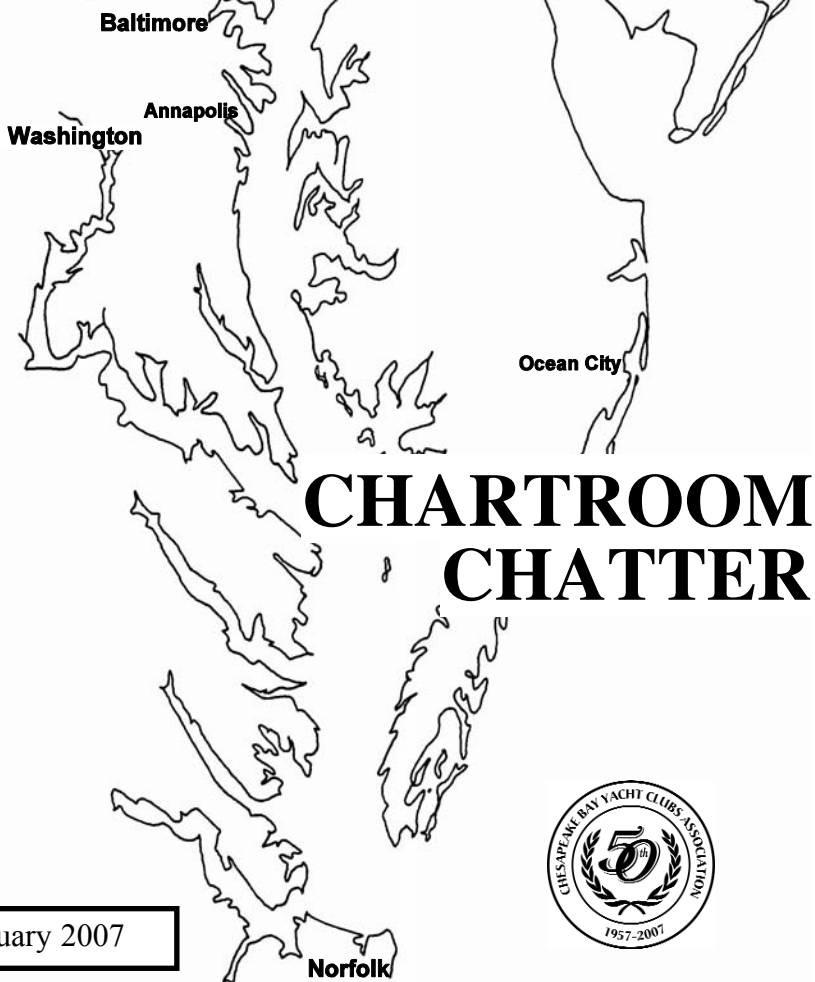


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Commodore's Corner

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Our thanks go to West River YC for hosting the January Board meeting. Commodore John Lauer and team were a most gracious host. WRYC is a small club with all the amenities. It is one of the oldest Clubs on the Bay; founded 1939. Thanks Lewis.

CBYCA has had some major legislative successes this period. VX in Delaware is out; The Kent Narrows channel will be dredged. See the legislative reports for more details. Thanks to all in CBYCA for pushing hard on these two issues.

Vice Commodore Coles Marsh has been appointed Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee replacing IPC John Garlotta who is unable to continue as Chairman due to business commitments the next few months. Also, Pam Butler, Kay Brawley, Gene Schenck, and Celia Battaglini have been named to the Committee.

The Funds Committee has been reinstated under the chairmanship of Pam Butler. Other members appointed to this Committee are: Tom Powers, Carolyn McElwee, Fred Levitan, Renee Landon. See Pam if you have any ideas or would like to serve.

Our next Board and Delegates meeting will be held at Maryland YC on February 17th. Hope to see you there..

Finally, a note from first Lady Carolyn Burton: Patron and Friends Ads are now being solicited. Forms are available on line or on the insert of this newsletter. Remember, Patrons will receive the monthly newsletter, "Chartroom Chatter" and a copy of the Annual Roster Book. Names of the Friends and Patrons will be listed in the 2007 Roster Book

Support your CBYCA.

*You are cordially invited to the
Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association's
50th Anniversary*

*We will be hosting a Cocktail Party immediately following the April 21st
Delegates Meeting being held at Boumi Shrine Yacht Club
from 3:00 - 4:00*



Vice Commodore's Report

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

Our thanks to John Lauer (Commodore) of the West River Yacht Club for hosting the January Board of Governors meeting. Did you know they are one of the oldest clubs on the Bay?? They began in 1936 and were a founding member of CBYCA. The club had the Queen of The Chesapeake in 1984 (Lisa Rae Gundersdorf). We enjoyed a wonderful lunch and the warmest of hospitality. I sure hope we did not wear out our welcome.

Our next Board and Delegates meeting will be held at Maryland Yacht Club on Saturday February the 17th. Please plan to attend as this will be our new Commodore's first Delegates meeting.

I will be Chairing CBYCA's 50 year anniversary. John Garlotta has accepted a new contract for a large job and needs to spend more time managing that project. Good luck John with that great opportunity.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE FOR YOUR 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY. To date we have Pins, T-Shirts, and Burgee's. You will have a chance to see a sample and order at the Delegates meeting.



Rear Commodore's Report

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I hope this communication finds everyone doing well. The checks are coming in for the Roster Book and I want to thank all who have responded. Deb and I were on vacation a few weeks ago and between the Roster Book and my "Real Job" I am just getting caught up and hope to be fully caught up by Friday Feb 2nd. I want to apologize in advance if I have not responded in a timely manner it will not happen again.

Please use my personal email as the it seems the link to my email works sometimes and not others knoon@ur.com.

Till Next Month



Legislative Director's Report

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It appears the New Year is starting out with successes in some hard fought battles of the past few years. DuPont has withdrawn their agreement with the Army to dispose of the waste water from the VX gas. This is a result of the hard work of many organizations from environmental to boating. DuPont and the Army were besieged with opposition from citizens all along the coastline and that ground swell of opposition succeeded. The other success is the dredging of Kent Narrows. The Corp of Army Engineers in conjunction with the state of Maryland will begin dredging this spring. DSL MD Kay Brawley has a detailed report.

In addition to contacting and introducing ourselves to new office holders after the November election there are also new appointments to key departments that need to be contacted. Maryland has a new Secretary of the Department Of Natural Resources John Griffin. A lot of governmental positions have changed. I urge everyone to be aware of changes in their local and state government officials who may have an impact and influence on the boating community



Maryland Legislative Report

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Kent Narrows Channel Silting/Dredging Concerns: Vice Commodore Marsh, PC Fred Levitan and I met on Jan. 19 in Annapolis with Bob Gaudette, Chair of the Waterway Improvement Fund ("WIF") on the scope of work completed to successfully acquire the \$1.5 M needed by the US Corp of Engineers to begin the dredging project in the federal navigation channel at Kent Narrows. The financial support is a shared partnership of state and the Queen Anne's County government. Commodore Burton met informally with Congressman Wayne Gilchrest; acknowledgement was received from Gilchrest's office confirming the financial resolution to begin the dredging project at Kent Narrows even though funds will not come from the US Corp of Engineers this session. Requests will be made for federal funding of the federal navigation channel to replenish the emergency funds from the state in order to continue work on other dredging projects in the near future.

Currently, the channel is not navigable for deeper draft vessels. The last dredging by the US Corps of Engineers was in 2001 for a width of 60 feet and depth of 7.0 feet below mean low water. The Kent Narrows Channel is one of the most heavily used by both commercial waterman and recreational boaters in Maryland and is the primary means of navigation between the Chester River, Eastern Bay and St. Michaels among other local towns. Without the emergency approval of funds for the dredging, vessels would have had to travel an additional minimum

27 miles around Kent Narrows--devastating to local businesses, mariners, and the general boating public. The dredging project is expected to begin within the next month so that it can be completed before the active boating season in mid-May.

Senator Pipkin's Bill SB38 Executive Committee's Plan for Dredged Material: A request has come to CBYCA to support Senator Pipkin's bill calling for the expansion of the Executive Committee to oversee Maryland's plan for dredged material to include additional stakeholders. The hearing for SB38 is set for Wed, Jan 31 at 1 pm with the Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee. I, along with PC Levitan met with Senator Pipkin's staff on Jan 22 regarding this matter. I compiled the CBYCA testimony letter which Commodore Burton and Vice Commodore Marsh plan to present as CBYCA's position to the Committee, requesting expansion of the Executive Committee to include private sector stakeholders, i.e., river keepers, fishing interests, and recreational boaters, including a CBYCA representative.

Maryland Dept of Natural Resources Application Process for Management of Mooring Buoys: Commodore Rollyn Trueblood of the Hances Point Yacht Club contacted me regarding a request from the MDNR in late December, with an early January due date, for his club to reapply for their registered group-mooring, with a requirement for detailed maps of the area where mooring groups are located. In trying to meet this immediate demand, Trueblood discovered that Mapquest's map coordinates were not accurate. After my investigation, it does appear that the MDNR Police Safety Education Division realizes the problem of a short turn-around for compliance and is working with clubs to assess and respond to mooring buoy issues on Maryland's state waters as required by law. New guidelines have been developed to effectively manage mooring buoys due to limited availability of boat slips and since marinas and yacht clubs are looking at mooring groups to expand their capacity. The MDNR announcement letter, regulations and registration of Group Moorings were presented at the Jan CBYCA Board meeting; I will also send the info to the webmaster so that the new guidelines and application process will be on the CBYCA website for future reference.

Environmental Group Symposium: Sparrows Point Peninsula blueprint of disaster for the Chesapeake Bay; the Past, the Present, and the Future. All aspects of the Sparrows Point peninsula will be discussed including the environmental issues surrounding the property, the history of the people, and the serious situation which this site presents to the health, safety, and quality of life of people and the Chesapeake Bay. The Symposium will take place at the Fleming Center at Turners Station in Dundalk on Wed., Jan 31 from 1-5 pm, according to Russell Donnelly, the Environmental Coordinator. Attorney General, Doug Gansler, known for his environmental awareness, has been invited.

FERC Seeks Public Comments on Sparrows Point Proposal: FERC is soliciting public feedback regarding AES' application to construct and operate the proposed Sparrows Point LNG terminal in Dundalk, Md. FERC is also requesting comments on related pipeline facilities. Comments are due by Feb. 14 and should reference docket numbers CP07-62, CP07-63, CP07-64, and CP07-65. I will plan to submit the CBYCA position statement, and encourage others to also provide written comment.



**Pennsylvania/
New Jersey
Legislative Report**
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Pennsylvania

The 75th Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was held on Monday and Tuesday, January 22 and 23, 2007, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The Fish and Boat Commission is the state agency with authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding fishing and boating. Before a regulation becomes final, the Commission must first publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin seeking comments, objections or suggestions from the public. Comments are accepted for at least 30 days. After the public comment period, the Commission considers the proposed amendment "on final rulemaking." If adopted on final rulemaking, the amendment becomes effective on the date of publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin or other date specified by the Commission.

PFD: The Commission accordingly proposed to amend §97.1 to require the wearing of Coast Guard approved PFDs by all persons when on board boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak during the period, October 1 through May 31. The Commission also sought public comments on an alternative proposal that would require all persons to wear Coast Guard approved PFDs on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak on a year-round basis. Both issues were tabled and are considered dead.

Boating Safety Education: B. Amendments to §91.7 (Criteria for Courses of Instruction in Boating Safety Education).

Commentary: Upon review of the Commission's regulations, staff have determined that the Commission should further define the requirements for approving safety education courses for residents. Current regulations do not specifically address the F&B Commission's acceptance criteria for Internet and correspondence boating courses. This is the only long distance learning course that the Commission currently accepts for residents. The proposed amendment provides that the Executive Director shall designate one Internet and video-based home study course for residents that meets the Commission's specifications and is selected through a competitive procurement process. **PROBLEM:** Anyone can take the test for another person.

Marine Debris Grant Application By Ship 484 Sea Scouts: It is Ship 484's (Sea Scouts) objective to alert the boater to Marine Debris and its effect on the environment. They will define marine debris graphically and show man-made objects discarded disposed of or abandoned that enters the river, bay, estuaries or other marine environments including streams and storm drains. They will create an exhibit that will motivate the boater to help reduce marine debris.

An outdoor portable exhibit would travel to each yacht club on the river and be displayed on the Delaware River landings at each State or City Boat ramp in the

Philadelphia Area. Another venue would be boat shows. With additional funding the Chesapeake Bay Yachting Association would be an additional venue. The exhibit will include examples of debris found in the river. The storyline would raise awareness to the problem and show how each boater can help in meeting quality standards to improve the Delaware River. The exhibit will show the boater how to take action and help keep our waterways clean.

Harrisburg - House Republican Leader Sam Smith (R-Jefferson County) today announced the selection of Republican committee chairmen for the 2007-08 legislative session. Game and Fisheries - Rep. Sam Rohrer (R-Berks County) Boating will fall under his jurisdiction

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission awarded more than \$1.5 million from its Boating Facilities Grant Program for 22 facilities. Most of the grants are for boating ramps. The program is funded by boat registration fees, state fuel taxes collected on fuel used in motorboats, and taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuel from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program.

New Jersey

VX Waste to DuPont in NJ is Dead, Says DuPont: Nick Fanandakis, DuPont vice-president and general manager for chemical solutions, announced that they are pulling out of the Army's plan to ship VX nerve agent waste from the Army's Indiana storage facility to DuPont in Salem County.

Delaware Estuary Focus of Science and Environmental Summit: CAPE MAY, New Jersey, January 18, 2007 (ENS) - From January 22 to 24, several hundred scientists, resource managers and environmentalists from throughout the tristate region will assemble in Cape May for the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary's second Delaware Estuary Science Conference.

For three days, these experts will consider the current issues and future needs of the Delaware Estuary, one of the most industrialized ecosystems in the world.

The theme of this year's conference is "Linking Science, Management and Policy to Set Achievable Environmental Goals in the Delaware Estuary."



Virginia Legislative Report

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Virginia Acts on Mandatory Boating Education

On January 29, the Virginia House of Delegates voted 90 to 8 in favor of future mandatory boating education for operators of motorboats. The bill was passed to the Senate where it was expected to face stiff opposition in early February before it could become the law of the Commonwealth.

The bill would make it a \$250 civil penalty for anyone to operate a motorboat without having successfully completed an approved boating safety education course. The education requirement would be phased in so that by July 1, 2016,

all motorboat operators will have been required to complete and pass the course or an equivalency exam. The state would develop and administer the mandatory boating safety education program through the promulgation of regulations. Public comment would be required. Experienced boaters could comply with the law without taking a boating education course by passing an equivalency examination or possessing a valid license issued to maritime personnel.

While CBYCA has historically been a strong proponent and backer of boater safety education, its official position has not yet incorporated mandatory requirements. Backers of the Virginia legislation included the Safe Boating Alliance, which was organized after a two fatalities occurred on Smith Lake in 2005. Coast Guard statistics show that about 80 percent of boaters have had no formal boating education, and a corresponding 80 percent of boaters involved in fatal accidents have had no formal boating education.



Delaware Legislative Report

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Dnrec Approves Dupont R948 (Titanium Dioxide) Production Increase At Edge Moor.

Previously reported in November, DuPont deNemours, Edge Moor, Delaware Plant requested an amendment of Coastal Zone Permit No.360 issued in 2005. to allow the production of an upgraded Titanium Dioxide Product, IP1 (R948) from 15,000 lbs. to 195,000 lbs.

December 18, 2006 , and effective immediately, the Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, issued the Order No2006-CZ-0059 allowing DuPont deNemours to expand the Facility's nonconforming use, and the installation of tanks and pumps and associated equipment for the manufacture of IP1(R948) . There are no limits included in this amendment. And also clarification of the original permit request was made stating no minimum or maximum amounts were requested, and the permit now reflects this.

The Department supports amending the CZA Permit 360 to correct and clarify the permit consistent with the intent of the Order that approved CZA Permit No.360.




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2007 CBYCA DUES NOTICE

The 2007 dues notices were sent the beginning of October 2006. The notice was sent to the Commodore and Treasurer of each member Club in hopes it would get to the appropriate club officer for action. Many clubs have submitted their 2007 dues payments and some have not. Dues for 2007 are payable by February 28, 2007 and we are fast approaching that date

CBYCA's only income comes from your annual dues and profits from ads in the Chartroom Roster Book. Your continued support allows CBYCA to

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aggressively protect the rights of boaters as well as matters that may adversely affect the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding waters.

Thanking you and your Club for your continued support in 2007. If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Qualifications Officer Report

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It is almost the end of January and we are still looking for club rosters; we have received only one-fourth of the rosters from member clubs. Since we are still having problems with the CBYCA web site, you may not be able to enter the information online. If you are unsuccessful, please send your roster directly to P/C Betty Stahler, 828 Lalton Drive Conway, SC 29526. You may also send the document, if more convenient, to your District Representative. Either way you decide to transmit, please get them in now.

At the February 17th Delegates Meeting, we will exchange burgees with our new member, the Pleasant Yacht Club. At April 21 Delegates Meeting we will vote on the membership of the Eastern Shore Sailing Association. Please plan to attend to place your vote.

National Safe Boating Week

May 19 - 25, 2007

GET READY : National Safe Boating Week will be here before you know it. All orders for campaign materials are taken on the web site. Check out the web site for these helpful tools : New Message Board, Online Press Kit, Online Order Form, Downloadable Posters, Graphics & PSA's.

www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com

for more information, visit the website or email them at :
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Publicity Director's Report

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Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is February 25, 2007

Please submit your new Roster info as soon as available. If you have problems with the Cbyca website, please send your completed form directly to P/C Betty Stahler. 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. Contact me via email above or mail to 11 Needlepoint La, Willingboro, NJ 08046

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The Cbyca has re-distributed & added Club Districts, please see below for the new breakdowns. If you have any questions please contact your district representative, their email & phone numbers are in the front of the Chatter.

District F

D/R Tom Cusick

- Admirals YC
- Chesapeake Bay Power Association
- Chesapeake Yacht Club
- Holiday Point Yacht Club
- Hunter Sailing Association
- Magothy River Sailing Association
- Rotary Yacht Squadron of Chesapeake Bay
- Selby Bay Yacht Club
- West River Yacht Club

District G

D/R Howard Gasaway

- Capital Yacht Club
- District Yacht Club
- National Potomac Yacht Club
- Old Dominion Yacht Club
- Port of Washington Yacht Club

District H

D/R Tim Baker

- Aquia Harbor Yacht Club
- Landmark Yacht Club
- Mount Vernon Yacht Club
- Occoquan Yacht Club
- Prince William Yacht Club

District I

D/R Robert Warren

- Colonial Yacht Club
- Lodge Creek Yacht Club
- Matthews Yacht Club
- Poquoson Yacht Club
- Town Point Yacht Club
- Virginia Yacht Club
- White Point Yacht Club

District J

D/R John Zalusky

- Almas Yacht Club
- Corinthian Yacht Club
- Harbor Point Yacht Club
- Lord Calvert Yacht Club
- Solomons Island Yacht Club
- The Yacht Club @ Swan Point
- The Watergate Village Yacht Club

all other Districts remain the same.

2007 CBYCA Meeting Schedule

Mark Your Calendars !

February 17	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Maryland YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Maryland YC
March 17	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Chesapeake YC
April 21	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Boumi Shrine YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Boumi Shrine YC (50th Anniversary Cocktail Party)
May 19	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Susquehanna YC
June 2	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Maryland YC



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