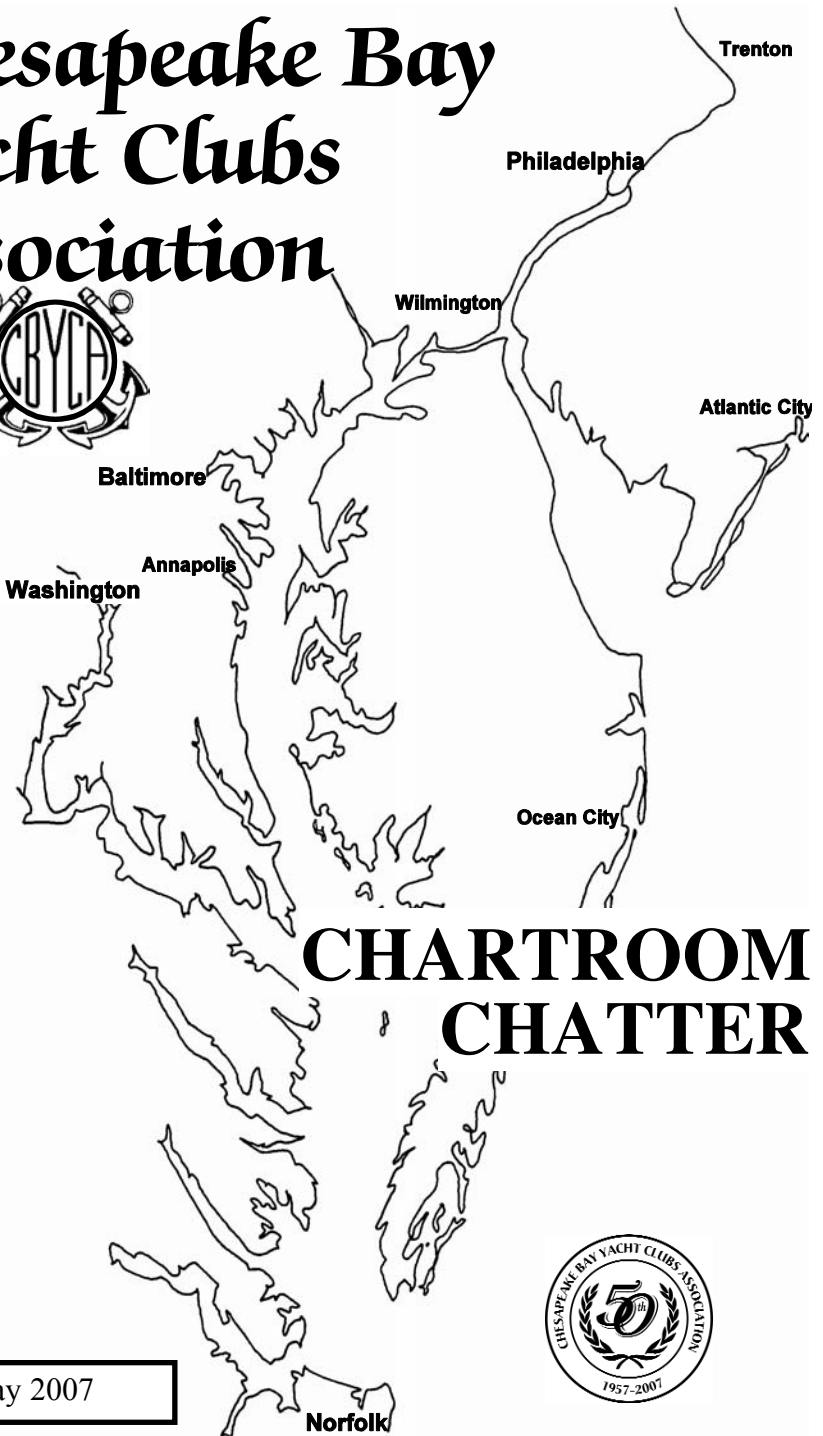


# Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



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## Commodore's Corner

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Our thanks and appreciation to Boumi Shrine Yacht Club for hosting the CBYCA April Board and Delegates meetings. Commodore Bob Lilly and the Boumi Team did a fine job and were most gracious hosts.

Two yacht clubs were unanimously voted into CBYCA membership at the Delegates meeting; Back River Creek YC and Eastern Shore Sailing Assn. We extend a warm welcome to these new member clubs.

Following the meetings, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of CBYCA with a cocktail party. Boumi Shrine YC was awarded a plaque on the occasion honoring Boumi as one of the five founding members of CBYCA.

The 2007 edition of the CBYCA Roster Book was distributed at this meeting. I want to thank all those contributing their time and effort to publish this valuable text; Kevin Noon, Jerry Donofrio, Pam Butler, Tom Powers, Betty Stahler, Penny Orth, June Donofrio, Carolyn Burton, Don and Rosalie Antos. If your Club has not yet received their allotment of Roster Books, please contact your District Rep or R/C Kevin Noon.

Every year the CBYCA holds a raffle to support the "Queen of the Chesapeake". There are only 100 tickets sold for \$20.00 each. This is a 50/50 event; the winners divide \$1000.00 (750/150/50/50/50), the Queen receives \$500.00 and \$500.00 is put into reserve in a special endowment fund for future Queens. Tickets go fast. Contact any Board member.

A new Queen will be chosen at the Queens pageant to be held at Maryland YC June 3rd. Please plan to attend this wonderful event.



### **Nominations for the 2008 CBYCA Board!**

Are you interested to be involved in boating and serving on the CBYCA Board of Governors? We are currently seeking individuals to fill vacant District Representative positions in newly created districts. These include Pennsylvania Delaware River, Eastern Shore North & South, Baltimore South and Upper Chesapeake. Please contact the IPC by phone or email by May 15th to be considered for any positions.

A District Representative is our interface to local area clubs. This person helps in communications and on matters of importance to area clubs. This is your opportunity to be a member of the most successful boating group on the East Coast and recognized all over the country. Please look around your club for Candidates!

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

I would like to thank Boumi Shrine YC (my club) for hosting the April board and delegates meeting. We thank you for coming and celebrating CBYCA's fifty years of serving you the member clubs.

I look forward to visiting many clubs for their official openings.

I know it's early to talk about yacht club balls but I must mention the need to get your room reservation in early at the Sheraton Annapolis. The ball date is December 8th. You will get a special rate of \$ 99.00 the first night and \$ 119.00 for the second averaging \$109.00 per night. The rate for one night is \$ 119.00. This is a great rate in Annapolis especially that time of year.

You can make your room reservation by visiting the Sheraton web site set up for CBYCA @ [www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/cbyca07ball](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/cbyca07ball) or phone 410 571 1503. You and your lady will enjoy Annapolis that time of year. They will offer a free shuttle down town and ladies the Annapolis Mall is just a cross the street.



## Rear Commodore's Report

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Roster Book Committee. PC Jerry, PC Penny, PC Bob, PC Betty and many others all worked together to put this book to print. I feel very indebted to this committee as right in the middle of crunch time I fell ill and was backed up by this committee. Paybacks are hell as they say but I will never forget the camaraderie and time commitment made by so many it could not be accomplished. Thanks

If your District Rep or Delegate could not make the distribution meeting held last week your books are waiting for you at Bush River Yacht Club. Please call me @ 410-982-3131 so we can make arrangements to get them to you.

The Roster Book LOOKS Great and remember our Advertisers have made a financial commitment to CBYCA, let's make a commitment to SUPPORT THEM.

Don't forget to input your events on the CBYCA Website, this part of the website is working fine. This is the way your info gets into the Goldenrod in this Chartroom Chatter.

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## Legislative Director's Report

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The boating world is very different in 2007 than it was when most of us started boating 20 to 30 or more years ago. Today's waterways are populated with increased numbers of large and faster boats and personal watercraft. To improve safety most states require PWC operators to be certified. Currently 35-40 states offer power boaters a certification on line. In the CBYCA Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware require a power boater to have a certification

In the next few months the issue of boating education will be reviewed by the Commodore and all of the Legislative Directors. A position paper will be drafted to be presented to all of the delegates.

### LNG

The Master of the U.S. Supreme Court heard all oral and written arguments in the matter of the Logan Township, N.J. LNG facility. The decision was in favor of the state of Delaware to block construction of the 2500 ft dock into the Delaware River. We are now waiting to hear of the alternative plan.



## Maryland Legislative Report

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LNG SB 996: Critical Area-Construction of a Facility-Prohibition. Status: Stalled in Maryland Senate Committee: The last day of the Maryland Legislative session closed with no action on the bill to prevent the construction of LNG facilities in environmentally sensitive coastal areas. The companion bill HB1403 had been approved by the Maryland House of Delegates in late March. However, SB 996 was a political strategy victory by Committee chairperson Sen. Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City), who indicated her belief that the state bill would be "redundant," given the federal review process for LNG facilities. CBYCA has continued its direct legislative efforts with FEREC; two testimony position statements are on file.

HB 1403: (Companion to SB996): Critical Area - Construction of a Facility - Prohibition. Synopsis: Prohibiting a facility from being located or constructed on land designated as Critical Area in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County; making the Act an emergency measure;

**Action: Third Reading Passed (113-22); victory for CBYCA with appreciation for CBYCA's support from House Committee .**

HB 1159: Department of Natural Resources - State Boat Act Fees  
Synopsis: Altering the fees for specified manufacturers' and dealers' licenses, titling and registration of vessels, and use stickers; etc

**Action: Withdrawn; victory for CBYCA**

SB 307: Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Impact Fee - County Services

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Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to collect an impact fee from a liquefied natural gas facility under specified circumstances; authorizing a county to assess an impact fee or to obtain an assessment from an independent third party for specified purposes; requiring the impact fee to provide for specified services in the county; etc.

No Action.

HB 305: Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee  
Synopsis: Requiring the Executive Committee overseeing the development of the State's plan for dredged material management to review, in conjunction with stakeholders, the State's dredging needs and placement requirements and make specified recommendations to the Governor.

**Action: House passed (137-0); Senate passed (45-0); victory for CBYCA; follow-up discussions with Bob Gaudette, Director of WIP of DNR regarding representation from CBYCA as a stakeholder.**

SB 196: Baltimore County - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Dredging, Construction, and Permitting

Synopsis: Altering the restrictions on dredging projects in the Baltimore Harbor and waters of Baltimore County under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving licenses for dredging projects in a specified area under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to designate the Public Service Commission as the agency to consult with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

No Action.

SB 165: Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland

Synopsis: Establishing a Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a preliminary report and a final report to the Governor and General Assembly and its committees regarding its recommendations by a specified date; etc.

**Action: Senate passed (46-0); House passed (139-0); Victory for CBYCA; follow-up meeting with MTA.**

SB 80: Motor Fuel Tax - Refunds - Motor Fuel Used to Operate Vessels

Synopsis: Allowing a refund of motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel that is used to operate a vessel; etc.

No Action.

SB 38: Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee

Synopsis: Requiring the Executive Committee overseeing the development of the State's plan for dredged material management to review, in conjunction with stakeholders, the State's dredging needs and placement requirements and make specified recommendations to the Governor.

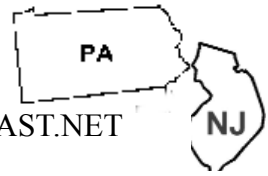
No Action.

*Bold Items: Victory for CBYCA; follow-up action will continue with work for CBYCA representation on respective committees and task forces. Thanks to All who helped achieve these victories for CBYCA.*



## Pennsylvania/ New Jersey Legislative Report

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### Pennsylvania

SB 735: By Wonderling. Amends the act entitled, "An act encouraging landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting liability in connection therewith and 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", which is defined as any person who enters or uses land for a recreational purpose.

Referred to Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

SB 356: White, M Amends the Environmental Education Act to provide for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education.( PCEE) The legislation requires DEP to provide grants to public and private schools, for the purposes of providing environmental education.

S-Final Passage by a vote of 48 YEAS 0 NAYS

### Commission puts funding into education

Fishing, boating and aquatic resource education programs aimed at youth today have received \$67,000 from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education Grants program.

"The program expands on the commission's long-standing commitment to youth education," said Doug Austen, commission executive director

SB 354: Was passed by the Pennsylvania Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. The legislation will restrict citizens' rights to ask for relief from pollution.

Even though the voters clearly demanded a more open process with more citizen involvement, Senator Mary Jo White (R-Venango) has sponsored legislation to narrow and restrict citizens' right to petition their government for rules protecting the environment. And in a move steeped with irony, Senator White's committee did not even hold public hearings on this legislation.

SB 354 is totally unnecessary legislation. The current law allowing citizens to petition the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for pollution protection works fine.

### Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

At its spring quarterly meeting the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission took a series of actions to improve public access for recreational anglers and watercraft users:

1. The acquisition of two fishing easements in Erie County. In both instances, the funding to be used for the acquisition of these easements comes from the sale of the special Lake Erie fishing permits.

2. They also took action to approve financial support for two boating access sites. The Commission approved a grant of up to \$113,000 that will assist Bridgewater Borough, Beaver County with its plans to convert a 12-acre brownfield along the Ohio River into a public riverfront park. The park will include a boat dock for transient boaters.

3. They opted to secure an easement on over 2,350 linear feet of Crooked Creek as it flows across a parcel of property in Springfield Township, Erie County.

4. They voted to secure an easement for property along and over a portion of Walnut Creek. Walnut Creek provides significant steelhead fishing opportunities

## **New Jersey**

LOGAN TWP. BP's \$600 million liquefied natural gas project including a 1,900-foot pier that would extend across Delaware's century-old state line into the Delaware River may not happen. On April 13th U.S. Supreme Court Special Master Ralph I. Lancaster concluded that the State of New Jersey does not hold exclusive rights over construction that pushes past the state line. This was a Masters Decision. NJ can now appeal a Masters Decision to the Supreme Court.

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General plans to air its grievances with the U.S. Supreme Court, which is obligated to hear exceptions to a decision made by a special master. The master was assigned by the Superior Court, but there is an opportunity for the parties to speak directly to the Supreme Court," explained David Wald, director of communications for the Attorney General's Office. "We expect to take our argument to the Supreme Court. We continue to believe that New Jersey should have exclusive jurisdiction over anything that extends off our shores."

### **To Dredge or Not to Dredge that is the Question?**

Millions of dollars for Delaware River Port Authority and PATCO projects are being tied up in the standoff over a dredging project to deepen the Delaware river shipping channel- a project Rep. Rob Andrews has called a "boondoggle." The DRPA is losing money, and their bond rating, over the long dispute between PA Gov. Ed Rendell and New Jersey.

### **Slimmer plan for Petty's Island**

The revised plan for this teardrop-shaped island on the Delaware River eliminates construction of a proposed golf course, and leaves 72 percent of the island undeveloped. The new plan calls for a footprint of only 28 percent development. This is 12 percentage points less than the current, controversial footprint proposed by developer Cherokee Pennsauken L.L.C. for the island's 392 acres.

Gov. Corzine's environmental protection commissioner, Lisa Jackson, launched a review of the situation more than a year ago, and indicated that she would try to strike a compromise between development interests and those in favor of total preservation.

### **Vx Is Headed To Texas**

The nerve gas hydrolysate that was supposed to have been dumped into the Delaware River now seems to be headed for Port Arthur, Texas.

Army spokesman said that Veolia Environmental Services a French Company had signed a contract worth \$49 million to truck the caustic wastewater, called VX (hi dra la sat) hydrolysate, about 1,000 miles from western Indiana's Newport Chemical Depot to Texas for incineration. Trucks would traverse about 980 miles, passing through at least eight states: Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. The company is working with the Army to discuss its plans with the states along the shipping route.



## Delaware Legislative Report

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*Following is the DNREC News Release regarding the BP/LNG Pier site proposed for the Delaware River*

### **Delaware's Jurisdiction Affirmed in BP LNG Case; Special Master Upholds Coastal Zone Decision**

A Special Master to the U.S. Supreme Court recommends that the Court affirm Delaware's jurisdiction over its lands extending across the Delaware River to the New Jersey low water mark. The recommendation issued yesterday, April 12, effectively blocks construction of a proposed liquefied natural gas pier proposed by BP that would extend into Delaware's Coastal Zone.

"This is great news for Delaware," Gov. Ruth Ann Minner said. "This is also a good time for Delaware and New Jersey to reaffirm our common goals for protection of one of Delaware's most precious environmental resources - the Delaware River."

The recommendation from the Special Master in *State of New Jersey v. State of Delaware* is a major milestone in Delaware's protection of its Coastal Zone.

"I applaud this decision," said John A. Hughes, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. "I expected the delineation of the boundaries and jurisdiction over them to be supported, but in my mind, the essential point is that our Coastal Zone Act has not been weakened."

The case before the U.S. Supreme Court originated with a ruling by Secretary Hughes on February 3, 2005 that the proposed LNG off-loading pier proposed for the Delaware River is prohibited by Delaware's Coastal Zone Act. The decision was in response to the Dec. 7, 2004 application of Crown Landing LLC to ascertain if a new pier facility to transfer liquefied natural gas from ships in the Delaware River to storage in New Jersey is allowable under the Coastal Zone Act.

Delaware's Coastal Zone Act excludes new heavy industries and bulk transfer facilities from Delaware's Coastal Zone. While BP's proposed facility is in New Jersey, the pier necessary for off-loading of ships would extend into the Delaware River and over Delaware-owned public subaqueous lands.

On July 28, 2005, the State of New Jersey filed a motion in the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the Court to settle the long standing boundary dispute held by New Jersey.

The case progressed to an appointment of a Special Master and issuance of recommendations in a report announced today. The Report of the Special Master is available for review via a link on DNREC's website at [www.dnrec.delaware.gov](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov)

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 Legislative Director



**Blue Water Coalition on Ballast Water Discharge**

Last fall a U.S. District Court ruling nullified EPA regulation 40 under the Clean Water Act exempting effluent discharge incidental to the normal operation of vessels. The ruling is the result of a lawsuit to halt the introduction of invasive species from ballast water from commercial ships. Unfortunately the ruling did not differentiate between vessels and includes gray water and bilge water discharge from recreational boats as well.

Under the court order the EPA must establish new regulations and a permit process to enable the normal discharge from recreational boats by September 2008. The permit process and enforcement would be worked out between the EPA and the states.

To fight this ruling and its results, NBF was asked by the NMMA to join the BoatBlue Coalition. The Coalition has informed Congress of the problem and the harm it would do to the marine industry and the boating public. Further, we have cited the need for legislation that would codify the exemption for recreational boats that has existed under the Clean Water Act for many years. This is a significant problem for both manufacturers and the boating public. There are 13 million registered boats in the US and 74 million boaters, contributing to a \$37 billion a year industry. For more information, log on to [boatblue.org](http://boatblue.org).

**NOAA Stakeholders Meeting**

NOAA will conduct a public meeting in Washington, DC, on 23 May at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington Virginia, where many issues of interest to the boating community will be discussed. These include marine charting, weather forecasts on our VHF radios, storm warnings, etc. NOAA has indicated we are being invited as an important stakeholder to provide them with our views on its priorities and strategic direction. I will be pleased to pass on your thoughts at this meeting.



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## 2007 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

May 19	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Susquehanna YC
June 2	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Maryland YC
August 18	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Baltimore YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Baltimore YC
September	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	TBA
October	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	TBA
November 17	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Bush River YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Bush River YC



### Qualifications Officer Report

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I would like to thank all of the clubs that got their Roster information in for our new 2007 Roster book.

I would also like to congratulate the two new clubs voted in at the April 21st Delegates meeting. Welcome Eastern Sailing Assn. & Back Creek YC.

Now that the boating season has started, please keep an eye out for any new clubs that are not a member of the Cbyca. You can get me their information & I will contact them about becoming a member.

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Dear CBYCA Member and Delegate:

Qualifications Officer Pam Butler has presented the Application for Membership submitted by the Wilton Creek Cruising Club located in Virginia to the CBYCA Board of Governors for membership consideration. Their Application for Membership and By-laws are in order, and the Qualifications Officer recommended them for membership. After due consideration, the Board of Governors voted to accept the recommendation of the Qualifications Officer to issue notice to all Member Clubs in accordance with Article V of the CBYCA Constitution and By-laws. It is anticipated that the Wilton Creek Cruising Club will be voted upon for membership at our August Delegates' Meeting.

Written comments from Member Clubs regarding the applicant club should be directed to Qualifications Officer, Pam Butler within twenty (20) days at the following address: 6415 Craigmont Road, Baltimore, MD 21207 or e-mail, [Pamelia.Butler@cms.lhs.gov](mailto:Pamelia.Butler@cms.lhs.gov).

Sincerely,  
*Gene Schenck*  
Secretary



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