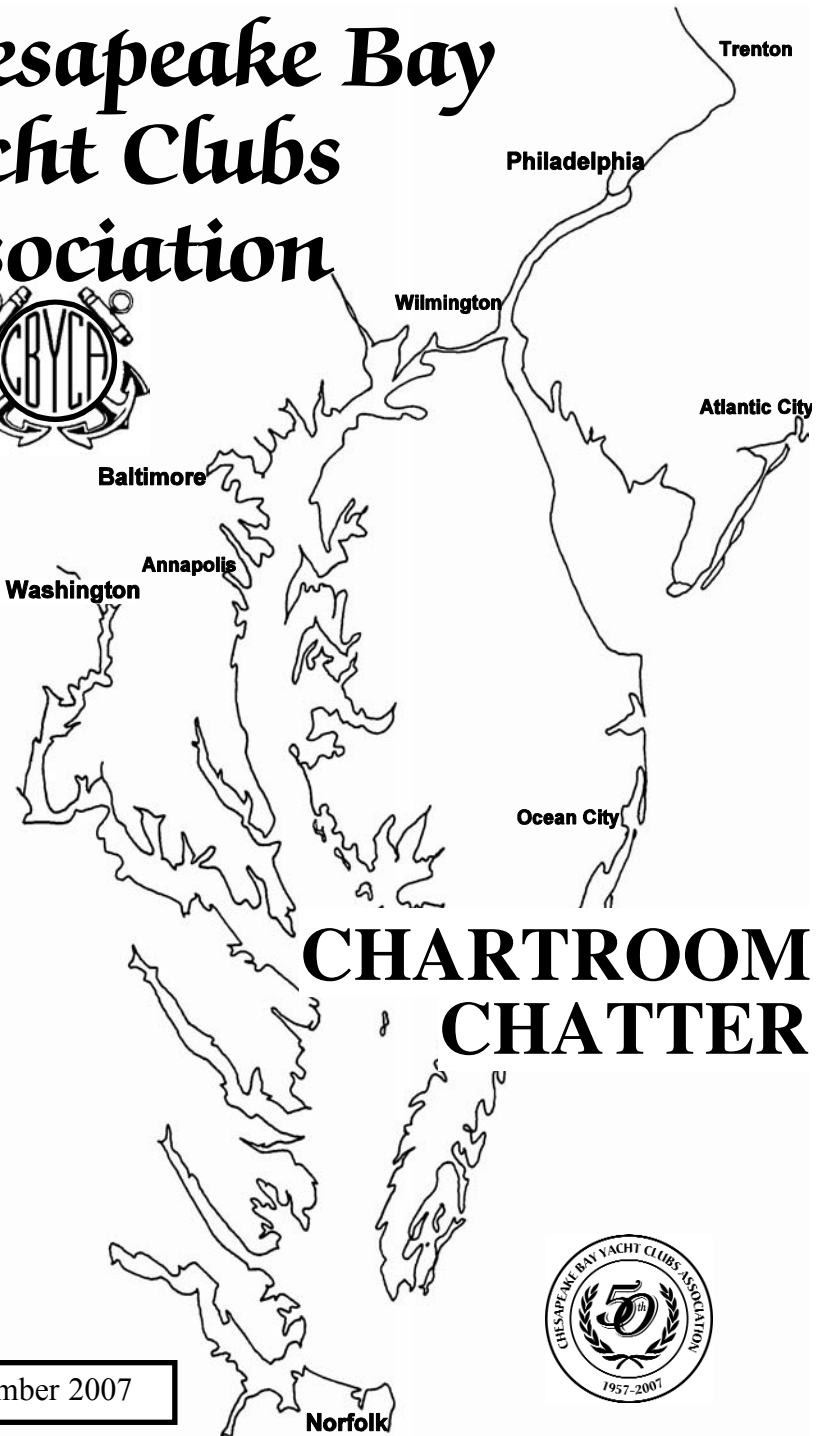


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Commodore's Corner

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This is my last report to you as Commodore of CBYCA. Commodore-elect Coles Marsh will be taking the helm at our "Change of Watch" on November 17th being held at the Delegates meeting at Bush River YC. With your continued support, I'm confident that CBYCA will transition smoothly into another successful year.

I am proud of our many efforts and accomplishments over this past year; Our renewed partnership with the three C's will broaden our effectiveness with this talented and experienced group of Past Commodores; Our new position on "Mandatory Boater Education" brings CBYCA in line with the growing Nationwide trend in boater safety; Our recent position on "no discharge zones" (as they apply to recreational boaters) is now being actively promoted; as well as, many more behind the scenes efforts to numerous to mention here.

I was honored and extremely fortunate to be at the helm during our 50th anniversary year. Among the various events recognizing this anniversary, most noteworthy were the plaques presented to the five Founding and five Chatter Member Clubs. The presentations were made by V/C Coles and myself at the Clubs' opening day events.

I want to thank CBYCA Member Clubs for giving me the honor of serving as your Commodore of this great organization. Our accomplishment could not have been made without the dedicated efforts of our Board of Directors, the various Committees, as well as the many other volunteers.

I plan to stay active in the CBYCA. One of the primary responsibilities of the IP/C is to Chair the Nominating Committee for the 2009 slate of Officers. Anyone interested in serving on the 2009 CBYCA Board, please feel free to contact me.

The next few months will be winding down for Carolyn and me. Our heartfelt thanks to all for your support of the 2007 Board and its Commodore. It has been a memorable experience and a pleasure to serve.

Hope to see you soon at the Balls and around the Bay.

Commodore Don Burton.

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Vice Commodore's Report

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

The October BOG meeting was held at a Corinthian YC in Ridge Maryland. We received a very warm welcome from Commodore Chuck O'Brien and delegate Harriet Bean. If you have never visited Corinthian YC you have truly missed a beautiful club with a lot of history. Corinthian YC was a charter member of CBYCA joining in September 1958. Give them a call to plan a summer cruise.

The next meeting will be held on November the 17th at Bush River YC. This will be a BOG meeting with lunch at noon followed by the Delegates meeting at 1pm. We have a busy day planned with a visit from Bob Gaudette (Director of Boat Services Administration) for Maryland. DNR Secretary John Griffin appointed Bob to bring back the Boat Services Administration. We are very excited to work with Bob as he will be involved in many areas that affect Recreational Boating. This is also Change of Watch. I look forward to a good turnout of member clubs to show your support and to congratulate Commodore Don Burton for the great leadership he provided this last year.

The December 9th BOG meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel. We have planned the meeting Sunday following the Ball. The meeting will begin at 9am instead of the usual 10am meeting time. At 11am we will have the Christmas gift fun time. Bring a gift to put in the pile and who knows what you will get when you draw a number.

INVITATIONS FOR THE BALL WILL BE GOING OUT NEXT WEEK WITH A DECEMBER 1ST RSVP TIME. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE BALL AT THE SHERATON ANNAPOLIS ON DECEMBER 8TH.



Legislative Director's Report

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Unfortunately I have another oil spill to report on the Delaware River. It occurred at the same Citco asphalt facility in Paulsboro, NJ that brought us one of the worst oil spills in the history of the Delaware River with the Atos 250,000 gallon spill in November 2004. This spill was reported to be only 2500 gallons of oil. The spill occurred on October 10 while the ship was moored and unloading. The cause is still under investigation. This time it was not crude oil that spilled into the river, it was the fuel for the ship. I am happy to report that the Coast Guard responded quickly and boomed the ship and local streams. Clean up crews were quickly dispatched. Obviously lessons were learned. My hat goes off to the Coast Guard and Capt. Scott for a job well done.

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Rear Commodore's Report

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Well this is November and that means Installation. Congratulations to all who have been elected and we will see you at Bush River Yacht club for your installation.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Commodore Don Burton for his leadership and guidance this year. Don, you have met all challenges and have carved a path for us to follow.

I would also like to congratulate our incoming Commodore Coles Marsh, Coles you are a class act and I think the job of Commodore will fit you like an old glove. I will have a hard act to follow next year

Pam Butler as you all know will be our Rear Commodore and as I stated earlier if each one of us can find one additional add for our Roster Book, Pam will be real busy but VERY Profitable. Good Luck Pam, you have earned it.

The summer is gone and it is about time to put the "Afternoon" on dry land for her winter nap.

Till Next Month



Maryland Legislative Report

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Marine Industry Economic Development Task Force(MIEDTF)

The initial meeting of the MIEDTF took place in Annapolis on Tues., Oct 9, with Senator John Astle, chairing the mission of the Task Force; Delegate Richard Sossi acted as his liaison. The Governor's appointees to the Committee include Susan Zellers, Executive Director of the Marine Trade Association (MTAM), Jay Dayton, President of MTAM, Steuart Chaney of Harrington Harbour Marina, Debbie Gosselin of Watermark Cruises, Deborah Travers of Ocean City Tourism, Jeff Truesdale of Clarks Landing, Connie DeSignore of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference & Visitors Bureau, Frank Dawson of DNR and yours truly, Kay Brawley of CBYCA, representing yacht clubs in MD.

The agenda discussion centered around the boating industry challenges, i.e., workforce training and skill development, competitive tax laws, preservation and improvement of our waterways, maintaining and improving access to our waterways, rising fuel costs, promoting better boat owning experiences through Dealer Certification programs. Maryland concerns. The major five concerns in Maryland included: 1) marketing Maryland as a destination for the transient boater and extending their stay; 2) marketing Maryland as a location for boat

manufacturing; 3) facilitating the growth of the industry by encouraging business expansion; 4) maintaining water access by offering incentives for maintaining maritime uses; and 5) boater registration fees including exempting charter boats from excise tax due to their payment of sales and amusement tax.

Assignments to members and work groups were discussed. The major scope of work will be done via email through the upcoming legislative session which will be busy dealing with budget issues. I will keep you up to date as we move forward with the mission of the Task Force.

LNG: Sparrows Point:

LNGLawBlog.com, the comprehensive daily source for North American LNG news and developments referenced the report from FERC, that the Sparrows Point LNG project might need new pipeline route. For more details on the report, please go to the internet site at LNGLawBlog.com, Oct 24.

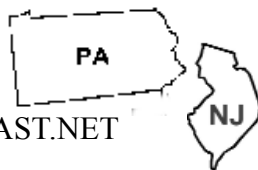
You're Invited:

If your schedule will permit, chart your course to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Grand Opening of their newly renovated Visitors Center at 26 West St, Annapolis, on Thurs., Nov 8, 4:30-7pm. Enjoy the food, cocktail reception, bricks for sale and silent auction to support the growth of the Center with future endeavors. I will not be able to go but if you can, please RSVP by Nov 1: 410.280.0445, ext 122; website, www.visitannapolis.org.



Pennsylvania/ New Jersey Legislative Report

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PA F&BC Commissioners Meeting Harrisburg PA

- Voted to increase to 10 horsepower the boat motor size limit for Sugar Lake, Crawford County.
- Added five stream sections in Luzerne County to the list of waters containing "Class A Wild Trout Populations." In total, the designation will apply to nearly 21.9 miles on Wapwall open Creek, Big Wapwal open Creek, Bow Creek and Balliet Run.
- Approved a \$30,000 grant to the Blackleggs Creek Trout Nursery and Watershed Association for a habitat improvement/angler amenity project in Young Township, Indiana County.
- Finalized regulatory language clarifying that boat motors on Cloe Lake, Jefferson County, are restricted to electric motors only.
- Approved proceeding with the purchasing of a new set of docks for its Northeast Marina, Erie County.
- Moved to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking better defining boating safety education certificates and the criteria for boating safety education courses.
- Directed staff to review and update a policy on the development of wind energy in Pennsylvania.
- Okayed initial exploration of establishing an acid rain mitigation project on tributaries to the South Branch of Kinzua Creek in the Allegheny National Forest.
- Proposed amending the limits of the existing slow, no-wake zone on the

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Allegheny River to make the regulations reflect the area currently posted with signs.

- Authorized staff to lease property rights along Harveys Creek, Luzerne County, from the county government and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

HB 1908 Rohrer (R) Amends "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" by defining the term "recreational users" as any person who enters or uses land for a recreational purpose, and using the term throughout the bill. The bill also amends the definitions of "land", "recreational purpose", "charge" and "willful or malicious". Lastly, the bill adds that the court would award attorney fees and direct legal costs to an owner, lessee, manager, holder of an easement or occupant of real property who is found not to be liable for the injury to a person or property. Introduced and referred to Tourism and Recreational Development

Philadelphia Maritime Interests File Lawsuit

The hearing, is based on a complaint filed by the International Longshoremen's Association District Council of Philadelphia and Wilmington (DE), the Philadelphia Marine Trade Association (PMTA) and the Maritime Stakeholders Group (MSG). The ILA, PMTA and MSG are among other organizations all involved in a major effort to develop the former Philadelphia Navy Yard and land into a world-class containership facility, which can bring some 175,000 new employment opportunities to the region.

The specific action being challenged is the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority passage of a resolution that would transfer this key port facility to a food services company in exchange for a site inland which has no value to the shipping industry. Despite the lawsuit, the PRPA Commissioners authorized PRPA to transfer Pier 98 Annex, a 46-acre waterfront parcel, for the inland property owned by SYSCO Foods.

Dredging ends at the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge

The emergency deepening of the Delaware River shipping channel finished and tons of dredge spoil have been dumped in a park at the foot of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge.

The controversial project, which environmentalists feared would harm Palmyra Cove Nature Park in Burlington County, ends with more than 10 park acres covered with muck pulled from the river bottom.

Congress approves \$3 million for Beaver Creek reservoir

Pennsylvania's senators Arlen Specter (R) and Robert Casey (D) announced the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, a \$27-billion appropriations measure that includes \$3 million for a reservoir along Beaver Creek in Salem and Beaver townships.

The locally-based Alliance for Wetlands and Wildlife developed several ponds and wetlands along Beaver Creek near where it is crossed by State Route 208 west of Knox.

PA Clean Water Act compliance report alarms environmental advocates

Harrisburg, Penna.- It's the 35th anniversary of the national Clean Water Act, but environmental advocates say polluters continue to foul Pennsylvania's rivers, lakes and streams.

Adam Garber with PennEnvironment says according to their review of

public records for 2005, 198 sewage facilities and other large businesses in Pennsylvania went over their permit limits for pollution released into local waterways more than 1,500 times in 2005.

"Whether it's the Susquehanna here, the Delaware River in the east, or part of the three rivers in the western part of Pennsylvania, they recreated there and they enjoyed their time there. They swam and they fished. What they didn't know was they were putting their lives at risk from a number of toxic chemicals, pollution and other dangerous sources when they did that."

Penn Environment is calling on state regulators to pay closer attention to the pollution reports they receive.

Major Bridge Inspections

The Delaware River Port Authority has given preliminary approval to spending \$5½ million to investigate the condition of critical elements of the Benjamin Franklin and Walt Whitman bridges.

The age of the two bridges requires the examination of critical portions of the spans. The DRPA are required every two years to have a complete inspection with outside engineering consultants of all four bridges and the entire run of Patco.

These special inspections include investigating the condition of the suspension cables on the Ben Franklin Bridge (above) and looking at the condition of the Whitman Bridge suspender ropes, which have been there since the bridge was built 50 years ago.

NEW JERSEY

The Supreme Court said it will hear from lawyers for Delaware and New Jersey in the states' legal dispute over plans for a liquefied natural gas terminal on the Delaware River.

A court-appointed special master concluded in April that Delaware, which opposes the project, controls the river all the way to the Jersey shore. If adopted by the court, that determination could mean the end of the terminal. The justices will hear arguments on November 27.

Special Master Ralph I. Lancaster said that "as the sovereign owner" of the Delaware River bottom, Delaware can regulate and police developments extending from New Jersey's shoreline.

New Jersey officials said Lancaster got it wrong. The state should have exclusive jurisdiction over its shoreline as well as construction of the pier, Jersey officials said in a legal brief filed with the court.

The proposal raised safety fears as an estimated 22,000 residents living near the river's main shipping channel would have been put at risk in the case of a major accident.

The case is *New Jersey v. Delaware*, Original 134.

Senate Approves Final Conference Report for Water Resources

Development Act Senators Charles E. Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton today announced that the Senate has approved the final conference report for the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) which authorizes \$30 million to study and implement improvements to the Susquehanna and Upper Delaware River Watershed. The bill will now be sent to the President for his signature.

The Water Resources Development Act authorizes Corps of Engineers civil works projects, including navigation, ecosystem restoration and shoreline protection projects.

The Delaware River Port Authority took the first step yesterday toward building a \$5 million Camden ferry dock.

The board authorized its staff to apply for \$4 million in federal transit funding to design and build the dock for ferry traffic between Philadelphia and Camden. The port authority would provide the remaining \$1 million.

Construction is probably three to five years away. The agency's RiverLink ferries, which run seasonally between Penn's Landing and Camden, carried 183,113 passengers this year, and interest in increased service. The new dock would be built next to the new Ferry Terminal office building, Matheussen said. "It could complement or replace the existing landing."



Delaware Legislative Report

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Army Corps to Present Cleanup Plan for Munitions at Fort Miles

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, presented a proposed plan to clean up leftover munitions from the former Fort Miles Military Reservation at a public meeting on Oct. 2 at the Biden Environmental Training Center at Cape Henlopen State Park Lewes Del. The Corp has created a plan with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control that divides the Fort into nine munitions response sites. No action is recommended for sites 1 through 6 as historical records indicate that no risks of munitions and explosives of concern or munitions constituents in these area.

Sites 7 thru 9 - the Corp recommends a variety of measures that include removing munitions and explosives of concern in some areas, public education, land use controls signs and notifications to crews during permitting and construction activities at certain locations.

Because of public involvement, to be compose an effective plan, the Corps will accept oral and written comments fro all interested community members during the public comment period Sept 24 to Oct. 24.

DNREC and NRG Energy, Inc. finalized agreement that imposes reductions in major air emissions at Indian River power plant.

DNREC and NRG Energy have entered into an agreement that requires NRG to achieve significant emmissions reductions at its coal fired Indian River Power Plant in Millsboro.

Under the consent order the allowable emission rates of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions at the plant are 25% lower than the levels required by DNREC's multi pollutant regulations (R1146) for NRG's two largest units at the plant, mercury reductions are required earlier than the 2012 date for the recent consent

By 2012, the consent order will achieve annual emissions reductions beyond those required by the multi pollutant regulation by an estimated 4302 tons per year of sulfur dioxide, am estimated 2959 tons per year of nitrogen oxides, an estimated 1214 ounce per year of mercury.

Compared to the most recent full calendar year of operation 2006, by 2012, the order will achieve estimated annual emissions reductions of 17,239 tons of sulfur dioxide, 5091 tons of nitrogen oxides and 1591 ounces of Mercury. These values represent approximate emissions reductions of 84% in Sulfur dioxide, 80% in Nitrogen Oxide and 87 per in mercury

To attain the required levels of sulfur dioxide emissions, NRG will use lower

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sulfur coal and operational methods and technology to reduce emissions. Mercury emissions will be reduced and illustrated with compliance demos due 30 days following Dec 31, 2009,

In addition to requiring the installation and operation of interim nitrogen oxide controls, the order sets forth a facility wide ozone season from May 1 thru Sept 30th for nitrogen oxides emissions of 1700 tons and stipulates penalties for exceeding the cap, which ranges from \$750 to \$2500 per ton.

The entire agreement filed with Superior Court and pending the Court's approval, is available for public review on the Department's web site at www.dnew.Delaware.gov.



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Legislative Director



More on Boat Operator Licensing

In spite of comments made by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, we have learned, they are not advocating boat operator licensing. A recent statement by the NTSB, however, indicated it would ask the states to implement boat operator licensing. We don't know where this might lead but it did contribute to our discussion on creating a formal NBF position on licensing. There was consideration in Hawaii some time back to have licensing and the NTSB supported it but it did not pass. I personally do not support licensing. Recreational boating is a voluntary, leisure activity, chosen by some who appreciate the outdoors and enjoy navigating our waterways in their boats. Licensing serves no real purpose, embroils us in state bureaucracy and provides it with an additional revenue source at our expense. The obvious and preferred alternative is Mandatory Boating Education (MBE). When encountering other boatmen, we want them to know the rules of the road. Clearly, in the interest of safety and to ensure a pleasant boating experience, MBE is more effective and the preferred alternative to licensing.

NBF Meeting, Dallas, TX

The NBF semiannual meeting was held at the Boy Scouts of America museum in Dallas Texas, the 6th of October. We enjoyed good presentations from our guest speakers and reports from members. Problems and their solutions were discussed to the benefit of all. We finalized Memorandum of Understanding with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, (NASBLA). In this we have agreed to identify and work together to resolve problems common to both NBF and NASBLA. Also, NBF members approved a formal position opposing boat operator licensing. A letter to this effect was sent to Chairman Mark Rosenker of the National Transportation Safety Board. The next NBF meeting will be held in Hyannis, MA on April 12 2008, at the Hyannis Yacht Club.

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Qualifications Officer Report

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To all member clubs, please update your club roster to show your 2008 Bridge as soon as possible. Send your new roster to Pam Butler, Qualifications Officer, at 6415 Craigmont Road, Baltimore, MD 21207. You may also send by e-mail to: Pamelia.Butler@cms.hhs.gov or by fax to Pam Butler @ 410-786-2091. This information is good through December 2007. You will be given the address of the 2008 Qualifications Officer at a later date for all updates beginning January 1, 2008. Roster Forms can be downloaded from the CBYCA website and a blank form is also included with the Chartroom Chatter. For assistance, contact me or your District Representative.

To all, have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

“PHOTOS OF YOUR YACHT CLUB”

We are looking for photos of your yacht club events or your clubhouse. There will be a presentation of photos at the upcoming 2007 Cbyca Ball December the 8th at the Sheraton Annapolis.

Please send via email to Tom Cusick tom@cusick.com

Don't forget your 07 ball reservations at the Sheraton Annapolis. A special price has been offered cbyca. Phone # 410 266 3131 and let them know you are attending the ball.



Publicity Director's Report

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Please submit your new Roster info as soon as possible, through the website, www.cbyca.org.

2007 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

November 17	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Bush River YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Bush River YC
December 9	Sun	1000 hrs	Board	Sheraton, Annapolis
			Christmas Party	



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