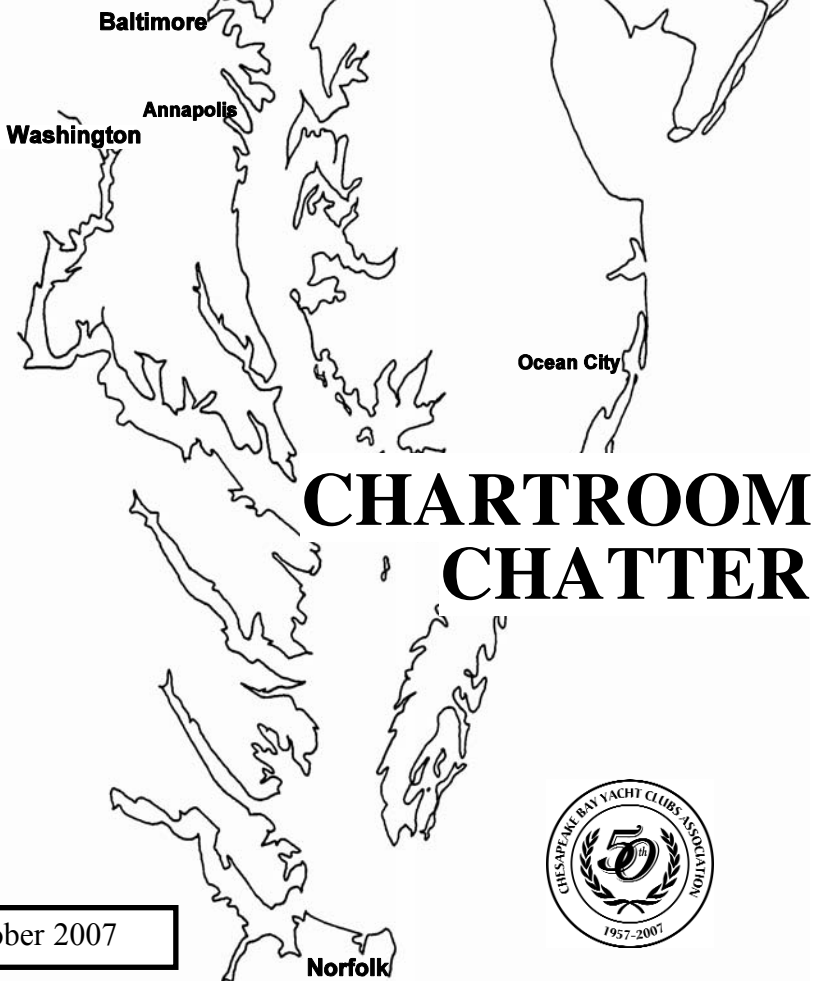


# Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



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## Commodore's Corner

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The season for recreational boating is quickly coming to an end. It also marks the beginning of CBYCA's busiest time as State Legislatures go into session. Be assured that your CBYCA Legislative Team will be involved in issues that affect recreational boating. We ask your help to advise us on local issues you may be aware of in which CBYCA may be of assistance. Contact any Board member.

Our priority will continue to be focused on the proposed LNG projects on the Delaware River and at Sparrows Point. Dredging issues will also continue to receive a high priority.

Mark your calendars now for two CBYCA events:

November 17th - Delegates Meeting/Change of Watch - Bush River YC

December 8th - CBYCA Commodores Ball - Sheraton Annapolis

CBYCA Officers will be attending as many member club balls as possible this season. Ball invitations should be addressed to the Commodore. Also, please be sure your event is listed on the website and in the "Golden Rod", [WWW.CBYCA.ORG](http://WWW.CBYCA.ORG).

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

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

Commodore Don Burton.

### "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](mailto:tom@cusick.com)

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

The September Board meeting was held at Capital Yacht Club in DC. Thanks to Penny Orth and the crew at Capital for hosting the meeting.

It looks like from the legislative reports we will have a busy 2008. The proposed LNG plant, fee increases, tax on some services, and rumors of a slip tax.

IT'S AN HONOR TO BE SELECTED TO SERVE AS YOUR 2008 COMMODORE. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OLD FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW ONES.

DON'T FORGET TO CONTACT THE CLEAN MARINA PROGRAM THIS WINTER. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE A GOOD YACHT CLUB SHOWING.

BALL INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED OUT BY MID-OCTOBER. I LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD TURN-OUT AT THE SHERATON IN ANNAPOLIS. YOU CAN MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS BY CONTACTING THE SHERATON AT 410 266 3131 AND MENTION THE CBYCA BALL FOR A SPECIAL RATE.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE AT CORINTHIAN YC IN RIDGE MD ON OCTOBER 13TH AT 10AM. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. CORINTHIAN IS A CHARTER MEMBER JOINING IN SEPTEMBER 1958.



## Legislative Director's Report

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With every passing month there is always new information on LNG projects. The LNG issue is of such great importance that there is an annual summit to discuss the progress of new sites. The 2ND Annual Global LNG Infrastructure Summit is being held in Mexico City, Mexico on October 4th and 5th. The keynote speakers are the Secretary of Energy for Mexico and the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. This is just an example of the strength behind LNG projects. There are presently 16 facilities under the FERC jurisdiction with an additional 24 proposed through out the United States. Industry analysts predict only 12 sites will reach working capacity. It is obvious that LNG issues are here to stay and we all must keep aware of the activity in our area.

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## Maryland Legislative Report

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**Governor's Appointment to the Boating Task Force Advisory Committee:** I received official notice from Governor O'Malley's Office of appointment to the Boating Task Force Advisory Committee. A schedule of meetings will be set up shortly to begin the scope of work.

**News on LNG:** Immediately after the 9/11 fed meeting at Sparrows Point, the Sparrows Point developer AES has appealed to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce regarding Maryland's objection to the project's federal consistency certification. Under the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Secretary may override the state's objection if he finds the Sparrow's Point terminal is consistent with the objectives of the CZMA or is necessary in the interest of national security.

### **Marine Trade Association of Maryland meeting on 9/12:**

1. Senator Astle will ask for extension of Boating Task Force Advisory Committee since the appointments process was just recently completed. Senator John Astle received MTAM Outstanding Service award; he chairs the important Finance Committee.

2. Clean Water Permits: HR2550 exempts recreational boater; bill has 40 sponsors; contact legislators to support; Donna Morrow is responsible for program at MDNR.

3. HR6: Ethanol Blend-negative effects on power boats are a concern.

4. MDNR presented its first Ambassador of the Chesapeake Award to Capt Bob Schlaff.

5. Water Access presentation by Steve Tadd of NMMA: "Grow Boating" initiatives will emphasize promoting boating lifestyles, and improvements to boating experiences"; for more details, go to website--discoverboating.com, and/or growboating.org; registration for marinas suggested; good for future CBYCA program presentation at Delegates meeting. Dave Dickerson, also from NMMA, discussed successful initiatives nationally, including lowering highest boat tax in nation from 12% in SC.

6. John Stierhoff: MTMA Legislative consultant-proposals for 2008

a. Extension from 90days to 120/150 days to encourage out of state boaters stay in MD.

b. Challenge: Watch out for boat registration fee bill to come from MMP and Slip Tax proposals

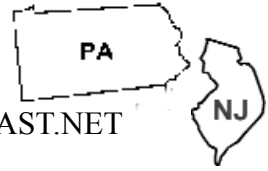
MTAM meeting was good opportunity to meet with marine owners and service providers, MDNR officials, and legislators/consultants key to our interests. Thanks to Susan Zellers, MTAM Executive Director for providing meeting exhibit space for CBYCA directories, registration fee and CBYCA advertising space in MTAM Directory at no cost to CBYCA.

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## Pennsylvania/ New Jersey Legislative Report

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### Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission held its fall quarterly meeting September 30 through October 1 at agency headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue in Harrisburg.

Section 5103(e)(1) of the Fish and Boat Code, 30 Pa.C.S § 5103(e)(1), requires that the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) promulgate regulations that establish criteria for courses of instruction in boating safety education. A new video-correspondence boating safety education courses for the Pennsylvania boating safety education certificates are being considered.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) plans to engage more youth in fishing. Agency staff held an informational open house in Philadelphia September 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. The open house was held at the HUB Cira Centre, next to the 30th Street Station.

The Commission's Open House was followed by a hearing before the House Game & Fisheries Committee. Lawmakers are considering legislation that would provide funding for expanded youth fishing programs. The legislation would expand fishing license requirements to Pennsylvania anglers aged 12-15. The Fish and Boat Commission supports this concept and has requested legislation that would dedicate revenue from a junior fishing license to new and expanding youth programs. Hopefully they will include safe boating courses.

### New Jersey

A New Jersey-based export management company is investigating the feasibility of establishing a passenger ferry service in Crisfield MD using hovercrafts. This will be strictly a regional passenger service and will not carry cars. The proposal is for four 80-passenger vessels to be in service. With their air-cushioning skirts uninflated, the crafts would be 93 feet long by 43 feet wide. They would be capable of carrying up to five tons of freight plus passengers.

Locations routes being considered include the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Solomons Island, Washington's National Airport, through the C&D Canal to the Delaware River and Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The regulatory issues to operate around Baltimore and the upper Chesapeake Bay are being reviewed.

DuPont spills toxic chemical into Delaware River at DuPont's Edge Moor plant in Delaware sent an acidic, toxic chemical into the Delaware River and state environmental agencies are currently investigating the incident. The spill of titanium tetrachloride occurred after a hole opened in a unit that combines chlorine with titanium ore slurries, which makes a chemical that plays a large role in DuPont's process to make super-white titanium dioxide pigment.

The spill was expected to have continued until DuPont could shut down the plant. Titanium tetrachloride quickly turns to hydrochloric acid and other compounds when released into the air, and can cause injuries to the lung and eyes

along with other long-term problems in cases of heavy exposure.

### **Gov Corzine challenges N.Y. LNG facility**

“Information source Trish G. Graber”

It's a paradox! With a U.S. Supreme Court battle to keep Delaware out of New Jersey's affairs regarding a liquefied natural gas facility in Logan Township, Gov. Jon S. Corzine wants a say in whether one is built offshore in New York's waters.

He is claiming environmental and economic concerns, Corzine has asked the U.S. Coast Guard to give New Jersey equal standing to review a \$2 billion LNG facility proposed on an artificial island in the Atlantic Ocean 19 miles off Monmouth County's Sandy Hook 13 miles south of Long Island. Corzine said the "Safe Harbor Energy" project, proposed by Manhattan-based Atlantic Island Sea Group LLC, would destroy Cholera Bank, a historic fishing area, and pose a risk to the Port of New Jersey and New York.

The proposed island must be environmentally justified, but the governor can't have it both ways," said New Jersey Environmental Federation's David Pringle. "On the one hand supporting LNG near people on land in South Jersey and telling Delaware to butt out, while or opposing LNG away from people in the ocean off North Jersey and telling New York to let us in." The Governor want's his cake and eat too.

### **New Jersey Boomer boaters need to get legal**

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is willing to help recreational boat owners to obtain their mandatory New Jersey safe-boating certificates - the baby boomers a whole generation of middle-aged boaters need to become safe boaters.

Operators born in 1958 and later are required to have certificates this year. Next year, the requirement will ratchet downward to require certificates for captains born in 1949 or later; they will need to obtain their certificates by June 1 to be legal next summer. Students who successfully complete the courses and testing will obtain a Coast Guard certificate, and an application for a state boating-safety certificate, signed by an accredited instructor, for obtaining that document from State Police.

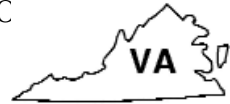
State Police also offer a "test-out" option for experienced boaters who want to try to pass the exam without going through a boating-safety class. But instructors caution that the test includes detailed questions about New Jersey's particular boating laws, so applicants need to be fully aware of them before attempting the test-out.

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## Virginia Legislative Report

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Meetings have been held to streamline regulations for the boating education law in Virginia. Publication is expected soon.

Virginia's Boating Infrastructure Grant Committee met in Richmond on September 26. Grant applications considered were from the following marinas: Fairview Beach Marina in King George; Waterside Marina, Norfolk; Safe Haven Marina in Neabsco Harbor; Aquia Harbor, Stafford; Rivers Rest Marina, Charles City County; Poquoson Marina, Poquoson.

Virginia's Joint Legislative Committee Studying Open Space and Farmland Preservation met in August to consider pre-filing legislation for the 2008 session. The committee is aware of CBYCA interest in this legislation because it could affect development along the Potomac River.



## Delaware Legislative Report

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The battle continues, New Jersey is continuing to dispute the boundaries of Delaware State into the Delaware River (Supreme Court rulings since 1905)

New Jersey has retained a top Washington Law firm to argue the April 2007 Supreme Court special council recommendation to the court by special council Livingston, to deny NJ request allowing BP to construct the 1900 ft. pier for LNG tankers to dock at a proposed facility to provide gas to 5 mil. customers thru existing pipe lines. The hearing before the high court will take place in October 2007.

Delaware requires all who fish in its waters to secure licenses. Currently all residents, non residents are required to have licenses. As of 1/2008, fishing off both private and commercial vessels in Delaware waterways must secure licenses. Rates range from \$8.50 for residents to over \$100.

Wishing you all good health and a very pleasant rest of the summer season.

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Legislative Director



**Loran C continuation?**

The USCG is conducting another study on whether to continue Loran operation. A notice was in the Federal Register to this effect requesting comments. Below are excerpts from the official NBF response:

NBF fully supports the continuation of LORAN-C service as a backup for and compliment to GPS. We see navigational aids as a key safety component on our vessels and like all critical components they require backup. We do not want to undertake a harbor entrance approach in low visibility and suddenly lose our principal navigational aid and have no backup. Given the vulnerabilities of the satellite navigation systems, the proven and reliable terrestrial LORAN-C system provides the backup capability we need.

The case for backup is made by the proven vulnerability of GPS to signal loss, either unintentional or intentional. Unintentional can be from atmospheric conditions, signal blockage from a variety of causes and solar flares. A solar event on December 6 generated the Washington post headline "Blast of Radio Waves Larger Than Thought Possible Caused GPS Disruptions". The ability to intentionally block a GPS signal was amply demonstrated recently when the Chinese "painted" some of our satellites by directing a powerful laser beam at them. The Chinese also destroyed one of their own aging satellites using a ground-based missile. Jamming devices were also used, albeit with limited success, at the outset of the conflict in Iraq.

From all the available evidence we can see that our transportation infrastructure, many key weapons systems and in some respects our national security are dependent upon satellite navigation systems and thus need to have backup. It remains clear that LORAN-C is the most obvious system to meet most of these requirements.

Finally we would urge you to make a decision and that it be final. The Government indecision has been a disincentive to industry. Production of an integrated Loran/GPS receiver is very much needed. With no final decision on LORAN continuation this will not happen.

Ballast water discharge and the EPA permit requirement - New developments  
A companion bill to H.R. 2550 has been entered in the Senate by Sen. Mel Martinez of Florida. His bill S. 2067, the Recreational Boating Act of 2007, is identical to the House bill and has six co-sponsors. An NBF E-Lert has been issued on this and all are asked to write their Congressmen urging support on these important bills.

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## 2007 CBYCA Meeting Schedule

### Mark Your Calendars !

October 13	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Corinthian YC
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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