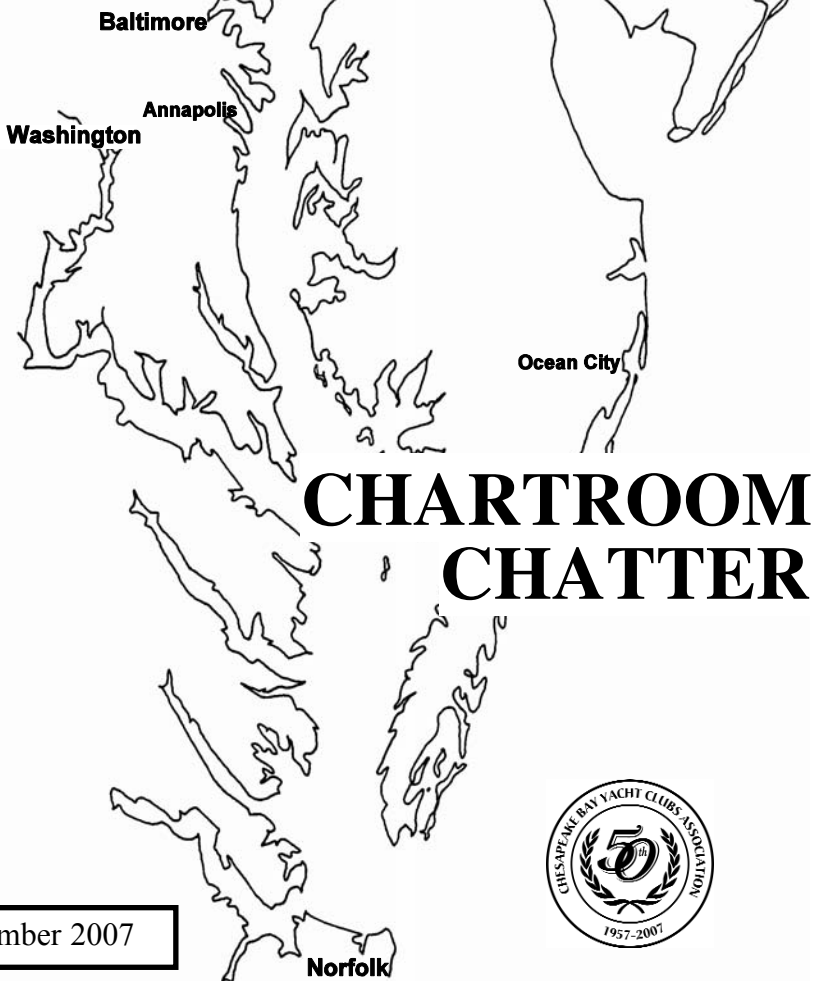


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Vice Commodore's Report
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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

We had a great Delegates meeting at Baltimore Yacht Club on August the 18th. Thanks to Linda and the crew for a great lunch spread. I was surprised at the turn out with such a great day to be doing things outside.

The next BOG meeting date has been changed to September the 15th at Capital Yacht Club. All Yacht Club members are welcome to attend any Board meetings. October the 13th will be at Corinthian Yacht Club. November the 17th will be at Bush River Yacht Club, this will be a BOG and Delegates meeting. The Delegates meeting will begin at 1pm with Lunch for those who come at noon. This is the 2008 officer installation meeting. The December BOG meeting will be held on Sunday the 9th at the Sheraton Hotel in Annapolis. This will be a breakfast meeting with a fun gift exchange. Please bring a gift of no more than \$ 10.00.

AFTER THE BOATING SEASON PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE "MARYLAND CLEAN MARINA" PROGRAM. CHESAPEAKE YC WILL BE THE NEXT CLUB TO JOIN. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A GOOD YC SHOWING IN THIS PROGRAM AND ITS "FREE ".

DON'T FORGET YOUR 07 BALL RESERVATIONS AT THE SHEARTON ANNAPOLIS. A SPECIAL PRICE HAS BEEN OFFERED CBYCA. PHONE # 410 266 3131 AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE ATTENDING THE BALL.

“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 Shearton Annapolis.

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Rear Commodore's Report
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I would like to Thank Our Membership for the Nomination of Vice Commodore. This year should be a good one. I am very impressed with the caliber of the people who serve this organization and I look forward to promoting the rights of the recreational boater.



Legislative Director's Report

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Over the past few months the State Legislative Directors and I have reviewed the current CBYCA stance on mandatory boating education.

The previous position on PFD's was enhanced and made more specific. The major change is to have the CBYCA endorse reasonable mandatory safe boating education. USCG statistics and the influx of inexperienced boat operators have made the need for boating education necessary. New brochures stating the CBYCA stance will be available by the end of the year. I am very grateful to the state LD's for their hard work. I especially want to thank Commodore Burton for his initiative in requesting a review of the CBYCA stance on education.



Maryland Legislative Report

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DNR Re-establish Boating Services Unit with Bob Gaudette as new Leader
DNR Secretary Griffin has re-established the DNR Boating Services Unit to bring together boating activities and functions within the Department such as waterway improvements, a number of boating and waterway planning functions, hydrographic operations (i.e. buoy/charting/ice breaking operations), the operation of Somers Cove and Ft. Washington Marinas, and the State Boat Act Advisory Committee as a means to better focus services and programs for boaters. Bob Gaudette, former head of WIF, has been appointed as Director of this new Unit. The goal is to better improve boating related activities at DNR with the boating industry and general boating public.

The Waterway Improvement Program has now become Boating Program Implementation, operating as a function of the new Boating Services Unit and will be managed by Pam Lunsford, who was previously the Director of Capital Grants and Loans for DNR. 2007 CBYCA Directories have been sent to the DNRBSU; we look forward to working with Pam and Bob in their new roles.

Dredging Projects

Thanks to the efforts of many including CBYCA, the north side of the Kent Narrows Channel in Queen Anne's County was dredged by the Corps of Engineers in cooperation with Queen Anne's County and DNR using State Waterway Improvement Funds., This measure corrected the federal channel which had substantially shoaled to the extent that it had become hazardous to navigate. It is hoped that the Corps will have sufficient funding in their budget to maintain this channel in the future.

The Parrish Creek federal channel located in Anne Arundel County is also in need of maintenance dredging. DNRBSU is working with the Corps to try to get them to budget funding to dredge this channel ASAP. DNR has provided

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Waterway Improvement Funds to Anne Arundel County to dredge the adjacent County channels at Parrish Creek as well as cover the local cost share required for the disposal of the dredged material for the Corps' project.

Other recently completed projects included the reconstruction of a new Inner Harbor Marina located near the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore City. This marina is owned by Baltimore City, primarily serves transient boats, and can accommodate vessels up to 250 feet in length. This project was funded with DNR Waterway Improvement Funds, a substantial Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, along with private funds from the marina concessionaire. In addition, the City of Cambridge also completed an expansion project at the Cambridge Municipal Marina using DNR Waterway Improvement Funds as well as funding from the City and a BIG Grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Cambridge Yacht Club also expanded their marina in conjunction with this project at their own expense. Both projects are a great success.

In FY 2008, a total of \$26.7 million in State Waterway Improvement Funds as well as \$1 million in federal funds was approved by the Maryland General Assembly to complete 131 proposed waterway improvement projects statewide. Projects include dredged navigation channels, constructing and improving boat ramps, piers, slips, and boat landings on State and local public lands, acquiring fire/rescue boats and equipment, installing marine sewage pumpout stations, and completing boating related shoreline erosion control projects.

Task Force Study of the Boating Industry in Maryland.

According to Susan Zeller, Executive Director of the Maryland Marine Trade Association, Governor O'Malley's office is still in the process of appoint eight members to the Task Force. However, several of the governmental department representatives (DNR, DBED and MDE) have met with MMTA to begin the initial work for development of research on the boating industry, and to discuss possible legislation for next year's session; more info is expected by the CBYCA Sept Board meeting and CBYCA news.

Maryland Marine Trades (MMTA) Conference: Save the Date

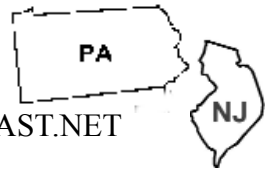
MMTA Conference at Kent Island Yacht Club, Wed., Sept 12 will include an update on the issue of water access--NMMA's Grow Boating Chair Steve Tadd will discuss how other States are preserving access to our waters through comprehensive planning, development rights and other efforts by local jurisdictions. The Conference will also include an update on the Economic Impact of Boating in Maryland, given by Doug Lipton, University of Maryland Sea Grant College, a review of the Maryland Legislature and issues that pertain to the marine trade industry by MTAM's Legislative Consultant John Stierhoff. Registration: \$65 includes continental breakfast and lunch; I will plan to attend on behalf of CBYCA. Mark your Calendars 9-11-07 Important Community Meeting on LNG

Edgemere Volunteer Fire Department will be the meeting location for "Dialogue with EPA & MDE" at 7 pm on 9.11.07, to discuss the issues and hear concerns (located next to Sparrows Point High School). This is an opportunity to meet with the feds for those interested in protecting the environmental health concerns on the former Bethlehem Steel Peninsula and the Chesapeake Bay are urged to attend. For more details on LNG issues in Maryland, please see my column in the CBYCA July news issue.



Pennsylvania/ New Jersey Legislative Report

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Pennsylvania

HB 13 Amends: “An act encouraging landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting liability” by stating that an owner of land who either directly or indirectly invites or permits any person to use his property for recreational purposes does not assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to persons or property. Governor Rendell signed the bill into law.

Dredging the Delaware River:

U.S. Senators. Bob Casey and Arlen Specter shook hands above the tarmac of the Packer Marine Terminal, symbolizing the official announcement of the Delaware River channel-deepening from 40'- 45'.

The goal in the region is to build a world-class facility that can provide 175,000 jobs and handle up to 3.5 million containers annually at Southport at the Philadelphia Navy Yard property. The dredging project currently has \$66 million already secured, according to Senator Specter, and the State of Pennsylvania will fund approximately \$170 million. He added that the balance of the funding needed to complete the project is forthcoming. A statement from the Maritime Stakeholders Group indicated the total project would cost \$300 million, but an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer from last March suggested it would come in at a minimum of \$500 million. How this project will effect the recreational boater will be reported to CBYCA as soon as the data is available.

New 'battle' for Lake Erie

U.S. Senate is mobilizing to take Stronger measures against invasive species carried in the ballast water of foreign ships are desperately needed, and U.S. Sens. George Voinovich (R., Ohio) and Carl Levin (D., Mich.) have proposed a timely solution. We are waiting for the final language of their bill to be certain it will not effect recreational boating.

So far about 185 alien species have been identified, and more are discovered each year. This legislation is essential, overdue, and urgently needed if we have any hope of reversing destruction of the world's largest supply of fresh water, a system that sustains 40 million people.

The Pennsylvania Boating Association elected new officers and directors.

Officers serve a term of one year and directors three years. (Effective July 2007)

President Andrew: Talento

Vice President: Charles Johns

Secretary/Treasure: William Garwood

Financial Secretary: Bob Williams

Directors: Art Friedman, Capt. Georges Boyle, Steven Ketterer, & Ted Onufak

New Jersey

LNG

Logan Township, Gloucester County, N.J. Attorneys for New Jersey and BP are

calling on the U.S. Supreme Court to ignore much of a report favoring Delaware in a Delaware River boundary dispute. New Jersey hired a special counsel to argue the U.S. Supreme Court case against Delaware which will decide the fate of BP's proposal to build a \$600 million liquefied natural gas facility in the state.

The ramped-up effort comes after a blow to New Jersey's case this spring. A court-appointed fact-finder ruled Delaware has the right to veto New Jersey projects that extend into its side of the Delaware River.

The proposed terminal is to be built on the New Jersey side of the river, but a pier would extend into Delaware waters.

Bridges

The bridges that span the Delaware River were rated in December 2006 by the federal government: "The 51-year-old New Jersey Turnpike Bridge in Burlington Township received the highest sufficiency rating at 75.

The Burlington-Bristol Bridge received a 30.1 sufficiency rating, which puts it in the structurally deficient category. The bridge is operated by the Burlington County Bridge Commission. It was built in 1931 and reconstructed in 1996.

The Tacony-Palmyra Bridge, also operated by the bridge commission, was rated at 34.1, also in the structurally deficient category. The bridge was built in 1929 and reconstructed in 1998.

The heavily used Benjamin Franklin, Walt Whitman are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, according to data released by Pennsylvania officials. The Franklin and Whitman bridges were rated "functionally obsolete" because of their age and outdated features, but both received "fair" or better ratings for the conditions of their decks, superstructures and substructures. The bridges remain safe, officials stressed.

Two other local bridges, the Betsy Ross and Girard Point Bridges, are neither obsolete nor structurally deficient, according to the inspection data from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The ratings, and inspections, judge bridges on more than just structural safety. There are 116 checkpoints for inspecting a bridge, including lighting, lane width and many other nonstructural factors.

Palmyra Cove project

Palmyra Cove Nature Park (PCNP) is 250 acres of green in a highly developed area on the Delaware River just south of the Tacony Palmyra Bridge. The project has been classified as an emergency because shoaling is affecting ship traffic on the river. It will take about 30 days to complete.

At issue is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' \$2.3 million plan to dredge about 55,000 cubic yards of sediment out of the river and dump it onto a 20-acre portion of Palmyra Cove Nature Park.

The federal agency is charged with keeping the channel at least 40 feet deep to maintain a safe pathway for shipping vessels, but some points have shoaled to 32 feet, creating an emergency condition.

Testing will be made on the mud that will come out of the river to see if it will suitable for fill for household construction and landscaping projects. Palmyra Cove has traditionally been used for dredge deposits, and a 1998 agreement between the state and federal governments authorized the continued use of up to 70 acres at the site.

A group of environmentalists and residents who live near the park had been pushing the DEP to reject any future use of the park, which opened in 2001, as a depository for dredge spoils. Opposition to putting the spoils on the Cove also came from U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, among other elected officials.



Delaware Legislative Report

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The battle continues, New Jersey is resuming its dispute regarding the boundaries of the State of Delaware 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 Livingston's recommendation, to deny NJ's request allowing BRITISH PETROLEUM to construct the 1900 ft. pier for LNG tankers to dock at a proposed facility which would provide gas to approximately 5 mil. customers thru BP's 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



Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on Water Discharge Ruling

On 14 August the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, heard oral arguments in the appeal for Northwest Environmental Advocates v. EPA. The appeal was on the Court ruling that took away the exemption for recreational vessels from the Clean Water Act allowing normal water discharges. The three judge panel heard arguments from the appellants, the US Dept of Justice speaking for the EPA and the environmental group plaintiffs with no decision being reached. Some at the hearing indicated there was only a 50/50 chance for a successful ruling. The judges indicated the case would be submitted for a decision and by their questions seemed to have some sympathy for the appellants. We are hoping for a decision within six months.

Failing a favorable court decision our only hope is in HR 2550 which would exempt us from any discharge permit process. We now have 50 co-sponsors in the House for this bill. A companion bill will be introduced in the Senate when Congress reconvenes after the August recess. Again, all are encouraged to write their Senators requesting their support for this legislation so important to the future of boating.

The EPA posted a request for comments on the docket: "Development of Clean Water Act National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permits for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of Vessels." NBF submitted comments along with 2000 other respondents. The comment period has concluded and 99% of the respondents opposed the permit process.

We will continue to address all these issues, working with the BoatBlue Coalition, which includes many industry and boating organizations until we have achieved a successful conclusion.



Secretary's Report

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CBYCA salutes all the Delegates of member clubs who have given up their personal time on beautiful afternoons and driven many miles to attend the Delegates Meetings. Input from member clubs is essential to making policy and it arms the organization's legislative representatives who can accurately claim CBYCA represents more than 65,000 recreational boaters and more than 130 clubs.

Each year we recognize clubs for outstanding attendance by their delegates. If a club's Delegates attended all four Delegates Meetings, the club will receive a Perfect Attendance Certificate. In the current cycle, those four meetings began with the November 2006 meeting and included the February, April and August 2007 meetings. If your club's attendance was recorded at all four, you will receive a certificate during the member clubs' Delegates roll call at the upcoming November meeting.



Publicity Director's Report

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Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is September 25, 2007

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. Be sure to get your event information submitted through the Cbyca Website so it can be included in the Goldenrod page in the Chartroom Chatter, this must be submitted through the Website no later than the 25th of each month.

2007 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

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| September 15 | Sat | 1000 hrs | Board | Capital YC |
| 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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