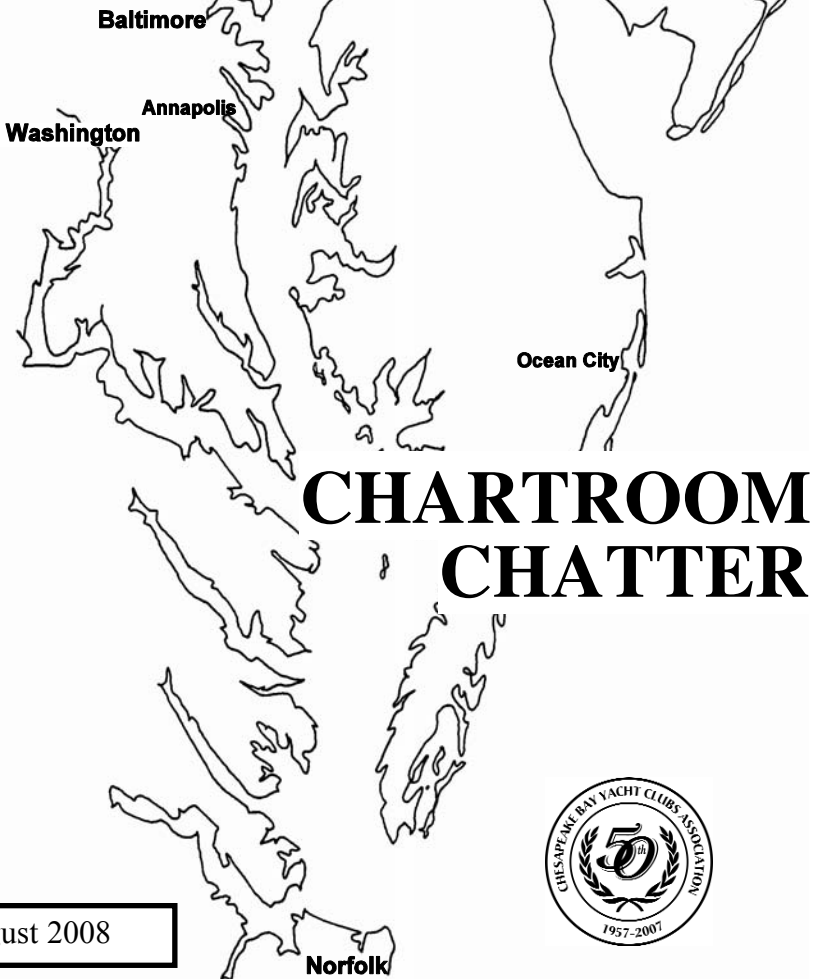


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Commodore's Corner

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer; it's great to take some time and enjoy the waterways or just be with friends at the Club.

You remember the Survey we talked about? Thanks to Sailorjohn (John Hakemian) we have tabulated the results. Thirty-eight full responses were received. Thank you! The Roster Book received the highest rating with an 8.6 on a 1-10 scale. The Chartroom Chatter and Web-Site fell about 1 point under that.

CBYCA legislative efforts received an 8.6, 97% said they received enough information on legislative matters, only 61% ask their delegate to communicate their club's position on pending legislative.

Ninety-five percent said they understood CBYCA's mission. 32% or 13 clubs want a CBYCA presentation. We will schedule those in the fall. I would like to know if you would like us to download the Power Point or send you a disk for you to use at your membership meetings.

The Chartroom Chatter was universally rated as useful, but only 39% said they posted it for members to read. Fifty-Five percent said placing an ad in the Roster Book was helpful. About 5% of the clubs visit the website once a week, 13% once a month, 2/3 answered with " when I have a need, 13% said never.

Don't miss the next Delegates meeting scheduled for August 16th @ Baltimore Yacht Club. The slate for 2009 has been presented according to our By-Laws and will be voted on. So please give up your time and join us.
Lunch served at noon.

PLEASE PROTECT A MOTHER TO BE; THROW BACK THE FEMALE CRABS.



Vice Commodore's Report

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Myself, Secretary Gene Schenck and P/C Ray Littleton had the pleasure of Judging the Annual Seamanship and Boat Decorations for the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs this past month. All entries had accomplished Captain's and the judging was difficult. Speaking for the judges we had a great time and applaud our Shrine members for the work they do for thousands of sick children around our country.

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Maryland Legislative Report

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I met with the Task Force on June 30, 2008. Ecological sustainability needs to be achieved while allowing marine and boating industry to grow. This was also a major thrust of the DNR Retreat which I attended in late June along with 75 DNR employees and 75 stakeholders. I also took Cecilia Battaglini to learn more about what's happening with the DNR mission and future initiatives. We also attended the Maryland Marine Trade Association event in mid July for their perspectives as well.

The following are some of the recommendations I am highlighting which will be prioritized among others at the September meeting with possibly some legislation for 2009 session.

Regulation & Management: concern that current regulatory system hinders growth in the marine industry. Consider 1) redevelopment of the Guide to Local, State and Corps Permit Process, 2) advisory board to MDE and Critical Areas Commission for collaboration; 3) credit to State Gross Income Tax for certified clean marinas.

Public Education: continue boater education courses and promotion of value to new boat owners

Economic Development Incentives: Include 1)incentives offering funding for creating redevelopment plans for marine industry expansion; 2) "Maritime" under "Maryland's Industries on DBED website and under "Business in Maryland" pull down menu, and eligible business activity for Job Creation Tax Credit; and 3) GIS analysis to identify potential sites for marine industry expansion.

Workforce Training: collaborate with DLLR, Maryland Works, and Workforce Investment Boards to prioritize marine businesses. At national level, funding flows from Workforce Investment Act; 10 MD industry sectors are established; marine trades needs to be included in the transportation sector. This was discussed recently at the national level with Gay Gilbert of the USDOLETA at a Washington meeting in July on workforce issues.

Extending Stay of Visiting Boater: develop strategies to encourage recreational boaters from other states to lengthening time and money spent in Maryland, 1)determine if \$459,000 spent to collect \$1.75 M in excise tax is worth jeopardizing the \$198 M spent annually by visiting boater, and 2) extension of 90 days to better reflect length of boating season.

More later...

Summary of 2008 Legislation from DNR Now Available

The 2008 Session included 2,641 pieces of legislation, with 747 actually passing (roughly 28%). DNR introduced six pieces of departmental legislation (covered in earlier CBYCA reports during session), in addition to being involved in several pieces of Administration legislation relating to the Critical Areas and the 2010 Trust Fund. DNR's legislative office tracked nearly 175 bills during the 2008 session. For full report, please go to the DNR website.

LNG Sparrows Point Saga Continues...

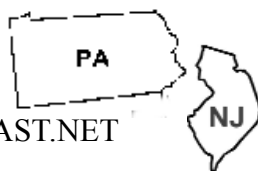
The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) accepted our CBYCA updated impact statement on the AES proposal to construct and operate an LNG

import terminal in the industrial port setting on Sparrows Point in Baltimore, reference docket Nos. CP07-62-000, CP07-63-000, CP07-64-000; & CP07-65-000(also on the CBYCA website). The LNG blog also has included the differing US Department of Commerce position overruling the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) objections of the State of Maryland to the Sparrows Point LNG terminal proposal. July 2007, Maryland denied the project's consistency with the state's coastal zone management plan and project developer AES Corp. appealed the decision to the Secretary of Commerce. ..who states AES LNG Project is consistent with the objectives of the CZMA: it furthers the national interest in a significant and substantial manner; the national interest furthered by the Project outweighs the Project's adverse coastal effects; and there is no reasonable alternative available for the Project. More to come...

Enjoy the rest of our boating season wherever your vessel might take you!



**Pennsylvania/
New Jersey
Legislative Report**
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Pennsylvania

Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) summer quarterly meeting

Fish and Boat Commissioners Leonard L. Lichvar and Thomas C. Shetterly were elected President and Vice President, respectively, of the PFBC. New Commissioner Norman Gavlick, of Kingston, was also introduced. He was appointed by Governor Edward Rendell to serve as the Seventh District Commissioner. The commissioners' have the authority of changing boating & fishing laws.

The mission of the Fish and Boat Commission is to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities.

The Commission:

- Voted to allow anglers to fish in lakes and ponds approved as year-round trout waters without possessing a trout/salmon permit, as long as anglers are not fishing for trout or salmon. Commissioners also voted to open 31 additional approved trout waters to year-round fishing.
- Approved restrictions on nighttime fishing on a section of Walnut Creek, Erie County.
- Adopted amendments to Fish and Boat Code Section 63.8 (Longbows, Crossbows, Spears, and Gigs) to allow catfish to be harvested in all Commonwealth waters by longbows and arrows, not just the Delaware River.
- Adopted a statement of policy on wind power.
- Approved the publication of notice of proposed rulemaking to remove smallmouth buffalo, longhead darter, and channel darter from the threatened species list and river redhorse and longnose gar from the candidate species list.
- Grants for boat ramps.

Governor Edward G. Rendell has followed through on an agreement reached in 2005 to protect one of the world's largest bodies of fresh water -- the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin -- as he signed House Bill 1705, which will ensure this invaluable resource is protected for the millions of people who rely on its resources for energy, recreation, agriculture and industry.

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H.B. 1705 ratifies an interstate agreement reached with seven other Great Lake states and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The five Great Lakes are the world's largest surface freshwater system -- accounting for about 20 percent of the freshwater on the planet. The compact will prohibit water diversions outside of the Great Lakes basin combined with state programs to conserve and manage the basin waters adhering to unified and cooperative principles, policies and programs throughout the basin.

State Offering Grants for Boat Ramps

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is offering grant money to county and municipal governments that want to build new boat ramps or renovate old ones.

The agency's Boating Facilities Grant Program pays up to 75 percent of the cost of boat ramp construction or restoration. Grant recipients are responsible for at least 25 percent of project costs, which can be provided in cash or in-kind services such as project materials and labor.

New Jersey

New Jersey residents please call Governor Corzine's office in support of bill S1553 Marina Access Legislation and bill 1390 Abandoned Vessel Bill. The Governor's office phone is (609) 292-6000.

Waterfront Access Legislation S1553- The Senate and the Assembly passed this legislation and will impose a two year moratorium on the NJDEP Public Access requirements pertaining to 24-hour access for the public at waterfront properties in New Jersey. This legislation is on the Governor's desk waiting his signature.

Abandoned Vessel Bill S-1390/A1796- This legislation was successfully passed by both the Senate and Assembly and went to the Governor's desk for his signature. This legislation would revise statutes concerning abandoned vessels to include sunken vessels and authorize municipalities to remove abandoned vessels from municipal waterways. This would apply to all boats including New Jersey registered recreational boats and USCG Documented vessels.

LoBiondo Applauds Passage

U.S. Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo (NJ-02) spoke on the House floor in support of S. 2766, which codifies an exemption for over 15 million recreational boat owners from being fined \$32,000 daily for incidental discharges such as bilge water, rain water runoff and deck wash. In a remarkable display of bipartisan support for recreational boating, both the House and Senate passed S. 2766, "The Clean Boating Act of 2008" which will permanently restore a long-standing exemption for recreational boats from permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act. The legislation now goes to the White House for the President's signature.

A second bill (S. 3298), supported by LoBiondo, will provide fishing vessels and other small commercial boats a two year exemption from costly permits and potential lawsuits. During these two years, the EPA will study the issue of incidental discharges and their effect on the environment before being forced to implement regulations by a court.

These bills are an important and significant first step. South Jersey's commercial fishing industry is the second largest on the East Coast, but it is suffering from increased fuel costs, catch limitations and the economic slump," said LoBiondo, a member of the House Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee. "At a time when our economy is experiencing a downturn, it is critically important Congress approve legislation that protects both the

recreational and commercial boating industry, and the millions of jobs they support."



Virginia Legislative Report

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Virginia Boating Education Law to Click in Next Summer

Teenagers and 20-year olds need to start studying boating safety if they want to be legal on Virginia waters next summer. After July 1, 2009, operators of Personal Watercraft (PWCs) who are 20 or younger must be able to show police on Virginia waterways and lakes wallet cards to prove they have completed a boating education class.

The requirement for 20-year olds and younger that goes into effect next summer is the first phase of a law that passed the legislature in 2007 and is being implemented over eight years. The law will eventually require all motorboat operators in Virginia to prove they know boating safety rules.

PWC operators 35 or younger must meet requirements by July 1, 2010, and those 50 or younger must comply by July 1, 2011.

Starting July 1, 2012, all PWC operators and motorboat operators 30 or younger will have to show proof of having completed safe boating classes. They must be able to show a card certifying that they passed tests at the end of the courses. The July 1 phase-ins will continue yearly for those 40, 45, and 50 until 2015. On July 1, 2016 all motorboat operators, regardless of age, must have proof that they completed approved courses and passed tests upon completion.

Each year, PWC and boat operators who are from out of state will have to show they have met requirements of their home states. At last count, only 8 states, including Maryland, do require boaters to prove they have completed boating safety classes and passed tests. But Maryland's requirement is only for all persons born on or after July 1, 1972. They must have in their possession a certificate of boating safety education to operate a numbered or documented vessel (including personal watercraft) legally on Maryland's public waters. This includes the Potomac up to the Virginia shoreline.

To be in compliance, Virginia boaters must have proof of one or more of the following provisions:

- completion and passing of a boating safety course that is approved by either the National Association Safe Boating Legislative Association [NASBLA] and accepted by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

- pass an approved equivalence exam.
- have a valid US Coast Guard operator's license or Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator's card.

- possess a temporary operator's certificate.
- possess a valid rental or lease agreement and show proof of completion of a Dockside Safety Checklist .

- operate the boat under direct supervision of a person who meets the compliance requirement.

- be a Virginia resident for no more than 90 days and meet boating safety requirements of home state or Canada.

- has assumed operation of a motorboat due to illness of the licensed operator and is returning to shore to provide assistance to the operator.

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• is a registered commercial fisherman or is under supervision of commercial fisherman on his vessel.

Information about approved courses and their locations and costs are available at the Virginia Department of Games and Fisheries (VDGIF) website--<http://www.dgif.state.va.us/boating/education/boating-safety-education-requirement.asp>. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) also has information about courses and tests on its website.

Boaters can take NSBLA courses and even tests online. However, Virginia boaters must score at least 90 percent to obtain a valid completion card because the test is considered an open-book test. Students who take classroom courses have the option of taking an open book test requiring the 90 percent passing score, or they can elect to take a closed-book test, which requires a 70 percent score.

Coast Guard and NASBLA studies show that the median age for all boating accident victims and fatalities is about 40. Alabama and Connecticut enacted a “Quick Phase In” rather than the longer period required in Virginia, which targets younger users in the first years. The one-time approach in Maryland targets the mid-thirties group now, but passes over older first time boat buyers and operators. With implementation, Alabama and Connecticut showed a 31 percent decrease in fatalities per 100,000 registered boaters, compared to a 15 percent decrease nationwide. The two states showed a 27 percent decrease in accidents, compared to an 11 percent decrease nationwide.

CBYCA supported the Virginia Safe Boating Alliance’s surprisingly successful campaign for the Virginia boating education law after just two legislative sessions. Virginia legislators historically object to mandatory rules and regulations, and Virginia legislators have for the past eight years defeated mandatory life jacket legislation for children 7 and under. It will be interesting to see if the success of the safe boating education law might change the chances for a future lifejacket law in Virginia.

Coast Guard Urges Boaters to Aid Security Watch

I represented CBYCA at the June 26 quarterly meeting of the Virginia Area Maritime Security Recreational Vessel Subcommittee in Portsmouth.

Captain Pat Trapp, Commander of the Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads, talked about the Coast Guard’s need for assistance from recreational boaters. He said the Coast Guard has to “walk a fine line” between performing its duties and exploiting or leveraging the watchfulness of recreational boaters. But, he said, security can be greatly increased by boaters who know boating safety rules and report questionable activities to CG or local authorities.

Captain Trapp said his offices are available to speak to meetings of Chesapeake and Hampton Roads area yacht clubs. They would discuss security risks on waterways in the Hampton Roads area.



Delaware Legislative Report

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An Act to Amend Title 26 of the Delaware Code Relating to Offshore Wind Power Installations

This bill promotes the establishment of clean offshore wind energy off the coast of Delaware, while minimizing the cost concerns related to offshore wind

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installation and encouraging DPL to execute offshore wind power purchase agreements for customers by: (1) Creating a 350% offshore wind renewable energy credit multiplier, (2) Making the 350% renewable energy credit multiplier available for the life of offshore wind contracts, and (3) spreading both the cost and the benefits of offshore wind power contracts executed by DPL to DPL's entire customer base, rather than only to DPL's standard offer service customers. Governor signed bill 6/25/2008



Publicity Director's Report

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Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is August 25, 2008

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.

If you will be away & your Chatter Newsletter will not forward, please let me know, I can change your address or delete the copy.

Please note the dates for Openings & Commodore Balls, listed in the Roster Book **do not** carry over onto the events page of the website or onto the Goldenrod page in the Chartroom Chatter. You must enter all of your events into the CBYCA Website for it to get posted on the Goldenrod page.

2008 CBYCA Meeting Schedule

Mark Your Calendars !

August 16	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Baltimore YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Baltimore YC
September 20	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Susquehanna YC
October 18	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Solomons Island YC
November 15	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Bush River YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Bush River YC
December 14	Sun	0900 hrs	Board	Cbyca Ball
				Best Western Hotel
			Christmas Party	

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Nominating Committee Report - Revised 6/24/2008

As required by the Constitution and By-Laws of CBYCA, the 2008 Nominating Committee, consisting of A/D Jeanette Baker, A/D Judy Williams, P/C Marty Weiner, Delegate Tom Powers, P/C Fred Levitan, Del Richard Miller and IP/C Donald Burton, Chairperson, has selected the following slate of candidates for the 2009 elective offices to be voted on at the August 16, 2008 Delegates meeting. All of the candidates selected have expressed their willingness to serve.

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Pa / NJ / DE	Art Friedman	C	Delaware River YC
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District E	Michael Death	C	Bodkin YC
District F	Ed Ward	C	Great Oak YC
District G	John Bradley	N	Bodkin YC
District H	Gene Schenck	N	Admirals Annapolis YC
District I	Harriet Bean	C	Corinthian YC
District J	Howard Gasaway	C	Chesapeake Cruisers Assn
District K	Tim Baker	C	Prince William YC
District L	Linda Bradford	N	Virginia YC

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Nominating Commt (08-09)	A D Jeannette Baker	Prince William YC
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Nominating Commt (08-09)	P/C Marty Weiner	Maryland YC
Nominating Commt (09-10)	Shelly Speicher-Allocco	Galloway YC
Nominating Commt (09-10)	P/C Earl Waesche	Corinthian YC
Nominating Commt (09-10)	Ernie Molnar	Red Eye YC

Upon completion of his current term of office, Commodore Coles Marsh will serve as IP/C and become Chairperson of the 2009 Nominating Committee.

Sincerely,

Donald Burton

IP/C Donald Burton
Chairperson



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