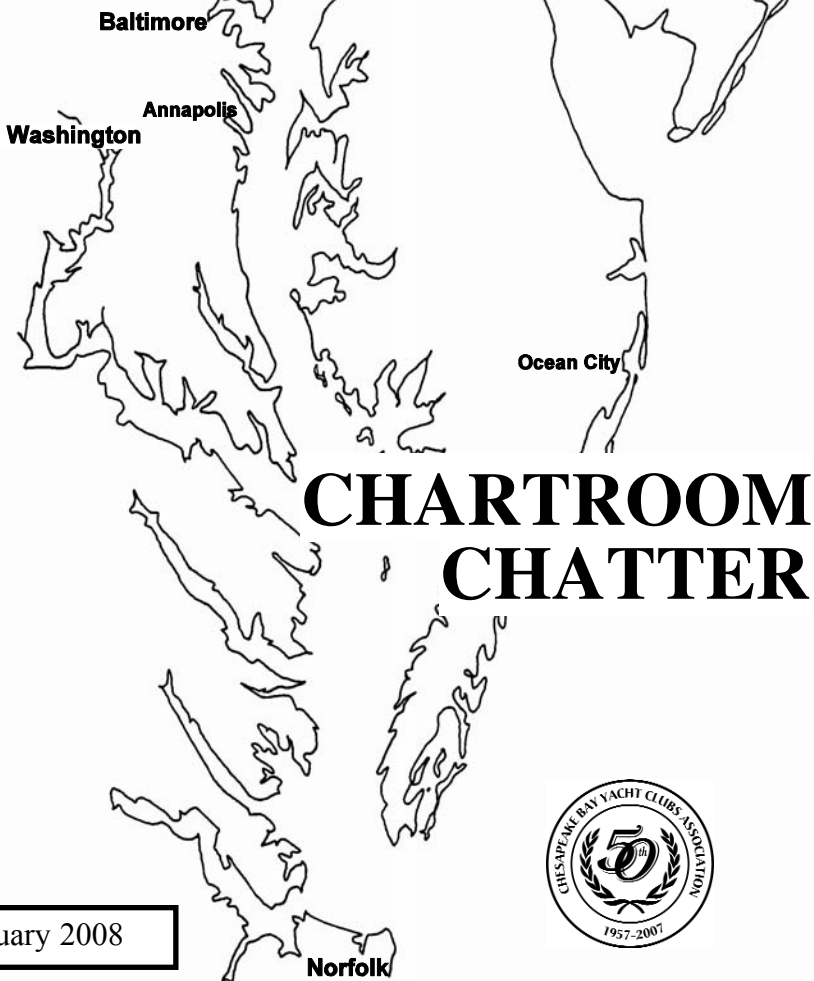


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## Commodore's Corner

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!



What a great welcome we had at Otter Point Yacht Club for the January Board meeting. Commodore Randy and the crew did a wonderful job of making us feel so welcomed. This club shows what it means to be a club family with the rebuilding of their club house after the storm to making people feel so comfortable. The lunch was great. Thanks Commodore Randy!

The work has started on the survey. The plan is to have it out to the clubs in March for your feed back so we can assess how we are doing now and what you would like to see us do for you our valued members.

Pam Butler is getting the ads together for the Roster Book. I would like to see all District Representatives get in touch with their clubs to give us an ad. If you know of any commercial ad that would like to be placed in the Roster Book please let her know. This book is a value to our members and a very inexpensive way to advertise for our clubs and commercial advertisers. We could use your help in making the 50th addition a success.

We look forward to our February Board and Delegates meeting at Farragut Sportsmen's Association in Camden N.J. I know this is a long trip for some but it's great to honor this club celebrating 100 years of boating.



## Vice Commodore's Report

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I would like to thank Commodore Randy and District Rep Bob of Otter Point Yacht Club for hosting our January meeting. The hospitality was as good as the view of Bush River from your club. Again thanks

We will have our February Meeting at Farragut S.A. This is one of our northern clubs located in Camden New Jersey. Hope to see u all there, word on the street is P/D June Donofrio is going to cook up a batch of her world famous Soup!!

The February Board & Delegates meeting is being held at Farragut Sportsmen's Assn., one of our northern clubs, in Camden New Jersey, for directions, please see the back of the Goldenrod included in this issue.



## Legislative Director's Report

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The New Year brings a lot of legislative activity regarding compliance to Chesapeake Bay clean up. Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell will ask the legislature in the budget to approve funding for municipalities to pay for sewage treatment plant improvements. Pa State Conservation Commission received \$10 million. The money is earmarked for the Resource Enhancement and Protection. (REAP) ACT 55 in 2007 established REAP for farmers and businesses to earn tax credits for improvement in the treatment of waste products into the tributaries that lead to the Chesapeake Bay.

Maryland has \$50 million fund to restore the Bay but at this time lawmakers want the state agencies to reconsider how to spend the funds. The good news is that the state governments are keenly aware that the Bay is a wonderful resource that needs to be restored and maintained. All of the states with tributaries that lead to the Bay have a responsibility to contribute to the clean up of its waters.



## Rear Commodore's Report

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Calling all Members and Advertisers,

February 14 is just three weeks away which is the Deadline for Ads for the 2008 Roster Book and the ads are coming in slow. Please don't let this opportunity to promote your club and/or business in the various communities pass you by. I am looking forward to your support again this year. Please return your invoice, contract and check to me as soon as possible. I will be following up with those that I have not heard from by February 5. For those clubs that did not take an ad in the 2007 Roster Book, please consider helping us out this year. The funds help the CBYCA to address those topics that are vital to you and the boating community. You may send the items to me: R/C Pamela Butler, 6415 Craigmont Road, Baltimore, MD 21207-3946.



## Maryland Legislative Report

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**General Assembly back in town...**

Governor Martin O'Malley, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown and Senate President Mike Miller joined delegates and senators on Wed., Jan 9 to welcome staff and friends to the start of the 2008 General Assembly Session. Bills introduced thus far of interest to CBYCA include the Boating Industry Task Force referenced below.

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Bookmark tip: To track the General Assembly's progress (and your legislators' too), add the Maryland General Assembly homepage to your online favorites list. I appreciate receiving your comments on CBYCA legislative issues and interest in Maryland.

**Task Force to Study Recreational Boating in Maryland:** The Governor's Task Force met on Friday, January 4, 2008. Priority goals were established and four subcommittees as follows:

- Identify marketing agenda directed at out-of-state boaters
- Provide the best environment for growth and expansion of the marine industry
- Identify factors that promote and maintain water access for boaters and the boating industry.
- Present recommendations and models that address industry needs relative to policy, programs, plans and regulations. Senator Astle (SB 7 on Jan 15) and Delegate Sossi (HB 17 on Jan 30) have submitted bills to extend the Task Force. Interim report has been filed. Final report will be due December 31, 2008. Subcommittees should meet over the next months and the full committee will reconvene at the end of April. I appreciate Commodore Coles Marsh's willingness to represent me at this meeting.

Follow-up:Task Force Sub Committee will be meeting on Jan 29 at the office of Susan Zellers, Ex Director of MAMT. Agenda includes discussion and analysis of the following reports: from the Maryland Sea Grant website: studies referenced at early Jan meeting. "The Transient Boating in Maryland" study and the "Economic Impact of Maryland Boating" original from 2000 and updated version using 2006 boating figures; an update on the Energy Bill that MMTA worked on with NMMA; and Florida Access Plans. The link below: <http://www.mdsg.umd.edu/programs/extension/communities/boating/> will take you to more specifics on the above studies;I would love to have your comments to include in my review. Commodore Coles Marsh will be graciously representing me as CBYCA's official.

I have been asked to provide research to the subcommittee on how other states welcome the visiting boater. Legal length of stay, enforcement activity and more. This is perfect for me since I have navigated semiannually the coastal states from Pennsylvania to Florida; as such, I believe that North Carolina has the best comprehensive annually updated map and directory of facilities for the transient boater--it's also free unlike what Maryland has available.

**FYI: Electronic Navigation Seminar...**Pyacht.com, in association with B&G Electronics and Nobeltec Navigation, will be hosting a day long seminar at the Annapolis Yacht Club on March 22, to help bring you up to speed on the latest in electronic navigation. The morning session will cover installing Nobeltec software, connecting a GPS to your onboard computer, the basics of PC based navigation, WiFi and Satcom. The afternoon session will cover more advanced topics relevant to offshore and performance sailing including instrument calibration, NMEA 0183/2000 instrument interfacing, loading polar prediction files, weather routing software and wireless navigation displays. Whether you're a seasoned navigator or just curious about the latest in electronic navigation, it seems likely that the seminar will be a valuable learning experience. For more details and registration, contact the Annapolis Yacht Club.

**Sparrow's Point/DMMP:** PC Don Burton met with the this group he's been a

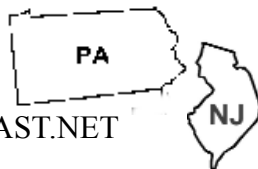
member on dredging issues in the region, and provided a report to the CBYCA Board on Jan 8 on plans for using some of facility for dredging spoils.

**LNG/Sparrows Point:** issues regarding AES and LNG and the Sparrows Point project are heating up. Go to the LNG blog website for daily updates. I am looking for someone from the Baltimore area interested in getting involved in the LNG matter for CBYCA.

Happy Valentine's!



**Pennsylvania/  
New Jersey  
Legislative Report**  
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### **Pennsylvania**

**The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)** held its winter quarterly meeting January 28-29 at agency headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue, in Harrisburg.

A key Issue: Amendments to boating safety education certificates, including the addition of detailed criteria for courses of instruction in boating safety education, will be considered for final rulemakings. This would include simplifying the definition of a boating safety education certificate and authorizing the Executive Director with the power to publish which boating courses may be approved for the purposes of the mandatory education act.

### **PBASE (A letter to the Delaware River Basin Commission)**

The Pennsylvania Boating Association South East Chapter (PBASE), representing 38 Yacht Clubs along the Delaware River, objects to the current flexible flow management program (FFMP).

The FFMP believes the upper Delaware River needs existing dams be enlarged, to create more water storage in order to implement the arrangement that has already been struck between Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and NYC. We do not want Delaware River to have larger dams, and we want to ensure that the new plan doesn't further jeopardize our river and communities by investing in inappropriate flood damage reduction strategies.

PBASE cannot support the reservoir release schedules that are contained within the interim Flexible Flow Management Program (FFMP) due to the significant damage these releases will bring to the Delaware River's ecosystem. In particular, under the interim releases, the trout fisheries of the Upper Delaware River's main stem will be lost due to lethal rises in water temperatures and loss of habitat. Additionally, the interim release schedule harms American Shad populations and habitat, dwarf wedge mussels, other fish and wildlife, as well as the recreational tourist economy of the Delaware River Region.

### **Hydro power to get big boost at Holtwood Dam**

Pennsylvania's environmental secretary Kathleen McGinty called a planned \$275 million expansion of PPL's Holtwood Dam "a milestone in Pennsylvania's pursuit of clean energy production."

She said that the state Department of Environmental Protection has worked closely with PPL "to craft this proposal in a way that helps meet our energy

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needs, while also addressing the environmental and ecological considerations associated with this kind of expansion project."

PPL today filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the expansion, which the utility hopes to begin next year and complete by 2012.

### **State trying to market fishing licenses**

Faced with declining fishing license sales and declining revenue to run their conservation operations, state fish and game agencies across the U.S. are turning to an old marketing technique, direct mail.

### **Dredging project is on hold**

The dredging project is on hold awaiting a cooperation agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the project's sponsor, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority.

Once work begins, the dredging vessels will take more than five years to deepen the shipping channel of the Delaware River from 40 to 45 feet. They'll traverse more than 103 miles, removing millions of cubic yards of muck from the river bottom. Officials must still determine where the dredged material will be deposited before the work can begin.

Maya K. van Rossum, of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, an advocacy organization stated the dredging threatens to stir up toxins on the river bottom and negatively affect the water supply, aquatic life, food chain and recreation.

The cost of the project is expected to be \$277 million, with about \$180 million paid for by the federal government; so far, Congress has approved \$66.4 million. The Philadelphia Regional Port Authority is in charge of raising the non-federal money.

### **SugarHouse Casino on The Delaware River Has Big Problems**

The state Gaming Control Board yesterday issued a license for the SugarHouse casino project on the banks of the Delaware River in Fishtown. The city's Department of Licenses & Inspections issued a permit, now being reviewed by the Nutter administration, for SugarHouse to clear and grade its 22-acre lot for construction.

However SugarHouse can't dig into the soil, due to concerns from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Historians and casino opponents say the site should be examined thoroughly for any remnants of a Native-American village and a Revolutionary War-era English fort.

Gaming Control Board Chairwoman Mary DiGiacomo Collins said that Sugarhouse's license had been granted specifically for its present location. Only SugarHouse can ask to move to another location and that request would be considered by the board.

A group of state legislators also have asked the state Supreme Court to overturn a decision by the city Commerce Department to grant SugarHouse control of state-owned riparian lands, which make up half of the proposed casino's property.

## **New Jersey**

### **NJ Study needed on erosion at Lewes Harbor of Refuge**

The Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a study of the Lighthouse and breakwater along the Lewes Harbor due to all the erosion that has taken place over the years. Over 340-thousand dollars was allocated just to do the study, and the actual project to restructure the breakwater could cost as low as one and a half

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million dollars and as high as 10-million dollars.

The structure protects everything behind that breakwater that would eventually be in danger as well.

**Funding for Air Station Atlantic City, new boat station Cape May signed into law.** Dedicated to ensuring the U.S. Coast Guard has the resources it needs to complete its missions, U.S. Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo (NJ) announced that an additional \$11.5 million has been signed into law for the Coast Guard's "National Capitol Region Air Defense Mission," which maintains its primary base of operations at Air Station Atlantic City.

**Burlington City, N. J.** – There is talks about future development of a 400-acre island in the Delaware River.

Abate, president of the board of Island Managers, which oversees Burlington Island with the Burlington City Council, doesn't hesitate to drop those high-profile, controversial developers. "I would like to get Disney involved or Trump involved," he said. "Wouldn't that be great?"

For the first time in 50 years, and after a series of previous futile attempts over those decades, Burlington Island is closer than it ever has been to being redeveloped.



## Virginia Legislative Report

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### Virginia Life Jacket Bill Resurfaces

Three bills that will be of interest to boaters have surfaced in the Virginia House of Delegates session that convened on January 9.

HB 1250 would impose a \$250 fine on operators of boats under 21 feet in length if they permit children under the age of 12 on board without a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. The penalty would be waived if the boat operator completes a boating safety education course. The law would not apply to a boat that is moored or anchored and if the children are below deck or in an enclosed cabin. It would apply to recreational vessels including motorboats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, rowboats and any other vessel used for transportation on water. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources.

Maryland law, which applies to Potomac River waters up to the Virginia shore, already requires PFD's on children 13 and under.

HB 275 would raise the taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels by ten cents per gallon and would index the motor fuels taxes equal to the percentage change in the US Department of Labor's producer price index every two years, beginning July 1, 2009. However, it appears refunds would continue to be available to recreational boaters who turn in receipts to the Department of Motor Vehicles. So, Virginia boaters should keep track of their gasoline receipts, just in case the bill gets out of the Rules Committee and joins a Senate bill to become law.

HJ Resolution 231 would require the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to provide more public response time to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries when it proposes or changes regulations. It would require a two-year process rather than the one-year process used, for example, in publishing the regs and the enforcement date for the new boating education law.

Speaking of the new boating education law, its regulations are expected to

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be published later this spring and begin taking effect for PWC operators 20 or younger on July 1, 2009. Information about boating education classes and meeting requirements can be found on a very helpful page on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website---[dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/faq.asp](http://dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/faq.asp)



## Delaware Legislative Report

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**Valero Refinery in Delaware City applies for Coastal Zone Permit to Install Pollution Control Equipment.** Delaware's Department of Natural Resources received an application for a Coastal Zone Permit from PREMCOR REFINING GROUP, INC. a subsidiary of VALERO ENERGY CORP. for installation of pollution control equipment in the fluid catalytic cracking unit which will reduce nitrogen oxide emissions at the Delaware City Refinery. In the application, PREMCOR proposes the addition of Wet Gas Scrubber to achieve a reduction in nitrogen oxide emissions of 512.5 TONS per year. The application is under review and a public notice of a hearing will be announced.

### **DNREC Announces the New Boat Fishing License Decals are Defective.**

All boat anglers who received the defective licenses will be contacted by the Division of Fish and Wildlife and given the correct version when it becomes available.

**DELAWARE Lawmakers Propose Legislation re Delmarva Power to Buy Wind Power from Bluewater Wind.** Legislation is being introduced to put lawmakers on record ordering controller general Russ Larson to join three other state agencies in directing Delmarva Power to sign a 25 year contract to buy wind power from Bluewater Wind. The resolution would include the condition that costs be spread among all Delmarva Electric delivery customers, including heavy industrial companies.

Public Service Commission consultants last month identified an increase of \$3.37 to \$6.50 per month for residential customers, Other estimates by consultants hired by Delmarva Power put the costs as high as \$21 to \$34 per month. (Estimate for the project was identified as 1.5 billion.)

Notable, the resolution does not call for the costs to be spread state wide, Delmarva Power spokesman said he'd prefer costs be spread to all electric users in the state, but R Valihura, one of the resolution sponsors, said that would require legislative approval and would be politically unattainable.

Like a bill, the con-currant resolution would require both House and Senate approval and could be killed at committee level of either chamber. But unlike a bill, if passed, does not require signature of the Governor.



**National Boating Federation**  
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 Legislative Director



**More Rescue 21 Areas Becoming Operational:** The US Coast Guard announced that Rescue 21 is now operational in Sector New York. Already operational are Sectors New Jersey, Delaware Bay and Eastern Shore along with Hampton Roads scheduled for February and Baltimore scheduled for this spring. This will cover a large portion of our boating area with the possible exception of the middle Chesapeake Bay. Rescue 21 employs advanced communications technology providing: Improved direction-finding; reduction of coverage gaps; enhanced recording and play back capability and Digital Selective Calling (DSC). With DSC VHF-FM radios equipped with the red "DISTRESS" button, registered MMSI numbers and interfaced to a GPS or Loran, depressing the distress button provides all stations with your exact location and identification for rapid rescue response. Boatmen who have not updated their VHF with these new features are encouraged to do so, obtain an MMSI number, have it programmed into the radio and complete the GPS/Loran interface. MMSI numbers are currently available from Boat US/West Marine and other boating organizations. A tutorial on DSC radios is available from Boat US (BoatUS.com).



**Qualifications Officer Report**  
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At this time we have just over half of the Rosters in for the RosterBook – not a good showing but understandable. It is time for the District Representatives to contact Delegates in their Districts and urge them to fill out the forms and mail them to me - John Zalusky, Q/O, 13018 Barreda Blvd., Lusby, MD 20657. We have had persistent trouble with transmittal via our web site and performance is still uneven. It is entirely possible that some clubs may believe they transmitted the Roster Information and it became lost in the ether of the internet, and we did not get it, or that it was received in an unreadable form.

As District Representative you can help too. In the next few days I will send each of you a list of the clubs we do not have in your district. Please contact the Delegates in your District and ask them to send in a hard copy of their completed Roster sheets. Because of the troubles we have had with the web site. We are working hard to get the troubles fixed, but as of this writing I would like to have you rely on hard copies and the US Postal Service. It would also be good to ask about dues payments and the purchase of ads space.

**A copy of the Roster Form is included in this Chatter.**

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## **DREDGING REPORT: Submitted by IPC Don Burton**

WRDA 2007 has been approved. It included authorization for continued development of and use of the Poplar Island dredge disposal area for spoil deposits from the Chesapeake Bay commercial channels.

The Pools Island "open water" disposal area will be officially closed by 2010. ( MD law). The final depth will be graded to -14'. No further "open water" disposal sites in the Chesapeake Bay are allowed.

Baltimore Harbor Channel dredge spoils were declared "toxic" many years ago by MD State Legislation and must be handled separately from channel spoils. Harbor spoils must be deposited at contained disposal sites (eg upland sites). One site currently approved and under construction is at the old Masonville location along the Patapsco River. An additional site at Sparrows Point is now under study. It would be an above ground contained site at the southern end if Sparrows Point. It would be located over the old coke manufacturing site and essentially cap this very toxic area. The plan has strong support from the Port of Baltimore and various MD State regulatory agencies.

It should NOT have any negative effect on fishing or recreational boating .



### **Publicity Director's Report**

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**Deadline for the next**

***Chartroom Chatter is February 25, 2007***

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.

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## **2008 CBYCA Meeting Schedule**

### **Mark Your Calendars !**

February 16	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Farragut S.A.
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Farragut S.A.
March 15	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Baltimore YC
April 19	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Northeast YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Northeast YC
May 17	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Bodkin YC
June 14	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Maryland YC



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