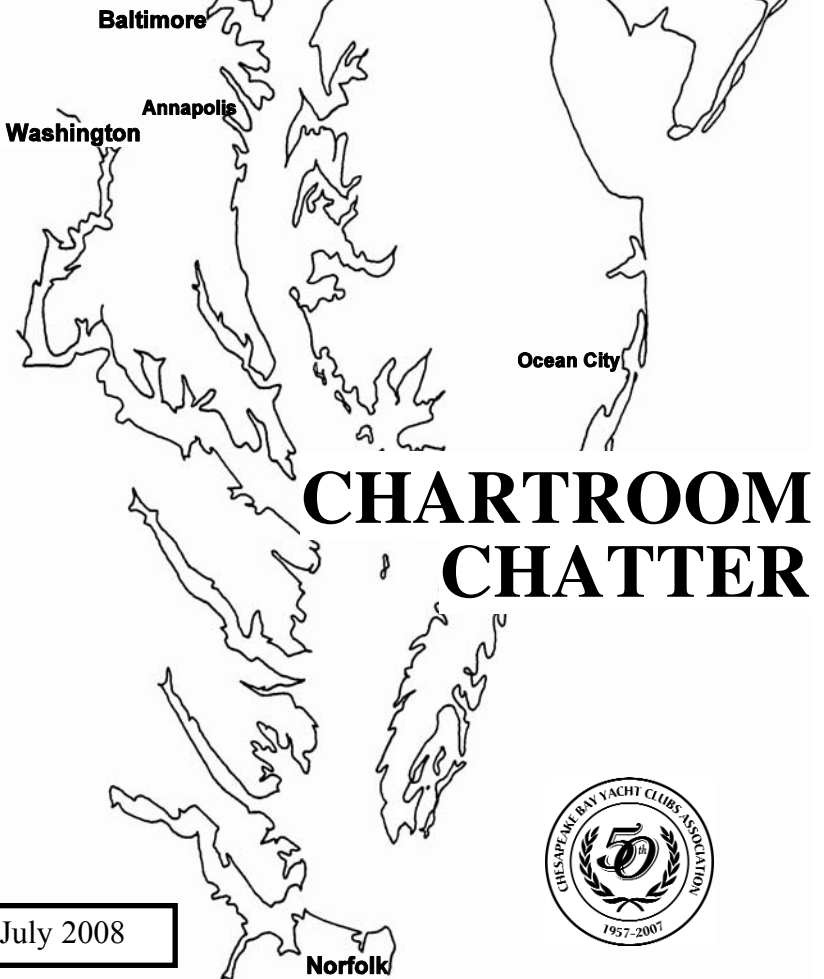


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Commodore's Corner

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!



The openings are in full swing and how great it is to see first hand why I committed to serve this Yacht Club Community. Every weekend I see how Yacht Clubs respect each other and any differences they may have. I see members reaching out and comforting each with words of encouragement. I see tears of pride and concern shared openly with our Yacht Club family. I see partners sharing with each other to encourage and lift up the mission each of us have. I see leaders stepping forward to serve regardless of the raising fuel cost and the challenges of keeping club memberships and expenses in tack. Keep hope alive and your spirits high and don't forget to share an encouraging word with your Yacht Club family.

Our last Board meeting was held at Maryland Yacht Club on May 31st. One of the top items on the agenda was improving the Roster Book, (in all respects). Our Roster Book folks work very hard to produce this information source. We did experience some technical difficulties with the software and the data input. We have been encouraged by a technical expert that we can greatly improve the 2009 edition. This is a top administrative priority and will be addressed. We look for your encouragement as we move forward to serve you our valued members.

Have a great summer and thank you so much for the encouraging words you have given me as we share and honor the opening day ceremonies. OH! The warm greetings and hugs are priceless.

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



Vice Commodore's Report

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I want to Thank Commodore Kevin Coleman for hosting our May Meeting. Maryland Yacht Club is gracious to allow us to have our board meeting at their facility while hosting their Opening Weekend and the Queens Pageant. Speaking of the Queen's Pageant it was wonderful to meet Rachel Holmes the first Queen of the Chesapeake and congratulations to Baltimore Yacht Club and our New Queen Renae Hunter of Baltimore Yacht Club. Word on the street is You brought the crown back to BYC after 19 years Congratulations. To Queen Megan; sweetie you are TERRIFIC!!!

The next Board/Delegate meeting will be August 16th at the Baltimore Yacht Club. MARK your Calendar and plan to attend. Remember; as always; Board meetings are always open to any member Club.

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Legislative Director's Report

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All of the hard work that we all did for HB 2550 was not in vain. Even though that died a slow death, SB 2766 Clean Water Act of 2008 has passed unanimously from committees to the Senate floor for a vote. In the last month have obtain the backing of both Pennsylvania Senators and one NJ Senator after a lot of collective hard work from a number of people and groups, You cannot underestimate the strength of the letters that have been sent out from every boat club function this past spring. We need to continue the good work. Letters need to go to your representatives in reference to HR 5949; which is the companion Bill to SB 2766. Just remember; this will affect your pocketbook and the way you maintain your boat. September is coming fast and so is summer recess for the Congress. I want to thank everyone from the CBYCA, DRYL NBF and PBA for all of their hard work. Boaters are a force to be reckoned with, when we join forces. Everyone have a safe and enjoyable boating season.



Rear Commodore's Report

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The 50th Roster Book Edition was distributed at the Delegates meeting on April 19 at the North East River Yacht Club. A number of clubs did not have a representative present to pick up their books and they were given to your District Representative. I personally mailed out a number of copies to Clubs, Past Commodores, Board Members and Advertisers and by now, everyone should have received their copies. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will attempt to assist you.

Again, I would like to thank everyone contributing and supporting us this year. A warm and special thanks go out to the North East River Yacht Club and its Commodore for the use of their facility for the distribution of the Roster Book and the help they provided during the distribution process.



Maryland Legislative Report

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Introduction: During the 2007 and 2008 Legislative Sessions, a Task Force was established to study the Boating Industry in Maryland and make recommendations to encourage growth of the boating industry within the State. Four key areas have been identified: (I) Evaluating incentives to encourage large boats and yachts to use marinas and boatyards for recreation, repair, and outfitting within the State. (II) Determining ways to
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encourage and promote tourism throughout the waters of the State. (III) Researching the economic impact that marine industries and recreational boaters contribute to the State's economy. (IV) Identifying barriers that limit the State's competitiveness with other states regarding the boating industry and developing methods to overcome these barriers. The results would be proposals of recommendations and models for the industry's needs in policy, programs, plans and regulations. I represent yacht clubs on this 12 member team, which met most recently on May 16.

Profile of Marine Industry and Existing Conditions: The first phase of the study included the economic impact of Maryland boating in 2006 by the Maryland Sea Grant Extension program. According to figures provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), there were 208,837 boats in 2006, a decline of 1% compared to 2005. The number of personal watercraft (PWC) has increased at an average annual rate of over 3% since 2001, and this trend continued in 2006 with an increase of 920 PWCs.

Approximately, every 6.5 boats registered in Maryland leads to more than one full-time job somewhere in the state's economy and each boat contributes on average about \$8,600 a year in economic activity. The industry represents 31,755 jobs.

The above figures do not include the spending of transient boaters, boaters that visit Maryland. A DNR study on transient boater spending updated in 2006, estimated the additional impact on the Maryland economy of \$198 million and an additional 2,797 full time equivalent jobs from transient spending.

According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association, Maryland ranked 23rd for boat registrations in 2006 with 204,277. North Carolina, Virginia and New Jersey all register more boats than Maryland. DNR states the majority of the boats registered in Maryland are under 26 feet in length.

Finally, the Marine Industry Association of South Florida reports megayachts (boats in excess of 80 feet) are rapidly increasing in number and economic importance. They estimate that each spends an average of \$236,000 at Florida boatyards for a total annual economic impact...almost \$200 million was attributed to repair and maintenance work on the yachts. Maryland does not benefit from these mega yachts, which seem to pass through Maryland without stopping.

Recommendations for encouraging the expansion of the boating/marine industry will be outlined at the next meeting of the Task Force on Fri., June 20 in Annapolis with a report to you in the Aug issue of CBYCA news.

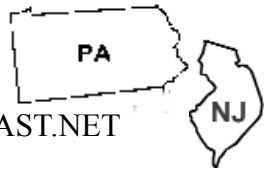
LNG Sparrows Point Project Environmental Impact Comment & Meetings

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has issued guidelines for any organization or person wishing to make an environmental impact statement on the AES proposal to construct and operate an LNG import terminal in the industrial port setting on Sparrows Point in Baltimore. I drafted an initial CBYCA letter in June 2006 (on file with FERC), and will update CBYCA's comments with another letter by FERC's deadline of June 16; reference docket Nos. CP07-62-000, CP07-63-000, CP07-64-000; & CP07-65-000. In lieu of sending written comments, public hearings are scheduled at 7 pm: June 9, Patapsco HS, Baltimore; June 11, Brandywine Fire Hall, Downingtown, PA; & June 12, Richlin Ballroom, Edgewood, MD.

Have a safe and fun boating season!



**Pennsylvania/
New Jersey
Legislative Report**
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PENNSYLVANIA

Amendment: A constitutional amendment sponsored by state Rep. Jaret Gibbons (D-Lawrence) would limit the number of terms a Pennsylvania legislator could serve and would lengthen those terms. Passage appears to be a long shot.

Title 58. Education: Pa. C.S. 5103 The act also required the Commission establish criteria for a course of instruction in boating safety education. The Commission subsequently amended its regulation in §91.6 to describe more fully what constitutes a Boating Safety Education Certificate and distinguished between residents and nonresidents. The Commission also adopted a new regulation in §91.7 that authorized the Executive Director to offer safety education courses that are acceptable for residents, and nonresidents. The Act provided that the course of instruction in boating safety education will meet the National Boating Safety Education Standards of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

Title 58. Recreation: Part II. Fish and Boat Commission ,Subpart C 91.4., Age of operator:

(a) A person 11 years of age or younger may not operate a personal watercraft or a boat propelled by a motor greater than 25 horsepower.

(b) A person 12 through 15 years of age may not operate a personal watercraft if there are any passengers onboard 15 years of age or younger.

All operators must have a Safe Boating Certificate.

101.2. Reportable boating accidents. (Applicable to most States)

Boating accidents shall be reported when one or more of the following conditions exist:

- (1) A person dies.
- (2) A person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid.
- (3) Damage to vessels and other property totals \$2,000 or more or there is a complete loss of any vessel.
- (4) A person disappears from the boat under circumstances that indicate death or injury is likely.

Governor Rendell: Pennsylvania Governor Rendell Announces Confirmations, Nominations to the Boating Advisory Board: Michael LeMole, Media PA, and Andrew Talento, Verona PA. Mr. Talento is the President of the Pennsylvania Boating Association.

Audit urges greater landowner protection Greater landowner protection recommendations became an issue from a Legislative Budget and Finance Committee performance audit of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. While the act's definition of "land" includes "buildings, structures and machinery or equipment," it does not specify improvements such as boating access and launch ramps, fishing piers, docks, ramps, parking areas and hiking trails.

The auditors concluded that lack of specification "hampers [commission] efforts to preserve and expand waterways access" for anglers and boaters.

NEW JERSEY

GAO Agrees to Updated Review of deepening the Delaware River. In response to a request by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D, NJ) the Government Accountability Office has agreed to conduct an updated review of the Army Corps' proposed Delaware River Deepening project.

In a letter to Senator Lautenberg dated May 15, 2008 the GAO wrote "We received your recent letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office review the Army Corps of Engineers' most recent analysis of the benefits and costs of the Delaware River Deepening Project. GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority." According to the letter, the review will begin in "about six months

Debated bill would impose user fees at Lake Hopatcong NJ: A bill imposing user fees at Lake Hopatcong was introduced in the state Legislature, setting in motion a controversial plan to provide the commission that runs New Jersey's largest state-owned lake with a steady revenue stream for weed harvesting and related activities.

Under the proposed legislation, a season pass at Lake Hopatcong would cost \$100. A seven-day pass would be \$50, while a day pass would be \$20. Non-motorized boats or vessels shorter than 16-feet long would be exempt.

Legislation (A-1796), 1st District Assemblymen Nelson T. Albano and Matthew W. Milam sponsored to address problems caused by boats and vessels abandoned in New Jersey's waterways. The bill received final legislative approval, passing the General Assembly by a vote of 77 to 2. The bill would:

- o Expand the statutory definition of abandoned vessels to include sunken vessels;
- o Facilitate the removal of sunken or abandoned vessels from municipal waterways or land; and
- o Increase the penalties for violations of law concerning vessel abandonment

Vessel & Watercraft Bill of Sale: (applicable for all states) In New Jersey buyers and Sellers of boats or other types of watercraft should protect themselves by using a Vessel Bill of Sale (sometimes known as a Boat or Watercraft Bill of Sale) to document the transaction in writing. This is a good way to avoid potential problems later. This form can be used by anyone selling or buying a Boat, Vessel & Watercraft from another person. This form offers the option to sell the vessel "as is" or with a warranty.

Key provisions in this form include:

- Vessel Description: Describes the boat or vessel
- Vessel Identification Information: Records the unique identifier of the boat or vessel to avoid confusion
- Motor Information: Information on the motor (if it is included with the purchase)
- Trailer Availability: Provision indicating whether a trailer is included, available, or not included with the purchase.

PLEASE SEE FORM ON NEXT PAGE.

BILL OF SALE FOR WATERCRAFT

Amount: \$ _____

Purchaser's

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State,

Zip: _____

Seller's

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State,

Zip: _____

Description of Vessel

Make: _____ Year: _____

Hull ID

Number: _____

Motor Model: _____ Year: _____ Horsepower: _____

S/N: _____

Description of Trailer

Make: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ S/N: _____

The vessel, motor and trailer are free from all encumbrances
except: _____

The undersigned has hereunto set his/her hand this _____ day of

_____.

(Signature of Seller)

(Signature of Seller)

Witness: _____

Witness: _____

(Witnesses cannot be relatives)

(OR)

Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires: _____



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Legislative Director



Clean Boating Act of 2008 Passes Senate Committee

The U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, chaired by Barbara Boxer (D-CA), unanimously passed S2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008. The bill now has 34 co-sponsors in the Senate. In the House, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee also voted the bill out of committee unanimously with no amendments. The momentum for the bill, which would eliminate the requirement for an EPA permit for all water discharge from our boats, is encouraging. It now must pass the full House and Senate and go on to the

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President for signature before the Sept 2008 deadline. Considering the Independence Day and August recesses, there are only around eight weeks remaining when Congress is in session before the deadline; time is running out. The National Marine Manufacturers Association and the Boatblue Coalition continue their work to obtain passage.

Exempting Boats from Ethanol Use

Oregon has passed legislation exempting boats from the requirement that all fuel must contain 10% ethanol. The bill became law March 11 and also includes aircraft and off road use vehicles. This is good news for Oregon boaters because as we all know ethanol can cause problems in the engine and fuel systems since it is a solvent and by the way it mixes with water in fuel tanks. More seriously in boats equipped with fiberglass fuel tanks, ethanol can actually dissolve the tank's structure. Since Oregon has passed this law we would hope Maryland and other states with large numbers of boats would do likewise.



Webmaster Report

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After many years of trials, we now have an enter-active virtual systems data base. What is that you may ask? It is a place in our website server that stores and displays your Club Membership information as it appears in the Rosterbook. It also allows each club to update that information on a form with easy typing or cut and paste functions. The new form starts by entering the WWW.CBYCA.ORG website and going to the Communication area - Look for Roster Yearbook on line entry and click on the form link.

Once you do that, it will take you to our new form generator, <http://www.cbyca.org/Yearbook.php> where you will use the pull down menu to find your club and click on it. Enter your password, which is equal to your district letter (capital letter) and club number, and click "Login". You now will see the form for your club information. If any information is wrong or not listed then type in the corrections and it will be held in the data base as corrected. If you need some help - email webmaster@cbyca.org

While you are in the website be sure to regularly update your clubs events such as Commodore Balls, Social Activities and Opening/Closing Days. When you enter the info it goes directly to the website Golden Rod page of club functions. This is used to prepare the Chartroom Chatter Golden Rod. If you do not put in your club info it does not get published.

Did you ever visit the "Club Event Flyer" section of the website? Here you will be able to see the same flyer that the club sends to other members. It is your opportunity to print your own flyer too. If you have any club flyer ready for publication just email it to the webmaster and it will be published that same day.

The CBYCA Website is rated as one of the very best places to find boating information. It ranks a very high score with many other clubs from all over the country. They look to us for up to date information on boating and protocol. There is a lot to see at our site, so take some time to brows our pages.

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Nominating Committee Report

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.

Commodore	Kevin Noon	D	Bush River YC
Vice Commodore	Pamelia Butler	D	Neptune YC
Legislative Director	Robert Williams	C	West End BC
Rear Commodore	Kay Brawley	N	Elk River YC
Qualifications Officer	John Zalusky	C	Solomons Island YC

Directors of State Legislation

Maryland	Cecilia Battagini	N	Northeast River YC
Virginia	Jacque Knight	C	Mount Vernon YC
Pa / NJ / DE	Art Friedman	C	Delaware River YC
Secretary	Gail Helm	N	Marley BC
Treasurer	John Hakemian	N	No. Star Hunter Sailing
Publicity Director	June Donofrio	C	Ran-Del YC

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District B	James Kennedy	C	Quaker City YC
District C	Robert Parsons	C	Otter Point YC
District D	Richard Bruns	C	Baltimore YC
District E	Michael Death	C	Bodkin YC
District F	Ed Ward	C	Great Oak YC
District G	Gene Schenck	N	Bodkin YC
District H	Thomas Cusick	C	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

D = Directed C = Continuing N = New

Nominating Commt (08-09)	A D Jeannette Baker	Prince William YC
Nominating Commt (08-09)	A D Judy Williams	West End YC
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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Delegates Please Note : We will be voting on the new slate of officers for 2009 at the August 16th Delegates meeting being held at Baltimore Yacht Club. Please plan to attend & cast your vote !



Publicity Director's Report

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Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is July 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.

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
			Christmas Party	



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