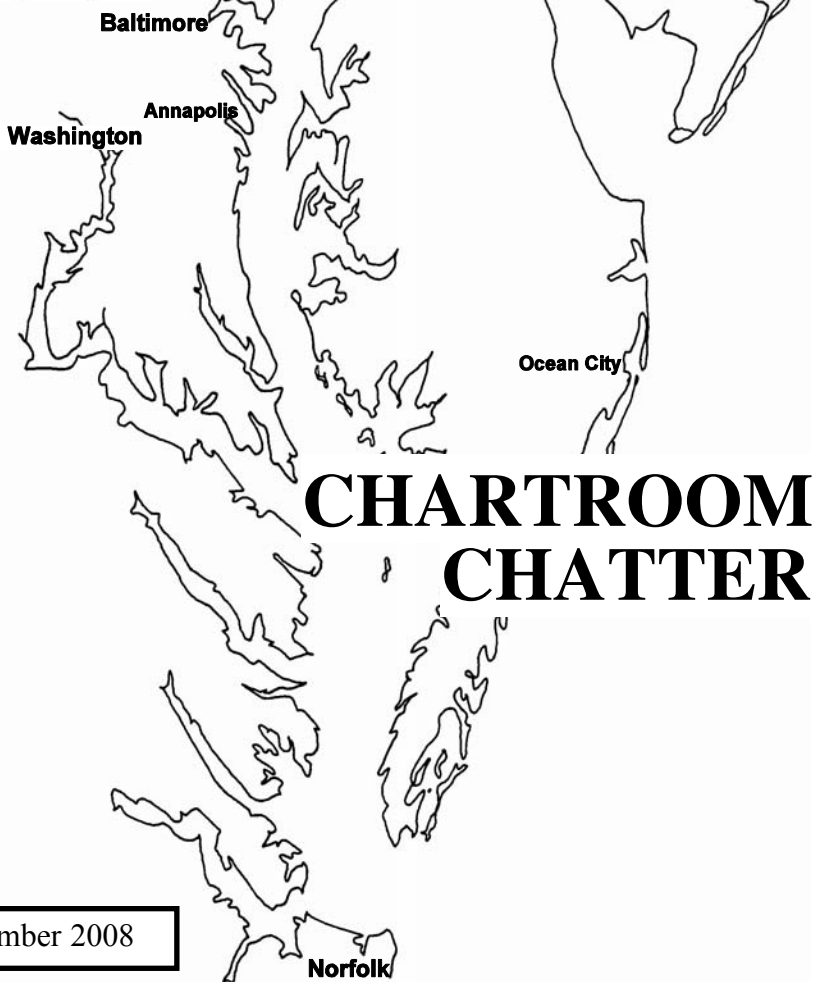


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Commodore's Corner

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!



WOW! What a wonderful BOG meeting at our Qualification Officers home club (Solomon's Island Yacht Club). The hospitality was great and thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a wonderful meeting.

Our next meeting will be Change of Watch November 15th at Bush River Yacht Club. This will be a Board and Delegates meeting. Our new officers for 2009 will be sworn in at that time. Please try to attend, this is a special club and many will turn out to welcome Commodore Kevin Noon and the rest of the officers for 2009

It has been a very special honor for me to serve you our members as your fiftieth Commodore. I will never forget how many friends Renee' and I have in the boating community. Thank you so much for your valued friendship. I can not express how thankful I'm to have had a great Board of Governors for 2008. You have been great to work with and I know Commodore Kevin will enjoy working with each of you. You have been a very special part of my life.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Change of Watch.

Fondest Regards,
Coles



Vice Commodore's Report

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I would like to thank Qualifications Officer John Zalusky for arranging our October meeting at the Solomons Island Yacht Club. Solomon's is truly a beautiful facility and has a gorgeous view. John treated us to a short history lesson of the area, which lead to me buying a book on the War of 1812. Believe It or not I was asleep in high school when that was discussed.

The Commodore's Ball will be held at the December 13th at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center.
5625 O'Donnell Street
Baltimore, MD 21224
410-633-9500
Toll Free 800-633-9511

So mark the date on your calendar and let's make it one to remember. I have a block of rooms for Friday and Saturday night for \$99. Our Event Coordinator is
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Kelly Tools at extension 7206 but call the front desk for room reservations and just mention the CBYCA Ball.

The next Board Meeting will be held at The Bush River Yacht Club November 15th. This will be Our Installation Meeting so make sure you make it. I know a few folks at Bush River Yacht Club and they always make a GREAT Lunch. Remember; as always; Board Meetings are always open to any member Club.



Legislative Director's Report

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I'd like to give my thanks to PC Don Burton and PC Jerry Donofrio for sharing the news they get in their area with me about the current happenings with LNG .This news falls under the theory that with every problem comes a gift. Due to the global market conditions BP has had to halt their plans for an LNG terminal on the Delaware River. Hopefully all companies in the LNG business will be similarly affected. BP also lost their court appeal in the Supreme Court; therefore they were in violation of Delaware's Coastal Act.

Unfortunately, Baltimore County's ordinance prohibiting LNG terminals was struck down in the Federal Appeals Court. The county is reviewing the decision to decide if it will appeal. The county is continuing to oppose LNG site at Sparrow Point.

I received an e-mail about a deepwater port licensing workshop held in Washington, DC on Sept 10. Unfortunately, I received the e-mail September 30. I have been in contact with Pennsylvania Representatives and the Center for LNG to have me informed prior to any workshops or meetings, so that I may attend. In the next year as the economy improves the LNG issue will likely return and we will renew our opposition to LNG sites.



Rear Commodore's Report

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We have closed out the 2008 Roster Book Account and will shortly begin the legwork and preparation for the 2009 Roster Book. I am asking all District Representatives to contact your clubs to encourage them to renew their ads or to take one if they missed the opportunity to do so last year. The invoices to current supporters should be going out soon with detail information from Rear Commodore Elect Kay Brawley. Please extend your support to her as you did for me, it will be greatly appreciated.

District Representatives, please download from the CBYCA Website, a copy of the Blue Book and familiarize yourselves with your responsibilities. I will make

an effort to provide additional information to you and answer any of your questions at the next Board/Delegates Meeting in November. However, if you have a pressing concern prior to the meeting, please feel free to contact me at 410-788-4753. I am looking forward to working with each of you.



Maryland Legislative Report

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Transition: The November, 2008 Delegates Meeting of CBYCA will be my last as your Maryland Legislative Director, as I take the step into the bridge as Rear Commodore. Cecilia Battaglini, who has represented CBYCA very effectively as the Legislative Director for Delaware, will succeed me with the Maryland responsibility, and she is already involved in the activities in preparation for next year's legislative session and related matters. I know she will do her usual effective job in her new role.

Governor's Boating Task Force: Two meetings are planned this fall to propose a focus and specific subjects for DNR's legislation for 2009. Cecilia Battaglini will attend the first meeting on October 31 which will conduct a final discussion on the subjects and format of the document that the Boating Task Force will submit to the legislature. A follow-up briefing will be provided at the November CBYCA Delegates meeting. As the Governor's appointee I will continue to serve and plan to attend the Task Force meeting on December 11 for a final review and approval of the document that will be submitted to the 2009 Legislature.

Future Search Retreat Followup: Valuable groundwork has been laid to ensure a sustainable natural resource future for Marylanders through the Workgroups formed at DNR's "Future Search" Summer Retreat. Cecilia and I will continue to serve on the subcommittee dealing with **Resilient Ecosystems and a Healthy Bay**...the foundation for our social and economic well-being and prosperity. Cecilia will attend the next meeting on October 27 in Annapolis on behalf of CBYCA to promote the boater's voice in developing specific goals and strategies to establish a shared path towards our sustainable future.

With active involvement of CBYCA and Cecilia in the two initiatives above, a continued attention to related programs I have worked with over the last two years, as well as our introduction to key legislative leaders within DNR and related and affiliate organizations, such as the Marine Trades Association of Maryland, we are well positioned to continue our influence and respect as a valuable entity within the scope of Maryland legislature. Many thanks to all of you for your comments and support over the past two years.

Get started early on your new 2009 CBYCA Roster book advertising.

Included in this issue is a blank ad form for your club's ad or a business ad. If you need assistance please contact Rear Commodore Elect Kay Brawley, kbrawley@mindspring.com

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Pennsylvania/ New Jersey Legislative Report

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Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC): Grant to obtain funding for boat facilities. Traditionally this program has only been open to local governments, but this year they are allowing non-profits, land trusts, conservancies, and watershed associations to apply directly for grants through the agency's Boating Facilities Grant Program. The Yacht Club must be 501C3 not for profit and the local municipality must be a co-submitter.

What does the grant cover?: The grant will reimburse recipients for up to 75% of the costs for land acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion, and major rehabilitation of public recreational boat access facilities. Eligible activities include the rehabilitation, expansion or construction of new boat ramps, bulkheads, courtesy floats, access roads, parking areas, restrooms, signs and localized landscaping. All construction activities must benefit and directly support recreational boating. Eligible projects must occur on public lands owned by the project sponsor, or where the sponsor has a long-term lease or agreement on the site. Grant funds are used for major site improvements and not for any routine maintenance or operation activities.

Delaware River: "Global market conditions shelve natural gas terminal (NJ)"
"Radically different world energy markets have forced giant BP to abandon plans for LNG import terminal along the Delaware River."

BP recently lost their court appeal at the US Supreme Court which confirmed that the BP project was in violation of Delaware's Coastal Zone Act which controls new heavy industry in the DE River shoreline along the DE State boundaries.

Boating Advisory Board (BAB) meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2008 began at 10:30 a.m. and was held in the Susquehanna Room at the Fish and Boat Commission Headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA. Sixteen issues were discussed and 11 rulemaking decisions were agreed upon. These issues will be reported on at the next CBYCA Delegates meeting at the Bush River Yacht Club.

On October 25 PBA held a directors meeting in Harrisburg at the Crown Plaza Hotel

PBASE will hold it's meeting at the Delaware River Yacht Club (DRYC) 9635 Milnor Street Phila. 19114 on November 19th. The guest speaker will be Captain David L Scott Station Commander Philadelphia Coast Guard Station Delaware River and Bay. His topics will cover

- How can the Pennsylvania boaters provide observational aid to the Coast Guard and Homeland Security by being aware of possible problems?

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- What is the Coast Guard's Deepwater Program under the Department of Homeland Security and how will it modernize the Coast Guard?

New Jersey

Maritime Museum planned for Camden: Heart of Camden, a nonprofit organization dedicated to neighborhood revitalization purchased the former Episcopal Church of Our Savior for \$180,000 and is beginning to convert it into a maritime museum to celebrate Camden's long history as an important port city on the Delaware River.

With a \$100,000 grant from the city and private donations, Heart of Camden re-roofed the historic stone church, rectory and parish house, saving it just in time from extinction.

Michael Lang, a retired urban studies professor at Rutgers-Camden and the volunteer director of the future museum Here, mariners and shipbuilders worshiped," said Lang about the church that closed its doors after its congregation fled the city.

NJ Senate Bill A2326: requires ALL BOATERS OPERATING POWER BOATS or PWCs IN NJ Waters to pass a Boating Safety Course. The Bill requires you to have completed a Safety Course by a certain date depending on your date Of Birth, and as of June of 2009 it will be illegal to operate in NJ waters w/o a Senate

Bill A3260: deals with the penalties for leaving the scene of a boating accident. The operator of a vessel is required to provide assistance to people affected by an accident so long as that operator is able to do so without endangering passengers. This bill makes it a second degree crime. A second degree crime is punishable by five to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both. A crime of the third degree is punishable by three to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both. This is the same for a motor vehicle.

Bill A3129: This bill would give the court discretion to take away a person's privilege to operate a boat on this State's waters if the person is a repeat drunk driver. Not only does this provide the court with an additional deterrent to drunk driving, it also promotes public safety by keeping these habitual drunk drivers from operating a boat while under the influence.

Bill AS1241: This bill directs State owned or operated marinas to provide on weekdays a 50% discount on daily boat launching fees for senior citizens.

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Delaware Legislative Report

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New Pollution Control Measures Announced for Delaware's Inland Bays

Gov Minner and DNRC Secretary John Hughes joined Inland Bays board chairman Richard Eskle to announce adoption of the regulations governing the pollution control strategy for the Indian River and Bay, Rehoboth Bay and Little Assawoman Bay Watersheds. The pollution control strategy is designed to reduce the amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus entering the inland bays and their tributaries to levels required to meet water quality standards. The strategy includes provisions to establish buffers to filter pollutants before they flow into the inland bays and their tributaries. The buffers will only be required for new developments or subdivisions. Primary water, including the inland bays and tributaries with continual stream flow and state regulated wetlands, require buffer widths of 100 feet, while secondary waters, including bay tributaries with intermittent streamflow, require 60 foot buffers. Delaware's Inland Bays are recognized as waters of exceptional recreational and ecological significance.

About 80 percent of the fresh water entering the bays is groundwater, which means that nutrients that flow through the soil also enter the groundwater.

Riparian buffers - areas of vegetation adjacent to waterways - play a significant role in protecting and improving water quality by filtering runoff and groundwater and removing excess nutrients. The buffers are controversial in that the General Assembly lawyers said the Energy and Natural Resource Committee did not have authority to put these regulations into effect

"These regulations and environmental measures serve to help realize the goal of a fishable and swimmable inland bays "says Chairman Eskle.

Horseshoe Crab Seasons, Harvest Limits to be Considered at Nov 3 Public Hearing 89 Kings Highway, Dover, De 6:30pm - Richardson and Robbins Building

The DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife has scheduled a meeting on Nov 3rd to take public comments on proposed extension for one to two years of the present allowance for up to 100,000 male horseshoe crabs to be harvested between June 8 and Dec 31. The proposal would continue the ban on the harvest of female horseshoe crabs at all times of the year. The DNREC proposal is structured to remain in compliance with Addendum V to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Horseshoe Crabs as administered by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

The American horseshoe crab is a unique and valuable invertebrate. It provides both ecological and economic benefits to Coastal states of the mid Atlantic region. Watermen harvest the crabs as bait to catch several commercial fish species including eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) and whelk (*Busycon* spp.) The biomedical industry uses a protein in the crab's blood to test the safety of other medical products. Horseshoe crab populations occupy an important ecological niche in estuarine and coastal habitats along the Mid-Atlantic coast. Adult

horseshoe crabs are food for sea turtles, sharks and terrestrial species such as raccoons and foxes. Their eggs are a vital food source for hemispheric shorebirds. Rich in fat and protein, horseshoe crab eggs enable these migratory shorebirds to continue their northern migration to Arctic breeding grounds. The concentrations of shorebirds that come to feed on the eggs of the horseshoe crab are also important to the ecotourism industry in the Delaware Bay. The shorebirds attract recreational birders from all over the world bringing important tourist dollars to the region.

NEWARK, Del.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Delmarva Power's proposed contracts to buy up to 170 megawatts of energy from soon-to-be-built land-based wind projects in Maryland and Pennsylvania were approved Tuesday by the Delaware Public Service Commission, making the utility one of the first in the region to meet one state's more stringent clean energy goals.

"With the approval of these land-based wind contracts – coupled with the recently-executed Bluewater Wind offshore contract – Delmarva Power has a solid plan to meet Delaware's goal for 20 percent of our customer's energy needs to be met with clean, renewable sources by 2019," said Delmarva Power Region President Gary Stockbridge.



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USNI Proceedings Article on Small Vessel Security

We received an advance copy of an article by Admiral Thad Allen, Commandant of the USCG, "Friend or Foe? Tough to Tell," which will be published in Proceedings magazine. In the article, Admiral Allen again cites the attack on the USS Cole in the Gulf of Aden as an example of how terrorists can exploit a small vessel, as well as smuggling WMD, illegal immigrants and narcotics. Given the 14M recreational vessels registered in the US, there are almost limitless possibilities for terrorist use of a pleasure boat in an attack. At risk would be commercial ports, ships, LNG terminals, nuclear facilities, etc. The loss to our maritime facilities and economy from an attack could be enormous. For these reasons, the USCG has developed a Small Vessel Security Strategy (SVSS) that considers the risks, vulnerabilities and likelihood of a small vessel attack and the required countermeasures. The SVSS grew out of the Small Vessel Security Summit which we attended in 2007 and subsequent USCG studies. Among the goals cited in the SVSS is to "develop a strong partnership with the small vessel community to enhance maritime domain awareness" Again, the boating community can assist in maintaining maritime security and awareness by participating in America's Waterway Watch (AWW) where we are "the eyes and ears" for reporting suspicious activity. If effectively used, the AWW should mitigate many of the DHS security concerns.

Reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act

The Coastal States Organization is working toward reauthorization of the CZMA, which is already past its scheduled date for passage. The CZMA regulates land use within the Critical Areas of the coastal zone. The CZMA has been in effect 30 years and covers all US coasts and the Great Lakes. A

significant change to the Act has occurred with an amendment which adds HR 3223, Keep our Waterfronts Working Act, to the CZMA. HR 3223 allows coastal states to invest in the preservation, protection, and expansion of working waterfronts. This benefits the boating public by allowing marina operators to apply for state or local grants to preserve their use of the waterfront. While most of this is positive, it may become complicated by the recent passage of the offshore drilling bill by the U.S. House of Representatives. This would allow offshore drilling as close as 50 miles of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. This could require changes to the CZMA reauthorization bill.



Qualifications Officer Report

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We will complete the induction of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Drum Point Yacht Club this coming month. We have an application from the New Point Comfort Yacht Club complete, their check and it appears it complies with CBYCA By-Laws for membership. It will be introduced to the Delegates at the November meeting. Indian River Yacht and Country Club responded to our invitation in October, as did the Sailing Club of Washington. At long last we heard from the Tred Avon Yacht Club, and will follow up. In the wings for more work are the Annapolis YC, Seaford YC, Hampton YC, and we have leads on 2 more for future work. In short, we are growing CBYCA.

Clarification of the CBYCA's position on reciprocity between yacht clubs is the juice for future growth. The discussion of the subject at the November meeting will be stimulating and clarifying. In all the recruiting work I have done, I have not made a contact with a potential member club when the question of reciprocity has not been asked. We need an effective answer to their legitimate questions.

On the downside, we have lost as many clubs as we have gained. It is imperative that we improve our first line of contact with our far flung clubs. We ask a lot of our volunteer District Representatives. Often they do not know what their duties are and get little help in contacting the clubs they are supposed to be assisting. At the same time they are our unsung heroes and our major weakness. We need to have a discussion on improving club service with an eye to club and District Representative retention.

On the up side, the web site is working and existing clubs are getting their Rooster Book information in now. Wow!

Get started early on your updated roster info for the upcoming 2009 CBYCA Roster book. Go to the website & fill out your info. If you need any assistance, please contact Qualifications Officer John Zalusky jzalusky@earthlink.net



Secretary's Report

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CBYCA salutes all the Delegates of member clubs who have given their personal time on beautiful afternoons and driven many miles to attend the Delegates Meetings. Each year we recognize clubs for outstanding attendance by their delegates. If a club's Delegates attend all four Delegates Meetings, the club will receive a Perfect Attendance Certificate. In the current cycle, those four meetings began with the November 2007 meeting and included the February, April and August 2008 meetings. If your club's attendance was recorded at all four, you will receive a certificate during the Delegates roll call at the upcoming November meeting.

Congratulations and many thanks to the 24 clubs and one Partner organization that achieved perfect attendance. These are the clubs that will be recognized with certificates this year:

- Anchor Yacht Club
- Bodkin Yacht Club
- Bordentown Yacht Club
- Boumi Shrine Yacht Club
- Bush River Yacht Club
- Capital Yacht Club
- Delaware River Yacht Club
- Elk River Yacht Club
- Farragut Sportsmen's Association
- Hances Point Yacht Club
- Happy Hour Yacht Club
- Kent Narrows Yacht Club
- National Potomac Yacht Club
- Neptune Yacht Club
- Neshaminy Harbor Yacht Club
- North East River Yacht Club
- North Point Yacht Club
- Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association
- Prince William Yacht Club
- Ran-Del Yacht Club
- Riverside Yacht Club of Pennsylvania
- Salem Yacht Club
- Susquehanna Yacht Club
- West End Boat Club
- Chesapeake Commodores Club (Perfect Attendance Partner)

Meeting Schedule info is located on the back of the Goldenrod insert in this issue.



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