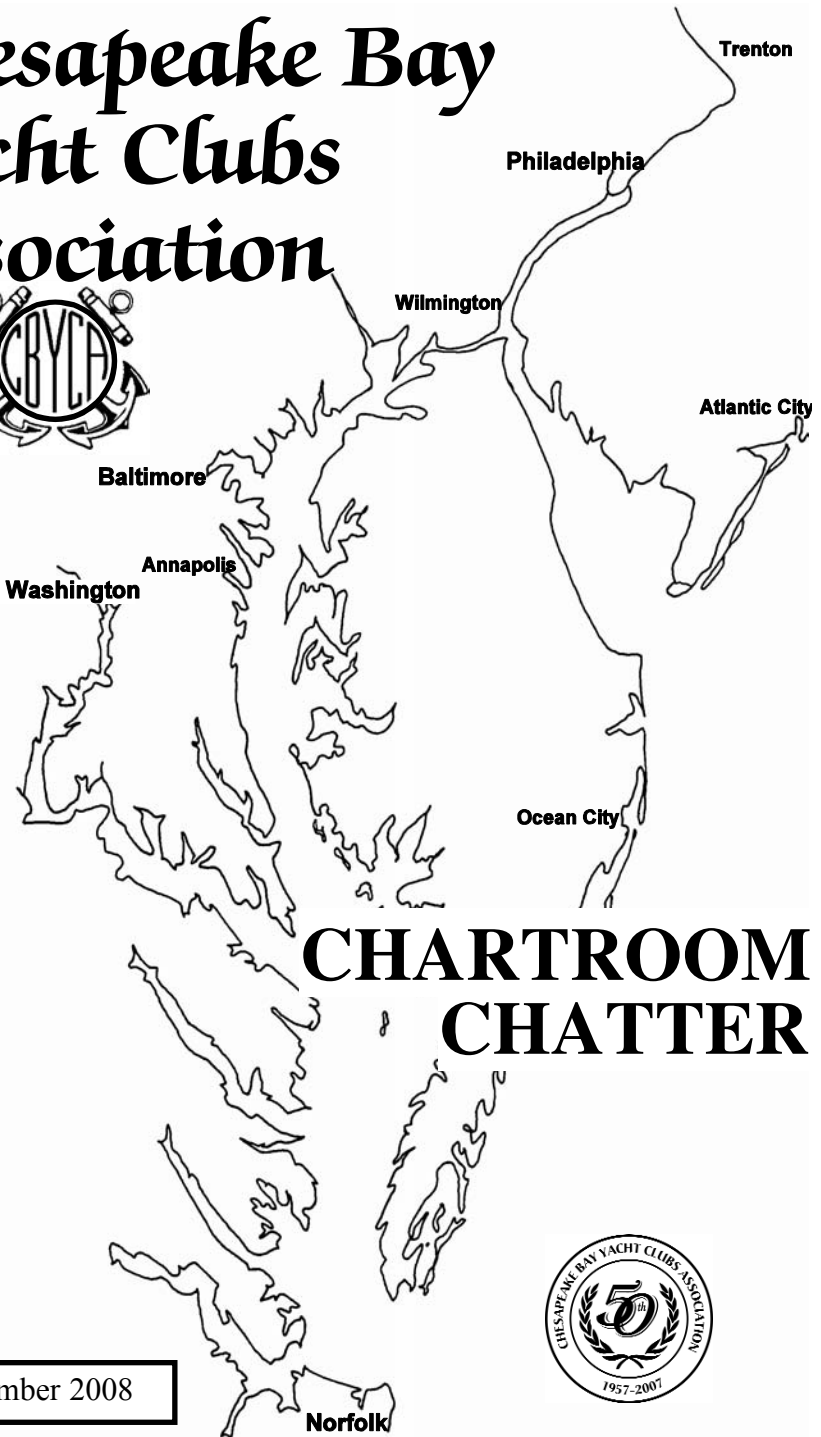


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Commodore's Corner

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YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!



We had a great BOG/ Delegates meeting at Baltimore Yacht Club on the 16th of August. Thanks to R/C Mike Burns and Commodore Frank Schepers for their warm hospitality.

Congratulations to the selected slate of officers for 2009: I know you have great leadership and dedicated volunteers to continue the success of CBYCA to serve its valuable members.

We had a successful presentation of the new and much improved Web-Site data entry. You can now view you Clubs data any time you want on the Web-Site and make any changes you wish. Your data will reside on the server and is accessible any time to edit or review. Thanks to our Web-Master Jerry Donofrio.

Our next meeting BOG meeting will be at the Susquehanna YC on September 20th at 10am. This will be the first time CBYCA has visited that Club. We look forward to the visit as our Secretary Gene Schenck is a long time member of that club.

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



Vice Commodore's Report

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I would like to thank the Board and Delegates for voting me in as Commodore of such a fine Organization. I can remember PC's Donofrio and Littleton asking me to be the Maryland Legislative Rep a few years back and I must admit I was a little hesitant. Attending my first meeting in Annapolis with P/C Donofrio CURED THAT. I could not believe our elected officials knew so Little about Recreational Boating. One Legislator actually referred to a PFD (personal floatation device) as a PDF (word file) I suppose that would not have been so bad except; she was the legislator who authored a bill for all of us to wear PFD's 100% of the time on any size boat; including CRUISE SHIPS. It was that day I realized how Important the CBYCA's voice is in protecting the recreational boater.

We have many challenges next year with the LNG facility on the top of the list. Working together in multiple States; we can accomplish far more than individually.

Wendy Peddicord (443-421-0571) will be handling the Ship's Store this year.

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Wendy will be assisted by Deb Noon (410-688-5556) Wendy is the current President of the Ladies Aux for Bush River Yacht Club and has done concessions for BRYC in the past. Join me in welcoming both. Special thanks to Irene Landan who has done such a fine job and is helping make the transition a successful one.

The Commodore's Ball will be held December 13th at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center.
5625 O'Donnell Street
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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 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 at Susquehanna Yacht Club on September 20th. Remember, as always, Board Meetings are always open to any member Club.



Legislative Director's Report

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The past year has been a very productive year in legislation. As you all know by now, our most recent success is the passage of S 2766, giving boaters a 35 year exemption from a permit requirement for gray water discharge. This is the latest victory in a series of victories, including, the blockage of VX waste water dumping in the Delaware River, improvement of the Kent Narrows dredging, and constant monitoring of the LNG issue affecting the Chesapeake Bay and the shore and waterways from Baltimore to Philadelphia.

The vigilance and hard work of DSLMD Kay Brawley, DSLPA/NJ Art Friedman, DSLDE Cecilia Battaglini, DSLVA Jacque Knight., Legislative Liaison Howard Gasaway Sr., the Board of Governors led by Commodore Coles Marsh, NBF Legislative Director Earl Waesche and YOUR support have produced these successes. The Chartroom Chatter and the CBYCA web site are the best resources for boaters to keep current on legislative issues. Remember, that each DSL report is important because boating issues in one state can pertain to all states. Thank you all for your hard work and support.



Rear Commodore's Report

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The August Delegate's Meeting was very interesting, productive and well represented. It was good to see so many in attendance especially when there are not many boating days left. The election went well and

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I wish to thank each of you for your vote of confidence as the incoming Vice Commodore of CBYCA.

We have reduced the outstanding invoices for the 2008 Roster Book to five. It is my hope that all balances will be paid by the September Board Meeting or at least prior to the next Delegates Meeting of November 17.



Maryland Legislative Report

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You received an overview of CBYCA-supported 2008 Legislation in April. Some of you requested more info on the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas legislation. A report released by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in February 2008 recommended, among other things, that the Governor and the General Assembly reform the Critical Area law to ensure consistent application of the law; provide more robust and equitable enforcement; correct Critical Area boundaries to reflect current conditions; update variance and grandfathering procedures to minimize natural resource and water quality impacts; and ensure that development in the Critical Area is consistent with Maryland's Smart Growth policies.

House Bill 1253 (passed) attempts to address these concerns by providing greater authority to the Critical Area Commission, updating the basic components of the program, enhancing buffer and water quality protection, coordinating new development more closely with growth management policies and other environmental protection and planning processes, and strengthening enforcement and variance provisions. Specifically, the bill:

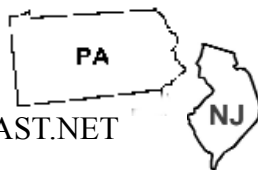
- provides explicit authority to the Critical Area Commission to adopt and amend regulations to administer and enforce the program;
- requires DNR to develop a new Critical Area boundary using a new Statewide Base Map;
- requires local programs to follow the State minimum requirements for all elements of their programs;
- establishes reporting and notice requirements for local jurisdictions, including a requirement that the Critical Area Commission receive written notice of local decisions regarding project approvals or denials;
- recasts current limits for "impervious surfaces" in terms of "lot coverage" to allow for technological improvements in paving materials, while generally maintaining the current ceilings on development;
- establishes new buffer provisions (including expanding the buffer from 100 feet to 200 feet) with respect to an application for subdivision or site plan approval within the Resource Conservation Area that does not involve the use of growth allocation, with specified exceptions;

- requires shore erosion control projects to be nonstructural, except in areas designated by MDE mapping as appropriate for structural shoreline stabilization measures, areas of excessive erosion, areas subject to heavy tides, and areas too narrow for effective use of nonstructural shoreline stabilization measures;
- specifies several new factors the Critical Area Commission must consider in reviewing map amendments or refinements involving the award of growth allocation;
- enhances enforcement and penalty provisions by requiring local programs to establish administrative enforcement procedures; authorizing the Chair of the Critical Area Commission to prosecute or sue; providing right-of-entry authority to local authorities to identify or verify suspected violations; and by requiring the commission to notify the Maryland Home Improvement Commission, the Home Builder Registration Unit in the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, or DNR of specified contractors under their respective jurisdictions who violate the Critical Area law; and
- and finally, alters variance procedures, especially relating to after-the-fact variances.

We are looking forward to another interesting and busy year under the leadership of newly elected CBYCA Maryland Legislative Director Cecilia Battaglini whom I will continue to work closely with for smooth transition and success as new legislation is rolled out in Annapolis for the upcoming 2009 Legislative Session!



**Pennsylvania/
New Jersey
Legislative Report**
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Pennsylvania

Capt. Gwyn Johnson USCG has replaced Capt Ted Harrop as Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Delaware Bay. Ted has been assigned to Head Quarters Washington DC.

Ship 484

Ship 484 of the Sea Scouts of America would like to make every boater aware of the importance of PFD'S; just like a seatbelt on a car they can save your life. Their goal is encourage all boaters, to be safe on the water by wearing their life jackets.

To stimulate the wearing of a PFD Ship 484 would like to produce a fashion show with Bathing Suite clad models, male & female and mothers with children and pets. Each Model will be demonstrating a PFD. This will be produced like a formal fashion show with an elevated platform, red carpet and music. An announcer would describe the function & type of each PFD as the models walked down the runway. The event would be open to all yacht clubs and boaters. The project would happen in May 2009 during safe boating week. Tickets would be necessary for this event. A self inflatable PFD will be given as a door prize. Ship 484 would anticipate attendance of 500 or more boaters..

Coast Guard responds to sunken tugboats in Schuylkill River, PA

The Coast Guard has responded to two derelict tugboats that sank and leaked oil in to the Schuylkill River. Approximately 1,000 gallons of a oil and fuel mixture has been recovered, and Coast Guard investigators estimate another 1,000 gallons remain.

Personnel from Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay along with other local and state agencies responded as a result of the two sunken tugboats. Crews from Don Jon Marine worked to extract the Carol Wales and Big Boy, the two tug boats that sank into the belly of the Schuylkill River. The two tugboats were tied to the pier at the edge of the Schuylkill River in the vicinity of the Girard Point Bridge when they sank. Contractors are on scene and have contained the site of the spill. The Coast Guard has established a safety zone in the area and urges mariners to use caution when transiting the river. There has been no reported impact to wildlife. The cause of the sinking is under investigation.

Waterfront Casino's on the Delaware River, Design Approach

PennPraxis analysis of the two proposed waterfront casino sites' there remain many outstanding design factors, including large garages, mega-block building footprints, and blank walls that cannot be overcome based on the American slot parlor casino business model. These challenges lead to a conclusion that casinos of this program-type do not work on these sites, and would be better sited elsewhere.

Legislative approach

Under the current draft of that legislation, set to be introduced in both the House and Senate, the casino developers, city and state officials and neighborhood residents would work together to choose two alternative sites. The bills also would remove the rule that no casino can be located within 10 miles of an ongoing slots operation - that's what would open up the Philadelphia International Airport as a possible site as well as the Spectrum.

Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) summer quarterly meeting was reported in the Chartroom Chatter.

New Jersey

S. 3298, will provide fishing vessels and other small commercial boats a two year exemption from costly permits and potential lawsuits -Was reported in the Chatter

After fatal crash, a call for speed limits on boats

A call for a speed limit on boats has been renewed following an accident Sunday at the mouth of the Metedeconk River in which an Essex Fells man died and four other occupants were injured. "The preliminary evidence indicates that both power boats were moving at the time of the crash," with no comment as to whether or not speeding was involved.

However, the chairman of the state Boat Regulation Commission feels that now is the time to implement speed limits on boats and boaters. The state has no exact speed limit for boats. The state police Boating Safety Manual and state law say that vessels should be operated at safe speeds.

At the August 2008 CBYCA meeting I posed the question is speed limits for boats necessary? Or is Speed limit for boats overdue? After floor discussions pro & con, discussion was tabled based on obtaining information, data and attitudes from various sources to be presented to the board & the membership. With this information a CBYCA opinion paper would be developed.

Delaware

Delaware Man Killed In Delaware Jet Ski Crash

Indian River, Del. (AP) Delaware authorities have released the name of the 42-year-old man who was killed Monday when his personal watercraft collided with a 25-foot fishing boat in Indian River.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control says Dennis Dugan of Milford died.

The accident happened about 500 yards out from the public boat ramp at Masseys Landing at about 4 p.m. Monday. Dugan's passenger, 39-year-old Stacey Flanigan of Millsboro, was flown to Christiana Hospital with injuries to her head, back and leg.

The six people aboard the boat were not injured. Authorities say the boat was being operated by 41-year-old Thomas Sholly of Anndville, Pa.

Both vessels have been seized for the investigation.



Delaware Legislative Report

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Governor Minor signed SB 63 authorizing Delaware to participate in regulating greenhouse gas initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants that include 90 other mid-atlantic and northeastern states.

Under the program, fossil fuel power plants must purchase credits equal to the amount of carbon dioxide emissions they produce. One credit is equal in value to 1 ton of carbon dioxide. Each participating state will receive allocation of credits based on average of emissions from regulated power plants (25 megawatts or larger) RGGI states will hold regular auctions allowing power plant operators to purchase credits as needed.

Fish & Wildlife enforcement meets preliminary requirements for re-accreditation by CALEA (Commission for accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). There are 600 CLEA's in the country with accreditation. Delaware's Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Agency currently is the only Fish & Wildlife LEA in the Country to earn this distinction. The small, 28-agent agency was first accredited in 1994 and goes thru the re-accreditation every 3 years.

DNREC fisheries to hold public hearing on 8/27/08 re state fisherman registration regulations New regulations would require all Delaware residents 16 or older, licensed or not, to obtain a FIN (Fishing Information Network) number on an annual basis, before fishing in Delaware. The FIN # is available at no cost by calling toll free and giving name and address, phone number and whether they intend to fish tidal or non tidal waters or both. The FIN # should be written on the Delaware Fishing License or for those who are legally unlicensed, be able to produce the number when asked by an authorized agent. Opinions and evidence may be presented at the Public Hearing or in writing to DNREC 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901 and email at Lisa.vest@state.de.us

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Qualifications Officer Report

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The assembled Delegates at the August 16th meeting unanimously voted membership for the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Drum Point Yacht Club. Both clubs add to the mission of the CBYCA, but the NY&CC is worthy of special notice. With over 1500 members it is one of the largest yacht clubs in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and has a number of members who are influential in local and state governments. CBYCA will certainly try to be helpful to the NY&CC and they will be helpful to our mission.

Work continues to bring in other clubs. We currently have opened discussions with the Sailing Club of Washington, Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club, Tred Avon Yacht Club, and the Annapolis Yacht Club. As Qualifications Officer I would appreciate any leads on additional potential member clubs.

Concern about Reciprocity between yacht clubs has frequently developed as an issue in bringing in a new yacht club. The following draft is suggested as a policy statement for the CBYCA:

"CBYCA & Reciprocity Agreements"

Reciprocity between yacht clubs is a term that sometimes causes concern when yacht clubs are considering joining the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association. Although Article VI, Section 3, of the CBYCA Constitution and Bylaws defines a yacht club as an organization independently adopting its own rules, without outside interference, reciprocity is not directly addressed. Even so, the leadership of some clubs believes that CBYCA may try to impose some form of reciprocity rules. A part of this concern stems from the meaning of the legal term, and another comes from equating CBYCA with the marketing of organizations selling membership in their directory of yacht clubs.

In law, reciprocity is a term used when states or other civil governments give citizens of other states privileges similar to those enjoyed by its own citizens. Examples are reciprocity in auto laws, shipping, marriage laws, gun laws and similar statutes. Such reciprocity is usually embodied in statute or regulations, and the CBYCA has no reason nor intention of getting involved.

In the world of yacht clubs, some clubs extend reciprocity to members of other yacht clubs as an act of seafaring fellowship, others as a way to help their budgets that doesn't compromise their nonprofit status (access to the general public makes a yacht club look like a taxable business), while others have no facilities to share. Yet, most clubs often extend use of a club's bar and restaurant, dock, bath house, fuel dock and/or pump out stations based on presentation of a paid up yacht club membership card. Some clubs extend the courtesy for limited time, some require arrangement for bill payment before using the facilities and other clubs (they are the exception) do not extend any reciprocity. Major yacht clubs that do extend some level of reciprocity include the New York, St. Francis (San Francisco), Norfolk, Chicago, Key West, and Sarasota Yacht Clubs. Others extend reciprocity only by letter between clubs.

In short, each yacht club makes its own rules, and the CBYCA desires no place in the internal affairs of any yacht club. However, we are often pleased and flattered when a member of an affiliated club tells of being "granted the courtesies of another club at the sighting of our burgee at the mast head of their boat."

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Please consider this draft and respond to me with improvements. Thanks for everyone's help.



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Rescue 21 Operational on the Chesapeake Bay

The Coast Guard announced that Coast Guard Sectors and all stations serving the Bay have been upgraded to the new command, control and communications system, Rescue 21. This includes new antenna towers, receivers, recorders and direction finders. A significant benefit of the new system is the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) feature on the newer VHF-FM radios. The new system will also close many known coverage gaps in coastal areas of the US, enhancing the safety of life at sea. All are encouraged to upgrade their VHF radios to those containing the DSC feature, register for the MMSI number and interface the radio to your GPS. That way, when the DSC button is pressed, your exact coordinates will be sent out.

USCG Cutter Waesche Christening

The second in a new series of Coast Guard cutters was christened at the Northrop Grumman shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. This National Security Cutter has been designed to satisfy the Coast Guard's multi-mission responsibilities in homeland security, national defense, marine safety and environmental protection. She is 418 feet long, with a 54 foot beam and displaces 4,300 tons. She has combined diesel and gas turbine engines capable of an intercept speed of 28 knots. Waesche has a 60-day endurance period and a range of 12,000 nautical miles. Cutter Waesche is named after Admiral Russell R. Waesche, Commandant of the Coast Guard during WWII.

Please see the back of the Goldenrod for important information about the
Kilmon Award Nominations

2008 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

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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an the newly elected officers for 2009*

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District K	Tim Baker	C	Prince William YC
District L	Linda Bradford	N	Virginia YC

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Nominating Commt (09-10)	Shelly Speicher-Allocco	Galloway YC
Nominating Commt (09-10)	P/C Earl Woesche	Corinthian YC
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