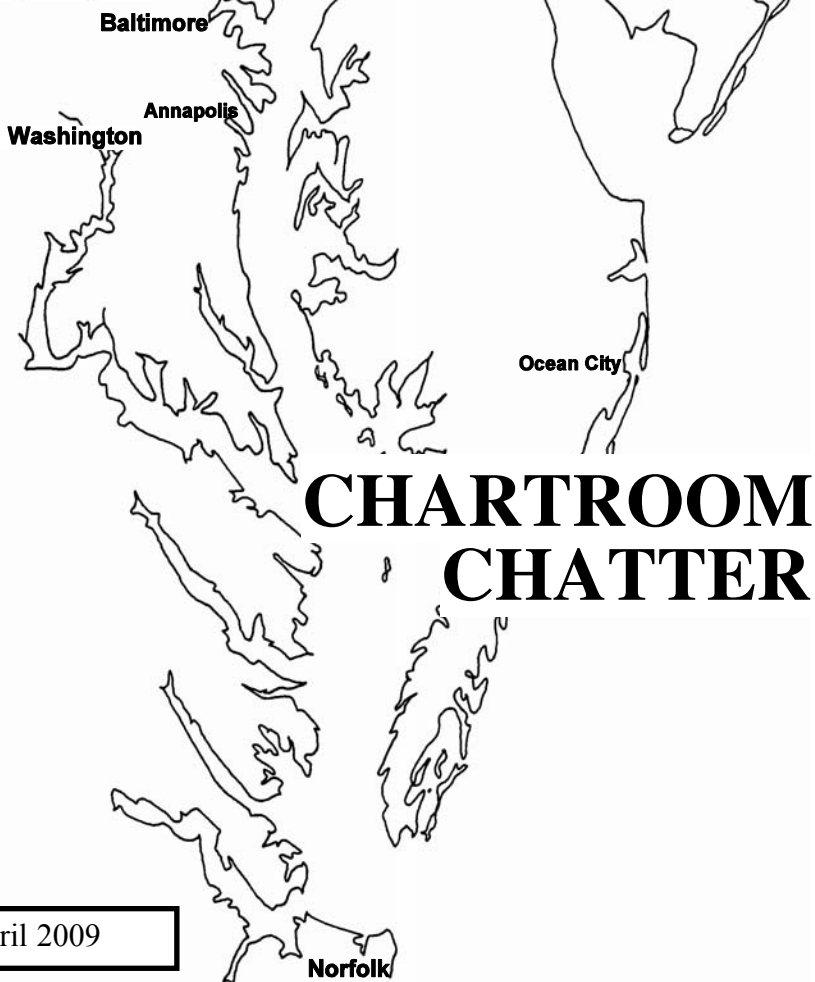


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Commodore's Corner

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April is HERE and I cannot wait to start spending time doing what I love and That is Recreational Boating. Sitting on the back of the Afternoon, relaxing with friends, makes even the worst week disappear in the sunset.

The current state of our economy is effecting recreational boating. Some of our ship mates may be forced to cut back on boating this year and seek shelter from this economic storm. Now is the time to stick together and pool resources to enjoy what we love. Inviting a club mate on a cruise will not only cut the expense but it is also a Great Time.

Michael Death from Bodkin Yacht club reported that many clubs are not renewing their clean marina certifications. Most are because of misplaced paper work or over site. We know, achieving a Clean Marina Status is a difficult task and an honor Don't let an over site keep your club from being a part of this prestigious club.

In closing the Roster Book is almost ready. Special thanks to Rear Commodore Kay Brawley, PC Jerry Donofrio and Publicity Committee Chairman June Donofrio

"May Saint Patrick guard you where ever you go and guide you in what ever you do and may his loving protection be a blessing always to you."

Till next Month



Vice Commodore's Report

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Thanks to the West End Boat Club in Essington, PA for hosting the March 21 Board of Directors Meeting. Their clubhouse is just beautiful and the food and hospitality was excellent. Legislative Director, Bob Williams, was in attendance and looking very good. Although there were many absent, I want to thank all those that made the trip to attend. It is good to share our meetings and involve those clubs that we don't often get to visit. I encourage all Board Members to make a greater effort to attend our meetings. Your attendance and participation is greatly needed and appreciated. Thanks also to Commodore Kevin Noon for a short but on-point meeting.

The next meeting will be a Board of Directors Meeting and Delegates Meeting on April 18 at North East River Yacht Club, 80 Bayside Drive, North East, MD. The Board Meeting begins and 1000 hours and will be followed by the Delegates Meeting at 1300 hours. The 2009 Roster Book will be distributed at this

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meeting. Delegates (or an alternate club representative) are encouraged to come and pick up your club's books. This will ensure your club's timely receipt of the books. By the way, R/C Kay Brawley has done a great job on the books. I am sure you will be pleased.

Mark your calendar! The CBYCA Commodore's Ball will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, Baltimore, MD. Additional information will follow.



Legislative Director's Report

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I want to express my sincere gratitude for all of the cards, notes, telephone calls, and prayers that have been sent my way following my December surgery. I am doing better each day and enjoyed attending the BOG meeting at WEBC. I especially want to thank Commodore Kevin, First Lady Debbie and VC Pam Butler for all of their kindness.

I must say the State LD's also continue to do their great work and I thank you all. I also send out prayers and good wishes to DSLMD Cecilia Battaglini in her recovery from her surgery. Knowing Cecilia, she is a motivated PT patient and probably ahead of schedule!

As most of you know, the LNG terminal progress has slowed due to the poor economy. The Sparrow Point Facility that was given a go ahead may now be slowed down on its environmental impact on the area. The State of Maryland and Baltimore County have joined forces to block the construction. One of the main issues is the dredging of the turnaround area. There are about 8 feet of silt encapsulating the contaminated area, which would create an ecological disaster if released. So as we said before, the LNG issue will be ongoing for some time.

I want to express my best wishes and good luck to Captain David Scott USCG, Commander Sector Delaware Bay, on his upcoming retirement in June after 30 years of service. Captain Scott has been a good friend of recreational boating. Even with his busy schedule, his door has always been open to us and we wish him well.



Rear Commodore's Report

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The production of the CBYCA Roster Book takes tremendous effort and sincere dedication from a great number of people. For the 2009 Publication, the year has been wrought with the challenge of an economy that has suffered greatly. Member clubs and the marine industry businesses have had to downsize, or go back to zero to take a fresh look at how to do business,

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and implement team efforts to be successful. In these stormy seas, much like the talented crew of a racing sailboat, the successful development of the 2009 publication required and received some real teamwork.

My crew members included the strength of:

- 1) District Representatives reaching out for a larger number of member clubs than usual to support the project with a combined value of \$8,925
- 2) the senatorial leadership of Silver Wreath Past Commodores who promoted the sales of a significantly larger number of color pages to recreational boating businesses, subtotal \$11,675
- 3) the trimming skills of Lynn Fowler and Susan Rork to reel in Friends, Patrons, and Princesses for the Queen of the Chesapeake Bay program, subtotal \$1,149
- 4) the grinding expertise of John Zalusky and June Donofrio for accuracy and completeness of club roster information online
- 5) the invaluable design, printing lay out experience, and overall work of Tactician Jerry Donofrio to keep us pointing in the right direction
- 6) the skills of printer Ed Ward, and of Penny Orth plotting our course with the map and burgees, and production quality
- 7) the mathematical and graphic design skills of 1st Mate John Hakemian, and
- 8) certainly not last, the positive stewardship of Skipper Kevin Noon. Thanks to ALL for your continued support...CBYCA's success at raising \$21,749 for the 2009 Roster book was truly a team effort!



Maryland Legislative Report

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There is a **Chesapeake Bay Safety and Environmental Hotline**, toll free for Maryland citizens to call to report a problem on the tidal portions of Maryland's portion of the Chesapeake Bay as well as the Coastal Bays. One phone call will now direct citizens to the appropriate agency to make a report 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Effective immediately, 1-877-224-7229 will allow citizens to report any of the following:

- Boating accident or reckless activity
- Fish kill or algal bloom
- Floating debris that poses a hazard to navigation
- Illegal fishing activity
- Public sewer leak or overflow
- Oil or hazardous material spill
- Critical area or wetlands violation
- Suspicious or unusual activity

DNR Fisheries Service Recommends New Horseshoe Crab Harvest Ratio

Stronger Conservation Measures Are Aimed at Protecting Female Horseshoe Crab and Migratory Shorebirds. To provide further protection to the Atlantic coast population of horseshoe crabs and increase the availability of horseshoe crab eggs in Delaware Bay to hemispheric migratory shorebird populations, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is implementing a 2:1 male to female horseshoe crab harvest ratio, effective April 1st. There is currently no sex ratio limit.

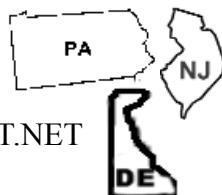
FERC Grants Rehearing to Further Consider AES Sparrows Point Project. March 17th, FERC granted rehearing in both the AES Sparrows Point and Bradwood Landing LNG projects for the "limited purpose of further consideration." A FERC spokesperson told the Baltimore Sun that the orders "keep petitions alive for further consideration indefinitely." FERC's orders for AES Sparrows Point are available in the library under Docket Nos. CP07-62 and CP06-365 respectively.

AES Sparrows Point LNG responded to NOAA's Environmental Concerns regarding habitat conservation and threatened and endangered species analysis in the Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Sparrows Point LNG import project. The responses are available in the FERC library under Docket No. CP07- 62.



**Pennsylvania/
New Jersey / Delaware
Legislative Report**

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PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny River

Development plan for 32-mile Allegheny River trail under way Allegheny County has hired a consultant that will complete the development plan for a 32-mile trail along the Allegheny River between Millvale and Harrison.

Delaware River Main Channel Deepening Project

Pennsylvania Senators Bob Casey and Arlen Specter are attempting to provide \$3.8 million in an earmark towards the Delaware River Deepening project. It is anticipated that the deepening the Delaware River 100 miles of riverbed from the Ben Franklin Bridge to the sea would provide an economic stimulus for the area.

The environmental concerns are threats to endangered species, drinking water, commercial fisheries, oyster and crab habitat, and the reintroduction of toxins into the River.

HARRISBURG

Governor Edward G. Rendell announced the resignation today of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Michael DiBerardinis.

He has improved the stewardship of our state parks and forests, at the same time expanding the conservation mission to include efforts to build and maintain sustainable communities and create outdoor connections for citizens and visitors.

PHILADELPHIA

Mayor Nutter will hire Gov. Rendell's open-space czar to oversee the city's new department of parks and recreation, sources familiar with the deal said yesterday. Michael DiBerardinis ran the city Recreation Department during Rendell's time as mayor, 1992 to 2000, and now is in charge of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He will head the entity formed by the merger of the Fairmount Park Commission and the Recreation Department.

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Although the merger becomes official July 1, DiBerardinis will assume his post early next month.

Under the referendum proposal approved in November by a 3-1 ratio, the Fairmount Park Commission, and all of the parkland it controls, merges with the Recreation Department as of July 1. By law, a new commissioner of parks and recreation is appointed by the managing director, who then appoints two deputy commissioners, one to head parks, the other recreation.

PA Basic Boating

In Pennsylvania Boating Safety Education Certificates are required for persons born on or after January 1, 1982, to operate boats powered by motors greater than 25 horsepower, and for all operators of Personal Watercraft (Jet Skis, Waver Runners, Sea Doo's). A Basic boating class will be held on April 18th at the Delaware River Yacht Club from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Those that pass the test at the end of the class will be eligible to receive a Pennsylvania Boating Safety Education Certificate.

PHILADELPHIA

The first sign of a new approach to developing the Delaware Riverfront was announced by Mayor Michael Nutter.

A new park planned for the eastern end of Race Street on a plot that make up Pier 11 is the initial signal of well-designed, yet piecemeal planning along the Delaware River. Pier 11, as well as a new public trail along the river from Lombard Street to Washington Avenue, will eventually lead to trails and public recreational spots from Allegheny to Oregon avenues.

City Commerce Director Andrew Altman said after a press conference at the river to announce \$2 million in funding. "Take a piece and for a few million dollars, make a great attraction for residents."

Officials expect the park to be completed within 18 months and hope a trail eventually running five-plus miles between Allegheny and Oregon avenues is completed a few years later.

Boating Commissioner

An extension until April has been provided to the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation. They are seeking a qualified candidate to serve as the at-large boating commissioner on the board of the Fish and Boat Commission. Of the 10 seats on the Fish and Boat Commission, two of them are charged with representing boating interests.

Gov. Rendell will select the final candidate who, upon Senate confirmation, will serve an eight-year term. Commissioners serve without compensation, but do receive travel reimbursement. I sent a letter from PBA recommending Andy Talento. The Governor responded to the correspondence a copy is attached.

SHIP 484

To stimulate the wearing of a PFD Ship 484 of the Sea Scouts will produce a fashion show with bathing suit clad models, male & female and mothers with children and pets. Models will be demonstrating various PFDS. An announcer would describe the function & type of each PFD as the models walked down the steps of the runway.

The event will take place on the South pier at Penn's Landing, and will be part of the kickoff for Delaware River Day '09 from 12-6pm. We are looking for your help; this event and the Fashion show serves as a public service as well as a way to raise some funds to help serve the 20+ Ship 484 Sea Scouts who range from 14 to 21. These funds help to offset the cost of upkeep for their boat, as well as providing a fun and wholesome opportunity to promote the values of our common citizenship to God and Country. We thank you for your support in advance. Come, and join us, for this fun filled day. All checks can be sent to: Ship 484 c/o Delaware River Yacht , 9635 Milnor Street, Philadelphia PA , 19114.

NEW JERSEY

As of June 1, 2009, all power vessel operators in New Jersey, regardless of date of birth, will be required to possess a boat safety certificate.- Out-of-state residents are not exempt; however, the law states that an out-of-State resident who is at least 16 years of age and who will be in this State for less than 90 days may operate a power vessel on the waters of the State of New Jersey if they possess a boat safety certificate issued by their state of residence, or if they possess written proof of successful completion of a boat safety course approved by another state, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators(N.A.S.B.L.A.) or the United States Coast Guard.

DELAWARE

Delaware will take its Coastal Zone Act trial across an old battleground when state officials convene a hearing on Oceanport LLC's latest industrial venture near Claymont.

Lawmakers banned new heavy industries or bulk loading piers from Delaware's part of the river, Delaware Bay and Atlantic Coast in 1971. Industries already in the zone and landowners have tested the law repeatedly ever since. The latest was energy giant BP, which lost a bid for a liquefied natural gas unloading pier when New Jersey lost a U.S. Supreme Court fight with Delaware over river development rights.

Now Oceanport, a deepwater marine terminal near Claymont, wants a permit to mix water and lime to make a calcium chloride solution at its site off Philadelphia Pike. A hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 31 at the DNREC.



Virginia Legislative Report

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Test time is fast approaching for young adults and teenagers who want to operate the family jet ski on Virginia waters this summer. According to a law passed by the Virginia state legislature in 2007 and reported on in the Chartroom Chatter, Personal Watercraft (PWC) operators 20 years of age or younger must complete a certified safe boating education course by July 1. Youngsters must be 14 to operate a PWC. If apprehended without a card to prove

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completion of a class, violators could be fined.

Information about approved courses can be found at the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries web page www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/boating-safety-education.asp. Courses can be taken online or from certified instructors. You can find sites on your computer by googling, Virginia Safe Boating Education.

The Virginia law will phase in education requirements until July 1, 2016, when all PWC and motorboat operators, regardless of age, will have to show proof of completion of safe boating education. PWC operators 35 years of age or younger must meet the requirements by July 1, 2010.

The future timeline is as follows:

- PWC operators 50 years of age or younger and motorboat operators 20 years of age or younger must meet the requirements by July 1, 2011
- All PWC operators, regardless of age, & motorboat operators 30 years of age : by July 1, 2012;
- Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger : by July 1, 2013;
- Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger: by July 1, 2014;
- Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger: by July 1, 2015;
- All motorboat operators, regardless of age, must meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.

Boaters who do not take education courses will be required to show proof of taking an equivalency exam or provide a Coast Guard operator's license.



Qualifications Officer Report

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Now that the 2009 Roster Book is at the printer's that big task is behind us and it went very well. However, I urge each club to look over the information in the book about their Club and correct any errors found. That will put us way ahead for next year.

It is very important that each District Representative and Delegate attend the April 18th Delegate meeting for the distribution of the Roster Books. Please help out by attending. **This is how your club will get its year books.** As a fringe benefit the historic town of Northeast Maryland is a wonderful town, and fun to visit in its own right. It has a number of great restaurants with great menus making it well worth the trip.

The effort to bring in new clubs continues. The Old Point Comfort Yacht Club was voted in at the last meeting and we have had one meeting with the

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membership of the Patuxent River Sailing Club. It leases a part of the old seaplane basin at Patuxent Naval Air Station, and has about 200 members. Its principle interest is in sailing but has a few power boaters.



National Boating Federation

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Legislative Director



Further Progress on Wallop/Breaux Reauthorization

Since last month's report, meetings continue in Washington to develop a consensus on the reauthorization on the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (Wallop/Breaux). Funds for the program are derived from Federal fuel taxes and excise taxes on fishing equipment which should net around \$700M per year. Some of the problems have been the difficulty in estimating revenue totals given the recession and the allocation of funds between various interest groups. We need to have the legislation written by May and hopefully attach it to the Highway bill and obtain passage.

Grants Not Available for AIS Purchases

We were unsuccessful in obtaining Federal grants through the Wallop/Breaux program toward purchase of Automatic Information Systems (AIS) for recreational boats. The main reason for this is we had no real estimates of the number of boat owners who would purchase these units or the total cost. Those who do extensive cruising and have AIS units have praised its value in obtaining pertinent information on all vessels in range and for collision avoidance.

Future of LORAN-C

The USCG has issued a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on the continuation of the LORAN-C Program. As everyone knows the CG has tried many times to end Loran operations even after spending millions to upgrade all stations nationwide. NBF was successful in opposing the shutdown in previous attempts by the USCG. It is not clear if we will continue in this effort given the very low use of LORAN.

Coalition Group Opposes Ethanol Increase

A broad coalition of interest groups, including the National Marine Manufacturers Association, has begun work to oppose EPA efforts to increase ethanol levels in gasoline. The coalition has stated that the decision to increase levels to 15 or 20 percent should be based only on unbiased science to determine the effect on motor vehicle and marine engines. Further complicating this is the huge increase in ethanol production by the year 2020 required in the Energy bill passed last year. All boatmen should have either heard or read of the harm ethanol can do to marine engines.

NEWS BULLETIN

**THE NEW 2009 ROSTER BOOKS WILL BE READY
FOR PICK UP AT THE APRIL 18TH DELEGATES
MEETING AT NORTH EAST RIVER YC**

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All but a few CBYCA clubs have made their dues payments by the end of last month, and I appreciate your attention to this detail. In these financially troubling times, all clubs are feeling some financial pinch, and it is a testament to your support for the legislative representation and environmental attention of CBYCA's activities. We also want to support your club throughout the year, and I look forward to meeting more of you as the boating season swings into high gear.

Please check with your treasurer to make sure that your club is not one of the few stragglers, and if you need another dues notice, or anything else, please email me: treasurer09@cbyca.org or call at 609-220- 9987. Let's look forward to working together the rest of 2009.



Publicity Director's Report

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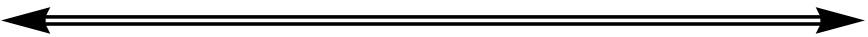
Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is April 25, 2009

Be sure to get your event information submitted through the Cbyca Website so it can be included in the Goldenrod page in the Chartroom Chatter, this must be submitted through the Website no later than the 25th of each month.

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

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



2009 CBYCA Meeting Schedule

Mark Your Calendars !

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| April 18 | Sat | 1000 hrs 1300 hrs | Board Delegate | NorthEast River YC NorthEast River YC |
| May 16 | Sat | 1000 hrs | Board | Farragut SA |
| June 6 | Sat | 1000 hrs | Board & Queens Pageant | Maryland YC |
| August 15 | Sat | 1000 hrs | Board | Quaker City YC |
| Sept 19 | Sat | 1000 hrs | Board | |



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