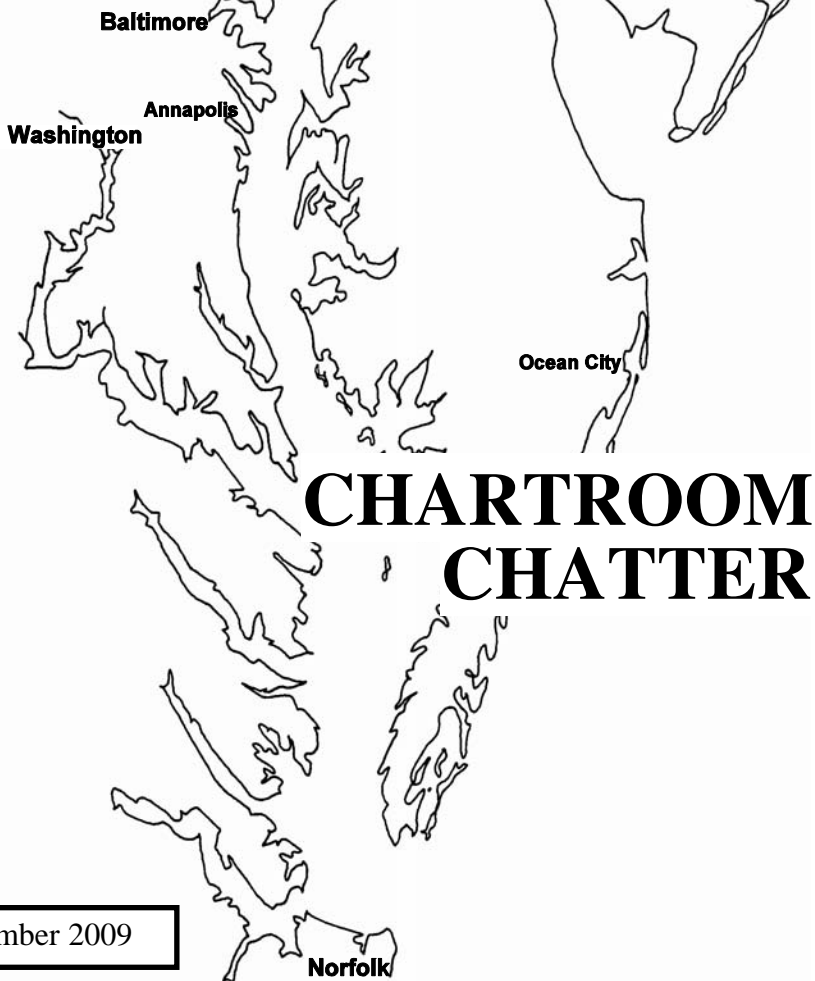


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Commodore's Corner

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I would like to thank all of my fellow boaters for electing me as your 2010 Commodore. It is a great privilege to be a part of an organization that is so dedicated to the legislative concerns of each member club and the recreational boating community in general. I am undertaking this responsibility with sincerity and an avid passion for ensuring the continuing welfare of the CBYCA.

There were many, too many to name, that have counseled and guided me along the way to enable me to reach the position I now hold. However, there are a few who deserve special recognition and my special thanks:

- A. Myles Robinson, former delegate for the Neptune Yacht Club, who got me involved nine years ago as his Alternate Delegate;
- P/C Joe and Kathy Hellner, who encouraged me and gave me a vote of confidence to become more involved and a member of the Board of Directors;
- P/C Karl Homberg and District H Representative Tom Powers, who chauffeured me to many Board and Delegate Meetings, as well as Member Club Openings;
- And last but not least, P/C Jerry and June Donofrio and IPC Kevin and Deb Noon, whose knowledge, strength and friendship have helped me to stay the course.

I offer my congratulations to the 2010 Board of Governors, whom I look forward to working with and appreciate for stepping up to the plate to lend their individual talents. At this time, I only asked that each of us take a few minutes to reaffirm our commitment to the CBYCA and its important work.

Finally, I say: The year is closed, the record made,
 The last deed done, the last word said,
 And now, with purpose full and clear,
 Let us turn to greet another year.

On behalf of the CBYCA Board of Governors, I wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to sharing good times with you at the CBYCA Ball on December 12th.

Get started early on your updated roster info for the upcoming 2010 CBYCA Roster book. Go to the website & fill out your info. If you need any assistance, please contact Qualifications Officer John Zalusky jjzalusky@earthlink.net or P/D June Donofrio june.donofrio@verizon.net

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Vice Commodore's Report

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Roster book 2009: Good news, just as I begin to make the transition to my new role with CBYCA, we received funds not expected for the 2009 Roster book, thus the finish line for net revenue after all expenses of \$9,801.21. Again, thank you for your contribution and support; I encourage you to do the same for Rear Commodore Bob Parsons as he steps up to the plate with the 2010 CBYCA Roster book.

The following calendar has been planned for collaboration with our partners and to geographically represent our membership from Philadelphia to Norfolk, the eastern shore, and west. I hope this helps you to plan to join us via vessel when possible for the opportunity to make our meetings more fun as well.

2010 CBYCA Tentative Calendar for Board of Governor's and Delegate Meetings:

Jan 16, 2010: TBA, will be announced at the Dec 13th Board meeting

Feb 20, 2010: CBYCA Bd & Delegates Mtg at Bodkin YC

March 20, 2010: CBYCA Bd at Union League in Philadelphia; DRYL BD invited

April 17, 2010: CBYCA Bd & Delegates Mtg, Bush River YC

May 15, 2010: CBYCA Bd designates choice of attendance at Openings

June 5, 2010: CBYCA Bd at Maryland YC

July 17, 2010: CBYCA Leadership Crab Cocktail Party; details to follow

Aug 21, 2010: CBYCA Bd & Delegate Meeting at Miles River YC

Sept 18, 2010: CBYCA Bd at Summit North YC

Oct 16, 2010: CBYCA Bd at Norfolk YC; 6 rooms available to reserve early

Nov 20, 2010: CBYCA Bd & Delegates at North East River YC

Dec 11, 2010: CBYCA Ball-Turf Valley-Baltimore; Destination weekend inc discounts for golf and award winning spa, Commodore's Hospitality Suite, shuttle from Baltimore airport, and shopping in charming Ellicott City.

Dec 12, 2010: CBYCA Bd Mtg: Turf Valley-Baltimore; Commodore's Hospitality Suite

District Representatives:

I'm happy to announce we have 3 new District Representatives:

- District C-Pennsylvania/Upper Bay: Bryan Ritter of Otter Point YC, 410.671.6540, briterropyc@yahoo.com
- District G. Miles River Area: Dennis Webster of Wicomico YC, 410.430.1812,

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• District L. VA/South of 301 Bridge: Gene Skidmore of Virginia YC, 804.330.9508, skidstoo@verizon.net.

Bryan, Dennis and Gene will be joining the other 9 continuing District Representatives listed inside the front cover of the CBYCA News for easy reference and access. They will be glad you called for them to represent CBYCA at Balls, Openings and general meetings. Happy Holidays wherever you might be with family and/or friends!



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As we approach the tenth year into the 21st Century, our mission at CBYCA is to continue to provide information regarding Federal and State Legislation as it affects our Boating and use of the rivers and bays throughout PA, NJ Delaware, MD DC and VA. The interests of our Yacht Clubs is of primary importance to us, and you are encouraged to contact us with your concerns.

We have a new member to our team of Directors of State Legislation. Howard Gassaway, JR will be our man in Washington DC. Welcome Howard.

Some of the acts proposed and already signed by the Federal Government and State Governments are listed in the articles submitted by the DSL's in this issue, and will be followed and added to in coming issues of the "Chartroom Chatter".

On July 8th the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved the **Maritime Administration Authorization Act of 2010**, which among other things, would create a grant program for "**America's Marine Highways**" as an extension of the surface transportation system. The provision, authorized by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) would encourage more freight to be carried by barges and ships by sea and by inland waterway, in an effort to reduce roadway congestion. The bill would also establish a Port Infrastructure Development Program for local jurisdictions and port facilities to improve the capabilities of their port facilities. Senator Lautenberg's press release on the Maritime Administration Authorization Act of fiscal year 2010 would create a grant program to establish America's Marine Highway as an extension of the surface transportation system. A single sea vessel can take more than 45 trucks off the nation's roads. The typical barge or ship can move one ton of cargo 575 miles on one gallon of fuel, whereas a truck would move that same cargo only 155 miles.

America's Sea Ports are a Critical Link between all modes of transportation and the ability to move freight throughout the country. Ships carry more than 95 percent of the nation's non-North American trade by weight and 75 percent by value. In addition, approximately three-quarters of international shipments to and from the United States, measured in weight arrive or depart by ship.

Senator Lautenberg D-NJ and Commerce Committee Chairman Jay R Rockefeller 9D-WV have previously introduced the Federal Surface Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2009 would take a long term and

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large scale approach to transportation planning, rather than focusing on single programs, emphasizes the importance of shipping by sea.

Governor Rendel D- Pa. has signed a historic agreement (June of 2009) that will officially begin a five year \$379 million project to deepen the Delaware River's shipping channel, this Rendell called a major milestone in a 15 year effort. The project will employ 13,000 over a 5 year period plus a crew to maintain the dredge thereafter. Noted also, Bo Biden of Delaware stated that the Corps of Engineers may submit current information required to have permitting from Delaware consideration.

Also mentioned in an earlier 'Chatter' report was that **Governor Ed Rendel Has Signed Agreements with Mediterranean Shipping Company.** the 2nd largest shipping Company in the World, to operate piers in the Port of Phila.

With the Senator Lautenberg of NJ legislation, the Governor Rendel \$379 million budget for dredging the Delaware River, and the agreement with Med Shipping to operate piers in the Port of Phila and the Bo Biden of Delaware invitation for the Corp of Engineers to resubmit current applications for permitting, we might have a world class Phila. shipping port as the end result. Not to mention, significant less debris to hinder both pleasure and commercial water going vessels.

PC Kevin Noon, with Board approval, has drafted a letter of CBYCA's support of Col. Johnson's request to DNR asking the MD State Legislature to approve their request to establish a MANDATORY PFD wearing of all children UNDER 13 years of age while boating in MD waters. We will keep you informed if this item gets a Yea or Nay in January 2010.

May a Healthy Holiday Season, Beginning with 'Thanksgiving' for all of our blessings, be enjoyed by all friends of CBYCA, and our Members and their families.



Rear Commodore's Report

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I would like to thank the nominating committee and all the officers and members for the vote of confidence and for electing me into my current position as Rear Commodore of CBYCA..

Soon I will be working closely with all the District Reps and Delegates to get the 2010 CBYCA Roster Book off to a great start. After the first of the year I will be contacting everyone for their thoughts and suggestions for improving our ad sales. Please try to get your contracts to me as soon as possible so I can start preparing the roster set up.

To Commodore Pam and Vice Commodore Kay and officers I am looking forward to building close ties and working towards the goal of strong leadership for the club.

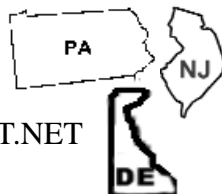
Jackie and I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and are looking forward to meeting everyone at the Commodore's Ball.

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Pennsylvania/ New Jersey / Delaware Legislative Report

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PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has initiated a nationwide search for a new executive director. The executive director serves as the chief executive officer of the PFBC, an independent administrative commission established in 1866. The executive director is selected by and reports to a 10-member commission appointed by the Governor. The agency is empowered by law to protect and manage the fish and aquatic habitat of the Commonwealth, to regulate recreational boating on Commonwealth waters and to protect reptiles, amphibians, and certain endangered and threatened species.

US Coast Guard Capt. Meredith Austin is the first female commander of the U.S. Coast Guard of the Delaware Bay based in Philadelphia. Austin, on the job since June, is responsible for everything that happens on water between Harrisburg and 200 miles into the Atlantic Ocean, from the Shark River near Asbury Park to Cape May, and all of Delaware. She oversees 756 Coast Guard members in 22 stations and on five Coast Guard cutters. Capt. Austin was the guest speaker at a PBASE meeting held at the Delaware River Yacht Club.

Docks Removed at Frankford Arsenal & Commodore Barry Access on Delaware River Philadelphia, PA - The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) have removed the floating docks and walkways from the Frankford Arsenal and Commodore Barry Access. The PFBC manages some 300 state properties to provide free boat launch and/or fishing opportunities on the waters of the Commonwealth. The Frankford Arsenal Access is one of the most popular public recreational fishing and boating sites on the lower Delaware River.

Harrisburg - Governor Edward G. Rendell announced today \$1.2 million in coastal zone management grants to organizations dedicated to protecting and preserving Pennsylvania's coastal zones along Lake Erie and the Delaware Estuary, saying the investment was important to the regions' economies.

Mandatory Boating Education in Pennsylvania, Delaware & New Jersey

Pennsylvania : 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. 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. Persons born on or after January 1, 1982 may not operate a motorboat greater 25 horsepower without a blue card. This is provided after you take a safe boating course and pass the examination.

Delaware

The Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife currently has a mandatory boater education requirement requiring all boaters born after January 1, 1978 to have the Delaware boating safety education certificate on board when the vessel is underway to satisfy the Delaware boating regulations. Boaters who wish to operate a motorized vessel, including a personal watercraft, in Delaware waters must possess a boating safety education certificate.

New Jersey

As of June 1, 2009, all persons who wish to operate a motorized vessel, including a personal watercraft in New Jersey waters, must possess a boating safety education certificate.

Hess LNG affiliate takes over Crown Landing from BP : An Amerada Hess Corp. joint venture plans a new attempt to develop a liquefied natural gas terminal along the Delaware River opposite Claymont, after acquiring a BP property long bogged down by a state boundary dispute. Gordon Shearer, president of Hess LNG, said that his company will soon begin contacting Delaware, New Jersey and federal officials about ways to move the former BP Crown Landing project forward.

BP put its proposed \$700 million LNG project on hold after Delaware won a U.S. Supreme Court fight with New Jersey over extension of a nearly 2,000-foot import pier into the Delaware River from the proposed plant site in Logan Township, N.J.

Delaware's Coastal Zone Act bars construction of new bulk import piers in the river. New Jersey argued that water access rights laws gave it the authority to grant an approval for BP's pier, but the Supreme Court ruled in April 2008 that Delaware has a veto over construction in its portion of the river.

Hess LNG Crown Landing LLC, a newly formed affiliate of Hess LNG, has acquired all of BP PLC's ownership interests in Crown Landing LLC. The joint venture plans a new attempt to develop a liquefied natural gas terminal along the Delaware River opposite Claymont, after acquiring a BP property long bogged down by a state boundary dispute. Gordon Shearer said that his company will soon begin contacting Delaware, New Jersey and federal officials about ways to move the former BP Crown Landing project forward.

Dredging Of Delaware River to Begin Without Permit : For the thousands who depend on the Port of Philadelphia for our livelihood, the controversy surrounding the decision to deepen the Delaware River comes down to this: Without dredging, they are sunk. The Army Corps of Engineers intends to start dredging the Delaware River in December - despite the lack of a state permit. A Corps spokesman said Saturday that the COE still intends to seek a Delaware permit. But it will start work, using money from Pennsylvania and previously approved federal funds. Jo-Ellen Darcy, assistant Army secretary for civil works, decided Friday to continue to rely on her predecessor's determination that a permit from Delaware was not needed to proceed, according to officials familiar with the issue. Darcy's determination would sweep aside Delaware's July denial of an environmental permit for the \$379 million project.

Delaware sues Army Corp over river dredging, NJ. to follow : Delaware officials filed a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over the Corps' plan to deepen the Delaware River shipping channel without obtaining state permits. And New Jersey is planning to follow.

In a complaint filed in federal court in Wilmington, the state asked for a declaration that the Corps' decision violates state and federal law and a preliminary injunction to halt the dredging until the Corps obtains Delaware permits.

The Corps notified the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control last Saturday that it would begin the dredging in

December or January without obtaining state permits because it needs to maintain navigation of the shipping channel.

Last week, Corps officials declared that a permit was not required where federal authority to maintain navigation is negatively affected or impaired by a state's failure to issue a permit in a timely manner.

The long-delayed dredging project, first authorized by Congress in 1992 and carrying a price tag of more than \$300 million, has been a source of friction in the mid-Atlantic region. Pennsylvania officials strongly support the dredging, while Delaware and New Jersey officials have questioned the economic benefits and expressed concerns about the environmental impact.

NJ Attorney General files suit to halt dredging and deepening of Delaware River
Attorney General Anne Milgram announced that the state has followed through on Governor Corzine's direction to file a lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeking to block the planned dredging and deepening of the Delaware River shipping channel on grounds the project violates environmental laws. Filed in U.S. District Court in New Jersey, the lawsuit seeks to enjoin the Corps of Engineers from moving ahead with the deepening project until it conducts comprehensive sampling and analysis of sediment to be dredged from the Delaware River bottom.



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Legislative Director



Boating Safety Advisory Committee Cites Ethanol as Safety

Risk: According to the publication Washington Wave, the National Boating Safety Advisory Committee (NBSAC), which is a principal advisor to the USCG, recently passed a resolution stating that fuel containing greater than 10% ethanol posed a significant safety risk to the public. The resolution advised the Coast Guard to oppose the introduction of mid level ethanol blends unless supported by independent, verifiable scientific testing that ensures compatibility with marine engines. NBSAC directed the Coast Guard to stay engaged on this issue and represent its concern to the EPA, which is considering a petition from ethanol advocates to allow the sale of E15.

NOAA Seeks No Discharge Zone (NDZ) in Florida Keys: According to The Trade Only publication, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has proposed banning marine sanitation device (MSD) discharges from vessels in the Keys. This would include several hundred miles of coast line from Naples to Key West. If this effort is successful, similar regulations could be enacted in other waters including the Chesapeake Bay. Comments on the article noted the high incidence of pump out stations that are not working. This problem would be exacerbated in areas established as NDZs. Even approved Type III MSDs could not be operated in these areas.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources indicated it should be notified in the event any pump out station is not working.

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Treasurer

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The first dues notices for CBYCA's 2010 year were mailed out to the Commodores and Treasurers of record for all member clubs the first week of the month. I am delighted to report that twenty clubs have already sent in their checks! Dues are not technically due until next January 31, but prompt payment is always appreciated! If for any reason, your club did not receive a dues notice, please email me at jhakemian@mindspring.com and I will send you one for your use.

Also included in the mailing was the 2010 Roster Book advertising form, which should be returned to Rear Commodore Bob Parsons at the address on the form. I encourage those clubs who have not participated with a roster book ad to do so - and those who have placed ads to continue with their much appreciated support of our association.

The financial condition of the association is excellent, and it appears that we will be able to fund the Commodore's Ball on December 12 and finish the year within our budget. The budget for the coming year has been adopted, and it calls for the same dues and advertising charges as we had in 2009.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Treasurer this year, and I look forward to the coming year to use my best efforts to help keep us in good, solid condition.



Publicity Director's Report

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Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is December 21, 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.

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