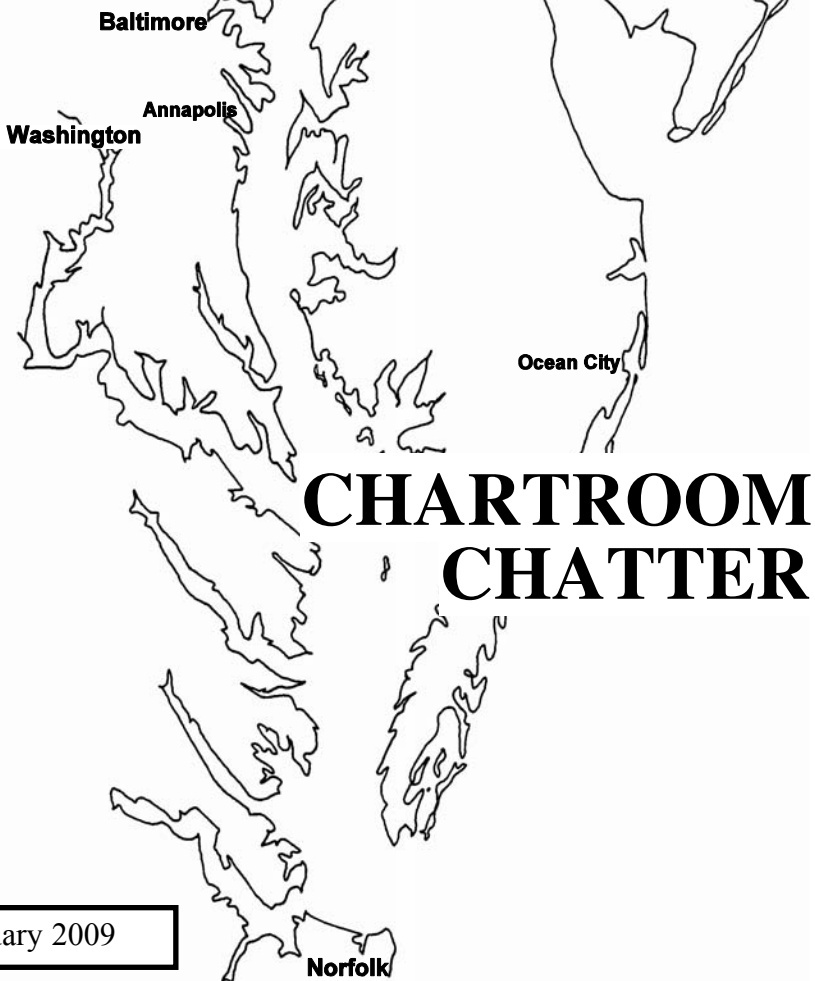


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Commodore's Corner

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I would like to thank everyone who attended and who made this year's CBYCA Ball a success. Special thanks goes to Deb Noon who worked around the clock for a good month before the event.

I trust everyone around the bay had a wonderful Holiday Season. Nicole my oldest daughter was able to break free from her busy schedule and make it back to Maryland from Florida for the Holidays. It was a delight to have the entire family together even if it was only for a short time.

P/C Ray Littleton passed away shortly after Christmas. Ray was a Good and Honest Man, I will miss him dearly as will the many of you who's lives' he touched.

As we face the New Year take a little time to reflect on the past and remember "a short time" is really all w have in life. Whether it is a short time visiting loved one's as in Nicki's visit or a short time to have known a man as wonderful as Ray.

Let me close with an Irish Blessing I heard years ago. ***"In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship and never in want."***

Till next month
Kevin



Vice Commodore's Report

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! CBYCA is on its way to the start of a wonderful year. For all those who missed the Commodore's Ball, it was great. The mood was very festive prior to, during and after the ball as well as our Board Meeting and XMAS exchange. Our legislative staff are already hard at work and the Rear Commodore has begun her intense work on our 2009 Roster Book. Please do your part to help her with your club's ad.

Just a reminder, our next meeting is a Board Meeting. It will be held at Bodkin Yacht Club, 8091 Bellhaven Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21122 at 10:00 hours. There are still a number of Commodore Balls to be held so be sure to peruse the Goldenrod for dates, time and club contacts. Let's make a strong effort to support these balls.



Legislative Director's Report

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As we enter 2009 there are old issues that still need to be addressed. Any news or meetings in regard to LNG in your area needs to be shared with your state LD. Communication on the Bay has been enhanced by the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and this time of year is a good time to find out what your vessel needs to bring your VHF up to date. I also ask that everyone take time to read the State LD reports. There are issues that affect us all no matter what state you live in.

I also want to express my sympathy to Ann Littleton and the family on the untimely passing of P/C Ray. His was the first Commodore's Ball that Judy and I attended and I will always remember his sense of humor and kindness to me. Ann and the family remain in our prayers.

I wish everyone a healthy, happy New Year and a great year for Commodore Noon.



Rear Commodore's Report

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During these tough economic times, many CBYCA member clubs are looking for ways to generate transient business from other yacht clubs and their members. How to survive and prosper? Advertising your services and special events in the 2009 CBYCA Roster directory is one key to success! Your message reaches 75,000 CBYCA club members as well as non-members in the various boating communities, and we are sure you will want to continue in the 2009 edition.

NEW. We are adding an additional 8 color pages (for a total of 16) in the front of the directory to help you highlight your club through CBYCA communications in the best way possible. In this time of economic uncertainty, many clubs are seeking to enlarge their exposure to, and revenue from outside sources. To increase your advertisement's benefit to your organization, consider increasing its size for a greater impact. In addition, FULL COLOR Ads are available to really make your page stand out and deliver your message to our boating community.

The costs of larger ads and color presentation are noted on the 2009 ad contract and order form included inside this issue. Please mail to me at your earliest convenience: Dr. Kay Brawley, 5347 Turkey Point Rd., North East, MD 21901. If you need to reach me via phone, my cell is the best number: 410.459.6282. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Happy New Year...may the most you wish for be the least you get in 2009.

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Maryland Legislative Report

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The Maryland Legislative report shows some failed initiatives due primarily to Budget Office concerns of the financial status of the State. so, an issue of no new spending was the order of the day. Almost all members shied away from proposing any added tax increases or fees. Bills failed from Tobacco controls to health care. But what did pass was SB 437/HB134, designating "Walking as State Exercise".

SB-2 from 2007 specified legislation to reduce income tax on lower and middle incomes while raising income tax rates for the above \$150,000 single filer and \$200,000 joint filers. The bill also raises the corporate tax rate from 7% to 8.25%, which is still lower than 4 of the 5 neighboring states.

Clean Vessel Act Grant Program the Fish and Wildlife Serviced announced on 12/22/08 that proposals are being accepted for fiscal year 2009 Clean Vessel Act Grant Program (CVA) There is an estimated \$14 million available. Proposals are due in Regional Offices or submitted to Grants.Gov by 1/30/09.

For more information go to the following site:
[Http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/grantprograms/CVA/CVA.htm](http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/grantprograms/CVA/CVA.htm)

Governor Martin O'Malley's efforts to turn around the health of the Chesapeake Bay, has brought together stakeholders and state programs to collectively restore the bay through the creation of BAY STAT. Gov O'Malley said that 'what can't be measured, can't be managed', and so BAY STAT was created to better track and adapt Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts for maximum efficiency.

The Waterway Improvement Fund created to support development, use and enjoyment of all waters of the State of Md. for the benefit of the general boating public gets its revenues for operation primarily from the one time 5% excise tax that is paid to the State of Md. when a boat is purchased and titled in the State. The fund provides financial support to local governments, the DNR and federal agencies in the form of grants and/or loans for a wide variety of capital services, such as pump outs, ramps, dredging, boating education, etc. Revenues for this resource are low and additional sources are being considered to add to the available funds.

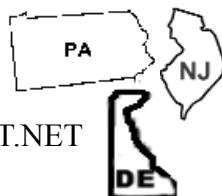
An observation, one that will clearly affect many programs in Md, is the Cost of the Iraq war, currently at \$600 billion+, so far, with \$12 billion from Maryland. This amounts to approx \$5,000 per household and approximately \$341.4 million dollars a day of expenditure. This information is available from the National Priorities Report.

To all CBYCA Member Clubs and their individual Club members, we at CBYCA wish you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR, and might I add a 'prosperous' and healthy one as well.



Pennsylvania/ New Jersey / Delaware Legislative Report

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Pennsylvania

HB 1742 Pashinski (D) The Scrap Material Theft Prevention Act (This applies to Aluminum Boats) requires scrap processors and recycling facility operators to collect certain identifying information relating to the purchase of scrap material; requires commercial accounts; and restricts scrap processors and recycling facility operators from purchasing certain materials from individuals. Scrap processors would be required to develop methods for tracking transactions and hold any materials that may be stolen, as directed by law enforcement. A scrap processor and recycling facility operator may purchase the following scrap material only if the purchase occurs with a commercial enterprise: (1) new production scrap or new materials that are a part of a manufacturing process that are being sold by an individual, not a company; (2) full sized, new materials, such as those used in construction, or equipment and tools used by contractors; (3) commercial metal property; (4) metallic wire that has been burned in whole or in part to remove insulation, unless the aggregate value is less than \$100; (5) beer kegs; or (6) detached catalytic converters. The bill provides for law enforcement and penalties. Oct 9, 2008 Approved by the Governor (Act 113)

Fish and Boat Commission: General Provisions; Boating

The Fish and Boat Commission announced they have amended Chapters 51 and 101 (relating to administrative provisions; and boating accidents). The regulations are designed to update the Commission's regulations to be consistent with the new Right-to-Know Law and to consolidate its regulations relating to records.

Lawmaker works on stamp extension

The draw is steelhead. "It's a great fishery," said Mark Transue, owner of Transue's Bait Shop. "It's a put-and-take thing, but the fishing can be great when you hit it right." That's why he supports a proposal -- set to be introduced after the first of the year -- to extend the life of the state's Lake Erie stamp. The \$10 stamp was created in time for the 2005 license year by state lawmakers. It was part of a larger, overall fishing license fee increase and is required of all anglers who fish the lake or its tributaries. The legislation that created the stamp also called for it to go out of existence at the end of five years, though. That comes Dec. 31, 2009. One lawmaker is hoping to extend it, however. Erie state Sen. Jane Earll (R) plans to introduce legislation that would extend the life of the Lake Erie stamp for another five years, though the end of 2014.

Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has announced that approximately \$3.6 million is available to develop and implement projects that benefit fishing, boating, and aquatic resources in Cameron, Elk, Potter and McKean counties, with primary emphasis on projects within the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed upstream from the confluence of the First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 14, 2009. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded by summer 2009.

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Projects that will be considered for funding include, for example, acid mine drainage abatement; habitat protection, enhancement and restoration; and the acquisition of properties for public fishing and access.

On February 21st you will have the opportunity to obtain a Safe Boating Certificate at the Delaware River Yacht Club.

A course will be given by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (FB&C) instructors. This will be an all day course 8:30 AM. to 4:30 PM. the cost is \$10.00 for breakfast & lunch. At the completion of the curriculum you will be tested. You will send your approved test to the FB&C with a check for \$10.00 and your boating certificate blue card will be sent to you. The card is good for a lifetime.

To make your reservation send your \$10.00 check for food & beverage by February 10th to the Delaware River Yacht Club, 9635 Milnor Street, Philadelphia Pa 19114. Make your check payable to the Delaware River Yacht Club. Attention to Art Friedman. You can contact art at art747@comcast.net or 215 817 3451

New Jersey

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2624, with committee amendments. This bill, as amended, would require all persons to pass a boat safety course before operating any power vessel, personal watercraft, or any sailboat in excess of 12 feet in length, except if the person has a United States Coast Guard operator's license or is eligible to take a written examination for experienced boaters and successfully completes that examination. A person taking the written examination would have one chance to take the test, and if the person fails, the person would be required to take the full course.

Boat Titles : In order to use New Jersey waterways, all boats more than 12 feet in length must be titled at a Regional Service Center or MVC Agency. The only exceptions are: ship's lifeboat, canoe, kayak, inflatable boat, surfboard, rowing scull, racing shell and tender/dinghy used solely for direct transportation between a vessel and shore. Typically, if you purchase a boat from a New Jersey dealer, it will be titled during the sales process. Boats must be titled within 10 working days of purchase or are subject to a fine. Titles are only issued at an MVC Agency.

Additional requirements for boats from out-of-state

If your boat isn't titled, you will have to show proof of ownership. You must provide the following information:

- Date of birth, Social Security Number and driver license number
- Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin
- Length, make and model, and type of boat
- Hull identification number (usually located on rear starboard) and type of hull material
- Type of motor and fuel
- Primary use of the boat (pleasure or commercial)

Delaware

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Delaware Lewes: A new and bigger boat ramp, with space for nearly triple the number of vehicles, has opened. The Division of Fish and Wildlife ramp on the Broadkill is ready for use at the northern end of Pilottown Road, just outside the city limits. The parking area accommodates 128 vehicles with boat trailers and 17 without. The ramp is handicap-accessible, and features an 8-foot-wide river walk. It also eliminates a 20-minute no-wake boat ride from downtown Lewes, where the old ramp is located, to Roosevelt Inlet, said state Fisheries Administrator Roy Miller. The new ramp will be one of the larger boating access sites on the East Coast, officials said.

The Lewes Fire Department welcomed its new fire and rescue boat Monday. The three-year project was finally delivered. The new boat is twice the size of the last boat and it's the largest one in the lower Delaware Bay Region. Officials say it will not only meet the growing needs of Lewes, but also help neighboring coastal towns. Lewes Fire Department President Craig Stephens says, "The Coast Guard, as you know, is in New Jersey or Indian River for the most part and there, some weekends they get to Lewes, they try to do their best, but the distance they have to travel, this is going to be a real asset to the boating community in this area as far as quicker response time, and with our capabilities with this boat we're going to be able to protect this area very well."

The Fire Department plans to spend the Winter training on the new equipment. They expect to put the boat in service in the early Spring.



Virginia Legislative Report

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Virginia Legislature Considers Two Boating Bills

The Virginia Legislature was scheduled to consider two bills concerning recreational boating when it convened on January 14.

The first bill that was pre-filed would give cities and counties authority to impose a registration fee on owners of motorboats that are subject to local personal property taxes. Senate Bill 820 would go into effect on January 1, 2010 if it passes both the Senate and the House of Delegates.

Under the proposed bill, boats weighing more than 5 tons would be in a separate classification from those weighing less. The registration fees would be for 36-month periods.

The second pre-filed bill, House Joint Resolution 627, would direct the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to conduct a study about the need for a uniform and consistent statewide Child Personal Flotation Device (PFD) requirement.

If the resolution is approved, no further legislation would be required. This is significant because laws to require PFDS for children age 7 and under have failed to pass both houses of the Virginia General Assembly for the past eight years.

The proposed study would be conducted during 2009, and if the Board of the DGIF finds that the federal requirement for children to wear life jackets should apply statewide, it would adopt regulations that would go into effect in 2010.

There is currently a federal requirement for children under the age of 13 to wear an appropriately sized life jacket when on boats underway on Virginia waters.

Virginia state law requires that life jackets be on board a vessel, but does not require that children under the age of 13 actually wear them. Boaters and federal and state enforcement personnel have reported that the inconsistency between the state and federal laws results in confusion for both boaters and safety officers.



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Mumbai Attack Refocuses on Small Vessel Security

The recent terrorist attack in Mumbai, India, has added new emphasis to the DHS argument on the threats posed by small recreational vessels. The terrorists, coming from Pakistan, entered India's waters via a stolen fishing boat and then launched inflatables to come ashore. This caused DHS Secretary Chertoff to comment on the need to "counter the security threat posed by small boats and strengthen the U.S. Coast Guard." While this incident, nor the attack on the USS Cole in the Gulf of Aden, were in U.S. waters, the assumption is made the same scenario could take place here. The Coast Guard continues to work on legislation for some sort of identification/tracking system for recreational boats. We do not know what sort of requirements this would impose on the boating community.

Public Access to Waterways

With the threat of rising taxes and the use of eminent domain declarations on working waterfronts, public access to our waterways continues to decline in many areas. A Boating Access forum was held on this where many ideas and possible solutions were discussed. So it was very encouraging to see Maryland, Florida and North Carolina pass legislation this year requiring that waterfront facilities be taxed based on its actual use and not its potential value. This is a major step forward in preventing small marinas being taken over to build condominiums. It is hoped other coastal states will follow the same course.



Qualifications Officer Report

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Now that the New Year is upon us, it's time for all clubs to update their Roster Book information to include scheduled events in 2009 and new officers. The revised CBYCA web site club roster entry form is up and running very well. Currently we have 35 club's roster information on file on the Web, which is a great start.

A few clubs have followed last year's instructions and mailed me a hard copy, to which I have responded with a request to try using the Web site. If the Delegate cannot input the information the QC will enter it for them from the hard copy. There is a down side. Often I can't read the handwritten form, thus the club information may have errors. We all rely more and more on electronic information transfer. Please give the Web Site a try.

When sending in Roster information, please be sure to enter as many email address for your club's officers as you can. As we gear up in the electronic age we will be communicating more often with CBYCA member clubs through email.

The very best to all for the coming year.



Treasurer

John Hakemian • Treasurer@CBYCA.ORG

My first two months serving as Treasurer of CBYCA has made me curious to learn more about the 130 or so member clubs which are now sending dues checks to me. I met bridge officers from many of you at the December Commodore's Ball for Kevin Noon, and hope to meet many more later this year.

As of the end of the year, I am pleased to report that about half of CBYCA member clubs have already renewed their membership for 2009. Since you have until the end of the February to renew, this response is gratifying. The sooner you renew your membership, the faster we can get to work on your behalf during the new year.

Dues notices were mailed last November to the Commodore and Treasurer of record at that time. Should the person responsible not have received the notice, you can get another copy from the CBYCA website: www.cbyca.org, or simply contact me via email treasurer09@cbyca.org or by phone 609-220-9987. My best wishes for a four-star 2009 to you all!



Publicity Director's Report

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Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is January 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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| January 17 | Sat | 1000 hrs | Board | Bodkin YC |
| February 21 | Sat | 1000 hrs | Board | Baltimore YC |
| | Sat | 1300 hrs | Delegate | Baltimore YC |



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