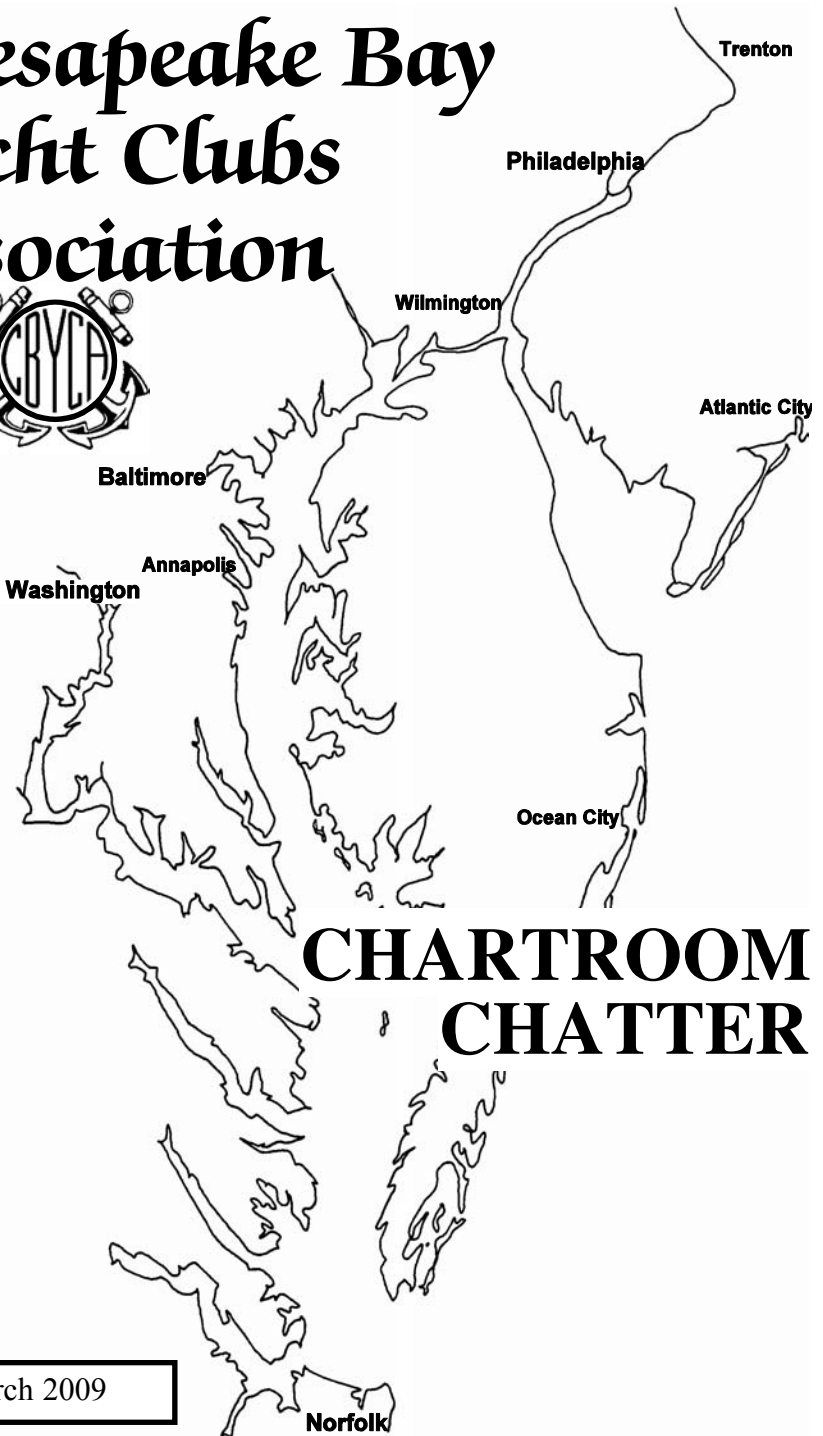


Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



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The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) is a non-profit, volunteer association of Yacht Clubs located throughout the five state Chesapeake Bay Region. Its purpose is to represent the interests of recreational boating at the national, state and local levels of government, and to promote boating safety and education. For information, visit the CBYCA homepage at:

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Commodore's Corner

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The February Board and Delegates Meeting was held on the 21st at the Baltimore Yacht Club. District Representative and V/C of Baltimore Yacht Club Dick Bruns made sure all was in order for a wonderful day. If you have never visited Baltimore Yacht Club it is well worth the trip. Their club house sits high above the waterline on a hill and on a clear day you can see the Western Shore from their clubhouse.

We have two board members that are recovering. Bob Williams our Legislative Director from a bout with colon cancer and Celia Battaglini from a broken femur. Both are doing well and we hope to see them at the next meeting.

V/C Kay Brawley is busy putting the final touches on the ROSTER book. I would like to thanks all the Clubs, commercial advertisers and individuals who support the Roster Book.

I would like to welcome Old Point Comfort Yacht Club as a New member of CBYCA. I will defer to the Qualifications Officer John Zaluski for details.

In closing, it is my sad duty to inform the membership of the passing of CBYCA Past Commodore Tom Gorman. P/C Gorman was CBYCA Commodore in 1981 and a long time member of Baltimore Yacht. The Yachting Community will miss him.

Our next meeting is at the West End Boat Club on March 21st at 1000 hours. You are always welcome to attend a board meeting.

*May the Irish hills caress you. May her lakes and rivers bless you.
May the luck of the Irish enfold you. May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.*

Till next month
Kevin



Vice Commodore's Report

Pam Butler VC@CBYCA.ORG



Thanks to the Baltimore Yacht club for hosting the February Board and Delegates Meeting on February 21. Thanks to all the Delegates who attended. Your attendance and participation is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Commodore Kevin Noon for a well-run meeting.

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The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on March 21 at West End Boat Club, which our Legislative Director, Bob Williams is the Delegate. As you know, Bob has been going through a medical crisis but is hoping to attend this meeting. Let's show him some love by making a strong effort to attend. In addition, it has been a number of years since we have been to this club and I am trying to make an effort to involve those clubs that we do not get the opportunity to visit often. West End Boat Club is located at 500 W. Second Street, Essington, PA, 19024. Directions are in the 2008 Roster Book but if you encounter a problem, the telephone number is (610) 521-4747. Remind your clubs that Board Meetings are always open to any member club.

Mark your calendar! The CBYCA Commodore's Ball will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009. Additional information to follow.



Rear Commodore's Report

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Our success in achieving a complete and all-inclusive CBYCA Membership Roster book is a team effort, and everyone's continuing help is most appreciated. The primary income supporting CBYCA's public service efforts on behalf of the marine industry and recreational boating community comes from advertisements in the 150 plus page CBYCA Roster book, representing approximately 130 Yacht Clubs and 75,000 recreational boaters. Your continued support allows CBYCA to aggressively protect the rights of boaters and the marine service industry in each of our five (5) member states, as well as matters that may adversely affect the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding waters.

District Reps/Clubs: Thanks for reaching out to clubs and businesses within your respective area to make certain they have the opportunity to market/advertise in the 2009 Roster to highlight membership needs and services of club and community that benefit from the recreational boaters and friends in district. One week before the deadline, we have 65 clubs (inc 11 new club advertisers) with ad commitments of almost \$8,000.

Commercial Businesses: Ad commitments from 45 businesses have been received so far; 5 commercial accounts dropped ads due to a moratorium on advertising. However, I'm pleased that we have 5 new commercial ads from our outreach to marine businesses, and thankful we have a combined commitment from the commercial business sector of almost \$9,000.

Princess & Friends: Lynn Fowler, 1st Lady of the North East River Yacht Club, has graciously agreed to handle the collection of the photos and contributions for inclusion in the princess section of Roster book; thusfar, she's received information from 9 princesses, and I feel certain she'll have all 14 shortly.

Lynn has also been working on the collection of names for the Friends listing in the Roster book, and has 50 names collected (\$100) thusfar. If you would like to be listed, please email Lynn at lynnfowler@hotmail.com, and send check to her

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at: 60 Mason Court, Elkton, MD 21921-7595.

Patrons: Susan Rork is collecting \$20 patron contributions which includes a more extensive listing including club, boat name if available; all patrons receive a personal copy of the Roster book. To date, she's received funds from 27 patrons. If you wish to list yourself, friends or children, please send name, club, boat name and your check for \$20 to Susan Rork, PO Box 806, Solomons, MD 20688 or email: sr@susanrork.com. Absolute deadline for patron and friend contributions is March 15 to be included in 2009 CBYCA Roster book.

THANK YOU in advance for being a great team player. We're going to have a great roster edition, with our financial contributions and commitments for ads from clubs and businesses totaling almost \$18,000.



Maryland Legislative Report P/C Coles Marsh for Cecilia Battaglini

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!



There are several Bills that are of interest to the Yacht Club Community they are as follows:

SB 240 Authorizing grants from the Waterway Improvement Fund to be used for the purchase and installation of best management practices for implementation at public or private marine facilities for the designation or renewal of a marina as a Maryland Clean Marina or Clean Marina partner; prohibiting the amount of grants for the purchase and installation of best management practices from exceeding 50% of the cost of purchasing and installing each best management practice; etc.

SB 434 Altering requirements that a yacht club in Anne Arundel County must meet to be issued a special Class C (yacht club) alcoholic beverages license.

SB 644 Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on waterfront property used primarily for an activity or business that requires direct access to, or location in, marine waters and for a specified period has produced an average annual gross income of at least \$1,000; etc.

We will be keeping a close watch on each of these and reporting has we attend the hearings.

We wish Cecilia a speedy recovery.

*The Board & Members of the Cbyca send
Get Well Wishes to*

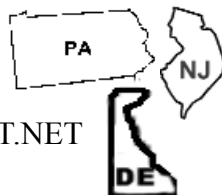
*Legislative Director Bob Williams
and
Director of Maryland Legislation: Celia
Battaglini*

*A bright and cheerful get-well wish
especially meant to say,
That many warm and friendly thoughts
are with you every day*



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

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PENNSYLVANIA

Fifty-four boaters have taken the 8-hour PA Basic Boating Course held at the Delaware River Yacht Club in Philadelphia on Saturday February 21st. The course started at 8:30 a.m. Curriculum instructors are certified by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. Successful completion of the course allows the student to apply for a Commission Boating Safety Education Certificate. Fifty-four passed their test.

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 Doos). New Jersey law requires all boaters must have a Safe Boating Education Certificate by June 2009.

Another class is in the planning for April 18th, call 215 817 3451 or art747@comcast.net and express your interest in joining.

Boating courses are fun for the entire family and are offered at many locations throughout the state and in your own home via the internet.

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Pennsylvania Legislature

Thirty-four new members were sworn into the Pennsylvania Legislature last week. Their eyes may be opened wide in no short time at all when the next round of charges are filed in the investigation into alleged legislative corruption.

These newbie's — 27 House members and seven senators — clearly need some advice to survive this political jungle:

The Source of this advice is Brad Bumsted a state Capitol reporter for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

No. 1: Listen to your constituents, not your leaders and colleagues. That's Rule N

No. 2: Don't take dinners from lobbyists or other members who get lobbyists to pick up the tab. It's another step on the road to corruption. Meet with lobbyists in your office during business hours.

No. 3: Don't use staff for personal errands or political work. Make a clear delineation on every expense that is political and charge that to your campaign or pay it out of your own pocket.

No. 4: Never discuss bills or policy matters with a campaign contributor who brings up money during a conversation. Be firm that you can't discuss it. Hang up if necessary, even at the expense of losing a donor. If it's blatant, call the state attorney general or the FBI.

No. 5: Don't overdo it with press releases. Few news outlets use them. Wait until you really have something important to say. Less is better.

No. 6: Don't insult your constituents with glossy newsletters filled with color photos of yourself. If it's necessary to communicate with constituents, send a plain text newsletter or letter and explain why you're doing it low-key and in a more cost-effective manner.

No. 7: Never vote for a bill increasing your pay or benefits. If you hear it's happening, speak out against it ahead of time — not afterward.

No. 8: Be on the floor and never miss a vote. It's your first responsibility.

No. 9: Every time you vote on a bill to spend state money, be as cautious with it as if you were spending your own money. State tax money isn't yours to begin with.

No. 10: Curb the perks. Do without the free health care in the House, the state-paid car, where possible — the per diems, the meals and keep your office expenses low.

These same rules should apply to our Federal Representatives.

Boating Commissioner

The Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation is 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.

Individuals interested in applying should send a resume and detailed cover letter to Robb Miller, Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., 7th Floor, P.O. Box 8767, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8767.

Doug Austen, Executive Director of the Fish and Boat Commission, updated members of the commission's work since the previous annual report.

Austen reported that during 2008, more than 338,000 boats were registered in the state, with an estimated economic impact of \$1.7 billion for the state. Anglers and boaters contribute nearly \$3.4 billion to the Pennsylvania economy each year.

Austen provided an update on the commission's work to develop a five-year Strategic Plan by the end of 2009. into compliance with current standards.

He outlined a set of funding principles endorsed by the Board of Commissioners at its latest quarterly meeting. The main concepts include:

- Instituting a defined, annual incremental fish and boating fee increase rather than the traditional periodic large increase
- A modest statewide access and habitat fee built into the cost of a fishing license
- Granting the Commission the flexibility to establish special pricing packages in amounts that, when considered separately, would not exceed the individual authorized licenses - a statutory authority it does not currently have.

NEW JERSEY

Boat US

Tower of the Year honors went to TowBoatU.S. Manasquan, NJ. Owned and operated by Capt. Tom Hurst, the company was honored for its near perfect towing dispatch operation, case management, and best safety record for a high-volume towing business. TowBoatU.S. Manasquan ranks in the top 5% of the entire TowBoatU.S. and Vessel Assist fleet, providing on-the-water assistance and towing service to over 1,000 boaters each year in nearly every kind of weather condition and sea state. The company also received the highest regards from customers, and has been in the TowBoatU.S. fleet since 1994.

While they are not emergency responders, the very nature of their business often leads to our involvement in preventing injuries and sometimes saving lives.



Virginia Legislative Report

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Life Jacket Study Straightjacketed in Committee

Virginia's House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Chesapeake Committee killed a resolution calling for a study to increase protection of children on boats in Virginia waters. On January 28, the Committee refused to support House Joint Resolution 627.

The resolution called for information gathering and public discussion to gather information from the boating community and boating safety organizations about the various interpretations of state and federal laws about life jackets on children 13 and under on boats in Virginia. The Resolution supported the study and enactment of regulations that would have clarified the rules. The purpose of the resolution was to help both boating parents and law enforcement officials who admit they have been confused about whether federal or state rules apply. Federal law requires children under 13 to wear the jackets on board boats and holds owners and operators responsible, while Virginia law requires only that the jackets be aboard a vessel.

CBYCA wrote members of the Committee in support of the study and of the state's Safe Boating Alliance, which spearheaded the issue to protect children on inland state waters.

Offshore Drilling Income Bill Tabled

A bill to direct the spending of some of the income from future drilling of natural gas and oil off the Virginia shore was shelved in the House Finance Committee on February 17. Under HB 1633, royalties would have been apportioned among the Transportation Trust Fund, the Renewable Electricity Production Grant Fund, the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium and programs developed by the Secretary of Natural Resources to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

The bill was introduced by Delegate Christopher Saxman of the 20th District, which includes inland Augusta, Highland and Rockingham counties.

Out of State Fishing License Costs Unchanged

In other boating inaction in Virginia, a bill to increase the fee for saltwater recreational fishing for out of state boaters from \$7.50 to \$30 was referred to the same committee and effectively died for this session.



Qualifications Officer Report

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The work on the Roster Book continues. Near the end of February roster information was in place for all CBYCA clubs, and only 8 had been filled in by the Qualifications Officer. We should have updating responses by those clubs by the March 1st dead line. The new Web site program has been a wonderful success, and will make future changes a breeze.

The tumbling economy is having an impact on yacht clubs. Many are expressing financial difficulties, but our membership remains stable.

In fact the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club completed affiliation this February and is now in the CBYCA 2009 Roster Book. And the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club's application for membership was unanimously accepted during the Delegates meeting on February 21st. The Old Point Comfort Yacht Club is situated at the U. S. Army base that holds Fort Monroe. Fort Monroe held Jefferson Davis, the President of Confederacy, for 2 years following the Civil War. It and its museum are worth a visit.

I can't wait for warmer weather.



National Boating Federation

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Legislative Director



Trust Fund Reauthorization Update

An interim agreement has been reached between key representatives in the boating community on the reauthorization of the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (Wallop/Breaux). In meetings held since last fall in Washington, the allocation of funds between the USCG Boating Safety, Clean Vessel Act, Boating Infrastructure Grants, Coastal Wetlands, etc., has largely been decided. The allocation totals will be in excess of \$700M annually, reaching \$800M by 2014. The group now called the Angling and Boating Alliance, in which NBF is a member, expects final agreement shortly. The final objective is to have legislation written by March in order to meet Congressional deadlines. The legislation will be introduced as a separate bill but may be added to the Highway Bill later.

NBF Annual Meeting: April 3-4

The annual meeting of the National Boating Federation will be held in Essington, PA, hosted by Bob and Judy Williams at the Riverside Yacht Club. A number of speakers are planned including Captain Scott, USCG and a representative from NASBLA. All are encouraged to attend.



Treasurer

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CBYCA dues payments were due on February 28, 2009, and over 100 clubs have renewed as of this writing, a few days before the deadline. Please check with your treasurer to make sure that your club has renewed its CBYCA membership, and if you need another dues notice, or anything else, please email me jhakemian@mindspring.com or call of 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 March 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 !

March 21	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	West End BC
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



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