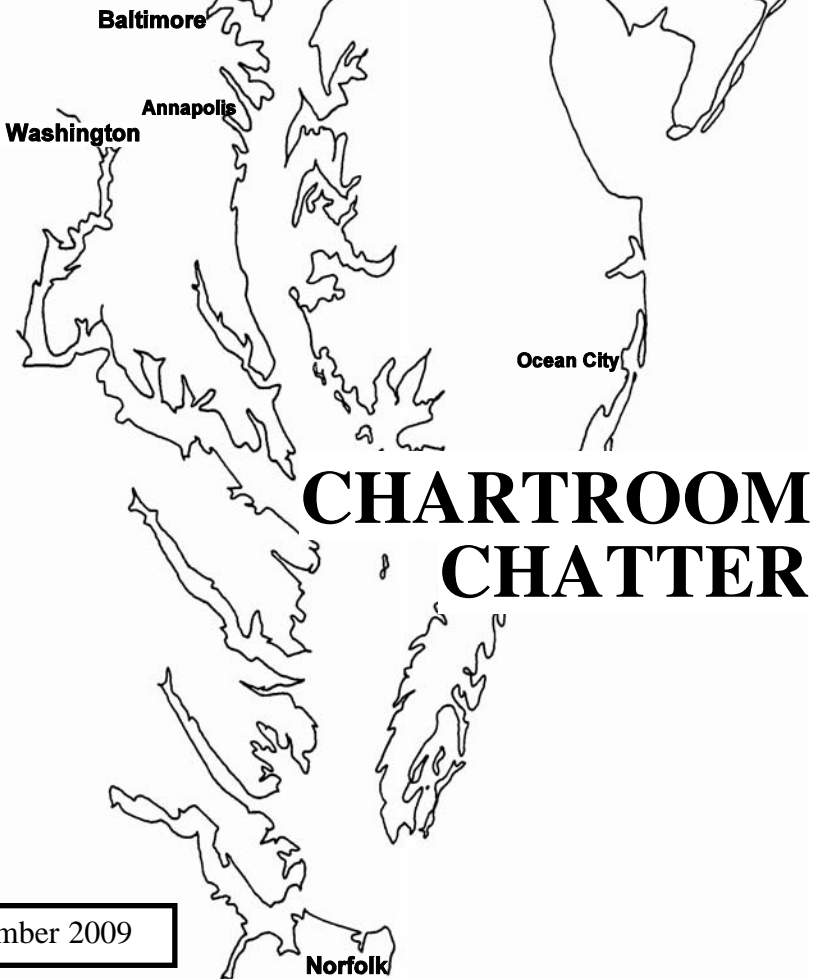


Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



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Commodore's Corner

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I would like to thank the CBYCA and all of Our Members for supporting Deb and myself as we tried to lead Our Organization this past year. Through the years I have seen many Commodores serve and attain the rank of P/C. The successful ones (in my option) were NOT worried about their Own Legacy. My advice to all individuals running the chairs is, putting your club's needs first and listening to your member's voice will BUILD your Legacy before you attain rank of Commodore. Being active, supporting our fellow clubs by Ball and Opening attendance, spreading the word on how you and your club can help with the preservation of our precious Bays and Rivers, in the long run, will be far more important than squabbling about some insignificant Board procedure. Compromise can be a Commodore's best friend as the Officer's following you are leaders as well. Strong leaders tend to have strong opinions and a well thought out decision is usually the best.

I wish incoming Commodore Pam Butler all the success in the world and Pam you know I am only a phone call away. Be ever vigilant in your tasks this upcoming year and if you ever find yourself confused, pull out the Roster Book and re-visit our founding principles. You have been blessed with a strong supporting staff and will do a fantastic Job.

I want to thank All my Officers, Directors, Delegates, Committee Chairs and all who made a difference in my life & Deb's this year. To Historian Tom Powers and P/C Fred Levitan, thanks men, you were always at my side.

I would like to especially thank my wife P/C Deb Noon, without her help this could not have been possible.

In Closing, I was approached by a man in a hotel lobby that noticed I had a Bush River Yacht Club Sweater on. He proceeded to inform me "*Boaters were all a bunch of Hooligans and Drunkards*". I responded with an Irish Toast my grandfather used frequently.

***"When we drink, we get drunk.
When we get drunk, we fall asleep.
When we fall asleep, we commit no sin.
When we commit no sin, we go to heaven.
So, let's all get drunk, and go to heaven!"***

He was not amused but the Hotel manager gave me a free drink!! God Bless each and every one of you.

Thanks
Kevin



Vice Commodore's Report

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Where did the time go! Summer has gone, autumn is here, and winter is just around the corner; however, there are still a number of good things going on. This is my last report to you as Vice Commodore and I am looking forward to serving as your 2010 Commodore. My thanks to all of you for your support during the year and look forward to working with you next year.

Our thanks to Delegate Harlie Spencer, his wife Jo, and Commodore Sheila Jackson of the District Yacht Club for graciously hosting our Board of Governors Meeting on October 17th. It was CBYCA's very first visit with them since they became members, and what a delight. I am hoping we will be able to visit other clubs that we have not been to or have not visited in a long time. If your club is interested in hosting a Board or Delegates Meeting in 2010, please contact incoming Vice Commodore Kay Brawley.

Our next meeting will be a Board and Delegates Meeting. It will be held at Bush River Yacht Club on November 21. It will also be our Change of Watch. Please come out and support your new Board of Governors for 2010.

Tis' the season for Commodore Balls. I urge you to go to www.CBYCA.org to see the list of posted balls and other individual club sponsored social activities that will be taking place. If your club's ball is not listed, please enter the information ASAP. If you have a problem, please contact Jerry Donofrio our Webmaster. Speaking of Balls, this is a reminder that the 52nd CBYCA Commodore's Ball will take place on December 12th, 2009 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center. The cost will be \$85.00 per person; \$40.00 for Princesses. Cocktails are from 6 to 7 pm. Dinner will be two entrees: Prime Rib and Chicken Chesapeake. Invitations are being sent to the Commodore of each member club. If you have not yet received your invitation and wish to attend the Ball, please contact current first lady Deb Noon at (410-569-7945) or debsom917@aol.com. If you need more information, you can call me at 410-788-4753. All reservations should be made by November 28, 2009.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Best Western for this event at \$89.00. Mention Group Code: CHESBAY. Make your room reservation directly with the Best Western; phone 1-800-633-9511 or 410-633-9500. The Hospitality Room for the evening will be hosted by Commodore Elect Pam Butler and the Neptune Yacht Club. The Room will be open 1:00 to 4:30 pm and reopen after the Ball. It's going to be a fun evening and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Our December BOG meeting will be held the day after the Ball (Sunday, December 13th) in the Hospital Room at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am instead of the usual 10:00 am meeting time. We will also have the Christmas Gift Fun Exchange. Bring a gift for Santa's bag and see what you get in return. Until then, keep safe.



Legislative Director's Report

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I have had the honor of being the Legislative Director of the CBYCA since 2004. Prior LDs served for one year. When I made it known that I was not planning on moving up the line, I requested to remain as LD. I have served under 6 amazing Commodores. My first year I had the honor of serving under PC Betty Stahler Freedman, who gave me great support and helped my first year go well. PC Freedman was followed by, PC John Garlotta, PC Jerry Donofrio Sr., PC Don Burton, IPC Coles Marsh and current Commodore Kevin Noon. As you can see I served under the best! Commodore Noon has done an outstanding job under very difficult circumstances. His watch has had an unusual amount of serious illnesses and deaths of a personal nature. I am so proud of his strength and guidance. Thank you Commodore Kevin.

Every year has had different legislative battles and we've had some terrific successes. Over the years the CBYCA has had representatives give testimony at senate and state hearings and attend numerous meetings to present our position on various issues. The CBYCA has developed a position paper on LNG, promoted voluntary boating education, sent a letter of support for Old Dominion YC against eminent domain, supported dredging of the Kent Narrows, and proper management of dredging waste material, promoted PFDs for children under 12 yrs of age and was instrumental in stopping the implementation of a gray water discharge permit.

All of these successes are because of the hard work and diligence of the Commodores, DSLMD Cecilia Battaglini, DSLVA Jacque Knight and PA/NJ/DE Art Friedman and the membership. I thank you all so very much. My deep gratitude also goes to NBF Legislative Director Earl Waesche for his knowledge and assistance over the years.

Best wishes to incoming LD Cecilia Battaglini. Cecilia was a very hard working State LD and she will do a terrific job as LD. Judy and I are also looking forward to our dear friend VC Pam Butler becoming Commodore for 2010. I am certain she and her officers will have a great year. I will continue to be a delegate and be involved in the good work of the CBYCA. I wish you all good health and God's blessings in the coming year and God Bless our new Commodore Butler.



Rear Commodore's Report

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Thanks to all of you who placed an advertisement of your club's activities, events, and special messages in the 2009 CBYCA Roster book. 2009 was an uncertain year economically, but you realized the value of promoting your wonderful club so that others could enjoy it when invited.

SUPPORT CBYCA ROSTER BOOK ADVERTISERS

Your support helped make the 2009 Roster book a huge success. We're looking forward to your continued support by completing the enclosed 2010 advertisement form and sending it to the incoming CBYCA Rear Commodore Robert Parsons. You'll find Bob's address including email and phone contact info on the form, and I know he would love to hear from you.

I appreciate those of you who offered suggestions for making the 2010 Roster book a greater success than the 2009 issue--a report of the recommendations was presented at the October CBYCA Board meeting at the charming District Yacht Club in DC. I have had discussions with Bob Parsons who'll be moving from his District Representative role to the Rear Commodore position in November; Bob's excited about his new role and working with you over the next year.

Sites for 2010 CBYCA Board meetings: In my new role as the incoming CBYCA Vice Commodore, It's time for me to plan the schedule of CBYCA Board meetings. If you would like to offer your club facility as a site for the upcoming Board meetings in 2010, please let me know as soon as possible via email: kbrawley@mindspring.com, or phone 410.459.6282. I would like to finalize the scheduling process before the Holiday Season kicks in.

Hope you're making plans for a nice Thanksgiving family gathering wherever you might be.



Maryland Legislative Report

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We are nearing the end of 2009 legislative-wise, and waiting what will and not pass in the 2010 legislative session. There are some significant points affecting the Bay and boaters that we will be tracking with interest as they may affect boaters and users on the bay.

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 .

Also of note, the source of 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 the State of MD when a boat is purchased and titled in the State. The fund provided 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 funding.

We will be following HB423 , the Motor Fuel Taxing bill which requests a fuel tax increase on motor fuels other than aviation fuels. from 23.5 TO 24.5 cents per gallon.

Also of interest will be the HB 0655, which looks into the Expanded use of Waterway Improvement Fund monies (DNR)

Another bill of interest is HB 1123, addressing Liquid Natural Gas Facilities and approval for construction.

The bill which DNR sponsors to require PFD wearing of UNDER 13 year olds, while boating in Maryland waters, seems to have few, if any dissenters..

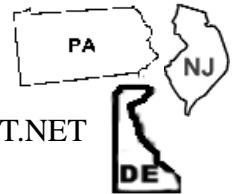
A current piece of information from the LNG blog, as reported very recently, is that on Monday October 19th, 2009 Judge Richard Bennett of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, granted a motion filed by AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC and Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC to intervene in the ongoing litigation between the Maryland Department of the Environment and the U.S. Department of Commerce regarding the Department's decision overturning the State's rejection of the project under the Coastal Zone Management Act. According to the order granting this motion, the intervenors will be added as defendants in this case.

Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration to all of our friends of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association.



Pennsylvania/ New Jersey / Delaware Legislative Report

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Pennsylvania

Congressman Sestak supports passage of H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act and supports local homeland defense projects in his district.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010 today after the House and Senate reconciled differences in their versions of the bills. Included in the bill was \$500,000 for Upper Darby Township Police Department's 2009 Public Safety Building Restoration Project, an appropriation submitted by Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) to improve emergency response and coordination in the township.

A big gas bill : The failure to impose a tax on companies drilling for natural gas in the state is credited to lawmakers successfully pushing back the request, claiming that it would hinder development. The tax started out as a pet idea of Gov. Rendell, who acknowledged a "gold rush" on gas extraction in the state and wisely pushed for a severance tax on gas extraction that would have brought \$634 million into a desperate state.

A recent report by ProPublica, a nonprofit public-interest journalism Web site, uncovered problems concerning contamination from wastewater resulting from such extraction. According to the story (published in the Philadelphia Daily News last week), the state Department of Environmental Protection says that the Monongahela River, a drinking-water source for 350,000 people, has been contaminated by wastewater from the natural gas industry. Other problems have

been linked to gas drilling, including methane leaks that have impacted water in seven counties.

Since the budget process is soon to start up again, we urge the governor to push anew for this tax, and while he's at it, look into imposing an environmental-impact surcharge.

Pa Fish & Boat Commission meeting was held in Harrisburg PA on October 5th 2009.

- Fishing License Sales hit a 5 year high. The number of Pennsylvania fishing licenses sold through September 13 - 871,499 - has already eclipsed the total yearly sales for each of the last four years and represents the largest one-year percentage increase since 1980, according to sales figures from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC).
- 12 boating fatalities to date have been reported in PA. The victims were not wearing a PFD.
- Gail Kulp Director of Education and standards for the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) provided a lecture on need to have mandatory boating education.

Ms Kulp reported on the following: Forty-two Boating Law Administrators (BLAs) responded to a survey, providing a good sample size.

1. 90% of BLAs support mandatory education for boat operators.
2. 66% do not support mandatory life jacket wear for all boaters.
3. 95% support mandatory life jacket wear for boaters age 12 and under.
4. 75% support mandatory life jacket wear for cold water environments.

She recommended that Pennsylvania should have a phased in mandatory boating education requirement.

Mandatory Boating Education in Surrounding States **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. All are required to take a safe boating course and pass the examination.

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.

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 license 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.

Lewes - The Lewes Yacht Club has become an official member of the Delaware Clean Marina Program, an initiative environmentalists say will help clean local waterways. "Basically, it gives marinas a way to upgrade the way they do business to be cleaner in how they operate," said Robert Underwood, program manager for Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental

Control's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste. As part of the program, Martin said the club has installed floating docks, posted signage asking boaters to use more environmentally friendly materials on their boats, and added designated trash pickup days to reduce pollutants.



National Boating Federation

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Legislative Director



RTCM Petition for Digital Message Service on VHF: The Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) has petitioned the FCC to provide a digital small message service on certain VHF channels. The petition cites greater efficiency and timeliness of digital communications on VHF radios, which would not interfere with voice communications. It is not clear why we would need digital "texting" on our VHF radios, so further investigation may be required to determine if we should support it.

OIG Report on Small Vessel Security Plan: The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has released a report on the DHS plan to address the perceived threat from small vessels to maritime security. The report indicated that, while some progress has been made, the plan lacks effective guidance and effective programs to address threats posed by small vessels. Further the report found that the strategy does not fully address the roles and responsibilities of state and local officials, performance measures, associated costs, accountability and oversight frameworks.

Ocean Policy Task Force - Interim Report: The Council on Environmental Quality has published an interim report on the recommendations of the Ocean Policy Task Force. While preliminary, the language thus far indicates a far more restricted use of our waterways. For example, the statement from the report "To implement ecosystem based coastal and marine spatial management" may indicate recommendations for tighter control of various designated spaces among our waterways.

National Recreational Boating Safety Coalition - Legislative Prospects: The Wisconsin legislature has scheduled hearings on a bill on child PFD wear for those 12 and under. Virginia has drafted a bill for PFD wear for those 12 and under and Maryland is considering one for under 13. Hawaii is considering a bill requiring Mandatory Boating Education (MBE) for all boaters. Maine has a bill to "study MBE" and Massachusetts has a MBE "carry over" bill.

Rescue 21: The Acquisition Directorate for the USCG has provided its report on the status of Rescue 21 installations nationwide as of September 2009. Most areas of the Bay and Atlantic coast are operational. Installation of Rescue 21 in the states of Washington and Oregon are mostly complete. Work is continuing towards final installation in California and Alaska. Rescue 21 is a major advancement in communications, direction finding, recording and play-back as compared with the previous coastal communications.

Loran C Continuation: Loran C or e-Loran remains under threat based on the

Obama administration's desire to cease operational funding and similar efforts underway in Congress. In the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010 (HR 2892), funding to operate the Loran-C signal is terminated as of January 4, 2010, but only if the Commandant of the Coast Guard certifies that such termination will not adversely impact the safety of maritime navigation and the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that the Loran-C infrastructure is not needed as a backup to the Global Positioning System (GPS) or to meet any other federal navigation requirement. The bill does not come into effect until signed by President Obama.

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 jlzalusky@earthlink.net or P/D June Donofrio june.donofrio@verizon.net

2010 CBYCA DUES NOTICE

Dues are unchanged for your 2010 membership.
Please complete the following and forward with your club check to:

John Hakemian - Treasurer
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5347 Turkey Point Rd
North East, MD21901

Dues are based on your Club's voting membership. The chart below should be used to determine the correct amount of dues to pay for 2010:

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0-50	\$100.00
51-100	\$115.00
010-200	\$150.00
201-300	\$175.00
301-400	\$200.00
401-500	\$250.00
Over 500	\$300.00

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Make checks payable to CBYCA
Thank You for your continued support!

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It's that time of year again, and Dues Notices are in the mail to the Commodore and Treasurer of member clubs as listed in the roster information provided to CBYCA and shown in the 2009 CBYCA Roster book

I've also asked that a copy of the Dues Notice be included in this issue of the Chartroom Chatter (see on next page). You may want to give it to the appropriate person within your club who will handle to dues payment.

Dues for 2010 are payable by February 28, 2010. The 2010 dues schedule is unchanged from 2008. As usual, your early payment will be appreciated.

CBYCA's only income comes from your annual dues and profits from ads in the Chartroom Roster Book. Your continued support allows CBYCA to aggressively protect the rights of boaters in each of our member states, as well as matters that may adversely affect the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding waters.



Publicity Director's Report

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Deadline for the next

Chartroom Chatter is November 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.

If you are receiving multiple copies of the Chartroom Chatter & would like to receive less, please email me june.donofrio@verizon.net & tell me which copies you would like to keep or delete. Thanks !



2009 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

Nov 21	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Bush River YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Bush River YC
Dec 13	Sun	1000 hrs	Board Christmas Party	Best Western



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