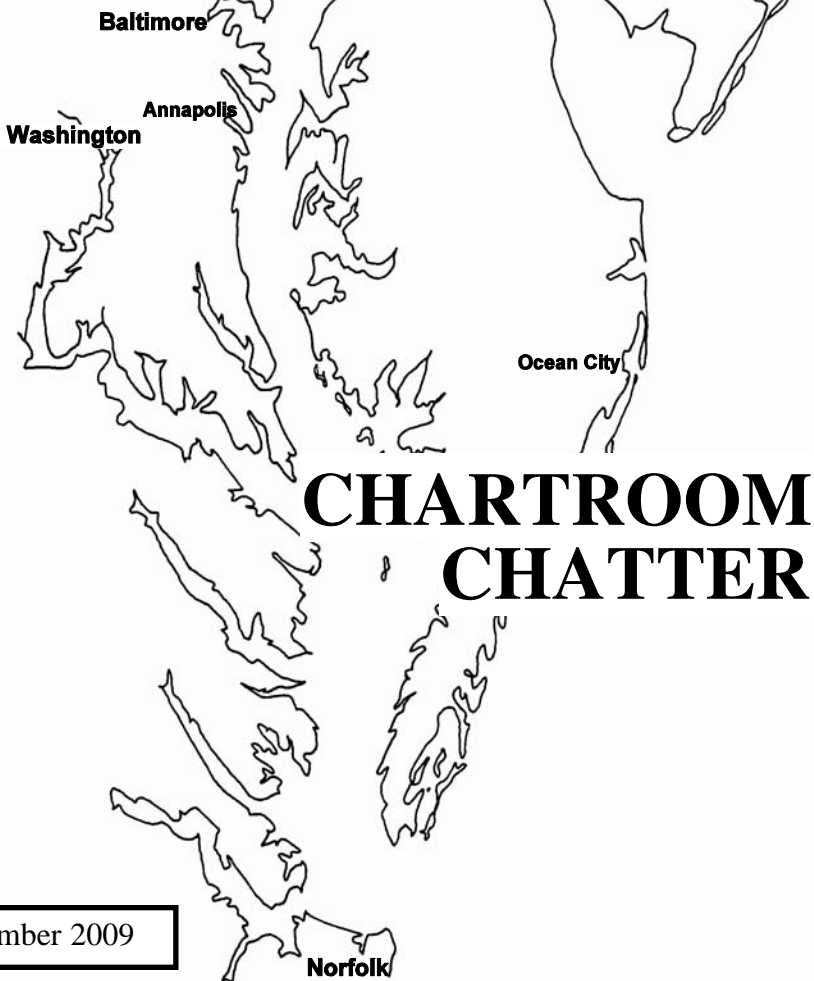


# Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



## CHARTROOM CHATTER

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**CBYCA, THE BOATER'S VOICE**

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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:

**WWW.CBYCA.ORG** or contact

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## Commodore's Corner

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What an insightful meeting last month; the reports were packed with information regarding upcoming legislation and a well-versed team of state legislative directors to keep us up to date.

Speaking of upcoming legislation, PC Fred Levitan met with Colonel George Johnson Superintendent of the Natural Resource Police and discussed a proposal to raise the life jacket requirement from age 7 to age 13 in Maryland Waters. After discussion by the board it was decided the CBYCA would Support this legislation. Additionally we expect a proposal to give the Natural Resource Police the same rights for testing blood of boat accident victims that is currently afforded the Maryland State Police. PC Levitan has been the CBYCA Liaison to the Natural Resource Police for many years and we thank him.

There seems to be a bit of confusion with the Position CBYCA holds when it comes to "club reciprocity". Please be advised that Article VI: Section 2 of the CBYCA Constitution and By-Laws Clearly States; "The governing body of Each Member Club shall set their own policies as to the temporary use of their facilities by members of other Member Clubs".

I would like to thank PC Coles Marsh and the Nominating Committee for bringing us a slate of Qualified Individuals to run our Organization in 2010. Lastly thanks to all the people who stood up to take the challenge of being involved in the CBYCA. Collectively our voice to protect boater's rights is stronger than individually.

Till Next Month

Kevin



## Vice Commodore's Report

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Congratulations to the newly elected 2009 CBYCA Officer and Board Members! Thanks to all Delegates who attended the election which was held at the Baltimore Yacht Club on August 15th and giving me your vote of confidence. Our "Change of Watch" will take place in November at Bush River Yacht Club. For all those CBYCA Officers and Board Members who are not returning, I thank you for your unselfish service and look forward to continuing our great relationship. We hope that you continue attending our meetings and

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participating in the various member clubs activities.

Please mark Saturday, December 12, 2009 for the CBYCA Commodore's Ball which will be held at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, 5625 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore, MD. Invitations will be sent out shortly along with detailed reservation information. The information will be posted in the Chartroom Chatter and CBYCA Website as well.

Looking forward to seeing representatives from all Member Clubs at CBYCA's Cocktail Party at the Woodlands Gardens in North East, MD on Saturday, September 12.

Until then, continue to enjoy the summer.



## Legislative Director's Report

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On Aug 8, the DRYL hosted the Queen's Pageant, and the DRYL Queen for 2010 is the lovely Carla Cefalone of Anchor Yacht Club. The event is held every year at Independence Seaport Museum on Penn's Landing and is always an enjoyable evening. The Queen of the Chesapeake Kimberly Samm and several Princesses were kind enough to travel north and attend the event. Due to Commodore Kevin's injury, we had the pleasure of IPC Coles Marsh representing the CBYCA. I invite more CBYCA officers and members to come to Philadelphia for a fun evening. Attendance at other boating organizations events certainly strengthens alliances.

It has been a quiet summer for Legislation as most states houses are in summer recess. Ethanol and LNG are on going issues that we will continue to monitor.



## Rear Commodore's Report

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### CBYCA Crab Cocktail Party at Woodland Gardens, North East, Maryland

**Purpose:** A networking opportunity for member club Rear Commodores with CBYCA District Reps and Officers to build closer ties, collaboration and CBYCA leadership. Spouses welcome.

**When:** Sat., Sept 12, 2009, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

**Where:** Woodland Gardens, 555 Hances Point Rd., North East, MD, a Lovely Bed & Breakfast home of Past Commodore Elk River Yacht Club Commodore Linda Hughes, and of North East River Yacht Club Vice Commodore and

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## Maryland Legislative Report

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There are several issues of interest for consideration that will affect boaters of all ages, and fisherman in the Chesapeake Bay and its adjoining rivers and streams. The DNR officials are considering asking the Maryland General Assembly to raise the standard for Life Jacket use next year so that all youngsters under 13 years of age, MUST wear PFD's while boating in MD waters. This is already the Federal standard and one held by many states. CBYCA has voted to support this change. Your support of this change would be appreciated by writing a letter on your Yacht Club Stationary and addressing it to Col. George Johnson, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Tawes State Office Building, E-3 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Boating Regulation Dispositions for 2009** per the Maryland Boat Act Advisory Committee Amendments to the PWC regulations as follows: "A person may not operate or give permission to operate a PWC on the waters of the state of MD in a manner that causes personal injury resulting from subject (s): Falling or being ejected from the PWC OR Jumping or attempting to jump waves or wakes."

### State of Maryland Planer Board Specifications All Counties

The Department of Natural Resources has received a request to create specifications for Planer Boards in Maryland waters. The new requirements, if adopted, would require that all vessels using planer boards mark them with a brightly colored flag of 40 square inches. The bottom of this flag is at least 6 inches above the surface, that the boards be a bright color, that the towing lines are no more that 75 feet, and that towing lines not be made of metal.

**Gov. Rendell in Pa.**, as of his June 26th 2009 signing of a historic agreement that will officially begin a five year \$379 million project to deepen the Delaware River's shipping channel, called it a major milestone in ongoing efforts to expand commerce and enhance economic development in the region. The signing, in partnership with U.S.Army Corps of Engineers and the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, represents a significant step forward in a 15 year effort to deepen the river's shipping channel. Gov. Rendell said "I consider this to be the most important project in the history of the Port of Philadelphia". Gov. Rendell said :Thousands of jobs and billions of dollars are at stake. Deepening the Delaware is indispensable to remaining competitive with other deep-water ports, and this is a great day for our region."

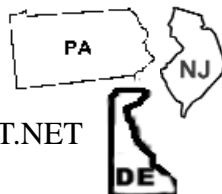
Other news from the DNR and Environmental Control in DELAWARE, in a letter issued July 23, 2009 by Collin P O'Mara Secretary DE to the District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Tickner O'Mara denied the Corps permit request for the river deeping, based on a 2003 Hearing Officers notice to the Corps for additional information. Update on this issue will follow in subsequent reports in the CHATTER as they occur.

Good Health and Fair Winds to all CBYCA members and friends.



## Pennsylvania/ New Jersey / Delaware Legislative Report

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### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Riverfront Greenway

The long-discussed North Delaware riverfront greenway is moving closer to reality, with enough public support and public money - \$34 million - to begin construction on two-thirds of the proposed 11-mile trail for runners, walkers and cyclists that will extend from Allegheny Avenue in Port Richmond to the historic Glen Ford mansion in Torresdale. It will hug the water's edge - or come as close as possible - and link existing paths with new trails. Boat ramps are part of the project.

#### Delaware River

After 8 years of working, advocating and waiting, the State of Delaware has finally issued a decision to the Army Corps of Engineers on their permit application to deepen the Delaware River, the permit is DENIED!!

Delaware has been sitting on the Army Corps request for permits since 2001; Delaware environmental officials rejected them on grounds that the application was out of date. That sounds like a Catch-22 - penalizing the dredging project because the bureaucrats waited so long to do their job. It's also puzzling on the merits, since Army Corps officials regarded the project as ready to go.

On the other side of the coin in 2003 that there were many reasons not to issue a permit for the deepening project. Environmental, economic, and scientific reasons all prove this project to be a bad one.

Back on this side of the coin Philadelphia docks and longshoreman jobs are in desperately short supply amid an economic downturn that has all freight traffic suffering. The contentious bureaucratic battles between Pennsylvania and New Jersey officials are long over, with a 2007 agreement in place to properly dispose of the dredging spoils and cover the local share of the heavily federally funded work.

It's long past time to take the plunge to make the Delaware River a better link to the global economy.

#### Spill Settlement

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission announced more than \$1.36 million in grants to develop and implement projects that benefit fishing, boating, and aquatic resources within the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed in Cameron, Elk, Potter and McKean counties. The money is available through a 2007 settlement agreement with Norfolk Southern as restitution for environmental damages from a train derailment in rural Norwich Township, McKean County.

#### Pennsylvania Boating Association (PBA)

will hold its annual membership meeting in Philadelphia November 18th at the Delaware River Yacht Club.

Send your \$7.00 for dues to: Pennsylvania Boating Association, P.O. Box 0810, Bryn Athyn PA 19009-0810. We need CBYCA member's support.

#### BUI annual arrests: 80

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The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission issues 12,000 to 15,000 summary actions each year for fishing and boating violations. Of those, there have been more than 80 BUI arrests in each of the past two years.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) will consider authorizing several property-related matters to improve public fishing and boating access in Lake Erie.

The mission of the Fish and Boat Commission is to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities.

### **NEW JERSEY**

**Cape May** - City Council is taking a more cautious approach on its proposed law dealing with abandoned boats in Cape May Harbor after hearing from skeptical mariners recently.

The Mayor wants more reviews of how other coastal communities around the nation deal with abandoned vessels. He also wants to find out whether any state or federal funds are available to remove boats.

The proposed ordinance seems to penalize the 99 percent of the people who obey the law because of the 1 percent who do not. This ordinance came about because of a problem with a few boat owners abandoning their vessels in the harbor. The ordinance is designed to apply mainly to mariners who anchor in the harbor. This could be transient sailors heading up or down the coast, but also would apply to residents who anchor instead of leasing a slip in a marina.

The city would act to remove a boat only if it is abandoned. The ordinance allows the city to issue summons and collect fines when boats are abandoned. Action would be taken only if a boat was submerged or was not registered.

### **DELAWARE**

Rescuers from the National Park Service searched the Delaware River on Sunday for a missing rafter who was not wearing a life vest. A raft carrying the man and three others flipped in the high, fast water. Two rafters made it to shore by themselves; the National Park Service rescued the third.

### **Linton E. Kilmon Jr. Award**

We are looking for Nominations for this admirable award, please review the following criteria & if you have a nomination please send to the Chairwoman of the Award Committee, June Donofrio, 11 Needlepoint Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046 or email [june.donofrio@verizon.net](mailto:june.donofrio@verizon.net)

#### **Guidelines for Kilmon Award**

CBYCA P/C Linton E Kilmon Jr. (1984) established through his estate a perpetual fund for the purpose of annually recognizing the NON-CBYCA Elected individual who contributed the most effort to the ideals of CBYCA each year through the award of a perpetual trophy. P/C Kilmon hoped this award would stimulate non-Board members interest and involve "new blood" in CBYCA activities.



## National Boating Federation

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Legislative Director



**Interagency Arctic Awareness Trip:** Members of the Oceans Policy Task Force will be traveling to Alaska and the Arctic in August to observe ongoing activities and meet with community leaders and industry representatives. The increasingly accessible Arctic has significant environmental, economic and security impacts and the data collected will aid the formulation of the new Oceans Policy. The visit will be facilitated by the U.S. Coast Guard and will consist of: Adm. Thad Allen, Commandant, USCG; Secretary of the Department of the Interior; NOAA Administrator; Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change.

**Wallop/Breaux Reauthorization (W/B):** In spite of significant effort by the newly formed Angling and Boating Alliance, the reauthorization of the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (W/B) will not be accomplished this year. In past reauthorizations this has been attached to the Highway bill and approved. However, this year the Highway bill will not be reauthorized but will be funded at its current levels through a Continuing Resolution. We will attempt to get the bill passed next year given the many items of interest to the boating public.

**Boating Fatalities Increase:** The Coast Guard issued a press release indicating there were 709 fatalities, 3,331 injuries and about \$54M in property damage in 2008. Contributing factors given were operator inattention, careless or reckless operation, no proper lookout, operator inexperience and passenger or skier behavior. Alcohol consumption was also cited as a contributing factor in 17% of the deaths.



## Publicity Director's Report

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**Deadline for the next**

***Chartroom Chatter is September 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.

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 !

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## 2009 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

Sept 19	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Solomons Is. YC
Oct 17	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	District YC
Nov 21	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Bush River YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Bush River YC
Dec 13	Sun	1000 hrs	Board	Best Western
			Christmas Party	



### Immediate Past Commodore

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Nominating Committee Chairperson



I would like to thank those people who served with me on the Nominating Committee this year. I know CBYCA will have a great Board for 2010.

Those that will step down from the Board this year are: Linda Bradford , Bob Williams, and Gail Helm they have filled their duties with great pride in representing CBYCA. MANY THANKS!!



### Webmaster Report

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The CBYCA.ORG website is a powerful tool. Our Introduction page allows Members to visit or add activities to the Golden Rod. If your Club has a Social Activity, Opening/Closing Day or Commodore's Ball this is the "Go To" page. It is really easy to enter club activities with the added benefit of having it published in the monthly Chartroom Chatter. You can also visit the Event Flyers. If you have a flyer for your event, just email the flyer to the WEBMASTER and it will be published on our site.

As clubs elect Officers these new persons and positions should be entered in the data base. Just go to Introduction page and click "Roster Yearbook On Line entry". There you will find a work sheet form available to print out and that will make your work a lot easier. First get all the needed data such as Rank, Name, Address, Email, Telephone, Mate, etc. of each of the new officers. After you have collected this info, revisit the site and click on the "Entry Form" to enter your data. You will need your pass word which is found in your copy of this year's

Roster Book. Look up your club and note the code to the right of your club name. This depicts the Area and Membership number to be used as the pass code to enter the new data. It will consist of a "Capital letter and three numbers" IE: B101.

Once you have clicked on the form - pull down your club name and enter your password and fill in the changes. You will also be able to move existing persons up the rank with a copy/paste routine just like when working in most text editors. We really want folks to use the On-Line entry this year. Mistakes can always be fixed. Once all the club info is entered it will appear in the next Roster Book listing. If you experience any trouble or are not sure what to do please email the Webmater@cbyca.org with a contact number. I will call you back in the evening and guide you through any rough spots.

## 2010 CBYCA OFFICERS

*Congratulations to Commodore Elect Pamela Butler  
an the newly elected officers for 2010*

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Vice Commodore	Kay Brawley	D	Elk River YC
Legislative Director	Cecilia Battagini	N	Northeast River YC
Rear Commodore	Bob Parsons	N	Otter Point YC
Qualifications Officer	John Zalusky	C	Solomons Island YC
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Virginia	Jacque Knight	C	Mount Vernon YC
Pa / NJ	Art Friedman	C	Delaware River YC
DE	P/C Don Burton	N	Outcast YC
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Publicity Director	June Donofrio	C	Ran-Del YC
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District C	Bryan Ritter	N	Otter Point YC
District D	Richard Bruns	C	Baltimore YC
District E	Michael Death	C	Bodkin YC
District F	Ed Ward	C	Great Oak YC
District G	Dennis Webster	N	Wicomico YC
District H	Gene Schenck	C	Bodkin YC
District I	Harriet Bean	C	Corinthian YC
District J	Howard Gasaway	C	Chesapeake Cruisers Club
District K	Tim Baker	C	Prince William YC
District L	Gene Skidmore	N	Virginia YC

D = Directed    C = Continuing    N = New

Nominating Commt(09-10)	Shelly Speicher-Allocco	Galloway YC
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Nominating Commt (09-10)	Ernie Molnar	Red Eye YC
Nominating Commt (10-11)	P/C Jerry Donofrio	Ran-Del YC
Nominating Commt (10-11)	Gene Schenck	Bodkin YC
Nominating Commt (10-11)	P/C Fred Levitan	Md. Cruising



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