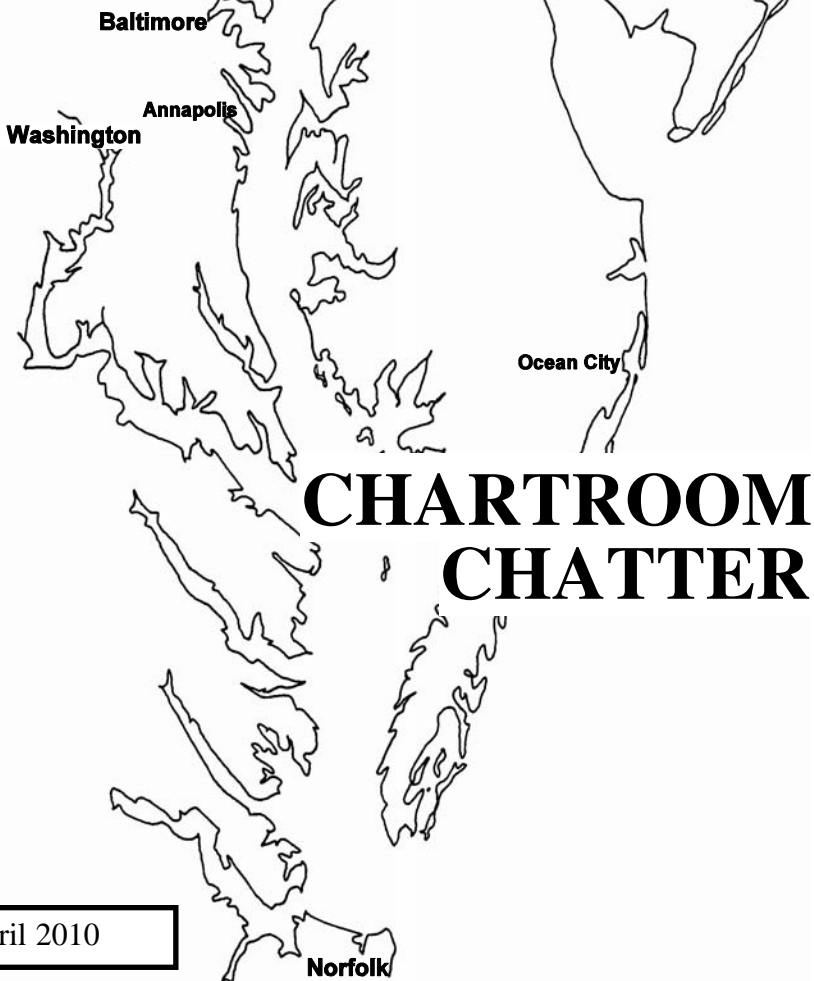


# Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



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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: [WWW.CBYCA.ORG](http://WWW.CBYCA.ORG) or contact :

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## Commodore's Corner

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Dear Members,

Don't fret, the weather will get better as the boating season begins. As the weather changes and we witness buds turning into leaves and flowers with splendid splashes of color, we will once again be renewed with energy and boating fever.

Our March meeting was to have been a combined CBYCA Board and Delaware River Yachtsmen's League event at the Union League Club in Philadelphia. My thanks and appreciation to all who travelled the distance to attend. Special thanks to V/C Kay Brawley for arranging the meeting at such a historical site and inviting Peggy Duckett (Elk River YC) to share her knowledge of Union League's history.

On April 17, we will have our next CBYCA Board of Governors and the second quarter Delegates Meeting at the Bush River Yacht Club. Please be sure to let V/C Kay Brawley know of your plan to attend. It is very important that this meeting be put on your club's calendar as the 2010 Roster Book will be distributed. Please make sure that your Delegate or a representative of your club attend to receive your books. A lot of effort and time went into publishing this book and those who have worked so diligently on it are to be commended. They have done a great job! In addition, I wish to thank all those yacht clubs and businesses who supported the Roster Book this year. Your ads, as always, help the CBYCA in its efforts to serve you, its members and the boating community. To our friends and patrons, we sincerely appreciate your contribution and support also.

As you may know, there is a lot of concern about the proposed "No Discharge Zone" Bill, Senate Bill 513, which was introduced in the Maryland Senate in February. Please be advise, that the CBYCA does not support the bill in its present form. Our Legislative Director for Maryland, Cecilia Battaglini, represented us well at the March 16th Hearing. Come to the April meeting and hear her report. She as well as our other State Legislative Directors will provide updates on all bills that will impact upon our members at our Delegates' Meetings and the Chartroom Chatter.

The Commodore Ball season is just about over; there are just two more to go: Middle River Yacht Club (cancelled in February because of the weather) on April 3rd and Chesapeake Yacht Club on April 24th. It has been quite enjoyable attending the various balls and making friends among the Commodores and their Bridge. With the end of the Ball Season comes the Openings and Flag Raisings. There are a lot of openings, several on the same day, so please review the Goldenrod for dates, times and contact information.

Just a reminder, please support our incoming Princesses with the purchase of a flag and T-shirt. Contact CBYCA Supply Officer, Laura Reynolds at Supply@CBYCA.Org.

"A philosophy of life is something that you work with. But life is not constant and so as life changes, one's philosophy should change, too." -Erskine Peters

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## Vice Commodore's Report

Kay Brawley

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"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today" ...Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, is a favorite email signature statement of CBYCA IPC Kevin Noon. CBYCA Board members learned more about Lincoln's rise to the Presidency, including his linkage to the Union League Club in Philadelphia, from Elk River Yacht Club Hostess Peggy Duckett Drach, who brought greetings to the 20 CBYCA Board members and DRYL club representatives at the March meeting. Peggy also provided interesting historical facts on the founding of Elk River Yacht Club at the Union League and its early history on the Elk. What a wonderful experience to walk the Halls of History at the Union League, and enjoy the fabulous traditional signature luncheon. Many thanks to ERYC friend Peggy Drach for making the arrangements.

### April 17, 2010: CBYCA Board and Delegates Meeting at Bush River Yacht Club

**Guest Speaker:** Bill Gossard of the National Transportation Safety Board will be addressing recreational boating safety issues and recommendations at 1 pm. I heard Bill speak at the recent annual meeting of the National Boating Federation in Daytona Beach, and know you'll be interested in his discussion of some major boating accidents from New Jersey to Virginia, and what safety measures could have been taken to prevent the accidents. CBYCA appreciates the efforts of Earl Waesche for bringing Bill Gossard to our April meeting.

A wonderful Lunch will be served at noon, per Bush River Yacht Club House Committee Chair Debbie Noon for the bargain price of \$9-can't beat that. Their members are really excited to show off their new renovations as well as provide lunch. Please let me know of your (and your guests) attendance by Sat., April 10 so that I can inform Deb at BRYC of the number of Delegates and CBYCA Board members expected for lunch; please call on 410.459.6282 or email kbrawley@mindspring.com.

### *Remaining 2010 CBYCA Calendar Delegate Meetings and Socials:*

July 17, 2010: CBYCA Leadership Crab Cocktail Party; Woodland Gardens

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

Nov 20, 2010: CBYCA Board & Delegates Change of Watch at North East River YC

**Dec 11, 2010: CBYCA Ball-Turf Valley Golf and Spa Resort** near Ellicott City of metropolitan Baltimore; Destination weekend incl discounts for award winning spa, health club, and golf, Commodore's Hospitality Suite, shuttle from Baltimore airport, and shopping in charming Ellicott City. Historic Ellicott city-Dec events incl Symphony of Lights, Holiday Festival of Trains, Holiday window contest open to public, and Sunday market of Holiday decorations, greens, foods and demos.

Please add the above Delegate Meetings and Ball to CBYCA Member Club 2010 calendars!

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**The Voice for Your CBYCA District:** All 12 DRs are listed inside the front cover of the BYCA news, the Chartroom Chatter, for club members' easy reference and access; refer to the CBYCA Roster Book for club listing within each District or go to CBYCA website.

I hope the Easter Bunny was good to you...here's to success getting that boat ready for the Bay!



## Legislative Director / Maryland Legislative Reports

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**The Maryland Legislature is scheduled to wrap up this session on APRIL 12, 2010.** Several high profile bills of interest to the Maryland boating community were introduced and information as of the 30th of March is reported below. The Waterways Improvement Fund whose revenue source is the 5% excise tax boat purchasers pay to the State Department of Natural Resources, plus Federal Funding, is how many projects to improve the Bay receives its operating capital. Input from testifiers regarding the boating related bills was generally well received at both the Senate and House hearings.

**Maryland Senate Hearing for Bill SB0513:** Represented CBYCA with testimony at the Senate hearing for SB0513. "Vessels-No Discharge Chesapeake Bay Waters" March 16th at 1 PM in the Murry Senate Office Bldg. Senator Conway, Chair of the Committee for Environmental affairs, had in her hand, the letter each of the 19 senators who sponsored the bill had received from our recent mailing prior to the meeting, when I testified. Our position was that private recreational, non commercial boaters, 65 feet and under in length, should be exempted from the bill. Testimony was heard from Tug Boat pilots as to the \$20,000 per boat and upwards cost to change the boats from MSD approved devices to holding tanks, would cause extreme economic strain to all who use their services. Lack of pump out service all winter, and the sparse number of pump out facilities, and water depth at some facilities, were additional comments noted.

**HB1257 Hearing** Friday, March 19th mirrored the 513 Senate Bill. The 22 delegates whose names appeared on the HB, each had been mailed our opposition to the bill they sponsored. Many who testified brought out the same concerns heard at the Senate bill 0513 hearing regarding this Maryland waterways suggested change.

No new scheduled hearings, for either bills, are currently listed on the Status of legislative Hearings for the Maryland Legislature as of 3/30, 2010.

All who commented at both hearings agreed that Clean Water Initiatives were important but boats were a minute, almost unmeasurable cause of the nitrates in the Bay. The 30 million gallons of diluted sewage that overflowed from the Patapso River Sewer Plant just days prior to the Senate and House Bill hearings, brought to the attention of the Legislators that boaters already using the MSD's approved by authorities for safe sanitation, are not the cause of nitrates in the

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Bay. There are major pollution causes to the Bay to be addressed.

**SB70**, known as the "Noise Bill" is aimed at reducing exhaust noise from the "go fast boats" to 88 DCB, down from 90 DCB which is currently the legal acceptable level. This bill has some support from the committee. Final reading will tell if it is ready for approval vote and signature by the Governor,

**Legislation Requiring Children 13 and Under Must Wear PFD's** while on a vessel underway is also being watched for final vote and approval.



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

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**EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!**

COME ONE - COME ALL TO BUSH RIVER YACHT CLUB ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010 WE NEED YOU!

District Reps, Club Delegates, all Yacht Club members and members of C.B.Y.C.A.. The 52nd Anniversary edition of the 2010 Roster Book is here and waiting for you to pick up and distribute.

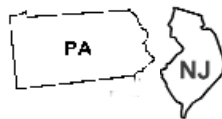
Again, thanks to all members of the Roster Committee who put their time and effort into this year's book. A special thanks to June and Jerry for helping me to make it a success.

Bob says - "BE THERE OR BE SQUARE"



## **Pennsylvania/ New Jersey Legislative Report**

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Pennsylvania

### **Safe Boating Education**

Delaware River Yacht Club (DRYC) hosted another safe boating educational course taught by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PAFBC) instructors. With this class DRYC has had over 120 students in three years, pass the safe boating exam.

### **SS United States**

The ship, one of the fastest and most luxurious ocean liners in the world, has been laid up at a pier along the Delaware River in South Philadelphia for the last 14 years. Its owner, Norwegian Cruise Lines, put it on the market in 2009. But a buyer interested in preserving the ship has yet to emerge. Its next stop is likely a shipbreaker, where the gutted vessel will be broken down and sold for scrap,

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according to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Another DELAWARE RIVER DAY is scheduled for MAY 30TH at Pens Landing.**

### **Fish & Boat Commission Names John Arway Executive Director**

A 30-year veteran of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has been chosen as the agency's next executive director.

Arway succeeds Douglas Austen, who held the post as the commission's ninth executive director from 2004 until he was pushed into a form of retirement by commissioners over the past two years. Austen continues with the agency in a consulting position.

### **Gas-drilling**

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) has issued a letter of concern about the proposed withdrawal of 700,000 gallons of water a day for fracking, from the narrow West Branch of the Lackawaxen River, in northern Wayne County. The Department of Environmental Protection is proposing to make changes to its Oil and Gas regulations. According to the Department, the proposed changes are part of an effort to provide better protection for both public and private water supplies. The changes include revisions to the rules regarding the construction of oil and gas wells, in addition to revisions regarding the drilling, casing, cementing, testing, monitoring and plugging of oil and gas wells.

**The Governor's Advisory Council on Hunting, Fishing and Conservation** has extended the application deadline for qualified candidates from the southeastern region of the state interested in filling a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission board vacancy. All applications must now be received by Wednesday, March 24.

Candidates must reside within the commission's District Eight, which includes Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Schuylkill counties.

The position is now held by Commissioner Richard W. Czop of Montgomery County, whose term expires at the end of June.

### **Appeals fail to delay dredging of the Delaware River**

The bitterly contested deepening of the Delaware River's shipping channel officially began in water near Delaware City, Del. The Corps now has the money to pay for the first phase, about US\$25 million from Pennsylvania, the local sponsor, and is ready to dig five additional feet in a 12 mile section off Delaware.

Federal funds would pay to take material dredged from the Delaware River to abandoned mines in Hazleton through a bill that U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter said he will sponsor.

NJ Governor Chris Christie and Department of Environmental Protection Acting Commissioner Bob Martin today joined forces with U.S. Representative Rob Andrews and state Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney to oppose the Army Corps of Engineers plan to deepen the Delaware Rivers shipping channel and vowed to keep fighting the project.

## **NJ Riparian Fee increases**

DRYL negotiations Potential Rating Approaches:

- Using the mooring fee and applying it to the number of boats on typical dock. So if we have 50 boats on our dock, we would be charged 50 boats X mooring fee of \$60= \$3000. (Just as an example)
- Paying per linear foot also came up. \$1.75 per foot of dockage suitable for docking. Since a good % of YC "parallel park" and do not use finger piers, and therefore get less "bang for your buck" per square foot of dock.
- Or paying somewhere between \$2.00 and \$2.25 per linear foot of boats (total length).

They talked about coming up with a methodology to qualify clubs as doers of good works if it became necessary to distinguish our clubs from others who only socialize. The feeling was that all DRYL are doers of good works because of our longstanding traditions and history even though our by-laws don't require it. All our clubs are non-profit organizations in NJ. So are a number of the social only clubs at the shore we suspect.

A decision by the State will be made by next month.



**National Boating Federation**  
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Legislative Director



## **Ethanol Percentage Increase, Ruling by EPA**

The EPA has indicated it is on track for a final decision on the E15 waiver this summer based on a new set of tests conducted on late model motor vehicles. The EPA may grant a "partial waiver" after completion of this limited testing (none on marine engines). This testing was not based on the original petition from Growth Energy and thus was not available for public comment. Thus NBF signed on to a group letter from a number of organizations to the EPA requesting it allow the public an opportunity to comment on any new findings prior to a final decision on E15. As stated in the letter: "We write to express our concern that EPA may decide to allow the introduction into commerce of mid-level ethanol blends such as E15, based on new information that was not available for public comment when the docket was open last year" Another round of public comment could slow down final approval of E15.

In the meantime a major fuel pump manufacturer, Dresser Wayne, has been approved by Underwriters Laboratories for fuel pumps that dispense ethanol blends up to 25%. The ethanol industry is vying to increase the number of blender pumps across the country.

Additionally according to Trade Only the Iowa state senate has introduced legislation that requires state gas stations to sell only ethanol blended fuel except

for certain qualified vehicles, including boats and other non-road engines.

### **Ocean Policy Task Force Interim Recommendations**

The President's Council on Environmental Quality has published their interim report on ocean policy which has generated significant responses. The Task Force was charged with developing a national policy for conserving and managing ocean territories and the Great Lakes. Ten organizations provided a group response with extensive comments challenging the policies and objectives alluded to in the report. Among those were "In the absence of a clear policy statement in the Interim Report prioritizing recreation, we remain concerned that the proposed new layers of bureaucratic and new spatial planning in the marine environment will converge into vast areas eventually being closed off to recreational uses" The term "spatial planning" and its many implications were questioned many times in the 13 page comment. In a separate comment from the MRAA it was stated "we see a real threat to recreational fishing and boating of some of the policy recommendations of the draft report." All of the comments were well thought out and presented; generally citing the negative implications of a federal bureaucracy managing our oceans and Great Lakes and that more clarity is needed on how any new national oceans policy would impact boating and fishing.

### **Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (Wallop/Breaux) Reauthorization**

The Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (SFRBTF) which supports fishing, boating safety, the Clean Vessel Act and the BIG program, needed full reauthorization by Sept 30, 2009. Failing to achieve this, it has been maintained by a continuing resolution which is due to expire Dec 10, 2010. Senate Democratic leadership has recently indicated that as part of their jobs package, they will likely extend the highway program, which includes the Trust Fund, for one year. Normally the reauthorization is for five years and provides \$700 million per year in tax revenue for all boating programs. It is not clear at this time how this will be finally resolved.



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### **Nominations for the 2011-12 CBYCA Board!**

Are you interested to be involved in boating and serving on the CBYCA Board of Governors? We are currently seeking individuals interested in service to the boating community. Please contact the IPC by phone or email by April 30th to be considered for any positions.

This is your opportunity to be a member of the most successful boating group on the East Coast and recognized all over the country. Please look around your club for Candidates!

The Nominating Committee will be reviewing candidates in the next two months and will report to the Delegation by the June Deadline.

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Sincerely,

IPC Kevin Noon



**Publicity Director's Report**  
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**Deadline for the next**  
***Chartroom Chatter* is April 25, 2010**

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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Please note, we had an extremely large amount of submissions for the Goldenrod this month. In order to keep the Goldenrod on just a one page insert & keep postage low, I have held off posting some of the events that are scheduled for Sept, Oct & Nov of 2010. Hopefully we will be able to include them in next months Goldenrod. If you have any questions about your submission please feel free to give me a call, P/D June Donofrio, 609-871-8682

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## 2010 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

April 17	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Bush River YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Bush River YC
May 15	CBYCA Bd designates choice of attendance at Openings			
June 5	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Maryland YC
Aug 21	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Miles River YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Miles River YC
Sept 18	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Summit North YC
Oct 16	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Norfolk YC
Nov 20	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	North East YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	North East YC

please see V/C's report for further meeting details

## NEWS BULLETIN

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*Long time Delegate from Crescent Shrine YC  
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