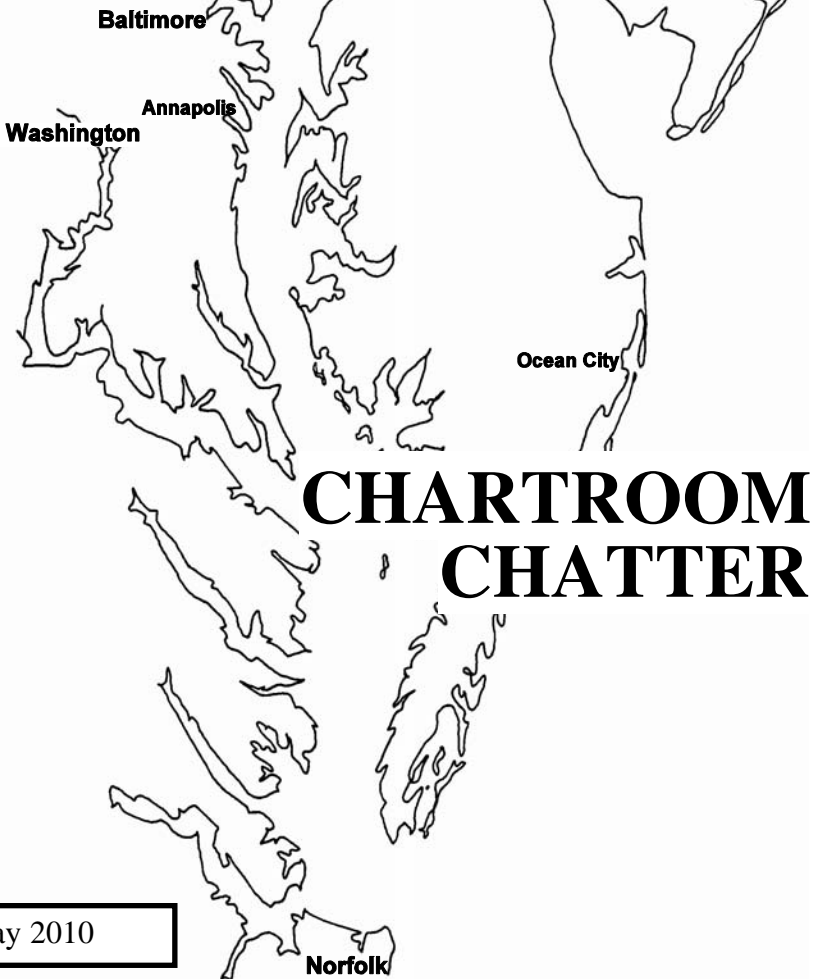


# Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



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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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Ship Ahoy Mates!

I would like to extend my appreciation to Bush River Yacht Club for hosting our April 17th Board and Delegates Meetings and for opening up their clubhouse to the Roster Book Committee as they prepared for the distribution of the 2010 CBYCA Roster Book. Commodore Mathias Piercy, Deb Noon and their team did a great job and were very gracious hosts. Bush River Yacht Club is one of our founding clubs and we thank them for their years of continuous support.

The Delegates meeting was well attended, with at least representation from 56 clubs and several partner organizations; thanks to all for coming and picking up their Club's Roster Books. A special thanks go out to the Roster Committee for the great job; they all have worked so diligently. If for some reason, you fail to receive your club's books, please contact Rear Commodore Bob Parsons at RC@CBYCA.Org. Our guest speaker was William H. Gossard, Senior Program Manager with the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Bill also serves as NTSB liaison to the National Safe Boating Council and is a member of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Mr. Gossard has been the creative power behind a number of national transportation safety studies on various subjects from cruise ship and fishing vessel safety to recreational boating and alcohol. Great appreciation is extended to PC Earl Waesche for arranging to have such a dynamic speaker who is so well informed about the issues of safe boating.

Congratulations and special thanks go to our Maryland Legislative Director and the representatives from our Partner organizations and member club who attended the Maryland legislative hearing on SB 513-"No Discharge Zone" to ensure that the voice of the boating community was heard. Although the bill passed the Senate, it did not pass as originally proposed. We would like to welcome a new partner to CBYCA: the Marine Trades Association of Baltimore County (MTABC). We believe that this partnership, as with the others, will be of great mutual benefit, and we look forward to working with them.

CBYCA's next Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 5th at the Maryland Yacht Club. This is also the weekend which Maryland has its Opening and the Annual Queen of the Chesapeake contest. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this wonderful weekend of events.

Although we work hard, we also look forward to having fun with our member clubs. There are many openings to attend and a great way to keep track of the openings is to go to our website at CBYCA.ORG and look at the openings posted. You can also look up social events on the site. This is really an inexpensive way to announce your club's events. The site is yours, use it!

"Excellence is not an act but a habit. The things you do the most are the things you will do best." -Marva Collins



## Vice Commodore's Report

Kay Brawley  
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The Bush River Yacht Club was filled to capacity at the April Delegates meeting for Bill Gossard's presentation on recreational boating safety issues of the 5-state CBYCA region; many thanks to Bill who took valuable time out of his busy schedule with the National Transportation Safety Board. Kudos to Deb Noon of BRYC for making the food arrangements to accommodate our Board and large group of Delegates in attendance.

### Remaining 2010 CBYCA Calendar Delegate Meetings and Socials

#### **1. July 17, 2010: CBYCA Leadership Crab Cocktail Party; Woodland Gardens CBYCA Crab Cocktail Party at Woodland Gardens, North East, MD**

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

**When:** Sat., July 17, 2010, 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 Linda Hughes, and of North East River Yacht Club Commodore Roger Hughes.

**Accommodations via Boat:** Dinghy or small vessel dockage available at Woodland Gardens pier, located 500 yards west and within view of North East River Yacht Club; larger boat dockage available at North East River Yacht Club by calling club 410.287.6333

**What to Bring:** Favorite crab hors d'oeuvre to share

**FREE:** Libations and Entertainment  
Great chance for camaraderie with Clubs & CBYCA leadership on the move

**Uniform of the Day:** Crabby Hat and casual club logo attire; your choice of color

**RSVP:** CBYCA Vice Commodore Kay Brawley via email: kbrawley@mindspring.com Or phone 410.287.9029 by

**deadline: Saturday, July 10, 2010**

### Prizes for Best Crab Dish and Best Crabby Hat/Attire

#### **2. Aug 21, 2010: CBYCA Board & Delegate Meeting at Cambridge YC** (Schedule Change: please note new location) 1 Mill St., Cambridge, MD 21613; Directions via car: US Rte 50 to Cambridge, MD

This will be our traditional "Float-In" meeting. There are plenty of slips available, and the CYC will be making the special offer of \$1.50 per foot for those who wish to travel by boat. Directions: from the north of the Choptank River, go East approx 14.7 nm. At the #2 red nun, just before the Bridge, make a 90 degree turn starboard & proceed to CYC.

Guest Speaker: A Representative from the Clean Marina Initiative will be addressing issues of concern to Yacht Clubs with a marina. Lunch will be served  
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at noon by CYC. Please let me know of your (and guests) attendance by Sat., Aug 14 so that I can inform CYC of the number of Delegates and CBYCA Board members expected for lunch at the great price of \$10. For reservations, please call Kay Brawley on 410.459.6282 or email kbrawley@mindspring.com.

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

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

Reservations: It's not too early to make your reservations now for the 2010 CBYCA Commodore's Ball! Call or email Turf Valley now to reserve your room: 410.465.1500 or 1.888.833.8873 or online at [www.turfvalley.com](http://www.turfvalley.com)---use group code 2706GB for reservations; Deadline 11.26.2010. Rates: Single/Double \$89- Junior Suite \$119 (suggested for clubs/partner organizations). Rates are good for extra nights 3 days prior to or post Ball. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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

The Voice for Your CBYCA District: All 12 District Representatives are listed inside the front cover of the CBYCA news, the Chartroom Chatter, for club members' easy reference and access; refer to the CBYCA Roster Book for club listing within each District (last 2 pages 138-139) or go to CBYCA website.

Here's to a great Opening of our 2010 Boating Season...

See you on July 17 and/or Aug 21 by sea or land!



## **Legislative Director / Maryland Legislative Reports**

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The 427th Session of the MD General Assembly has wrapped up review of more than 2600 bills which saw 400 plus pieces of new legislation pass. May 2, 2010 is the final date for 'passed' bills to be presented to the Governor for either his signature or rejection. Governor Martin O'Malley has until June 1, 2010 to finalize his decision on all submitted passed bills.

### **SB 92 - Passed and Signed**

requiring the 'wearing of PFD's by a child UNDER the age of 13'; and a person who is under age 16 who operates a vessel numbered in accordance with this subtitle or in accordance with the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 must: Possess a certificate of Boating Safety Education: If operating a vessel under 11 feet in length, be under the supervision of a person who has obtained a certificate of Boating Safety Education and is aboard the vessel: or if operating a vessel 11 feet

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in length or greater, be under the supervision of a person who is 18 years or older and has obtained a certificate of boating Safety Education and is aboard the vessel: or be under the supervision of a person who was born before July 1, 1972 and is aboard the vessel. Further, a person may not operate or permit the operation of a vessel under 21 feet in length while there is present in the vessel a child not wearing a personal flotation device which is securely and properly attached to the child. This ruling does not apply to a vessel that is moored or anchored; or to a child that is below deck or in an enclosed cabin. Raising the age requirement from 7 to under 13, puts Maryland in line with federal regulations and 34 states, including Delaware, Pennsylvania West Virginia and Washington, DC. **The federal regulations do not supersede the state, but the national transportation safety board strongly encourages states to update their pfd requirements.**

**SB 0513/ HB 12157 "Failed"** The bills known as the 'Vessel No Discharge bills.' Also noted was that by the end of April 2010, states will adopt "final" nutrient and sediment goals that represent the maximum amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment by river that originate from each state and present these findings to the EPA. Preliminary goals were set last October, but computer model revisions and some information changes since that time mean the target numbers will change. By June 1, 2010, states must submit preliminary Watershed Implementation Plans to the EPA. August 15 to Oct 15 2010 the draft TMDL's and Watershed Implementation Plans will be released for a 60 day public review and comment period, which will include meetings and hearings in each state. State and federal agencies will provide written responses to comments. The **Bay Journal** reported in March 2010 that at stake is the largest, most complex Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) ever developed. At its most basic level, a TMDL establishes a legally binding limit on the amount of a pollutant a water body can receive while still meeting its water quality standards. But no TMDL has ever covered a 64,000-square-mile watershed that includes portions of six states, as well as the District of Columbia.

In the Maryland Legislative Report for the '**Chatter**' published **June/July 2009 Issue**, it was noted that "President Obama elevated **Bay Restoration Efforts** by creating an Executive Order, a Federal Leadership Committee for the **Chesapeake Bay** to be chaired by the **Environmental Protection Agency**. The directive called for a unified federal effort to establish a set of strict pollution caps backed by state action plans and federal consequences to ensure progress in reducing pollutants that impact the bay through the robust use of existing authorities key funding support, and unrivaled scientific and technical assistance. EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson presented the Executive Order during a Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council Meeting in Mt Vernon".



## Rear Commodore's Report

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Thanks to everyone who helped in the distribution of the 2010 Roster Book at our meeting at Bush River. Special thanks to Susan Rork for the time she spent making sure that all the clubs received their books. Also, thanks

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to the people who helped on Friday night organizing and wrapping the books.

There were some Roster Books belonging to clubs that were not picked up at the meeting. I will be bringing those to our next meeting at Maryland Yacht Club on June 5th. If you did not receive your books, please arrange to pick them at this time since the cost to mail them would be expensive.

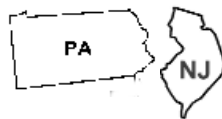
District Reps : get started early for next years Roster book start making contacts now to sell new ads. June and Jerry Donofrio are experienced in this area and were a great help to me. I am looking forward to working with the next Rear Commodore in helping in any way that I can to produce the 2011 Roster Book.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the club openings and out on the bay this Summer.



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

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### **Fish & Boat Commission Takes Actions at Quarterly Meeting**

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) voted at its quarterly meeting today to terminate its Three Rivers Ecological Research Center in Pittsburgh after anticipated funding streams failed to materialize over the centers four-year tenure.

Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director Arway stressed that while the Commission has decided to end the operation of the center, the Commission will continue its work on the Three Rivers out of its southwest fisheries management area.

### **Gas Drilling**

Philadelphia officials asked a state regulator on Thursday to ban the natural-gas drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing until its environmental effects, especially on drinking water, are studied.

The City Council urged the Delaware River Basin Commission to deny a drilling permit to Stone Energy Corp (SGY.N), a Louisiana-based oil and gas company, or to any other company that wants to use the technique to extract gas in the watershed that supplies the city's drinking water.

### **Senate Bill 1200**

This Bill would enable Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, a multi-state effort to ensure that habitual offenders in one state will not be able to commit violations in other states. The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact Act would enable Pennsylvania to recognize the revocation of an individuals hunting, fishing or trapping privileges due to a violation of regulations in any other members state.

## **GAO still sees fault in Delaware River dredging**

Word from the Government Accountability Office stated that issues surrounding the controversial project still exist. Is the \$300 million cost of deepening the Delaware River shipping channel five feet worth it?

The overall project to be administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was authorized 12 years prior by an act of Congress.

The latest GAO report cites changes in the economy in the past six years, including most recently the closure of the Sunoco Refinery in Westville and the Valero Refinery in Delaware City, as impetus to push the GAO to question the validity of the project.

Despite the downturn, crude-oil refineries remain "strong supporters of the deepening project," the GAO said.

The Norfolk Dredging Company has been in the river off Delaware City since early last month.

The corps' economic analysis shows a \$1.35 return on investment for every \$1 dollar spent, with average annual benefits of \$24.2 million over 50 years. The benefits come from transportation cost savings associated with importing commodities: crude oil, containerized cargo such as refrigerated meat, and dry bulk commodities such as steel slabs and blast-furnace slag used to make cement.

In an unusual compromise offer, both sides in a New Jersey federal court lawsuit over dredging the Delaware River have proposed shifting their case to a Delaware court that already has ruled on a related suit.

## **Boat fees start this summer on Greenwood Lake New Jersey**

The Greenwood Lake commissioners are fast-tracking the plan to charge boat fees, forcing boaters to begin paying the annual cost this summer instead of next year.

Boats 25 feet or shorter will pay \$27.50. The charge will increase with the size of the vessel. The fees are expected to raise about \$90,000 annually. Funds collected will be used to continue weed harvesting and for administrative costs such as insurance for the volunteer commission.

Initially, the commission was planning to implement the fees in 2011, but a continued shortfall of money to run the bi-state agency is prompting the volunteer members to push the plan up a year. January, a lame-duck New Jersey Assembly passed the bill, S-1833.

Passaic County sheriff's officers will continue to patrol the New Jersey side of the lake while Greenwood Lake officers will handle the New York section.

## **Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG ) is ready to take advantage of the national policy shift, led by the White House, toward nuclear power as a clean-energy alternative to fossil fuels. PSEG is considering plans to spend \$100 million on getting a permit to build as many as two reactors at Salem NJ. The Newark company also is trying to renew the federal operating licenses on its three reactors.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, is likely to support Salem's license

renewals, however the state Department of Environmental Protection might not sign off unless the company adds cooling towers to Salem 1 and Salem 2. Hope Creek has a cooling tower. Towers are important because they vastly reduce the amount of water needed from the Delaware River to convert steam used in the production of electricity back into water, and limit the damage to fish and plants.



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Legislative Director



### **USCG - Safety Alert re DSC-equipped VHF Marine Radios**

According to Bryant's Maritime Consulting, the US Coast Guard issued a safety alert stating that an automatic channel switching feature found on certain models of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) equipped VHF marine radios may create an unintended hazard by automatically switching from a working channel to Channel 16 when the radio receives a DSC distress alert, distress alert acknowledgement, or other DSC call where a VHF channel number has been designated. The Coast Guard strongly recommends disabling the automatic channel switching feature when maintaining a listening watch, communicating on the designated bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone, or monitoring the vessel traffic services (VTS) channel. The Coast Guard also strongly recommends that radio operators and other users ensure that the radio is on the proper channel when communicating or maintaining a listening watch. Safety Alert 02-10 (4/13/10).

### **H. R. 4914 - Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010**

Representative Pallone (D-NJ) introduced H.R. 4914 to promote coastal jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts and for other purposes. This bill is another step in preserving our waterfronts, their use and public access. This bill complements H.R. 2548, Keep America's Waterfront Working Act which was previously reported on. These two bills are major steps in preserving the traditional use of our waterfronts and maintaining access to them by the public. As many know the declaration of Eminent Domain and other vehicles have diminished public access to our waterways.

### **Federal Saltwater Fishing Registration**

Legislation that took effect in January 2010 requires all saltwater fishermen to register with the National Marine Fisheries Service and have a registry card. This only applies in coastal states that do not require fishing licenses, which includes Maryland and Virginia. There is no cost for the Federal registry but there will be a charge in 2011. To take advantage of this, some states are considering requiring a fishing license so that they could benefit from any fees instead of the Federal Government. To register now, go to [www.countmyfish.noaa.gov](http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov) or call 1-888-674-7411.

### **Still No EPA Decision on Ethanol**

The EPA has still not announced a decision on the petition by Growth Energy to increase ethanol content from E10 to E15. The decision has no doubt been delayed by petitions from interest groups for further testing and a large number of negative public comments. In the meantime, Growth Energy is running TV ads stating: "No beaches have closed due to ethanol spills."

**Visit [www.n-b-f.org](http://www.n-b-f.org) to view THE LOOKOUT newsletter**

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## IPC

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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

Is your club looking for your new 2010 Roster Books ?  
If so please contact the R/C Bob Parsons 410-515-2629



## Publicity Director's Report

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### Deadline for the next

**Chartroom Chatter is May 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.

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 Openings & Commo Ball dates that are listing in each clubs Roster info, does not get transferred to the Goldenrod event listing. you must enter your event on the CBYCA website events page to get listed.

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

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 Oct & Nov of 2010. Hopefully we will be able to include them in next months Goldenrod. As always, all information is available 24/7 on the events page of the CBYCA website. If you have any questions about your submission please feel free to give me a call, P/D June Donofrio, 609-871-8682

### 2010 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

May 15		CBYCA Bd designates choice of attendance at Openings		
June 5	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Maryland YC
Aug 21	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	Cambridge YC
	Sat	1300 hrs	Delegate	Cambridge YC
Sept 18	Sat	1000 hrs	Board	TBA
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



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