Purpose

The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) is an association of yacht clubs, boating clubs, and marine associations located throughout the Chesapeake Bay and Delaware Bay regions and the District of Columbia. It is composed of dedicated volunteers who communicate, inform, and work with legislatures and others to ensure members’ voices in each of the five states and District of Columbia are heard. Its purpose is to represent the interest of recreational boating at the national, state, and local levels of government, and to promote boating safety and education of its members and the general public.

For more information visit the CBYCA web page at www.cbyca.org or contact: Commodore@CBYCA.org

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*Founding member club burgees (l to r): Baltimore Yacht Club, Boumi Shrine Yacht Club, Bush River Yacht Club, and Maryland Yacht Club.*
2020 Meeting Schedule

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS

January 25, 2020  9:30 am  Prince William Yacht Club
February 15, 2020  9:30 am  Bush River Yacht Club
March 21, 2020  9:30 am  Capitol Yacht Club**
April 18, 2020  9:30 am  Maryland Yacht Club
May 16, 2020  9:30 am  Middle River Yacht Club**
August 15, 2020  9:30 am  Red Eye Yacht Club**
September 19, 2020  9:30 am  Miles River Yacht Club
October 17, 2020  9:30 am  Delaware River Yacht Club
November 21, 2020  9:30 am  Baltimore Yacht Club**
December 13, 2020  TBD  Following Commodore’s Ball

DELEGATES MEETINGS*

February 15, 2020  10:00 am  Bush River Yacht Club
April 18, 2020  10:00 am  Maryland Yacht Club (Book Distribution)
August 15, 2020  10:00 am  Red Eye Yacht Club**
November 21, 2020  10:00 am  Baltimore Yacht Club** (Change of Watch)

*Lunch will be offered for a nominal cost.
**Location tentative
2020 Elected Slate of Officers and Nominating Committee

Board of Governors

Commodore Kyle Gray, Middle River YC
Vice Commodore Dan Killeen, Maryland YC
Rear Commodore Donna Ferron, Blue Marsh Sailing Association
Qualifications Officer Tom Yanni, Middle River YC
Secretary Stephanie Gaff, Red Eye YC
Treasurer Penny Rhine, Miles River YC
Director, Marketing and Communications Donna Ferron, Blue Marsh Sailing Association
Director, Safety and Education Tom Costello, Maryland Yacht Club
Director, State Legislation Tim Abel, Prince William YC
Immediate Past Commodore Mike Gaff, Red Eye YC

Directors of State Legislation

Director, MD State Legislation Dave Thomas, Fells Point YC
Director, VA State Legislation Tim Abel, Prince William YC
Director, PA/DE State Legislation Chris Schenck, Susquehanna YC
Director, NJ State Legislation Dot Noderer, Delaware River YC
Director, DC Legislation Howard Gasaway, Sr., Chesapeake Cruisers Association
2020 slate of officers continued:

**National Boating Federation**

Legislative Director, P/C Earl Waesche, Virginia YC

**District Representatives**

A - New Jersey Nick Noderer, Delaware River YC

B - Philadelphia Area James Morrissey, Anchor YC

C - Pennsylvania/Upper Bay Tom Costello, Maryland YC

D - North Baltimore Dick Bruns, Baltimore YC

E - Baltimore & South Robert Tuck, Veterans YCA

F - Eastern Shore North Donna Ferron, Blue Marsh Sailing Association

G - Eastern Shore South Dennis Webster, Wicomico YC

H - Annapolis Area Robert Naylor, Raccoon Creek BC

I - Solomons/South Maryland Ransey Adkins, Chesapeake YC

J - Washington DC Area Harlie Spencer, District YC

K - VA/Mid Potomac River Joe Livingston, Occoquan YC

L - VA/S of 301 Bridge -- Gene Schenck, Bodkin YC

**2019-2020 Nominating Committee**

Nominating Committee Chair IP/C Mike Gaff, Red Eye YC

Tom Kenavan 2019-2020, Aquia Harbour YC P/C

Bob Parsons 2019-2020, Bush River YC P/C

Fred Levitan 2019-2020, Middle River YC

Joe Vislocky 2020-2021, Baltimore YC

Eric Boyd 2020-2021, Pleasant YC

Ray Haber 2020-2021, Bodkin YC
As the beginning of December chilled us to the bone, the end of December seemed more like October. This just goes to show, no matter what you’re expecting, things change unexpectedly, some for the good and some that brings more questions than answers. 2019/2020 Commodores has lost one of our own, a loss to impact a family and peers, a noticeable loss to a community. I can’t question the weather, Mother Nature is on her own cycle. Winds from the north, east, south and west will always collide with temperatures in its path changing our atmosphere to bring our lands what Mother Earth feels is needed. But I do question why a good friend and fellow Commodore, Ray Haber, had to leave us. A good man, a devoted man, a welcoming man, and a beloved man. Myself and all who knew you Ray will miss you dearly until we meet again.

I normally wouldn’t start a conversation with something so sad but at the same time I couldn’t put Ray second on a list and thank you for sharing my Ball with Michelle and I.

Our December 14th Ball was an amazing night. Top of the Bay couldn’t have been a better setting, Carolers sang beautiful a capella notes to set the tone for a spirited holiday gathering as Santa graced us with his jolly self! The ceremony was smooth and our hypnosis entertainment was quite interesting to say the least (LOL). We also had a Videographer who gave our Queen and Princesses an opportunity to share their charities with the world and we are looking forward to having this video for you once it’s complete. I want to thank all who came to support us, the pictures are saved and the memories are treasured.

Quick note: CBYCA will have its next Board of Governors meeting at Prince William Yacht Club on January 25th.

Lastly, let’s not forget about our Roster book. VC Dan and RC Donna have been working diligently and getting a lot done in a short amount of time, but don’t let that fool you, there is still a lot of work to be completed. Everyone’s support gives CBYCA strength in our ongoing quest to support boaters, member clubs and associations around the Bay.

In closing, Michelle and I want to wish you a very merry New Year and we pray all your dreams are fulfilled!
Time to celebrate!! No: not Christmas, Hanukah, nor Kwanza. The days have more daylight, thus moving us all ever closer toward getting back on the water (preferably in a boat).

If you haven’t heard already or been there, the CBYCA Commodore’s Ball was pretty darn fine. I met Father Christmas and was serenaded by Victorian carolers. There was a hypnotist too. I decided NO to the hypnotist, since I don’t need to be hypnotized to do things “differently”.

Our Commodores did an amazing job. Paul (JUICE) Justina took home the very well-deserved Kilman Award, with plaqued Certificates of Appreciation going to Nick and Dot Noderer, Tom Costello and me; all very unexpected. This was definitely one of those “FUN HAD BY ALL” evenings.

The January CBYCA BoG meeting will be held at Prince William Yacht Club in Occoquan, VA on January 25 at 0930. It will be nice to see you all there to compare what “boating stuff” we got for the holidays.
New Year’s Prayer

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11

Heavenly Father,

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family, our friends, and our boating community. We thank you for the year that has passed and the many blessings you showered upon us.

As the New Year begins, we come to you to ask for your continual blessings. We pray that you give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our heart, and love to fill our lives. We trust, even when we can’t see it, that you are working things out for our good. Thank you for your promise that because of you, we are blessed, we are strong, we are healthy, and we are whole. We are victorious, we are wise and we are well able to accomplish everything you have prepared for us. We ask that you help each of us to keep our minds focused on you because we believe deeply in our hearts that 2020 is going to be our best year yet in every way. We pray for those struggling with hunger and sickness. Heal them and provide the needed nourishment for their bodies. We pray that you grant the homeless and the unemployed the necessary tools and ask that you give them strength and courage to create a better life for themselves, their families and their communities. We pray for our military and their families, give them protection from harm and the hope of togetherness in the New Year. We pray that the conflicts in the world cease, crops flourish, and good governance grow for we are reminded that by your amazing grace, each day is new, fresh and bursting with another opportunity to “love one another”.

In the name of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve mankind.

Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
Commodore Ray Haber’s passing less than a week before Christmas was an unimaginable shock to all of us at Bodkin Yacht Club. He was a special club member and a remarkable Commodore of a great club.

Few of us have Ray’s love of boating and the Bay. As many of us know, when you met Ray it was a big deal. His sailing experiences were only surpassed by his loud voice and bigger than life personality.

He not only fit in at the yacht club, he brought in many of his friends who also fit in. Without Ray’s friends, the ones he brought to Bodkin, we might be out of business. Like Ray, they are active members who participate, support and contribute.
Ray Haber continued...

Clubs like ours have more and more members without boats and some are not boaters at all. Not Ray... Ray was the real deal......real sailor! His skill and experience amazed us all. We would watch in awe as he backed his old boat, *Alibi*, into slip A-25, a challenging interior slip that he went in and out of effortlessly, running aground now and then only to wait for the tide with a smile and a Miller Lite in hand. He went sailing in all kinds of weather, made long trips, short trips, day trips and trips to nowhere and back just to put up the sails. He was a competitor year after year in the overnight Governors Cup Race a hundred miles down the Bay and up the Potomac in the dark... sometimes at 3 or 4 knots.

We all loved Ray’s stories and the friends he brought to our club. The ones who joined and ones who did not. We also loved his trail of empty Miller Lite cans. You could always tell if he had been some-place. “I see Ray was here,” we loved to say.

He was immensely proud of First Lady Betty’s career success and so proud of his children, especially Gavin. Ray loved to tell all about Gavin’s adventures, successes and accomplishments.

When he agreed to go through the chairs to lead our club, he started as F/C, then R/C, then V/C on his way to lead us as Commodore. He did every one of those jobs with enthusiasm, energy and intelligence. Our biggest surprise was his remarkable natural skill at chairing our difficult, contentious meetings. He led beautifully and leaves a big hole in the governance of our club.

**Here’s what Bodkin Yacht Club thinks of Ray Haber:**

When our Board of Governors met people expected us to backfill his position as Commodore. Instead, we unanimously voted to keep him as our Commodore going forward through the remainder of his term in September. He had already completed most Commodore duties: He had appointed and seated committees, chairs and board members and established a calendar for the coming year, helped organize his upcoming ball and chosen themes for the CCC Ball and Bodkin’s Flag Raising Weekend. What remained was his duty as Commodore to be the public face of our club. We expected him to receive salutes and respect on behalf of Bodkin. We have decided Ray should continue doing that through his year as Commodore.

Yacht clubs salute each other as a sign of respect. So our decision to not name another Commodore means that for the rest of Bodkin’s 2020 year, all of you from our sister clubs will be saluting our Commodore Ray Haber, who deserves every one of those gestures. Bon voyage Ray, fair winds and friendly seas.

P/C Gene Schenck
Bodkin YC 2004
There’s More To The Story

Most of us know each other from our clubs and cruises. Familiar faces and names from around our clubs, but in many cases you and I may not know who they were before they were our yacht club friends. Ken Zeisloft is well known as a Past Commodore of Red Eye Yacht Club. Seems he and Karen Frey are everywhere during the Flag Raising Season. He’s been Emcee of Red Eye’s Opening Ceremony many times and we all know his big smile and red face.

Karen is a Professor of Accounting at Gettysburg College. My wife, Chris and I met Karen through the yacht club community. But I have known Ken for 50 years. Fifty years back I was a television reporter and got to know Ken when he was a Pennsylvania State Trooper. This is Ken when you had to behave yourself:

Ken graduated from the PA State Police Academy in 1969. One of his very first assignments was to attend the funeral of York City Police Officer Henry Schaad, who was a rookie police officer shot and killed during the race riots in York.

Trooper Ken Zeisloft worked in York, Harrisburg and Milesburg before settling in Gettysburg, where he mainly worked crime. He can tell fascinating stories about crimes and autopsies and adventures on a well-respected police force.
In 1989 he was sent to help with the Camp Hill prison riots, where for a couple of days they worked around the clock, sleeping whenever they could find a few free minutes.

In the early 90s he was promoted to Corporal and that required him to leave Gettysburg for at least a year. He went to Honesdale, in the far northeast corner of PA, for a year or so, returning to Gettysburg to finish out his career. He has many fond memories of his service as a State Trooper and the State Police force was sorry to see him go. He retired in Jan 1995. We all need to show more respect for the boys and girls in blue. You can start by learning about Red Eye P/C (Trooper) Ken Zeisloft – ask him for a war story or two. He may even tell you that he and I crossed paths fifty years ago when he was a Trooper and I had hair.

P/C Gene Schenck
CBYCA 2018

Thank you to all the clubs that have updated their officer contacts for the 2020 Roster Book!
Pennsylvania

HB 1542 Legislation to amend the Liquor Code would allow any entity eligible for a special occasion permit to obtain that permit for nine consecutive or non-consecutive days throughout the year in addition to ten consecutive days. This bill moved November 21st to the House Rules Committee. We are watching this bill to see if it could be of use to clubs that need liquor permits for special occasions since some clubs do not have liquor licenses. At the moment the bill is specifically designed to help a specific group in York County.

Other bills have not moved since summer or earlier.

In the past month U.S. Coast Guard Notices and other news were passed along to member clubs concerning the following:

- Dredging October through December on the Delaware River
- Dredging on the Schuylkill River.

Delaware

The Delaware Legislative Calendar indicates that the General Assembly will be in session beginning January 14, 2020. Please let me know if there are any bills that you think are important to watch.

Did you know?

In 1959 Chapter 154 has required any holder of a certificate of number shall notify the Motor Vehicle Department within fifteen days, if his address no longer conforms to the address appearing on the certificate and shall, as a part of such notification, furnish the Motor Vehicle Department with his new address. The Motor Vehicle Department may provide in its rules and regulations for the surrender of the certificate bearing the former address and its replacement with a certificate bearing the new address or for the alteration of an outstanding certificate to show the new address of the holder. So, if you move, be sure to let the Motor Vehicle Department know that the address linked to your boat identification has changed!

Sailors, did you know that you are probably sailing a “motor boat”? According to Chapter 154 “Motorboat” means any vessel propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion, but shall not include a vessel which has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States Government or any federal agency successor thereto.
NOAA Plans to Discontinue Production of Traditional Paper Nautical Charts: The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Office of Coast Survey announced plans to phase out the production of all traditional paper nautical charts. Over the next five years, NOAA says that it plans to transition to Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) products with a focus on improving data consistency and providing larger scale ENC coverage. It is expected to significantly improve the level of detail and consistency in NOAA’s ENCs. As it reorients its efforts toward electronic products, NOAA will gradually shut down services associated with traditional paper charts, including full-size chart PDFs, print-on-demand paper charts and NOAA raster charts (RNCs). The phase-out will start in mid to late-2020 and be completed by January 2025. NOAA will still provide access to paper chart products based on ENC data, either through third-party vendors or through the NOAA Custom Chart system (now in prototype phase). The online NOAA Custom lets users create their own paper charts with NOAA ENC data. The user can define the scale and size of custom-made nautical charts, then download them in a special PDF format.

The International Maritime Organization now requires that all large commercial vessels on international voyages use electronic charts. In 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard started allowing commercial vessels on domestic voyages to use ENCs instead of paper charts. Electronic products are also increasingly popular with recreational users. NOAA’s Office of Coast Survey has produced traditional paper charts for nearly 200 years, and these products have been the primary source of navigational information for generations of American mariners. Comments on the decision may be submitted through NOAA’s online feedback tool.

House passes Coastal Great Lakes Communities Enhancement Act: Rep. Harley Rouda (CA) voted to pass H.R. 729, a bill that would protect vulnerable coastal communities impacted by the climate crisis. The bill passed with two amendments authored by Congressman Rouda. Our coastlines are ground zero for the climate crisis. Families living on the coast know that rising sea-levels, frequent flooding, coastal erosion, and increasingly severe weather events are a clear and present danger to our lives and livelihoods. This legislation protects and preserves coastlines, helps communities create and enact resiliency measures, and improves ocean monitoring and research.

The two Amendments are the following, Amendment 1: Authorizes a prize competition to stimulate innovation to advance coastal risk and resilience measures. Amendment 2: Requires the development of a catalog of research on applicable coastal risk reduction and resilience measures. Included in the base bill is H.R. 3596, the Keep Americas Waterfronts Working Act, a bipartisan bill which Rep. Rouda co-led. This provision seeks to preserve the character of coastal communities by protecting jobs, commercial activities, and public access to America’s coastlines.
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