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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2019 Meeting Schedule

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

As required by the CBYCA by laws, the following names were presented to the Delegates by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association 2019 Nominating Committee chaired by P/C Gene Schenck.

The election was held at the August 2019 meeting at Bodkin Yacht Club.

**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

Publicity Director Donna Ferron, Blue Marsh Sailing Association

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

**National Boating Federation**

Legislative Director, P/C Earl Waesche, Virginia YC
2020 slate of officers continued:

**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 Mike Bruns, Baltimore YC
F - Eastern Shore North Donna Ferron, Blue Marsh Sailing Association
G - Eastern Shore South Dennis Webster, Wicomico YC
H - Annapolis Area Dan Killeen, Maryland YC
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 -- vacant

**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 I sit here writing this article, it occurs to me that this will be my last one as Commodore of The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association. It has been a great pleasure to serve such an amazing organization. We have strived to evolve and made great strides moving forward. I only hope that the momentum continues.

I am confident that under the new leadership, we will continue to grow and become an even greater organization.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of the history that was made this year. I truly am humbled by how much we have accomplished. I hope that the future leadership remembers that we are only as successful as those that support us, so let’s make sure to help our member clubs be the best they can possible be through our guidance and education.
I love the summer but I love the Fall even more. As the leaves turn shades of reds and browns, the ambiance on the water also changes. A calmness surrounds a vessel going 6 knots across the Bay as the crisp, brisk air touches our cheeks. Boating season isn’t over, to enjoy the Bay is to enjoy the changes of the seasons. While most of us aren’t going out as often, when we do the beauty brings a smile and energy to us giving definition to the reasons we bought boats to begin with. While I only plan on going out 3 or 4 more times this year myself, I sure do hope to see others who I can wave to.

CBYCA’s change of watch is coming near and I feel blessed to be the incoming Commodore of an organization whose season has changed, our definition has also changed with the brainstorm of our recent summit. Clubs across the Bay will be gaining strength and I believe membership for all will rise. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of growth and comradery. Our Commodore Mike Gaff has done an amazing job this year leading our organization and I look forward to thanking him and all those who have spent countless days and hours strengthening the reason CBYCA exists.

The flyer for our December 14th Ball will be out this week and I hope to see all the friends, family and supporters at our Miracle on 34th Street event.
You would think becoming the Vice Commodore would be filling my thoughts, but there have been too many other exciting things this year to occupy that space.

We have a new and improved website. Go visit: [www.cbyca.org](http://www.cbyca.org).

We have made major strides in collecting all our club data to an enhanced and very secure tool that when tied to our finance capabilities, will make paying dues, updating your club/officer data and ordering a Roster Book advertisement nearly a one stop shop event.

We held our first ever anywhere Commodores' Summit where over 90% of the attendees felt it useful and worth repeating.

These are exciting times to be a member of CBYCA.

Stay Tuned. There’s more to come.
CBYCA Commodores’ Summit Highlights

CBYCA Rear Commodore Dan Killeen

CBYCA Commodore Mike Gaff

Summit attendees

Group photo

Club data collection station

The folks who made it all run smoothly
A few CBYCA member clubs have reached out to us over the past week asking about reciprocity, and seeking clarification on what that means to CBYCA and our member clubs. More specifically, the question is what are clubs required to do? And what are the consequences for not doing so?

The current CBYCA By-Laws (approved in August 2016) state the following:

**Article VI: DEFINITION OF A YACHT CLUB**

Section 1. For the purpose of membership in the Association, a yacht club is any boating organization, club, or association whose members are elected to membership and is devoted to yachting and the accommodation and pleasure of its members. It is governed by a constitution and by-laws which are approved by its members. Its officers and Governing Board are elected by its members. Any profits derived by its operation shall be used for the betterment of the club and its membership as a whole.

Section 2. 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.

Section 3. A yacht club may not be “commercial” or subject to a “commercial enterprise”; that is, an individual or group, other than the club may not control who shall be voted into membership or who shall hold office in the club. A yacht club shall establish its own rules, regulations and by-laws concerning the operations of the club without interference from any outside individual or group.

[As a reminder: each Member organization is expected to review and approve they will conform to the CBYCA By-Laws when joining... and review/react when changed]

Because of the emails and comments at the Commodores’ Summit, I reached out to our CBYCA Parliamentarian (Joe Hellner, P/C and long-tenured member of CBYCA) to ensure I would be referring to the current in-force version of the CBYCA By-Laws to answer your question, and gathered his recollection and input on the issue. I then brought this issue up at our CBYCA Board of Governors meeting last weekend. I read the above portion of the By-Laws and asked for any clarification and additional input. I also verified there are no other relevant articles or sections in the current By-Laws. I was informed by a past commodore that several years ago, an email was delivered from CBYCA to all member clubs encouraging generous reciprocity (when possible) to other CBYCA club members. While that email was useful, there is/was nothing enforceable in that email.
Safety and Education continued

I also asked our Board if there was sufficient need or interest in amending this particular Article/Section to create a stronger message and/or enforceability (this was not a motion, just a discussion). The feedback was that such a change would require an extensive review and approval process by all member clubs, and it wasn’t clear that there would be enough support to get such a motion approved.

I also reached out to the Yachting Clubs of America (YCA - http://www.ycaol.com/) to determine their expectations of members, and the strength to which THEY enforce their rules. I don’t know if any of the clubs involved in your discussion are YCA Members, but many of our CBYCA clubs are... and I wanted to get their perspective.

Their current (2019) Reciprocity Guide states the following:

REGISTER OF AMERICAN YACHT CLUBS
2019 Reciprocity Guide
PREFACE

“A number of yacht clubs have restrictions pertaining to use of their facilities by visiting yachtsmen and other yacht club members and should be contacted regarding any such restrictions prior to visitation.”

Joe Hellner’s comments are insightful and I want to share those, here:

“Since I first attended CBYCA meetings in the late 80’s, reciprocity has come up at Delegate Meetings from time to time. One of the main considerations has been that joining club associations such as YCM, CBYCA, PRYCA, and DRYL does not require the member club to yield any aspect of governance to the association.

It has also been impossible to create a “one size fits all” reciprocity rule given the differences among the clubs. Some are large and professionally staffed, others are small working clubs, and still others are social and do not control the marina, hall or property where they meet, dock, or hold events.

That said, it is understood that belonging to club associations means a welcome is extended to all other clubs of the association, subject to the limitations that each individual club may have due to circumstances or priorities of the club and its members.

Unless a general notice to fellow clubs has been published to “come join us” at an event or “drop by anytime”, the protocol in all cases is first to check with the club (via an official such as the manager, commodore, or relevant officer) before visiting by person or boat. Clubs will usually publish contact info for such purposes and often will publish guidance for visits. In my experience, clubs of all sizes love to have visitors from other clubs and will say yes 90% of the time. When they must say no, it is usually for practical reasons such a “fall work party” day or “no volunteers to host a visit”.

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Some association clubs routinely have other club members drop by because of long-standing practices, but you have to have “local knowledge” to know which ones.”

Speaking for myself (not the full CBYCA Board), I believe that we’ve seen most member clubs grapple with the balance of serving their own members (of various types), and wishing to accommodate visiting CBYCA club members (in organized trips or ad hoc) and derive revenue at their slips, bars, and food service (where available) from those visitors. When it reaches the point that paying club members are waiting or outright unable to use club services because reciprocity members are being served first/only, those clubs tend to recoil and either 1) decline services to visiting club members or 2) needlessly drop out of CBYCA assuming they need to do so to protect their paying members.

I do speak for the full CBYCA Board that we encourage all CBYCA member clubs to provide reciprocity to the highest level possible to maintain that balance – in the manner that they feel best represents their own Clubs values and reputation, and enhance the comradery of being part of the CBYCA community.

In the coming months, we’ll be holding the first of many CBYCA webinars – where any officer of our CBYCA member clubs will be able to participate in an online discussion of key topics. Reciprocity will be one of the first topics covered. Stay tuned to this newsletter, your email, and our CBYCA Facebook page for details and schedules for these webinars.

If you have a more pressing question, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at your convenience.
In the State of New Jersey, there is no legislature pertaining to boating or safety on the water. However, there is an issue in the state regarding the construction of the PennEast pipeline. This pipeline is to deliver LNG to a processing plant. The gas is a by-product of fracking in Pennsylvania. The Third Circuit Court ruling protecting the sovereignty of New Jersey when it comes to protecting its land from Penn East is a huge win for New Jersey and everyone who has fought the pipeline for the last five years. This comes mere days after NJ DEP has told PennEast they are still deficient in their application. This won’t stop the organization from filing still another lawsuit and submitting the next version of its application.

The Delaware River Basin Committee is the one agency that has the authority to put a stop to this right now. The DRBC is also the only agency whose authority cannot be curtailed or preempted by regulatory rollback, policy change or Presidential Executive Order. If the DRBC partners with the state of New Jersey, it will ensure that New Jersey has a powerful ally that will strengthen its legal position and the political will to continue to stand against this dirty, fracked gas fossil fuel pipeline.

There is no other activity in the legislature regarding boating or water safety.

Have a good month and continue to be safe.
Pennsylvania

Legislation

No noteworthy action has occurred on any of the bills we are watching.

Messages to clubs

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
- Submerged object removal in the Delaware

About 100 globally rare Chesapeake logperch were reintroduced to the Susquehanna River September 27th! Click here to read a very interesting article in Chesapeake Bay Magazine on this fish that was discovered in the river in 1842 and later disappeared. Thank you for feedback from some club members!

The Wolf administration announced funding to protect Delaware River coastal areas. Coastal zones are areas where land meets the coast and include both coastal waters and adjacent shorelands. These areas are under increasing pressure from development, erosion, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Coastal Zone grants are awarded to projects related to fisheries, wetlands, stormwater management improvements, recreation, public education, coastal hazards such as bluff recession, and other areas. Grants may also be awarded to other projects in the watershed that have an impact on coastal waters.

Click here for more information on the approved projects.

E14 Request from Boating United Sent to PA and DE Clubs

The Environmental Protection Agency just announced a new plan that threatens to make E15 even more widespread at local gas stations. As you know, the dangers E15 poses to consumers are not up for debate, they are settled facts.

Fortunately, the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act, a bipartisan bill that will better protect consumers at the pump, is being debated in Congress right now. And we need your help to get it across the finish line.
Tell Congress it’s time to pass the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act!

E15 is a dangerous, destructive, environmentally harmful, and inefficient fuel. More of it in the marketplace will only exacerbate these problems.

Delaware

Legislation

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.

HB 244 will be watched. Original Synopsis of this bill:

   This bill will allow marinas in Sussex County to sell gasoline that does not contain ethanol. Sussex County comfortably meets the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ground level ozone, and removing ethanol from marine fuel will have no significant impact on ambient ozone levels. The State of Maryland now allows the sale of non-ethanol gasoline in certain counties that are adjacent to Sussex County and Delaware businesses are losing sales to their Maryland counterparts.

Are you interested in knowing more about Delaware’s wetlands?

DNREC announces the 2020 Delaware Wetlands Conference

The 2020 Delaware Wetlands Conference will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 29-30, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, DNREC’s Division of Watershed Stewardship has announced. Registration for conference participants opens Wednesday, Nov. 13.
New Administration Effort to Further Increase Availability of E15 Ethanol: Last week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a new initiative to expand the use of biofuels like E15 across the country. NBF stated: This will only complicate the problem that the boating community already has with E15 at their fueling stations.

The new proposal, which follows the Trump administration’s decision earlier this year to lift the summertime ban on E15 sales, seeks to pump more than 15 billion gallons of ethanol into the nation’s fuel supply beginning in 2020. To help achieve this, one of the options the administration is considering is permitting retailers to use the same fuel tanks to store both E10 and E15, a move that will create more challenges and confusion for America’s 141 million boaters.

While a final decision is pending, the administration’s action makes it clear that they are continuing to explore ways to increase the volume of ethanol in the nation’s fuel supply.

New Government Report Affirms Boating Recreation’s Role as a Significant Economic Driver: Newly released economic data on the national and state levels reinforce what the boating community has long believed, outdoor recreation is a significant driver of national and local economies and it is growing faster than the U.S. economy as a whole.

This is the second consecutive year that the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), has released formal, national-level data, a notable milestone for the industry now identified as a unique sector of the economy. For the first time, BEA also released preliminary data on the outdoor recreation economy at the state level for all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Having a rich set of both state and national data on outdoor recreation to draw upon will inform decision-making by businesses, policymakers, and managers of public lands and waters.

Highlight from BEA’s new report on the outdoor recreation economy:

- Outdoor recreation makes up 2.2 percent of US GDP, generating $778 billion in gross output and supporting 5.2 million jobs.

- In terms of economic output, boating/fishing, RVing, motorcycling/ATVings, hunting/shooting trapping and equestrian sports are the five largest conventional outdoor recreation activities.
The Outdoor Recreational Roundtable (ORR) will continue to work with Congress, federal agencies, state governments and others to ensure that everyone has access to public lands and waters and that our nation’s outdoor infrastructure can sustain and grow healthy communities and healthy economies.

Thanks to unwavering support from Senator Cory Gardner, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, and Congressman Don Beyer, BEA was able to expand the study’s initial scope and shine a light on the tremendous economic benefits outdoor recreation activities provide in each state. Armed with this new, robust set of data, we will continue educating policymakers on actions they should take to promote and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities across the country.

America’s outdoor recreation community, represented by ORR, is working to ensure permanent funding for the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account (ORSA), so the economic importance of national and regional outdoor recreation economies can be tracked for years to come.