Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association

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CBYCA, THE BOATER’S VOICE

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Purpose

The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) is an association of yacht clubs, boating clubs, and marine associations located throughout the five-state Chesapeake Bay region and the District of Columbia. It is composed of dedicated uniformed volunteer men and women, who communicate, inform and work with legislatures and others to ensure member’s 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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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS

January 26th, 2019     9:30 am   Middle River Yacht Club
February 16th, 2019   9:30 am   Bush River Yacht Club
March 16th, 2019      9:30 am   Capitol Yacht Club (To Be Confirmed)
April 20th, 2019      9:30 am   Red Eye Yacht Club
May 18th, 2019        9:30 am   Pleasant Yacht Club
August 17th, 2019     9:30 am   Bodkin Yacht Club
September 14th, 2019  10:00 am  Miles River Yacht Club
October 19th, 2019    10:00 am  Delaware River Yacht Club
November 16th, 2019   9:30 am   Baltimore Yacht Club

DELEGATES MEETINGS*

February 16th, 2019   10:00 am  Bush River Yacht Club
April 20th, 2019      10:00 am  Red Eye Yacht Club (Book Distribution)
August 17th, 2019     10:00 am  Bodkin Yacht Club (Club Cruise)
November 16th, 2019   10:00 am  Baltimore Yacht Club (Change of Watch)

*Lunch will be offered for a nominal cost.
Well, 2019 is not off to a good start. So far we’ve had snow, cold blustery temperatures, and more rain!!

Our first Board of Governors meeting of 2019 was held at Middle River Yacht Club on Saturday, January 26th beginning at 9:30 am.

With the start of the New Year and after many long discussions, I have decided to add two new appointed positions. Remember, appointed positions are year to year terms, do not hold any voting rights, and are not a flagged position. Appointees are at the discretion of the Commodore and can be removed at the beginning of any new Commodore's term.

The first appointee is Tom Costello to become Chair of the Safety and Education Committee. Tom has already hit the ground running and did a beautiful presentation recently at Maryland Yacht Club.

The second appointee is Tim Abel to be the Legislative Director. In the past this was a flagged position, holding an office amongst the other officers with an additional voting right. After much discussion, I do not feel this position warrants such authority and therefore it is an appointed position, holding no voting rights and is not a flagged position.

The New Year also brings new legislation, new positions, and the Annual Chesapeake Bay Report Card.

I ask that all our Directors of State Legislation stay diligent and watch for any legislature that would impact our member clubs; tributaries, estuaries, and oceans; or our recreational boaters. PC Joe Hellner is currently working with recreational boaters and skiers in the Severn area where homeowners are asking to implement further restrictions on times when skiers can be on the water. Both CBYCA and Yacht Clubs of Maryland have been approached by the skiers to help draft letters to support their stance that restrictions are encroaching their right to public waterways.

Governor Larry Hogan has recently appointed Deputy Chief of Staff (R) Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio to the position of Maryland Department of Natural Resource Secretary beginning in February. DCF Haddaway-Riccio comes from Easton, Maryland and was once the youngest member of the House of Delegates from District 37B. She has worked her way up from an Administrative Assistant with the Maryland Department of the Environment to where she is now. I wish her well in her new position.
Commodore’s Message continued:

The annual Hunting/Fishing gave its report on the health and condition of the Chesapeake Bay. This biennial State of the Bay Report dropped 1 point to 33 which is equivalent to a D+ due to the increased pollution and poor water clarity caused by record rainfall. In addition, they reported the Bay’s increased resiliency and ability to withstand and recover from severe weather events.

Finally, I have asked Supply Officer Dot Noderer to bring any remaining old stock of CBYCA merchandise to the next two meetings in hopes of selling off what we have; making way for new, quality, up-to-date merchandise to eventually be purchased. Please bring your wallets or check books.

Rear Commodore’s Message
Dan Killeen

Well...

It’s definitely winter and while we are hopefully all well and warm at home, our boats are potentially subject to the cold, wind, rain, sleet, snow and ice. Given these strange weather patterns of late, it could be multiples of any or all. Take some time to visit your boat and make sure the preparations you made are functioning as you thought they would (and that your insurance is paid up!!).

Rosie and I attended our first Chesapeake Commodore’s Club (CCC) Ball. WOW! Imagine a Scooby Doo Mystery Machine (van) or a 1920’s Speakeasy spanning 3 vertical floors of a hotel’s atrium and you can begin to fathom the work performed by many of our member clubs. I’ve been around boating for some time and never witnessed anything like this. In my generation’s vernacular “Cool!!” Rosie was sworn in as the CCC Southern Bay Liaison Representative; not a small task and to say I am proud is a gross understatement.

There’s still time for you and/or your clubs to either advertise in the 2019 Roster Book or sign up as a CBYCA 2019 Patron. I will have the forms with me at our next and subsequent meetings, so reach out. I also have them linked on the online version via this report.

Also...

Just as a reminder, your clubs should be updating their club info with the newly elected officers. Last year this was problem some, so have your club do this NOW. If you have problems logging into the new website, please reach out to me (rc@cbyca.org ) or Donna Ferron (pd@cbyca.org).
Rear Commodore’s Message continued:

Speaking of Donna, make sure you take a look at the new website (in progress). You can help us build it out with event pictures and announcements. Keep it in mind.

Our newly appointed Safety and Education Chairperson (Tom Costello) was a little busy in his new role building and presenting a very tailored and detailed presentation to aid the Maryland Yacht Club (MYC) Sailing and Power Fleet Captains in their 2019 Cruise Planning – near 120 slides detailing potential venues and discussing overcoming issues of why some folks don’t go on planned cruises. Congratulations to Tom for his running start!!

Hope to see you soon!

Immediate Past Commodore’s Message
Gene Schenck

How do you begin to explain the Chesapeake Commodores Club Ball weekend to someone who has never been there? I’ve watched P/Cs at Bodkin struggle with that every year. Chris and I have been down to the ocean more than 20 times for the CCC Ball – each weekend was filled with wonderful friendships and remarkable efforts on decorations and hospitality rooms.

Congratulations to Bill and Karen Corun for a perfect weekend and for their leadership to this great club. Congratulations as well to Gary and Deb Blankenship for all they did for CCC last year…. Well Done!

We also tip our hats to the management and staff of the Princess Royale Hotel. What a great job hosting a very challenging event. Every staff member we met was happy, on the job, and seemed glad to have us in their beautiful property. At the check-in desk we found friendly assistance from hotel employees wearing shirts and costumes of superheroes to help promote the CCC 2019 “Heroes and Villains” theme. Nice touch from hotel management and a great theme thanks to Bill and Karen!
Hello, all!

It's that busy time of the legislative year: as of this this morning at 5:51 a.m. there are now 228 bills filed in the Senate and 253 in the House of Delegates, 481 in total. This is over a hundred more than last week, and more than twice what had been filed two weeks ago when the Maryland legislature started. Some of these bills I won't be able to read online until tomorrow. Such is the pace now.

I don't see new legislation pertaining to our stakeholders in the yacht club/marina/boat owners in a narrow sense. That said, I was interested to observe the update on the Status of the Chesapeake on January 17th in the House of Delegates:

• The Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s recent report card went down a tick to D+ with Oysters getting a score of only 10. Del Jacobs expressed concern that this occurs in the face of $50 million having been recently appropriated for oyster recovery.

• The effects known and unknown of a very wet 2018 came up in a number of areas.

• It was indicated that this inundation last year introduced perhaps one billion gallons of untreated sewage in the Chesapeake. It was not clear if this was an accurate figure, nor where it was coming from, pie-chart style: how much came over the Conowingo Dam was one question that the answer will be worked on.
• Pennsylvania at this point needs over the next 7 years to prevent six times as much dissolved Nitrogen from going into the Susquehanna River, a tonnage of change that is not foresee-ably going to be achieved, especially with the proposal by the Federal government to reduce expendi-tures for the Chesapeake.

• The consensus appeared to be that Maryland will have to be focused on getting the most benefit from the budgetary resources it has available, since enlargement of funds to substantially offset the loss of Federal funding appears unlikely.

Moving on, yesterday, 1/23/19, I attended the second annual update on progress with the Baltimore sewer infrastructure at the headquarters of the Md. Dept of Environment. It was an upbeat presenta-tion that, in total, we are “on track” to proper achievement. Personal disclosure here: I remain a “doubting--yes--Thomas” here; I do hope my doubts are wrong and the entire 2.6 Billion dollar project stays on track. I think of it as a sustained 260 million dollar (?) a year pace of expenditure for each year of the next full decade (?), and subject to a credit for expenditures since the 2016 “re-start” of the effort, but what I was looking for but did not see was a year over year from now to 2030 recitation of how much was to be spent in each separate fiscal years’ budget. This would identify the peak years and tasks/expenditures and so on, and irrespective of where/how the funds would be procured. I worry that the concerns about the last part interferes with committing to writing the first part. On this, I am afraid, the past has been prologue.

I also still do not have a clear view as to the financial impact on Baltimore of - among other things - all these 8 or 11 thousand property reports per year that end up with sewer water in the basement each year in recent years.

Personal aside here: To Howard County’s credit, they literally hired an economist to identify all the costs associated with the 1000 year flood Ellicott City flood I lived through in 2016, but I do not see where Baltimore City has ever, in this type of academically rigorous way, addressed its sewer problem impact, despite its apparent scope.

Lastly, I went to the Ocean City convention center for the 45th annual get together of the Watermen for their trade show. It sure has evolved for the good over the years as the industry stakeholders have enlarged and evolved. It is now more formally known as the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association Trade Exposition, an excellent resource for all manner of information--scores of booths and several symposium presentations. Several States now have stakeholders present at this event.

On hand was Chris Redefer, Delaware’s first oyster aquaculturist, producing “Dewey Beach Se-selects” from Rehoboth Bay and which are now available at, e.g., Blue Coast Restaurant in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Yay! I learned the Chris now has company, with a second operation which has now begun in Sally Cove section of Rehoboth Bay. It is so good to see this type of progress; kudos here are due.

That’s all for now--and, heads up--in less than 60 days the socks will burn!
ELCON’s Application Accepted by DEP!!

Elcon’s Phase II application was accepted by the PA DEP which will now begin its 10 month technical review. There will be public meetings during the technical review, and we will announce those as soon as they are scheduled. Elcon will additionally need permits for air quality, stormwater, DRBC, Army Corp of Engineers & Falls Township.

Due to the seriousness and the potential consequences of this project, the PA DEP has dedicated a page to Elcon. Follow the link below to explore their page for further information.

http://www.dep.pa.gov/Elcon

There are no other environmental or boating laws in NJ State Legislature. There is an informational meeting, which I will attend in Falsington, Pa. on February 6th. Bucks County POWA has listed additional names and addresses of government representatives in Pa. They are:

Falls Township Supervisors  
188 Lincoln Highway, Ste 100  
Fairless Hills, Pa. 19030

PA Rep John T. Galloway  
8610 New Falls Road  
Levittown. Pa. 19054

PA Senator Chuck McIlhenny  
22 S. Main Street #220  
Doylestown, Pa. 18901

Until the commenting period opens it is futile to send letters to the governors of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the DEP.
Pennsylvania has begun the 2019-2020 legislative session. No new bills affecting boaters have yet been introduced.

Wolf Administration Announces Public-Private Initiative to Promote Innovative Farming Practices for Health, Environmental, and Economic Benefits in Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Pennsylvania has launched the High Performance Farms Initiative to help increase environmental sustainability, economic benefits, public health, and soil and water quality by promoting innovative farming practices in Pennsylvania’s part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Joining the Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection in the High Performance Farms Initiative are the State Conservation Commission, Pennsylvania Certified Organic, the Rodale Institute, the Pennsylvania Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and Bell and Evans Farms.

Efforts will concentrate on:

- Reducing pollution from stormwater runoff
- Improving soil health, nutrient management, and long-term sustainability of farms
- Ensuring long-term environmental, health, and economic benefits through financial to increase farmers’ transition from traditional practices

Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Pennsylvania Executive Director Harry Campbell said that massive rainfalls in the state set Pennsylvania behind when contributing to bay cleanup. The unprecedented rains of last year, which threaten to become the new normal, left farmers and families without their crops and, in some cases, their homes.

Wolf Administration Announces State Investments for Stormwater Management in Delaware County

Grant funding for three projects in Delaware County to study, manage, and reduce stormwater runoff has been funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc., Newtown Township, and Villanova University. A collective total of $332,328 in grant funding will focus on innovative techniques and initiatives to address stormwater.
“Whether it’s a rain barrel, a garden designed by an engineer, or state of the art research, every effort makes a difference when it comes to stormwater”, said DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell. “There is no effort too small or ambition too high in addressing one of the biggest challenges facing our urban environments.”

**Delaware**

No new bills affecting boaters have yet been introduced.

**DNREC Introduces Delaware Living Shorelines Monitoring Framework**

Does your club have a shoreline? DNREC encourages you to go natural!

To help gauge success of shoreline restoration projects the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control’s Division of Watershed Stewardship in partnership with public and private environmental organizations have introduced the Delaware Living Shorelines Monitoring Framework, a tool to help landowners, professionals, and scientists develop plans for gauging the success of living shoreline projects installed throughout the state.

Living shorelines are a natural and effective way to stabilize a shoreline, reduce erosion, and provide beneficial habitat in coastal environments. Living shorelines provide a natural alternative to hard shoreline stabilization methods such as bulkheads and riprap, with the “softer” alternatives offering numerous benefits over hard stabilization options, including providing wildlife habitat and runoff remediation.

The Living Shoreline Monitoring Framework outlines how to identify and prioritize living shoreline project goals – such as shoreline stabilization, habitat creation, and water quality improvement – and other objectives. The step-by-step framework helps a user assess whether a living shoreline is developing correctly for each goal, and how to manage a site better if the living shoreline’s performance is lagging. For example, if vegetation is not growing as it should, the framework spells steps that can be taken to improve growing conditions.

The monitoring framework can be found on the Delaware Living Shorelines website, under “Additional Resources – Research.” The document allows for varying levels of expertise, technology, expense, and effort to create a custom monitoring plan based on the goals of each project or site. The resulting monitoring plan will tell a user what information to collect about a project, and how and when to collect it throughout the year.

To learn more about living shorelines, or information on how to join the Delaware Living Shorelines Committee, or to learn if your property is suitable for a living shoreline, please visit https://www.delawarelivingshorelines.org/ or contact Alison Rogerson, DNREC Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Program, at Alison.Rogerson@state.de.us or Danielle Kreeger at dkreeger@delawareestuary.org.
Prayer for Healing:

Holy Spirit, drive away all forms of sickness and disease.
Restore strength to the body of each of those listed below and joy to their spirit,
Bless them and those that care for them. Amen

GET WELL WISHES AND A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

CBYCA Commodore Mike Gaff suffered a mini-stroke on Monday February 4th. He was seen at Franklin Square Hospital and released. He is taking things easy and must make some dietary changes. His primary care physician has ordered additional testing to make sure there are no residual effects or clots.

Rose Marie Killeen, wife of CBYCA Rear Commodore Dan Killeen, had surgery and is recuperating. Rose Marie and Dan are members of Maryland Yacht Club.

Past Commodore Kent Terry of Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association and Middle River Yacht Club, is home recuperating from his December 27th Carpal Tunnel surgery. Get Well cards can be sent to Kent at P.O. Box 279, Bird in Hand, PA 17505-0279. If you wish to call, his number is 717-368-6955.

Past Commodore Pam Chaney of Bodkin Yacht Club is recuperating at home from emergency surgery on Christmas Day. In addition, Pam’s father passed away in December. Get Well Wishes and Condolences may be sent to Pam at 1206 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228.

Past Commodore Bob Davis of the Chesapeake Commodores Club is recuperating at the Fairfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Crownsville, Md. Get Well Wishes can be sent to Bob via his home: 306 North Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146.

Past Commodore Janet Yodris of Key Yacht Club and the Yacht Clubs of Maryland and CBYCA Kilmorn Award recipient will be undergoing surgery on February 7th. She had fluid drained from her knee. However, while working around the house, she tore her meniscus and is under orders to rest for four weeks, with compression and to ice her knee. Keep her in your prayers during this time. Cards can be sent to Janet at 8434 Cove Road, Essex, MD 21222. I will provide an update with more information.

Past Commodore Jim Wilson of the Veterans Yacht Club Association, is recuperating from a fall at the Perry Point Veterans Hospital. Get Well cards may be sent to Jim at 8434 Cove Road, Baltimore, MD 21222.
Past Commodore Joe Reichert of Veterans Yacht Club Association was hospitalized with complications after recent cancer treatments. He was REALLY looking forward to the CCC’s Ball, but he and Mildred were not able to make it this year. Cards and good wishes can be mailed to 608 N. Stuart St, Baltimore MD 21221

Past Commodore Bob Lilly of Baltimore Yacht Club, fell on December 31 and broke his hip. Get Well cards can be sent to PC Bob Lilly, 2112 Hampton Court, Fallston, MD 21047. Pease inform me of the health and welfare of our organizational members and their families. You can contact me at Chaplain@cyca.org, PC10@cbyca.org or pamlbutler@verizon.net. Only with your assistance am I able to keep the membership informed. Thank you and bless you.
Welcome to the new Safety & Education Committee!

Back in my days as Fleet Captain at a former club, I often felt like I was re-inventing the wheel when searching for information and ways to educate our club members on various topics. I wondered how many other Fleet captains were facing the same problems and doing the exact same work. When sharing notes with other clubs, we would both find new sources of information and/or resources who were able to help. As I talked to other officers in my own club, we all faced the same challenge in our respective areas – club operations, finance, and more.

With that in mind, a proposal for a new Safety & Education Committee was discussed at the December 2018 CBYCA Board of Governors meeting. I’m honored to have been appointed by the CBYCA Commodore as the Chair to this new committee. The stated mission of this new committee is:

“... the research, collection, positing, and dissemination of information for the purpose of expanding the knowledge of the Association’s members in regard to recreational boater safety and general information relevant to clubs and their members.”

To meet that mission, our new committee will work to produce materials and locate resources to aid CBYCA members, and make that information available through our website and in-person briefings. Examples of topics we intend to cover will include USCG Safety Inspection checklists, How to request a Vessel Safety Check, Hurricane Preparation checklists, Boat Registration information and Contacts (states, DC, and USCG Documented vessels), Cruising the Bay, topics related to Yacht Club insurances and taxes, Sample By-Laws, How To Start A Yacht Club, and more.

Stay tuned for more information as this committee gets rolling. We’ll be posting updates here, and materials on the website as they become available. If you have questions or suggestions for our committee, please feel free to have your club’s CBYCA delegate reach out to me or your Club’s CBYCA District Rep.

We look forward to working together with you to improving the boating experience for your Club and Members!