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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2019 Meeting Schedule

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
April 20th, 2019     9:30 am   Red Eye Yacht Club
May 18th, 2019       10:00 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  10:00 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.
2020 Proposed Slate of Officers and Nominating Committee

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

The election will be 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

*Two positions are vacant and will be filled at a later date.*
Here we are in June and we are half-way through the Openings. It has been great so far and I want to personally thank those that have come out to support our member clubs by standing in line with me. The season has been a roller coaster of weather, but with this past Memorial Day weekend and the gorgeous sunny weather, I can only hope that is a sign of the future.

My home club, Red Eye Yacht Club, had their opening on June 1st and I enjoyed seeing CBYCA Officers, District Reps, and Delegates come out to support the club and myself. If you have never attended an opening, it is a great time and a time of comraderie. We had a spectacular dinner scheduled for Saturday evening with “Jerry’s famous” flank steak and housemade crabcakes. Guests stayed after for music provided by The Riverdogs.

The next few weekends includes Openings at Maryland Yacht Club and Red Eye Yacht Club on Saturday, June 1st, North Point Yacht Club and Bush River Yacht Club on Saturday, June 8th, Eastern Yacht Club on Sunday, June 9th, White Rocks Yacht Club on Saturday, June 15th, and finally Bodkin Yacht Club on Sunday, June 16th.

We end the season with the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant at Maryland Yacht Club on Saturday, June 22nd. Most of you should have received your raffle tickets that support the Scholarship Program for the Queen of the Chesapeake. I hope everyone does their best to sell their tickets to benefit these wonderful young ladies.

I hope everyone enjoys their boating season and have a safe and happy experience.
Wow! The level of activity this Opening Season is fantastic. Rosie and I have been to several Opening Day Ceremonies and we’ve enjoyed every single one.

The Roster Book campaign is now in bill collection mode with around $650 outstanding. The 1st Annual CBYCA Commodores’ Summit ™ is coming together. It’s a lot of work and energy, but is well worth it. We’ve developed and proofed the initial notification mailing and formal invitation and are in the final process of nailing down the agenda and pre-attendance survey.

Now is the time to start getting the word out and below are the words to use. We ask that you TALK to your clubs and Commodors and not just use this as a handout.

- It’s called the 1st Annual CBYCA Commodores’ Summit ™
- CBYCA is the sole sponsor of the Summit
- This is the FIRST of what we hope will be an ongoing annual event
- The date is 12 October 2019
- The location is the Maryland Yacht Club in Pasadena, MD
- From 0800-1600 w/ food and beverages provided
- As far as we know, this is the first time anyone has tried to accomplish this.
- This First Summit will be by Invitation Only
- Invites will only be sent to the Commodore of a member club
- The invite will request the following individuals attend:
  - 2019 Commodore
  - 2019 Vice Commodore
  - 2020 Commodore (potentially same as 2019 Vice Commodore)
  - 2020 Treasurer
  - In cases where clubs are professionally managed, the Club Manager may attend, but cannot use the Summit as a sales platform. Doing so, will bring about a request to leave the venue.
- An RSVP will be REQUIRED for attendance
- Space is restricted by Fire Code, so we will use a First Come – First Serve model
- There will be a survey sent to the Commodores during the summer. Survey results will be reviewed and discussed early in the meeting.
- There will be a short reading assignment for the club’s Bridges as it relates to growing membership in a period where “joining” anything is not a common practice. This too will be discussed.
- During the meeting, there will be breakout/working sessions where Commodores can talk with Commodores; Treasurers can talk to Treasurers or by Subject; those interested in club financials (taxes, IRS, build versus buy), Operations, Policy/Bylaws/Procedures, Maintenance.

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Dear Heavenly Father, as Memorial Day approaches, help us to remember and appreciate those who have made ultimate sacrifices for the freedoms we enjoy every day. Let each of us honor them not only this weekend but everyday not only for our veterans and fallen military brothers and sisters but also those who are now serving here at home and abroad. Father we ask that you continue to cover them with your sheltering grace, fill their homes with blessings, and strengthen their lives.

Father we also ask that you remember those in our boating community who have crossed over the bridge. Let us keep their memories alive through our good works and deeds. May you bless the bodies and souls of those who are ailing, provide them help in every need, walk beside them and guide them through their storm.

Then Father, as the boating community enjoy the comradery during their openings and social events, we pray that you let your light surround us, let your love enfold us, let you power protect us, and continue to watch over each us on land and during our outings on the beautiful tributaries that you have provided for our enjoyment. We thank you and will always keep you before us for you are always at our right hand even when we are not totally aware. In the name of Jesus we gratefully pray, Amen.

**Sick & Shut-in:**

PC Bob Davis, CCCs, 306 North Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146

PC Janet Yodris, YCM, 9029 Hines Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

PC Dottie Capp, Sunrise Assisted Living, Memory Care Unit #121A, 43 w. McKinsey Road, Severna Park, MD 21140

Capt. Martha Bradford, Neptune YC, 2517 Oak Glen Way, Forestville, MD 20747
PC Jim Wilson, Veterans YC, 8434 Cove Road, Baltimore, MD 21222

PC Shirley Deitering, White Rocks YC, 50 Mobile Vista Drive, Baltimore, MD 21222

RC Clint McLamb, CCC, was diagnosed with malignant melanoma. After surgery, everything came back with clear margins & no additional treatments will be required.
Chaplain’s Report continued:

Bereaved:

Capt. Norma Ford, Neptune YC, who lost her brother. Condolences can be sent to her at 384 Applesby Lane, Aberdeen, MD 21001

PC Jim Tenney, Sue Haven YC, crossed over the bar on March 27th. A CCC ceremony was attended by many of our yacht club community.

Debbie Blankenship’s, CCC’s Past First Lady, father passed in April. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Debbie at 146 Holly Circle, Baltimore, MD 21221

Please 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.

There are no CBYCA meetings in June and July. We will see you at the August 2019 Board of Governors and Delegates Meetings at Bodkin Yacht Club!

Your next Chartroom Chatter will be published in August.

Have a safe and fun boating summer!
Pennsylvania

Legislation

The only movement remains on these 2 bills which have moved from the House to the Senate:

**HB 763** clubs 6 pack legislation-(you may be able to sell beer for take-out)

**HB 808** PA Fish & Boat Commission may become authorized to establish license and permit fees (to support its programs for anglers and boaters, but still only with an okay from legislators)

**Items emailed to clubs since the last Chartroom Chatter:**

Coast Guard Notice: From May through October riprap is being installed along the river bottom on the SR 141 (I501) bridge in Newport, Delaware. Divers and two crane barges will be working Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. The project foreman can be reached on VHF/FM channel 13.

**New York State Sewage in the Chesapeake Bay!**

Since 2014 Binghamton, N. Y. has been working on repairing a flood damaged concrete wall, controlling stormwater, and building a nearly $300 million treatment plant to service 12 municipalities to meet environmental standards required by the federal government. Pennsylvanians, Marylanders, and Virginians will be happy to know that by the expected completion of the treatment plant in 2020, the 625,000 inhabitants of the watershed in New York will no longer be sending millions of gallons of sewage downstream along with their stormwater. The seven states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed must complete “Watershed Implementation Plans” which comply with controlling wastewater, stormwater, and agricultural run-off. Read more about these efforts [here](#)!

PA and De club members were asked to circulate the message below from CBYCA P/C Earl Waesche, our National Boating Federation representative, so that boaters could easily and quickly encourage members of Congress to consider boating needs including (dredging, broadband, and access) in legislation.

Click [here](#) to go to Boating United’s request to tell members of Congress to support modernizing outdoor recreation infrastructure and include a Recreation Title in a comprehensive infrastructure package. The page includes a pre-composed message to send to your member of Congress.
National Safe Boating Week started May 18th.

On Fish for Free Days, anyone -- resident or non-resident -- can legally fish on all Pennsylvania waterways without a license. All other fishing regulations will still apply. For your convenience, there are even opportunities to borrow equipment from certain sites at state parks and other locations. You can find those locations by clicking here. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission hosted the first of its two annual Fish for Free Days Sunday, May 26. The second Fish for Free day is scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2019.

Get rid of aquatic hitchhikers! If you move a boat from one waterway to another, you may be helping invasive species move into new habitats. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is launching an effort at several state parks to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, and get boaters involved in invasive species detection. Starting May 19th DCNR staff began performing voluntary boat and trailer checks at boat launches on park lakes, handing out informational brochures and demonstrating how to do an inspection. If aquatic species are found, they will be removed and collected, providing data that will assist in management practices.

Aquatic invasive species could include zebra mussels, hydrilla, water chestnut, and starry stonewort, all of which disrupt ecosystems causing harm to the environment, the economy, and human health. They negatively influence the rivers, lakes, ponds, and activities boaters enjoy.

Boaters can help stop aquatic hitchhikers by taking the following steps before leaving the access area where the boat is removed:

- Clean boats and trailers of any plants, organisms, mud, or other material from the water
- Drain water from watercraft, bilge, bladder tanks, livewell, and portable bait containers
- Dry everything for five days between waters, or if not possible wipe with a towel before reuse

Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection refused to approve Elcon’s application!

Delaware River boaters are pleased! “After a rigorous review of the application, supplemental materials submitted by the company, and input from the public, DEP will not approve this application in its current form, said DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell. “Unless the company can address outstanding deficiencies, DEP will have no choice but to move forward with a full application denial.”

A Notice of Intent to Deny is not a final or appealable action by the DEP. It is a draft decision, open to the public for comment and review. The applicant may comment on the notice and submit materials to address the deficiencies cited by DEP. The comment period will open on June 1 with a publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and will close on July 15. All comments should be emailed to RA-EPHWELCON@pa.gov. All comments received during the 45-day comment period will be reviewed and addressed in a public document.

DEP is continuing its review of two additional applications from Elcon for air quality and stormwater.
Delaware

Legislation

House Bill 156 introduced May 14th allows wounded warriors or similar veterans’ organizations who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States and have at least a 60% service-connected disability to be able to obtain a license to hunt, trap, and fish in this State without charge.

Other states have laws similar to this proposed bill.

Final Report and Recommendations of the Coastal Zone Conversion Permit Act Regulatory Advisory Committee (RAC). The report contains the committee’s recommendations regarding the regulatory approach and content of new regulations for Delaware’s Coastal Zone Act governing conversion permits.

HB 190, the Coastal Zone Conversion Permit Act, was signed into law by Governor John Carney in August 2017. The Act authorizes DNREC to issue permits for construction and operation of new heavy industry uses within 14 existing sites of heavy industry use within the state’s Coastal Zone. It also authorizes DNREC to issue permits for the bulk transfer of products under certain circumstances. The Act requires DNREC to develop and promulgate regulations for the issuance of conversion permits by Oct 1, 2019.

To view or download a copy of the CZCP report, please visit de.gov/conversionpermits. To receive updates on the regulatory process for developing the conversion permit, you can also subscribe to the Coastal Zone Act email listserv by sending a blank email to join-dnrec_coastal_zone@lists.state.de.us.
The Falls Township supervisors unanimously rejected ELCON’s Land Development Proposal on April 30, 2019. It is now up to the DEP to wrap up their technical review period and let us know if they intend to issue or deny ELCON’s permit. We will likely hear sometime in early June. For more info see www.dep.pa.gov/Elcon.

Hazardous waste from 10 states including all the states that CBYCA represents are affected. They intend to truck in the hazardous waste on our already overloaded highways.

Previously, it was reported that an endangered turtle lived on Biles Island that rings the perimeter of the proposed facility. Unfortunately, U.S. Steel owns the property and refuses to allow admittance to the island.

On Wednesday May 15, 2019, the DEP announced their intent to deny permitting for the facility. It is not a final decision but it is definitely a step in the right direction. Bucks County POWA (protect our water and air) has promised more info to come. The fight is not over, but we all feel progress has been made. More info when I get it.

Have a safe Boating season!
Coast Guard & EPA Hold Listening Session on Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA): VIDA was signed into law on December 4, 2018 in an effort to streamline the patchwork of federal, state, and local requirements for vessel discharges. The new VIDA regulations will apply primarily to discharges incidental to the normal operation of large commercial vessels, as well as discharges of ballast water from recreational vessels and fishing vessels of all sizes.

During the in-person listening session, the EPA and the Coast Guard will provide a general overview of VIDA, a summary of regulatory considerations for specific incidental discharges, including an opportunity for public input, and an opportunity for a broader discussion on the regulatory framework to be developed under VIDA.

The two sessions were held on May 29, 2019 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and May 30, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Location: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, NY 11024

President Trump Signed the Water Infrastructure Act, S. 3021 Into Law: We must protect one of our country’s most valuable resources, the outdoor recreational boating community. This law provides easier access to our waterways and America’s public parks. The deterioration of our infrastructure is jeopardizing the participation of the general public and businesses that rely on access to waterways roads and bridges. Specifically, our nation’s public lands and waters, which are so critical to the recreational boating community.

Without structurally sound recreation infrastructure, including adequate boat ramps, dredging projects, and broadband access in federally managed lands and waters. Fixing our nation’s infrastructure is not only a priority for recreational boaters, but for the broader economy as well.

U.S. and Canada Celebrate Elimination of Tariffs: The Government of Canada removed all retaliatory tariffs on U.S. recreational boats entering Canada, immediately ending a levy that hurt boat businesses on both sides of the border. Both countries heralded the news, calling the action a momentous step in the right direction or the North American marine industry, which has been particularly suppressed by tariffs on multiple fronts over the past year.
**Congress Should Be Told to Modernize the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure:** Congress is working on infrastructure issues right now, and it’s critical they address outdoor recreation infrastructure needs by including a “Recreation Title” in their bill.

Click the link below to tell your members of Congress to support modernizing outdoor recreation infrastructure and include a Recreation Title in a comprehensive infrastructure package.

Infrastructure is the backbone of the outdoor recreation economy, and better access to the water, additional dredging projects, and expanded broadband capabilities in public lands and waters are vital to the industry’s success.

Congress needs to hear from those directly impacted by the decisions they’re making.

[Take action today and urge your elected officials to fix outdoor recreation infrastructure.](#)