





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.

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2017 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars!

Meeting times: 0930 Board of Governors 1000 Delegates

*Denotes meetings NOT on the third Saturday as usual. No meetings scheduled in May and July.

Date	Meeting	Location	Uniform
Apr 15	BOG Delegate	Red Eye YC 2222 Poplar Road Essex, MD	Salt & Pepper
June 3	BOG	Maryland YC 1500 Fairview Beach Road Pasadena, MD	Casual
Aug 26	BOG Delegate	Bodkin Yacht Club 8091 Belhaven Ave Pasadena, MD	Whites
Sept 23	BOG	TBA	Casual
Oct 21	BOG	TBA	Casual
Nov 18	BOG Delegate	TBA	Dress Blues
Dec 10	BOG	Radisson Hotel 2004 Greenspring Dr Timonium, MD	Casual



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(K) VA/Mid Potomac River	Vacant			
(L) VA/S of 301 Bridge	Vacant			





Commodore's Report Sally Kenavan





SEA FEVERBY JOHN MASEFIELD

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky, And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by; And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking, And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied; And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying, And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life, To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife; And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover, And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

Poem courtesy of the **Poetry Foundation** website.

Many a boater will recall this poem as they make ready to launch their boats for another season. Whether a small boat or a large boat, captains check their list to ensure that all possible areas of the boat have been inspected, electronic equipment is functioning, navigation equipment is working, and someone knows where the boat is headed, and when it is expected to return. Fuel tanks have been topped off, extra batteries are on board, and the PFD are still operational. Whistles and horns have been tried, while ropes have been checked to make sure they have not dry rotted. Then...a sturdy sail—ready to unfurl and take you out; a deep rumble of the inboard engine, or a noisy high pitch sound of an outboard

engine, all at the ready to take leave of the dock, a shelter home, and head out to the river, or the Bay, or the ocean, and enjoy once again...the call of the seas.

May your boating season be joyous and may you return home safely to your harbor.





Vice Commodore's Report Gene Schenck

A GREAT TIME TO VISIT A GREAT PLACE

Solomons Island Yacht Club is one of those places most of us have visited repeatedly. If you haven't been there in a while, you need to put it back on your bucket list. Cruising clubs stop by on vacation cruises to soak up the friendliness, wonderful waterfront views and cold drinks from their magnificent bar.

I had not been there since their big remodeling project in 2010. The club found ways to make a great place even better! Wow! The enlarged upstairs dining/party room features a wonderful fireplace along with an open truss ceiling and water views of Ma Leg Island, that triangular piece of land off Jane's Point at the entrance of Back Creek. The upstairs bar was also expanded. On the ground floor the expanded lower level bar and Captains' Lounge are great places to visit and enjoy what may be CBYCA's largest collection of visiting club burgees. Solomons Island Yacht Club boasts 430 burgees on overhead display like stalactites.



Every flag is referenced and recorded in a bar notebook they proudly show to anyone who's curious. Their collection includes burgees from 35 states and 42 foreign countries. One of them is a burgee from the oldest Yacht club in the world, the Royal Cork Yacht Club (Cork, Ireland), established in 1720.

When Solomons Island hosted the March CBYCA Board of Governors Meeting, their main pier was under reconstruction, so coming in to visit by boat or dinghy will be even better. This summer their piers will accommodate cruising fleets of up to 20 vessels. Have your Fleet Captain contact Dockmaster Al Refield (703) 217-8619. The club is within walking distance of 13 great restaurants and the Calvert Marine Museum along with many shops and stores.

While many clubs struggle with membership levels, Solomons Island shows what can be accomplished. At this time, Solomons Island Yacht Club has a five year waiting list for membership. If you're cruising through Solomons this year, stop by, they will treat you like royalty. Make sure you bring a club burgee in case they don't have yours overhead.

Thank you to Solomons Island Yacht Club for hosting CBYCA's March Board of Governors meeting.





Immediate Past Commodore's Report Kent Terry

I would like to thank Solomons Island Yacht Club for their Great Hospitality for our March BOG meeting. It was a good meeting again and we got a few things accomplished.

As IPC this year I'm looking for a few good People to get involved in CBYCA as a District Representatives (DRs). They will act as a liaison to a small group of Yacht Clubs in their

District. They will keep their clubs updated as to what CBYCA is doing for the Recreational Boater and also will bring their clubs concerns back to CBYCA.

We will be looking for Director of State Legislation (DSL). Their duties are to keep an eye on their state as to what that government wants to bas into law with regards to the Recreational Boater. Permits, fees, licenses, EPA and the environment, ECT. And bring that back to CBYCA to discus and maybe lobby for or against as to how our club Delegates let us know their clubs feel about the issue. Example this year CBYCA lobbied against the E-15 Ethanol mandate on Gas and Diesel fuel.

I'm also looking for officers and board members to move up the line for next year.

If you are interested in getting involved in an interesting and rewarding Origination you can call me at 717-368-6955 or E-mail me at IPC@CBYCA.org

The Queens Raffle tickets are out again. Anyone interested in selling some or would like to buy one please contact me at the above E-mail or phone number. I can fix you right up.



Until next time I'll see you around the Chesapeake Bay at the Openings!







Pennsylvania/Delaware Legislative Report

Chris Schenck

<u>Pennsylvania</u>

Legislation:

Pennsylvania now has 2 House bills and 1 Senate bill (all identical) which set fishing license fees through 2023. We have 1 House bill and 1 Senate bill (both identical) which allow the

Fish and Boat Commission to set its own fees as well as the registration and titling fees for boats. Of the bills that would permit the commission to set fees **SB 30** is moving along well through various committees. If SB 30 becomes law changes will take effect July 1, 2017.

Currently, only the General Assembly can set and alter licensing fees for hunting, fishing, and boating activities. The commissions say this method stifles their ability to fund their activities and to both keep up with mandated cost increases within the agencies and carry out their essential missions since they rely almost exclusively on fees for support. While the legislation would allow the commissions to set their licensing fees through regulation, the General Assembly would retain the oversight authority to, by joint resolution, override the fee increase. Similar legislation failed to clear the General Assembly last session, dying in the House upon the legislature's recess.

Other bills of interest are **HB 675** which would permit therapeutic recreation programs to operate without the requirement for fishing licenses and **HB 813** which would allow seniors with valid and lawfully issued fishing licenses from other states to fish in Pennsylvania.

Elcon and the Department of Environmental Protection (for clubs on the Delaware River):

The Phase I portion of the Elcon application for a commercial hazardous waste treatment and storage facility proposed for Falls Township, Bucks County was found to be in conformance with the exclusionary siting criteria regulations on November 12, 2015. As of March 2, 2017 The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received the Phase II portion of Elcon Recycling Services, LLC's (Elcon). DEP has 90 days to determine if the application is considered administratively complete. Throughout the review process, DEP will conduct public outreach through public meetings and hearings, information sheets, status updates and DEP's website. At this time, it is still too early to confirm a schedule of in-person opportunities over the duration of the review.

Updates and announcements regarding the review of this project can be found online by visiting DEP's website at http://www.dep.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx and following the path: Regional Resources > Southeast Region > Community Information > Elcon.

FYI Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC):

Mentored Youth Trout Days March 25th and April 8th

This is the fourth year for the popular program that provides adult mentors with an opportunity to take kids fishing before the traditional rush of the regional and statewide opening days of trout season. Last year, more than 25,600 kids signed up to participate, either by purchasing a \$1 voluntary youth fishing license or by acquiring a free mentored youth fishing permit. For more information click

http://www.fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingRegulations/Pages/MentoredYouthProgram.aspx .

First Day of Trout Season April 1st in Southeast Counties.

The PFBC's "great white fleet" of hatchery trucks has been busy since late February stocking

Pennsylvania's waterways with a fresh supply of brook, brown and rainbow trout. In addition to these fish, the PFBC plans to stock about 8,700 trophy golden rainbow trout that weigh an average of 1.5 pounds and measure at least 14 inches long. Also, PFBC cooperative nurseries run by sportsmen's clubs across the state will add another 1 million trout to waters open to public angling. Check the PFBC website above for license information.

Public Meetings Scheduled to Discuss Susquehanna River Bass Proposal:

The PFBC has scheduled three public meetings to collect comments on a proposal to remove the closed season on Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass at the middle and lower Susquehanna and lower Juniata rivers. The proposal – outlined at the January quarterly business meeting – would allow anglers to practice catch-and-release fishing for bass from May 1 through mid-June. However, tournaments would remain banned during the bass spawning period from mid-April to mid-June period, like all other waters of the Commonwealth. Catch-and-release regulations for bass would remain in place throughout the rest of the year.

The meetings will be held from 6-8 p.m. at these locations:

April 17 – PFBC Headquarters

Susquehanna Room 1601 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg PA 17110

April 18 - Columbia Crossing River Trails Center

Columbia River Park 41 Walnut Street Columbia, PA 17512

April 19 - Susquehanna University

Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center Benjamin Apple Meeting Rooms 2-55 14 University Avenue Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Delaware

The Delaware General Assembly is in session, but no boating or fishing related legislation has been found.

FYI:

<u>DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife unveils interactive shellfish aquaculture map for the Inland Bays</u>

The Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife's shellfish aquaculture program has posted an interactive online map that provides site-specific information helpful for selecting shellfish aquaculture lease locations in the Inland Bays.





National Boating Federation

Earl Waesche

President Trump Orders EPA to Rescind Controversial "Waters of the U.S." Rule

As reported by NMMA, President Donald Trump issued an executive order directing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to start a formal review of the "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule, which expands the number of waterways federally protected under the Clean Water Act. The executive action to fix the WOTUS rule came after a highly contentious fight which pitted agriculture, environmental, real estate developers and manufacturing interests. The WOTUS rule was drafted during the Obama administration and broadened the definition of such things as "tributary" and also toughened controls over "adjacent waters." Several states and industry groups challenged WOTUS and a federal court eventually issued a stay to halt its implementation. Agriculture groups have been critical of the rule, claiming farmers could lose ranch or farmland because of the regulations. Environmental and conservation groups supported the expansion as a way to tackle agricultural runoff that impacted water quality and safe drinking water

RFS Reform Act Reintroduced to Prevent E15 Damage

Last week, Congressman Goodlatte (R-VA), Jim Costa (D-Calif.), Steve Womack (R-Ark.), and Peter Welch (D-Vt.) reintroduced Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Reform Act (H.R. 1315). The RFS Reform Act eliminates corn-based ethanol requirements, caps the amount of ethanol that can be blended into conventional gasoline at 10 percent, requires the EPA to set cellulosic biofuels levels at production levels, and decreases the total volume of renewable fuel that must be contained in gasoline sold or introduced into commerce for years 2017-2022. NMMA and NBF applaud these efforts at ensuring a safe and reliable fuel supply remains in place for boaters and is optimistic that Congress will tackle RFS Reform to better protect consumer choice.

Efforts by the EPA to increase the amount of ethanol in the fuel supply, up to 15 percent ethanol by volume (E15) is dangerous for boaters. Boaters are prohibited from using amounts above E10, but the EPA has done nothing to ensure the required fuel source for millions of boats and off-road equipment remains available. In 2016, renewable volume obligations numbers set levels of ethanol that will decimate the availability of ethanol free gas, a fuel type heavily demanded by many consumers.

Coast Guard Rescues 2 Aboard Sinking Boat Near Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, Virginia

The Coast Guard rescued two people aboard a boat near the third island at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Coast Guard Station Little Creek received notification at approximately 3:15 p.m. that a 23-foot boat had struck an underwater rock with two people aboard and was taking on water. Station Little Creek diverted a 45-foot Response Boat-Medium (RBM) crew already in the vicinity training and launched a second RBM crew. The first crew arrived on scene at approximately 3:20 p.m. with the second arriving shortly after. Both RBM crews transferred dewatering pumps to the vessel.

The two RBM crews escorted the boat to Lynnhaven Marine Boatel in Virginia Beach where it was moored up at 4:15 p.m.

"We were lucky to already be training in the area" said Petty Officer 2nd Class Geoffrey Wells, coxswain in the second responding RBM. "Station Little Creek is always ready to maintain a quick response to mariners in distress."



CBYCA Member Club Events

**Enter events on the CBYCA website to be included.

Social Events

	April 2017						
	08		Eastern YC	Spring Fling w/The Rising Tide band	Sharon Winterling	410-299-7933	
	08	0900 hrs	Colonial YC	Pirate Mystery Dinner	Susan Mack	804-892-2456	
	15		Colonial YC	Spring Rockfish Tournament	Susan Mack	804-892-2456	
	29		Corinthian YC	Pizza & a Pint	Julie Shier	703-216-7467	
	June 2017	,					
	10		Susquehanna YC	Annual Steak Roast	Sherry Lemmonds	717-350-5317	
	11		Colonial YC	66th Potomac River Boat Parade	Susan Mack	804-892-2456	
	24	1200 hrs	Maryland YC	70 th Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant	Cindy Korpanty	717-668-9212	
	July 2017			-			
	08	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Annual Pig Roast	Sherry Lemmonds	717-350-5317	
	22	1730 hrs	Corinthian YC	Bull Roast	Julie Shier	703-216-7467	
	22	1900 hrs	Wissinoming YC	Filet Mignon and Roast Pig Night	Patty	Patricia856@ hotmail.com	
	August 20	17					
	05	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Annual Corn Roast	Sherry Lemmonds	717-350-5317	
	12	1900 hrs	Wissinoming YC	DRYL Queen's Pageant	Patty	Patricia856@ hotmail.com	
	19	1600 hrs	Wissinoming YC	Crab Night	Patty	Patricia856@ hotmail.com	
	26	1730 hrs	Corinthian YC	Crab Feast	Julie Shier	703-216-7467	
	26	1730 hrs	Colonial YC	Crab Feast @ Corinthian YC	Julie Shier	703-216-7467	
	Septembe	r 2017		C			
	02	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Annual Chicken BBQ	Sherry Lemmonds	717-350-5317	
	09	1300 hrs	Delaware River YC	Seafood Festival	Nick Noderer	215-637-9900	
	23	1700 hrs	Colonial YC	Crab Fest	Susan Mack	804-892-2456	
	October 2017						
	07	0900 hrs	Susquehanna YC	PA Governor Cup Lightning Regatta	Trevor Price	717-917-8602	
	07	1700 hrs	Wissinoming YC	Shrimp Night	Patty	Patricia856@ hotmail.com	
	07	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Oktoberfest	Sherry Lemmonds	717-350-5317	
	21		Colonial YC	Pint and Paint Wine Design	Susan Mack	804-892-2456	
November 2017							
	11		Corinthian YC	Oyster Event	Julie Shier	703-216-7467	
	11	0900 hrs	Colonial YC	Fall Rockfish Tournament	Susan Mack	804-892-2456	
	11	1200 hrs	Wissinoming YC	Cow Plop	Patty	Patricia856@	
			-			hotmail.com	
	18		Colonial YC	Honky Tonk Tour	Susan Mack	804-892-2456	
	December	2017					

02 09 31	1700 hrs	Colonial YC Colonial YC Wissinoming YC	Holiday Lighted Boat Parade Holiday Dinner New Year's Eve Party	Susan Mack Susan Mack Patty	804-892-2456 804-892-2456 Patricia856@ hotmail.com		
Commodore's Ball / Change of Watch							
April 20	17						
08 22 October	1800 hrs 1730 hrs	Susquehanna YC Chesapeake YC	Change of Watch Commodore's Ball	Sherry Lemmonds Ransey C. Adkins	717-350-5317 443-277-8861		
21	1800 hrs	Top of the Bay Cruising Club	Commodore's Ball	Kimberly Sachs	443-618-0181		
Novemb 04	ber 2017 1300 hrs	Wissinoming YC	Commodore's Day	Patty	Patricia856@ hotmail.com		
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24	1800 nrs	Herring Bay YC	Commodore's Ball	secretary@hbyc.org			
			Opening / Flag Raising				
April 20	17						
29 May 20	1730 hrs	Mathews YC	Flag Raising	Mark Letchworth	804-725-3165		
06		North East River YC	Opening Day	Bob Molloy	609-206-6777		
13 14		Colonial YC Chesapeake YC	Flag Raising Flag Raising	Susan Mack Ransey C. Adkins	804-892-2456 443-277-8861		
20		Herring Bay YC	Opening Day	secretary@hbyc.org	440-277-0001		
27		Great Oak YC	Opening/Flag Raising	Sam Sammen	610-251-2204		
27	1300 hrs	Corinthian YC	Flag Raising/Blessing of the Fleet	Julie Shier	703-216-7467		
June 20	June 2017						
03	1300 hrs	Delaware River YC	Opening Day	Nick Noderer	215-637-9900		
19	1300 hrs	Bodkin YC	Opening weekend	Ray Haber haber.ray@verizon.net			



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Delaware River Range Changes

The March <u>Fifth District Local Notice to Mariners</u> reports that the USCG has proposed changes to the following front and rear range lights on the Delaware River:

- Marcus Hook Range: Relocate and rebuild the front and rear lights; Rename and renumber the lateral Aids to Navigation
- Bellevue Range: Rename and renumber the lateral Aids to Navigation
- Chester and Eddystone Ranges: Rename and renumber the lateral Aids to Navigation
- Tinicum Island Range: Rename and renumber the lateral Aids to Navigation

Note: Some buoys will be discontinued. Please read the Fifth District Local Notice to Mariners for details about the buoys in each of the ranges.

USGS WaterNow

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