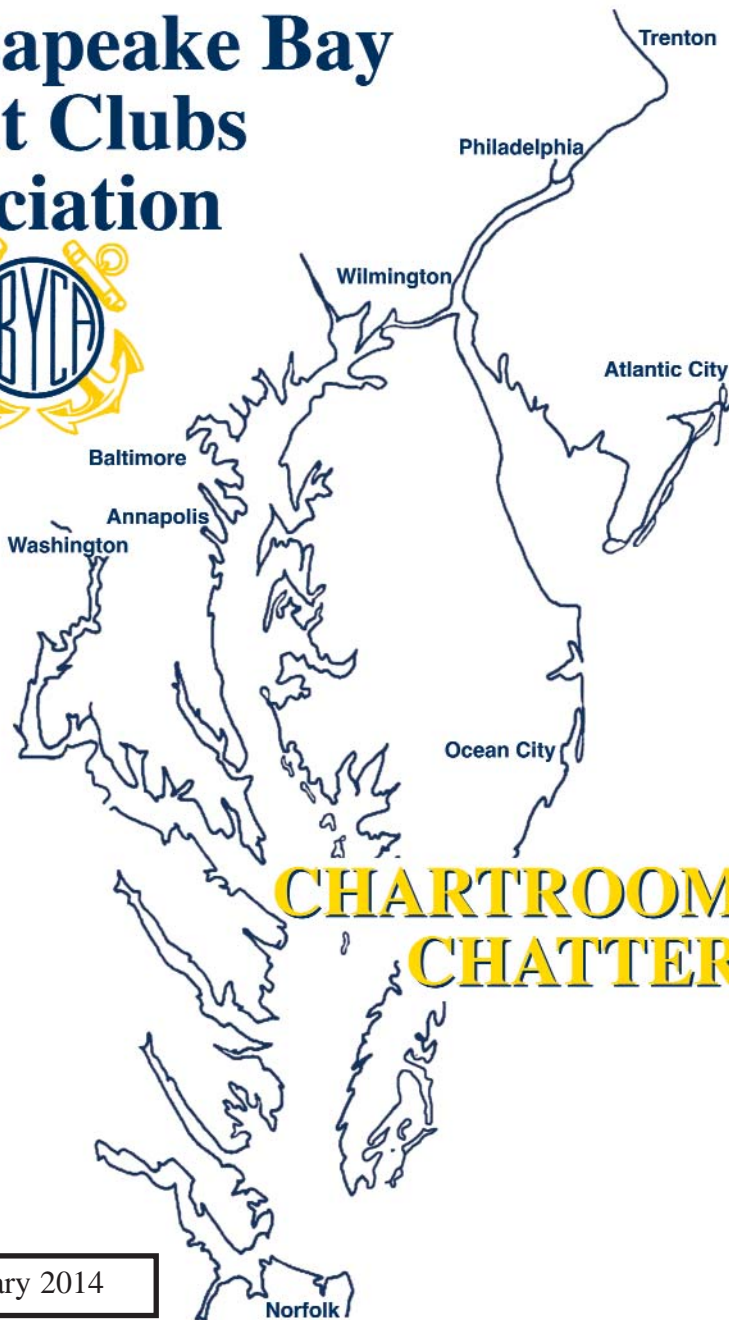


Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



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Commodore's Report

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Many thanks to Deb Noon for hosting the January meeting, we had a pretty nice turn out and then members of the bridge stayed for the Commodores Ball that evening. I went on to Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association COW and had a great time. Last night, the 25th, I went to Capital YC's event and along with Howard and Janet Gasaway, was able to meet the folks over there. They will be moving to new digs next year and we should support their new venture.

As the ball season remains in full swing, it doesn't seem like we are hearing all of the goings on in time to cover. I urge clubs to stay in contact with the district representative and publish your event in the Goldenrod. We want to see you all and support your event but like all humans, we can't attend those events that we don't hear about, please do your part.

The next meeting, the combined all day board and delegates meeting schedule has been posted by the RC. It will be at Maryland YC on the 15th of February, board at 0930 and Delegates at 1300. All delegates and/ or ranking members attending will be compensated for lunch as an incentive to attend. Frankly, there was a discussion about this initiative to encourage attendance and we are hoping that the attendance at the delegates meeting will grow. We will continue the free lunch for delegates through the April "Rosterbook" meeting and then evaluate its success.

In checking with the bridge, Tom Kenavan is hammering down the meeting locations, Kent Terry is very busy on the Rosterbook, the secretary, Nick Noderer is helping to publish the meetings set up with Tom and Dave Grove, the treasurer is preparing the budget for this year for approval at the next meeting. I have the best job, I work with all of these talented people and attend those Balls and COW's that I can.

Nothing more, January is a sort of casual (read that as slow) month and with the new budget next month, we will be off and running, stay tuned for legislative action in Virginia from Tim Able and from the NBF from Earl.

See you all on the 15th. Thanks, Tim

Need help updating your club's Roster info - go to www.cbyca.org click enter, under "Publications" click on "*Update your roster details*" then on next page look for & click on "*Online Entry Form*". Find your club name & enter your club code which is a capital letter and 3 digits, be sure to use a capital letter. If you don't know your club code, on the same page under "On Line Entry Form" click on "*To find your 3 digit pass code go here*"

then you just need to enter your info, click Submit, then a box will come up thanking you etc... then you just need to click OK.

Once you have clicked OK your info has been submitted & it will take you back to your club log on page, you can then go back into your club's info & check it. If you still need help contact our R/C Kent at Kent14@Verizon.net

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Vice Commodore's Report

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I would like to thank Commodore Smith, Debbie Noon and all the good people at Bush River YC for hosting our Board meeting on January 18. Many of us after the meeting went to their 75th Anniversary Commodores Ball which was beautiful and I had the honor of presenting a framed "Certificate of Meritorious Service" to the Club.

Our first Board and Delegates meeting for 2014 will take place on February 15th at Maryland YC. By the time you read this you should have received my message that announced the meeting. The Board meets at 0930 and all are welcomed. The Delegates meeting is at 1300. A lunch is available, as a continuation of the incentive to our delegates, we will pay for a lunch for the delegate or senior ranking officer,(one lunch per club please). This offer is being made as a way to try to boost attendance for the meetings; we want to hear from you. Our plan is to evaluate the success of this effort after the Rosterbook distribution meeting in April. Please make every effort to attend these important meetings. If you will be having lunch, Please send email to fussasan@comcast.net. by Feb 10th.

I know a number of you are in the process of developing your 2014 Activities Calendar and I ask that you set December 13th as the day you will be at the CBYCA Commodores Ball, it has been set for the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Baltimore. I promise you, you will have a great time. If you have a comment or suggestion concerning the Ball, send me an email and I'll see what I can do.



Rear Commodore's Report

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Now that the Holidays are behind us we all have a CBYCA Rosterbook deadline of February 14, 2014 to get your Club's Roster Information and Ads ready for print. That is also the one Day of the year that is set aside to celebrate Love of your special Mate. So if you get your Yacht Club's Updates and Ads in before the deadline, then you can enjoy the Day of Love with YOUR Special Mate instead of working on the deadline for the CBYCA Rosterbook.

Commodores and club delegates you need to have your Yacht Club information updated, dues paid, and ads all in by February 14, 2014 to be able to have everything correct in the 56th addition of CBYCA's Rosterbook. With all this cold weather we are having it would be a great time to stay inside and get it all done now.

For those of you that missed the BOG meeting at Bush River YC January 18, 2014 you missed a good meeting. Everyone should know that BOG meetings are

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open to the Yacht Club delegates, Commodores and club members that are interested in what we do for the Yacht Clubs and the recreational boaters.

Also D/R's and Delegates don't forget CBYCA has a BOG and Delegates meeting February 15, 2014 at Maryland Yacht Club.



Maryland Legislative Report

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Hope you all are warm!

At the mid-January Board of Governors' Meeting, I got some good leads for future columns but please, if you have any ideas for me don't be bashful about my e-mail address, above.

This week I went to the County Office Building in Ellicott City where I live to pay my Maryland Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee also known as the Rain Tax. While I had paid my property taxes back in the Fall, at the end of the year I received corrected tax bills because the Rain Tax had not been included in the original bill. I wanted to get my payments in since they carried a whopping 18% interest rate even though they arrived as I mentioned quite by surprise. I spoke to Pat Dimartino in the cashier's office to learn that there has been a tremendous volume of inquiry and consternation about these bills and which in some vague degree are apparently capped for certain tax payers in Howard County at \$10,000. That said, the Rain Tax for Columbia Mall this year is \$63,480; a Clarksville family-run hardware store got a bill for around \$4,300. Wow. This is Howard County's attempt to raise \$18 million this year I was told by Lindsay DeMarzo, a clean water specialist in the office of Environmental Sustainability. This is Howard County's proportion of the 14.8 billion total the watershed fee/Rain Tax is intended to clean up (only) the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland's Atlantic Coastal bays are not included notwithstanding legislation only a few years back that declared, in essence, that the coastal bays should receive the same sort of protection and the attention that the Chesapeake Bay deserves.

The third person I spoke to while at the Howard Building, payin' my fees, err, taxes, was Jeff Meyers who prepares legislation for the Howard County Council.

Interestingly, the 10 jurisdictions (Baltimore City and nine counties selected because they all have MS4 permits), were left each to devise their own taxes-or are they fees? Howard, Harford, and Anne Arundel Counties have similar schemes. Frederick and Carroll also have similar schemes: one of those two counties decided that a good amount would be one cent, the other decided it would be 0 cents. The other five jurisdictions are evidently quite an assortment.

The upshot of all this is that this tax remains controversial. Oops! Did I mean to say fee? Either way there remains some vitality as I understand it to repeal this matter and go back to the drawing board. Since every county in the state drains into the Chesapeake (including Worcester as the Hudson family story taught us) should the burden be shared state wide, and not only on the 10 jurisdictions?

An alternative method to help pay for Bay cleanup has been the so called "flush tax". Please note: of the 67 waste water treatment plants in Maryland, 40 of them are located in the 10 jurisdictions singled out for the Rain Tax.

Trivia factoid: One of those 40 plants located right here in Maryland, The Blueplains Wastewater Treatment Plant, is said to be the largest in the world.

If you like, you can go on an on-site tour which is given once a week to non-school groups. Alternatively, you can go on line and take a "virtual tour" however that one will only not cover all 5 of yours senses: for a couple of those senses, that might be a good thing. A real good thing.

Now for a quick plug and a short bed-time story. The plug: good book by Oceanographer Curtis Ebbesmeyer- Flotsametrics and the Floating World: How One Man's Obsession with Runaway Sneakers and Rubber Ducks Revolutionized Ocean Science. He was the fellow who discovered that right and left Nike sneakers will pile up separately on different beaches, has another chapter discussing how navigators in Christopher Columbus' day were aware that they, as a group, were familiar with unusual watercraft that would be encountered on the high seas. As it turns out, they were dead Eskimos still in their kayaks, having come from the direction of Greenland and so on: a chapter on burial at sea, a chapter on sailboats that traveled across entire oceans, the skipper either dead or missing and so on. One chapter discusses the eleven major gyres of trash in the various oceans (It's the one in the Pacific bigger than Texas that seems to get all the attention, however.)

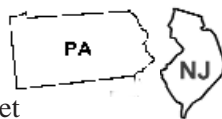
And now the bed-time story that the last sentence leads to. Recently, when I was in the Midwest to visit my daughter, Annie, in Chicago I saw an article where the Great Lakes are also being polluted with plastic, but from the opposite side of the concern about the great gyres in the ocean. A concern of the plastic in the great ocean gyres is that it will break down to the point and in such quantity that it will interfere with ocean organisms that will mistake it for food, and get messed up somehow from ingesting it.

The problem now that has been discovered in the Great Lakes is that micro beads of perfectly spherical micro plastics contained in personal care products such as facial and body washes and toothpastes are going directly through waste water treatment plants and collecting in the Great Lakes. The worry is of course that the baby guppies and whatnot will ingest this stuff and not be happy and will fail to thrive or alternatively, may grow up to be a bigger fish that goes on up the food chain to us and somehow comes to make us unhappy. Oh well, time to go to bed.



Pennsylvania/New Jersey Legislative Report

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PENNSYLVANIA

With the winter recess over things are starting to pick up in PA. Searching for information on the NJ side of the Delaware wasn't as informative in the way of updates.

In late January Harry Campbell, Pennsylvania Director for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) testified before the Pennsylvania House Environmental

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Resources & Energy Committee to stress the importance of streamside forested buffers as a means for improving and protecting the Commonwealth's most sensitive and pristine waterways.

The Committee met to discuss House Bill 1565, which proposes to remove the existing riparian forest buffer requirement for land developments that require erosion and sedimentation control and post-construction storm water permits when occurring alongside Pennsylvania's scientifically determined "Special Protection Waters."

Pennsylvania's rivers and streams with the most outstanding water quality, reflected in both water quality chemistry and aquatic life, are afforded the greatest degree of protection, and are designated either High Quality (HQ) or Exceptional Value (EV). Collectively, these streams are often referred to as Special Protection Waters.

For nearly two decades Pennsylvania has invested in restoring streamside forests. Protecting existing forested buffers, while at the same time re-establishing lost buffers, is an integral component of Pennsylvania's efforts under the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Blueprint.

"Without protected and restored streamside forests, the Commonwealth will have difficulty meeting targeted pollution reductions as established in the state Watershed Implementation Plan, and meeting our clean water goals will be far more challenging and costly," Campbell continued.

The Many Benefits of Buffers: Research has continuously indicated that forested buffers provide significant removal of nonpoint source pollution, such as nitrogen, sediment, and phosphorus, the leading causes of stream degradation in Pennsylvania and the major pollutants impacting the Chesapeake Bay.

Forested buffers also help to reduce the costs of treating drinking water. Research has shown that trees play a vital role in maintaining the quality of the water entering drinking water treatment plants and, therefore, reduce the costs of treatment.

A riparian buffer can help to prevent property damage because they capture, absorb, and store amounts of rainfall up to 40 times greater than disturbed soils, like agricultural fields or construction sites, and 15 times more than a typical suburban lawn.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (Jan. 23) . The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) voted at its quarterly meeting today to create a voluntary \$1 youth fishing license and to dedicate the revenue generated from it to programs to increase youth fishing participation.

Increasing youth and family participation in fishing, boating, and conservation programs has always been part of our strategic plan., said PFBC Executive Director John Arway. This goal responds to the fact that the percentage of children and young adults ages 6 to 15 who fished in Pennsylvania in 2010 was only 24 percent, as compared to 37 percent in 2005 and 41 percent in 1995. We want to continue to refine and develop programs to engage kids..

A youth license also provides an added benefit when it comes to federal funding, which accounts for approximately 25 percent of the PFBC's budget. For every youth license sold, the PFBC will receive approximately \$5 in federal revenue

from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sport Fish Restoration Act program, which provides funds to states based on a formula that includes the number of licenses a state sells.

If just 25 percent of those 367,000 children were to purchase a voluntary \$1 license, it would result in more than \$550,000 in revenue for the Commission to invest in youth programs.

The voluntary youth license will be available beginning Feb. 1 from all licensing agents and online through the PFBC's Outdoor Shop. With a \$1 agent fee and a \$.70 transaction fee, the total cost to purchase the license will be \$2.70.



Delaware Legislative Report

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Ocean dunes in state parks are closed to sledding, snowboarding in fact they are closed to anyone for any purpose due to their fragility: With several snow storms under our belts and more to come, DNREC's Division of Parks and Recreation is asking the public to help protect the dunes in Delaware's ocean parks by reminding residents and visitors that dunes should not be used for sledding or snowboarding.

In fact, except for marked crossings, dunes are closed year-round to pedestrian traffic and activities in Cape Henlopen and Delaware Seashore state parks. Dunes contain fragile habitat and provide protection for the beaches and the communities that border them. Recent storms have already caused some damage this winter. So Please, don't tramp or travel on the Dunes area.

Hunters take advantage of Snow Goose Conservation Order starting Feb. 1

About 6 years ago, I spoke to this matter at a Federal Regional Hearing held in Mt. Holly, New Jersey by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. Luckily what proponents had to say had an impact to change the law concerning Canada Geese and Snow Goose populations. The Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife is once again implementing an annual Snow Goose Conservation Order, which began in 2009 as part of an Atlantic Flyway-wide effort to reduce the population of greater snow geese. Snow goose numbers have reached levels that are now causing extensive damage to their breeding grounds in the Canadian Arctic as well as the wetlands and agricultural areas where they winter over in the Mid-Atlantic, including Delaware. The 2014 Conservation Order to harvest snow geese will open on Saturday, Feb. 1 and run through Friday, Feb. 7, then will reopen Monday, Feb. 10 and run through Saturday, April 12.

The Conservation Order is a separate season open only for snow geese which occurs after the regular waterfowl hunting seasons close. It was created with the intent of using hunting as a game management tool to reduce and stabilize the greater snow goose population. Last year, an estimated 9,965 snow geese were harvested by more than 700 hunters who participated in Delaware's Conservation Order.

During the Conservation Order, hunters will be able to pursue snow geese every day except Sunday. Use of unplugged shotguns and electronic calls are allowed, with legal shooting hours starting a half-hour before sunrise and extended to a

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half-hour after sunset; there are no daily bag and possession limits. All other federal and state hunting regulations apply.

The Conservation Order will be closed on Saturday, Feb. 8, for a special statewide waterfowl hunting day for youths and non-ambulatory disabled hunters. Regular snow goose hunting is also allowed on this day for all legally licensed waterfowl hunters in Delaware, but the special harvest methods described above are not allowed and the regular-season daily bag limit of 25 snow geese will be in effect on this day.

Most state wildlife areas will open to hunting during the Conservation Order beginning Monday, Feb. 3, to avoid conflict with Delaware's firearm deer seasons. Wildlife areas in New Castle and Sussex counties will be open on a first-come, first-serve basis with no registration required, except at Assawoman Wildlife Area, where hunters must self-register at the Assawoman check station. In Kent County, individual sign-in will be required at Woodland Beach, Little Creek and Ted Harvey wildlife areas. Sign-in will not be required at Blackiston, Milford Neck, or Norman G. Wilder wildlife areas. To avoid conflicts with the spring 2014 wild turkey season, snow goose hunting will be prohibited on state wildlife areas after Friday, April 4. Bombay Hook and Prime Hook national wildlife refuges will be closed to hunting during the Conservation Order.

To participate in the Conservation Order, hunters must obtain a free Snow Goose Conservation Order permit number by registering at <https://egov.delaware.gov/HTR>. Participants are also required to have a valid Delaware hunting license or a Maryland resident hunting license, a 2013-14 Delaware waterfowl stamp and a Delaware Harvest Information Program (HIP) number, with the HIP available at the website above. A federal waterfowl stamp is not required.

Once registered for the snow goose Conservation Order permit, hunters are required to keep this permit number in their possession while hunting and to report their hunting activity and success to the Division of Fish and Wildlife by Thursday, May 1 via website at <https://egov.delaware.gov/HTR>; hunters may also report by phone at (302) 735-3600.

Project to improve Navigation of Murderkill River at Bowers Beach

This project will improve safety and navigable access of the Murderkill River and nourish the eroding shoreline at South Bowers Beach. The project involves dredging approximately 45,000 cubic yards of material from the federal navigation channel in the river and the beneficial reuse of the clean dredged sand to widen the beach at South Bowers. The dredging of the Murderkill River will ensure safe navigation for the boating public, while the sand protects homes, infrastructure and habitat from the impacts of coastal storms. Nearly three-fourths of the dredged material is suitable beach-fill quality sand. The remaining unsuitable dredged material will be placed in an approved offshore disposal site.

The communities along the Delaware Bayshore, like Bowers and South Bowers, enjoy a deep and rich maritime heritage and remain home to the state's commercial and recreational fishing vessels. Fishing is very important to the local economy and vital to the economy of the state.

According to American Sportfishing Association, the economic value of recreation fishing in Delaware is almost \$150 million annually, while the commercial fishing industry's annual value is estimated at about \$10 million.

However, commercial and recreational boaters are experiencing difficulties navigating the state's waterways due to the buildup of silt and sediment along main channels.

Many of the state's waterway management obligations, including dredging and channel marking in federally authorized waterways, have defaulted to DNREC in recent years. In the absence of federal funding, the State has stepped in and dredged the Murderkill River four times since the 1980's.

The project is expected to cost \$950,000 with funding provided by the State Legislature. An appropriation in the amount of \$627,000 was provided in the FY 2013 Bond Bill, with the balance being paid through DNREC's Shoreline and Waterway Management Bond Bill appropriation.



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US Coast Guard Rescue 21: The latest report from the USCG is that Rescue 21 (R21) is completely operational along the entire Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts. All Sectors of the US are either under Conditional Acceptance or Final Acceptance. The exception to this is Alaska and the Western Rivers, which are still undergoing testing or design review.

R21 is a major overhaul of the Coast Guard ship to shore communications system involving their Search & Rescue operations. R21 is an advanced maritime computing, command, control and direction finding communications system which was created to better locate mariners in distress and save lives. R21 can now more accurately identify the location of callers in distress via new towers that generate lines of bearing to the source of VHF radio transmissions, thereby significantly reducing search time.

In order to fully benefit from R21, the VHF radio and the GPS should be connected and the Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) info should be entered into the VHF radio. By doing this, when the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) button is pressed your coordinates from the GPS and the MMSI data are transmitted and the Coast Guard will know your exact location and have the MMSI data you entered.

To learn more about NBF visit www.n-b-f.org



Secretary's Report
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I must admit I'm finding this position more challenging and enjoyable every day. Last month I had the pleasure of attending Bush River Yacht Club's 75th Anniversary Commodore's Ball. It was a great time and the club members went out of their way to make my wife and I feel welcome. My hat's

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off to Commodore Mike and First Mate Michelle. This was our first Bay Ball we attended and we're looking forward to several more this season.



Historian & Supply Officer's Report

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Historically Speaking



February 15th is our first Delegate Meeting of the New Year. Come out to Maryland Yacht Club for lunch before the Meeting. See What's new; What is planned for 2014; Read about 2013, a yearly review; and join the many members of CBYCA for an afternoon of reports and latest issues in the legislature. Bring your checkbook and check out CBYCA clothing, delegate flags, and pins, hats, totes and other items. Buy a CBYCA Mug or decal for your car. Pay your dues, or Buy an Ad in the 56th Roster Book.

FACTS from the PAST

Do you remember? In 1994, the following Clubs joined CBYCA:

- Poquoson Yacht Club
- Mays Landing Yacht Club
- Castle Harbor Yacht Club
- District Yacht Club
- Eastport Yacht Club
- Magothy Yacht Club

The CBYCA Trophy was presented at the U.S. Power Squadrons, District 5, Navigation Contest to O.D. Christensen, Jr. a member of Wicomico Yacht Club. (Historical Data retrieved from the 1994 CBYCA Handbook)



2014 CBYCA Meeting Schedule Mark Your Calendars !

Feb 15th	0930 hrs 1300 hrs	Board Delegates	Maryland YC
Mar 15th	0930 hrs	Board	Nanticoke River YC
April 19th	0930 hrs	Board Delegates	Eastern YC
May 31st	0930 hrs	Board	Maryland YC
Aug 16th	0930 hrs	Board	TBA



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Commodore's Ball / Change of Watch 2014

Feb, 2014

1	1900 hrs	Middle River YC	Commodore's Ball @ Richlin Ballroom	Mary Philip	410-491-9054
8	1800 hrs	Bodkin YC	Commodore's Ball @ Sheraton 0208 Annapolis	Billy Fairall	301-440-0639
15	1900 hrs	Crescent YC	Crescent Commodore's Ball @ Richlin Ball Room	Jake Conn	410-335-9015
16	1330 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Change of Watch Ceremony @ Clubhouse	Commodore Gary Babin	717-390-1941
22	1900 hrs	White Rocks YC	Commodore's Ball @ Reflections - Ft Smallwood Road	V/C Dianna Bair	443-854-9798

Mar, 2014

1	1800 hrs	Marley Boat Club	Commodore's Ball @ Kurtz's Beach	Nancy Leonard	410-255-3141
15	1800 hrs	Top of the Bay Cruising Club	Top of The Bay and Harbor North Joint Commodore's Ball @ Best Western, O'Donnell Street, Baltimore	Erni Heiser	410-404-4066
22	1800 hrs	Veterans YC Assn	Ventnor/Veterans joint Commodore's Ball @ Maryland Yacht Club	Christine Minnich	386-547-5769

Social Events 2014

Feb, 2014

22	0900 hrs	Red Eye YC	REYC Atlantic City Bus Trip, Red Eye Yacht Club Upper Lot	Lenny Long Jr.	443-682-1541
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Mar, 2014

15	1100 hrs	Red Eye YC	REYC Annual Land Cruise @ Club	Lenny Long Jr.	443-682-1541
21	2000 hrs	Galloway YC	Trivia Night @ North Point YC	John Polek	443-992-3770

April, 2014

2	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Adult Learn to Sail Class @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941
12	1900 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Susie's Fashion Show @ Clubhouse	Susie Mikell	717-764-0888

May, 2014

2	1900 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Friday Night Cruises @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941
4	1400 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Lightning and Flying Scott Spring Series Racing @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941
17	1100 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Small Boat Invitational Regatta @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941

June, 2014

2	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Lightning and Flying Scott Series Racing @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941
14	0800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Lightning Dixie District Regatta @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941
28	0900 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Junior Sailing Day @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941

July, 2014

2	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Lightning and Flying Scott Series Racing @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941
26	0900 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Junior Sailing Day @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941

Aug, 2014

6	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Lightning and Flying Scott Series Racing @ Club	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941
9	1100 hrs	Susquehanna YC	4 Diamonds Day @ Club	Sylia Larson	717-838-4951

Sept, 2014

7	1100 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Lightning and Flying Scott Fall Series Racing @ Club	John Bates	717-898-3233
20	1800 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Commodore's Party @ Clubhouse	Comm. Gary Babin	717-390-1941

Oct, 2014

18	0900 hrs	Susquehanna YC	Lightning Governor's Cup Regatta @ Club	John Bates	717-898-3233
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Opening / Flag Raising 2014**April, 2014**

26	1100 hrs	Marley Boat Club	Marley's Opening & Shrimp Feast @ Red Eye Yacht Club	Kellie Tysor	410-218-3215
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May, 2014

3	1500 hrs	North East River YC	Opening Day @ Club House	Suzanne Braun	302-750-2532
3	1200 hrs	Galloway YC	Opening @ Middle River Yacht Club	V/C Craig Beck	410-245-1820
24	1300 hrs	Corinthian YC	Flag Raising @ Club	R/C Greg Edwards	703-507-8725
30	1500 hrs	Red Eye YC	Opening Ceremony @ Club	Lenny Long Jr.	443-682-1541

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The following is News from BoatUS

Over 70 Years Old, "Magenta Line" To Get a Safer Route With Help From Boaters

ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 27, 2014 -- It's over 70 years old, a thin magenta-colored line appearing on over 50 different navigational charts covering the Atlantic Coast and Gulf, snaking along the route of the Intracoastal Waterway. Now, thanks to NOAA's Office of Coast Survey and a public-private partnership with Active Captain, an interactive cruising guidebook, NOAA will be updating the "magenta line" on all of its newly-issued navigational charts to help keep boaters in safe waters. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) submitted comments on the proposal to NOAA, who had initially proposed removing the line entirely. However, responding to BoatUS' and other boaters' comments, NOAA will tap into users of Active Captain to update the route in an on-going effort that will benefit the boating community.

"Some boaters had assumed the magenta line, which was last updated in 1935, was a precise route through safe waters," said BoatUS Government Affairs Senior Program Coordinator David Kennedy. "However, over time the forces of nature made the line inaccurate as shoals shifted and underwater topography changed, leading some boats into shallows, over dangerous obstructions, or even into land. We thank NOAA for a change of course in keeping the magenta line, listening to boaters and coming up with a creative public-private partnership that recognizes the value of this important guide to navigation."

The magenta line appears in charts covering all Intracoastal waters, and is essentially two distinct routes along the eastern US and Gulf Coasts totaling about 3,000 miles in length. Said Captain Shep Smith, chief of NOAA's Coast Survey's Marine Chart Division, "Today's decision to reinstate the magenta line is not a quick fix. It will take at least three years to fix problems that were 70 years in the making."

Boaters may contribute to the updating effort by joining Active Captain at www.activecaptain.com.

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If your club has a change in your officers, if one of your officers happens to resign in the middle of the term, you can always update your Roster info on the CBYCA website. If you need instructions on how to update your Roster info, send me an email june.donofrio@verizon.net and I will send you back the instructions.