



# Yacht Clubs of Maryland's Bay Breeze



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## Commodore's Report

By: *Commodore Joe Hellner*  
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Ahoy There! Are you ready for a great summer in 2009? Hopefully your boat is in the water or soon will be. Boating Season is here and soon will be officially opening starting with Marley BC's ceremony on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

It looks like there is very good news on the battle against the LNG Plant and pipeline. Based on an article in a Virginia newspaper forwarded to us by CBYCA Historian Tom Powers, it appears AES is suspending their LNG Application. We will keep you posted as more details develop.

On behalf of YCM, it was a pleasure and honor for my officers and me to attend our member club Commodore Balls throughout the offseason. It has also been a pleasure getting to know the 2009 Commodores and it is clear to me that our member clubs are in very good hands this year.

Speaking of the Balls, my hat is off to **Queen Renae** whose appearance and manners were always exemplary, who made every effort to attend or appear at as many balls as possible and when there, to have thoughtful words and observations to share in her speeches. Her attentive leadership and guidance of the club princesses has been also noteworthy. **Queen Renae, we are all very proud of you!**

We are still trying to get a good estimate on how many people would like to take a bus from Eastern YC to the annual **YCM Christmas Party at Laurel Park**. Please email me if you have not already put your name and number of people on the sign-up sheet. This will not obligate you. We are doing this so we can reserve the right size bus.

Thanks to some good detective work and inputs from a number of sources, **Treasurer Ron Hammock** has put together a 2009 budget. As

directed by the membership at the March meeting, this budget will govern our operations for the rest of the fiscal year and will provide a solid foundation for the 2010 budget.

In addition to Silver hat buttons, thanks to R/C Charlie Downs, we now have silver hat cords in stock and will have these items for sale at our April Board Meeting. We will also have Representative flags and YCM burgees to brighten up your boat for the upcoming season. Any captain who is a member of a YCM member club may fly a YCM burgee and is encouraged to do so. Let's let everyone know we are proud of our yacht club community and our state of Maryland.

Till next time, see you around the Bay!

## Vice Commodore's Report

By: *V/C Dan Miller*  
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Our next meeting will be a **Board Meeting** held at **Middle River Yacht Club** on **4/29/09** at 7 PM.

Our **May** meeting will be a **General Membership Meeting** held at **Bush River Yacht Club** on **May 27th**. This meeting is a dinner meeting. Menu TBD. Dinner will be served at 6 PM (1800 hours). Cost TBD. Reservations for dinner are required. Contact V/C Dan to RSVP 410-536-0554.

**The next Newsletter Deadline is May 12th.** As always, all member clubs and guest writers from our yachting community are welcome to provide articles. Please send articles to Editor V/C Dan Miller at [danandbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:danandbonnie@comcast.net)

PLEASE SEND US YOUR OPENING DAY INFORMATION! Check listings in this newsletter to see if we have your club listed yet!

## Rear Commodore's Report

By: R/C Charlie Downs  
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**LAST CALL** The 2009 yearbook is in the work in progress stage. At this time, I have received 25 club pages. I need club pages from the following clubs: Boumi Shrine, Bowleys Point, Bush River, Charlestown, Great Oak, Maryland, Otter Point and White Rocks. We need to get the yearbook published and distributed. Please have your club pages to me no later than April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact me if you need your 2008 page re e-mailed to you for updating. The clubs which didn't have a page last year, please refer to the YCM web site for the template.

We now have the silver cap cords in stock. P/C's in need of new silver items (shirt buttons, cap screw buttons, and cap cord) for your summer uniform, you may purchase these at any one of our meetings.

### Update on P/C Uniform Insignia

By: First Crab P/C Kathy Hellner

Howard Uniform in Baltimore carries the single silver stars. Many people have indicated they are having a hard time finding the single star and can only find the three in a row which are attached together. I just wanted to let you know that Howard has the single silver stars in stock.

While we are on the subject, here are a few more yachting uniform links for you:

<http://www.howarduniform.com/>  
<http://www.smallwoods.com/>  
<https://www.captainsquartersuniforms.com/>  
<http://www.bullion-crest.com/>  
<http://www.commodoreuniform.com/>

## Boating, Waterways, and the Environment

By: Legislative Affairs Officer & F/C Steve Rockel

**LNG** - As reported at the March meeting, the Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC) had indefinitely extended its March 16th deadline for addressing multiple appeals for its approval to build an LNG plant at Sparrows Point.

Also, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has denied all permits for dredging to build this facility and other water related activities. If they still wish to build the facility, they will have to re-file for dredging permits in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

The United States Coast Guard stated that the Chesapeake Bay is not currently suitable for this type and frequency of LNG marine traffic at this time due to maritime security and safety risks.

Another issue is getting enough Clean Air points. According to the EPA, they need 734 of these points. At this time they only have obtained 67 points.

The FERC can approve construction of a facility but has no legal recourse without approval by the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers and its branch of the Department of Defense.

This is great news for all of us at this time, especially those directly affected with the construction of the LNG Sparrows Point project. However, I do not believe this is the last we will hear from all parties involved.

### AES Suspends LNG Application!

By: CBYCA Liaison P/C Deb Noon

Below is a URL (link) to an article found by CBYCA's Historian Tom Powers in the April 2, 2009 edition of the East County Times regarding the LNG plant at Sparrows Point.

AES is withdrawing "for now" their bid. I'm not sure if the battle is over, they may be just regrouping and planning another strategy, either way thanks to all in YCM who helped to fight this fight.

<http://www.serverjbmultimedia.net/eastcountytimes/sitebase/index.aspx?adgroupid=163457&view=double>

## Secretary's Report

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No Report

## Treasurer's Report

By Treasurer Ron Hammock

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No Report

## Dates to Remember

Board Mtg. – Middle River YC – Apr 29<sup>th</sup>

General Mtg. – Bush River YC – May 27<sup>th</sup>

## Protocol Matters

Captain Protocol, P/C Joe Hellner, Belvedere YC

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For **Hosting a Meeting**, the most important protocol is that the host club Commodore or Senior Officer present greet the guests or guest group on behalf of their club. Often each Commodore will say a few words on behalf of their groups. Seeing off a visiting group is not required but is recommended. Helping people with their lines or going outside to shake hands and wave to the bus or departing boats are a great way for host club officers and members to end a visit.

The host club commodore or senior officer present (sometimes called the duty officer) if the commodore is not available should wear a uniform if possible or practical (sometimes extenuating circumstances prevent a uniform from being worn). Other host club officers need not wear uniforms.

Same applies for a land or sea cruise visit. Sometimes the Fleet Captain will also wear a uniform because, in most clubs, he or she is responsible for the safe arrival and departure of visiting boats and groups.

Depending on the occasion and circumstances the entire bridge (and sometimes P/C's) may turn out in uniform but it is not expected and should be done rarely or it loses its meaning. All the officers in uniform either means the host club wishes to render high honors to the visitors or the occasion is very special. For example, officers will often wear uniforms throughout their home club opening weekend. Another example is if the club was hosting a waterfront wedding or wedding reception. A third example is if a special VIP is visiting the club.

Till next time, see you around the Bay!

## Scuttlebutt and Spindrift

By: *Salty Sam the Sea Dog*

Ahoy there! Already the first boating story for 2009 has come in. A certain bilge rat from up Middle River way reports that upon returning from a winter stay at the Inner Harbor on a rather warm pre spring day the only boat on the waters of the Patapsco River just happened to be commandeered and boarded by a few friendly members of the U.S. Coast Guard, whose boat was powered by HONDA MOTORS. The U.S. Coast Guard and Honda? What happened to good old Johnson, Mercury, or Evinrude? Is there something Congress and the President aren't telling us?

Needless to say, buying American was not on the Captain's mind, who was a little nervous about the boarding because he wasn't exactly sure if everything was in order. The 1<sup>st</sup> Mate was even more concerned because her Captain tends to get distracted and has failed in the past to follow her orders about checking things. Fortunately, the double shuffle was on and the Captain and crew were able to keep ahead of the inspectors. Was the same flare counted more than once? Did a certain fire extinguisher look mighty familiar? Well, not according to the good old Honda powered Coast Guard, who, by some miracle, found this 54' Hatteras to be seaworthy and, rather than clapping the hapless Captain in irons, allowed the vessel to proceed on to home port.

Salty hears that just before the blue light went on and they turned toward him, our Captain wondered aloud what the Coast Guard was doing out there. Because everything turned out well, there will be no Skunk Flag, but a Salty Salute well earned goes to **P/C John Cashman of Red Eye YC**, who learned that when you are the only recreational boat on the river on a very early spring day, the Coast Guard, Honda powered or not, is going to find you very interesting.

Till next time, always remember, those who don't make mistakes must not be doing anything.

## Princess Corner

Send Princess articles to [danandbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:danandbonnie@comcast.net)

# OPENINGS

DATE	CLUB - DETAILS - CONTACT	TIME
<b>APRIL, 2009</b>		
25	<b>Marley Boat Club</b> Contact V/C Clint McLamb 410-477-3151	1400 hrs
26	<b>Wellwood Yacht Club</b>	1400 hrs
<b>MAY, 2009</b>		
2	<b>Galloway Yacht Club</b> at Middle River Yacht Club Contact R/C Sharon Winterling 410-299-7933	1200 hrs
2	<b>North East River Yacht Club</b>	1600 hrs
3	<b>Sue Haven Yacht Club</b> Contact V/C Jim Tenney 410-686-4112	1400 hrs
9	<b>Kent Island Yacht Club</b>	1500 hrs
10	<b>Crescent Yacht Club</b>	1400 hrs
16	<b>Middle River Yacht Club</b> Contact Rodger Lookadoo 410-299-3626	1300 hrs
16	<b>Belvedere Yacht Club</b> Contact V/C Jim Force 410-544-8753	1500 hrs
16	<b>Miles River Yacht Club</b> Contact General Manager Jon Beasley at 410-745-9511.	1630 hrs
17	<b>Riverside Yacht Club</b> Contact V/C Charlene Thurbon 410-477-8537	1200 hrs
17	<b>Red Eye Yacht Club</b>	1500 hrs
23	<b>Great Oak Yacht Club</b>	1000 hrs
23	<b>Otter Point Yacht Club</b>	1400 hrs
24	<b>Baltimore Yacht Club</b> Contact P/C Phil Hock 410-687-3579	1400 hrs
<b>JUNE, 2009</b>		
6	<b>Maryland Yacht Club</b>	1300 hrs
7	<b>Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant</b> @ Maryland Yacht Club	1300 hrs
13	<b>Ventnor Yacht Club</b> at Eastern Yacht Club. Contact V/C John Schmidt 410-530-1897.	1100 hrs
13	<b>North Point Yacht Club</b>	1400 hrs
13	<b>Bush River Yacht Club</b>	1600 hrs
14	<b>Eastern Yacht Club</b>	1400 hrs
20	<b>White Rocks Yacht Club</b> @ Bodkin Yacht Club	TBA
20	<b>Charlestown Yacht Club</b>	1400 hrs
21	<b>Bodkin Yacht Club</b>	1300 hrs
27	<b>Outcast Yacht Club</b> @ Crescent Yacht Club	1300 hrs
27	<b>Amber Lighthouse Yacht Club</b>	1600 hrs
28	<b>Key Yacht Club</b>	1400 hrs
28	<b>Maryland Cruising Club</b> @ Key Yacht Club	1400 hrs

# SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	CLUB - DETAILS - CONTACT	TIME
<b>APRIL</b>		
10	<b>Key YC</b> Shrimp & Wing Night Contact Jim Wilson 410-285-4232	1900 hrs
12	<b>Kent Island YC</b> Easter Sunday Brunch Contact Maggie Valente	
18	<b>Crescent YC</b> Country Western Dance Contact Stanley Wood 410-661-3775	1830 hrs
18	<b>Eastern YC</b> Bull & Oyster Roast Contact Sharon Miller 410-391-2251	1900 hrs
25	<b>Key YC</b> Fleet Captain Shrimp Feast Contact Janet Yodris 410-979-9699	1900 hrs
25	<b>Kent Island YC</b> Casino Night Contact Maggie Valente	
25	<b>Baltimore YC</b> Shrimp Feast Contact Jeff Underland 443-271-6103	1800 hrs
25	<b>Marley BC</b> Shrimp Feast Contact Kay Van Note 410-339-7722	1800 hrs
26	<b>Eastern YC</b> Fundraiser for King of Chesapeake's Son Contact Annette Magee 410-687-2866	1400 hrs
<b>MAY</b>		
1	<b>Sue Haven YC</b> Beer Bash, Music Contact V/C Jim Tenney 410-686-4112	2000 hrs
2	<b>Sue Haven YC</b> Shrimp Dinner, Show & Music Contact V/C Jim Tenney 410-686-4112	1700 hrs
15	<b>Key YC</b> Shrimp & Wing Night Contact Jim Wilson 410-285-4232	1900 hrs
30	<b>Key YC</b> Cook-Out for Cameron Contact Gloria 401-982-3007	1600 hrs
<b>JUNE</b>		
26	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
27	<b>Key YC</b> Opening Weekend Steak Dinner/Dance. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
<b>JULY</b>		
10	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
24	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
31	<b>Eastern YC</b> Beer Bash Contact Sharon Miller 410-391-2251	1900 hrs
<b>AUGUST</b>		
1	<b>Eastern YC</b> Crabby Beach Party Contact Sharon Miller 410-391-2251	1800 hrs
7	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
15-16	<b>IOBG District 27</b> Charity Bash To Benefit Our Wounded Warriors "CHILDREN OF FALLEN SOLDIERS" & "VETS ON THE BAY" @ Riverside Yacht Club of PA	
21	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
22	<b>Sue Haven YC</b> Annual Crab Feast. Contact Jake Bochinski 410-391-0580	1400 hrs
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
4	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
18	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
26	<b>Marley BC</b> Pig Roast - AL Post #277 - Contact Steve Kincer 443-995-4988	1800 hrs
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
2	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
10	<b>Eastern YC</b> Wine and Blues Festival Contact Sharon Miller 410-391-2251	1200 hrs
16	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
2	<b>Key YC</b> Beef Cook-Off Contact Dan Carroll 410-409-3178	1300 hrs

To List or Update Your Upcoming Club Activities for this newsletter and the YCM Web Site, Please email your information and flyers to Webmaster Karen Anderson at [webmaster@yachtclubsofmaryland.org](mailto:webmaster@yachtclubsofmaryland.org)

If your club is not already a member of **Yacht Clubs of Maryland**, we would love to have you join us.

To join, please contact **R/C Charlie Downs** who will guide you through the process.