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FROM: CBYCA Commodore Robert Parsons
TO: Representative Steny Hoyer

REPLY TO: CBYCA Secretary Tom Kenavan
1108 Potomac Drive,
Stafford, VA 22554

SUBJECT: Concern over the introduction of 15% Ethanol in gasoline
DATE: December 7, 2011

Dear: Representative Steny Hoyer

I am writing to you to express the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association's (CBYCA) concern over the increase in Ethanol additives in gasoline from 10% to 15% and to restate the CBYCA position (attached).

The CBYCA has a membership of more than 130 Yacht Clubs whose membership totals more than 85,000 recreational boaters in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.

CBYCA is a founder and charter member of the National Boating Federation (NBF), and through the NBF, CBYCA participates at the national level in legislative matters affecting recreational boating. The NBF has over 2,000,000 members. CBYCA also has established cooperative agreements with a number of regional boating associations.

Our concern is expressed in the attached resolution, adopted by unanimous consent, by our membership earlier this year.

May I also draw your attention to the Department of Energy's just completed tests that "indicate severe damage will occur to marine engines when using gasoline containing E-15 ethanol." The tests further indicated increased emissions, increased fuel consumption and general engine deterioration.

I am hopeful that our resolution will provide support for the EPA's move towards tighter

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I am hopeful that our resolution will provide support for the EPA's move towards tighter emission controls while protecting the recreational boating community from unintentional harm caused by Ethanol 15 gasoline.

Respectfully,

/s/ Bob Parsons

Bob Parsons
Commodore Chesapeake Yacht Clubs Association

1Atch: CBYCA Resolution concerning the introduction of 15% Ethanol in gasoline.

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Representative James F. Sensenbrenner, Jr.
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Resolution of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht clubs Association concerning the introduction of 15% Ethanol in gasoline.

"The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association, having learned about potential approval, by federal authorities, of up to 15% ethanol additive in gasoline, wishes to express its concern about implementation of this initiative before the impact on small outboard/inboard marine engines has been thoroughly tested. The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association, which represents recreational boaters in more than 130 clubs in five states and the District of Columbia, therefore:

Reports that the current 10% ethanol additive to gasoline has caused many older small marine outboard/inboard engines to fail, with potential serious safety consequences such as boaters being unable to return to land during night hours.

Reports that the current 10% ethanol additive to gasoline has caused many owners of older small marine outboard/inboard engines to incur costly engine repairs resulting from damage caused by the ethanol additive.

Reports concern that increasing the ethanol additive to 15% will cause even more damage to marine outboard/inboard engines with further potential safety consequences.

Reports concern that 15% ethanol in gasoline will cause further unwarranted expense to owners of marine outboard/inboard motors.

States its position, that 15% Ethanol should not be introduced before results of testing are available and guidelines to boaters on how to avoid engine failure have been issued."

The resolution above was adopted by unanimous consent in September 2011.

/s/Thomas J. Kenavan

Thomas J. Kenavan

Secretary, Chesapeake Yacht Clubs Association