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FROM THE HELM

Hello everyone,

Well, January has come and gone and I am happy to be your Commodore for another year. I welcome the new folks serving as our “new” bridge as well as welcoming the seasoned veterans back. Looking forward to a great year at FYC.

I am setting up all the committees for 2017 to be announced this month. Anyone interested give me a call. Also I would like to welcome our new Editor of the Foghorn, Kathleen Pierce. She has some fantastic ideas on how to make sure the “word” gets out each month. We will be sending the newsletter out to the membership via E-Mail, so make sure we have your correct E-Mail address. If you are not getting it each month, let me know and we’ll make sure you are on the list.

The Long range Planning committee will have a report for the BOG and membership in the next month or so. They have worked very hard in collecting results from the survey and have some immediate and long range recommendations.

The upper “Sun” deck project is still moving along. I have been in touch with an architect and detailed plans are being drawn up for presentation. It is my goal to have this done before Opening Day. Will keep you posted.

The Commodore’s Dinner Dance is scheduled for February 25th. The theme this year will be “Under the Sea”. After I get the responses back from the area clubs, I will make tickets available to the general membership. Look for an E-Mail mid month for details.

That’s enough for now.

Sincerely,
Bob Schley
Commodore

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Calendar of Events

Feb. 5 - Super Bowl
Chili Cook Off
Feb. 7 - General
Membership Meeting
7:00PM
Feb 18 - Fishing
Committee Pasta
Dinner
Feb. 25 - Commodores
Dinner Dance
Feb 27 - Board of
Governors Meeting

Weekly Events
Thursday Night Dinner
Check website for special
menu

**Friday Night
Happy Hour
Raw Bar:**

Lobster Rolls, Chowder,
Lobster Bisque, Chili,
Stuffed Clams, Shrimp,
Clams & Oysterson the
1/2 Shell



Clean UP - Come down and help make our club look beautiful

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday 8:00 am (or when ever you can join us!)
Paint
Clean Up
Landscape
Carpentry
Sign up sheets at the club!

If you can't make it then we will also be cleaning the Saturday before- April 8



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

I want to thank the Nominating committee again for selecting me to serve as Vice Commodore again and also the members for voting me in.

I've already put in orders to restock the Ships Store with new Jackets, Fleeces and Sweatshirts. I will post pictures of the products on our website as well as have them on display for upcoming meetings. New baseball caps are being researched as well.

Dan is doing a great job on keeping new and interesting beers in stock and I'll continue to work with him on that. The Kitchen will be closing on Friday's Nights for the rest of the winter due to less traffic but the raw bar will continue for now.

As always, please remember to sign your guests in on arrival to the Club and use a separate line for each guest. Ditto marks should not be used even if they have the same address and town. Please fill out 100%. Your guests should not enter the club before your arrival and must leave with you. I am looking forward to a great 2017 at our club!

David J. Nemeth
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From the Rear Commodore

Good day everyone, I would like to start off by introducing myself. My name is Bob Cote and I am excited to have this opportunity with FYC. My wife Christina and I have begun scheduling some of the events as well as some new ideas to offer the members. Listed below is our schedule of dates that are set in stone with others to be named in the next edition of the Foghorn.

Sunday February 5 - Super Bowl/Chili Cook off
Friday March 17 - St Patrick's Day Party
Sunday April 9 - Children Easter Party
Saturday May 27 - Summer Kick-off Party
Saturday June 17 - Caribbean Party
July Luau Party - TBD
August - TBD
Saturday September 2 - Summer Send off
October - TBD
Saturday November 18 - Harvest Dance
Sunday December 17 - Children Christmas Party

My goal is to have at least an event every month. I am always open to any suggestions from any member. Feel free to email me at rear@fycct.org

Auxiliary Corner

Happy New Year to all Auxiliary members! We are looking forward to seeing you at our monthly general meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of every month in Fayerweather's Penfield Room at 7PM.


Refreshments and a Chinese Auction will follow our February 8th meeting. Please bring an item or two to donate, and join the fun. If you are not a member yet, come and meet the group, you can join then.

Remember, annual dues in the amount of \$33.00 are due on January 31st. Please issue a separate check payable to the "Fayerweather Yacht Club Auxiliary"

Claire L. Mikan - Recording Secretary



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FLEETCAPTAIN'S CORNER

We begin now a new reflection; a review of things old and new and what we hope will be a new concept of this entry. Each month we will touch on certain items and cover points that should appeal to all our members...this will be a tutorial of sorts and we hope that all will enjoy and appreciate what we do here.

We'll start with SHACKLES

Shackles is that lowly piece of hardware that keeps our vessels in position when we are anchored. We are down for the day and/or night...we think that we have a good anchoring place...but do we really have our anchor properly attached to our chain and/or line rode?

Each shackle has what is called a 'bow'...this is the part of the shackle that is round in shape and is the part AWAY from the shackle pin. This is the part that goes through the hole at the end of the anchor and that is AWAY from the flukes. Many of us do not know this, many of us have it perfectly backwards. I have to check my own this Spring to make sure that I do not fall into this area of error.

Finally, all shackles must be seized. Some people use zipties or tie wraps, some use stainless steel wire. All are good and will nicely do the job and preclude the pin unscrewing. I have been using Romex and have had much good luck with that product. I simply buy ten feet or so of the product and split it into three separate pieces. I use only the black or the white, which are coated and seem to last forever.

Shackles come in various quality grades. Those made outside our country are not what you want to use on your vessel, our folks make the best ones and we should support their efforts and reliable products. Also, buy the largest one where the pin will still go through the anchor attachment hole. During your inspection and assembly of the anchor, use Never size or some other product that will preclude the shackle pin from 'freezing' in the pin's hole.

Bob Butler, Fleet Captain

Long Range Planning Committee

Survey Trends, Report on Findings

[Click Here](#) to see a report from the Long Range Planning Committee

Gary Conrad, Chris Gill, Emily Hyde, Sue Kiely, Mike Roberts, Rick Perret, Bill Selski,
Jerry Hogarth





Come Down to the Club on Saturday the 18th at 6 PM
For Family Style Meat balls and Sausage served with bread
and salad prepared by our Fishing Committee.

Tickets are only \$12!!!!

Purchase Tickets and sign up at the bar.

Hope to see you there!

2/18/17 - Pasta Dinner
3/31/17 - Friday Fish Fry
More information will be posted to FYC
web site - keep eye on forupdates.



Galley
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GalleyEffectiveFebruary 8!
Lunch: Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
and Sunday
Dinner:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Check website for times



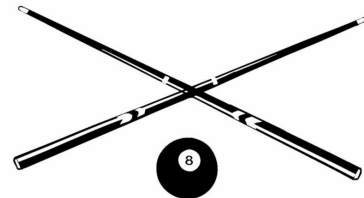
Dart League:

Join FYCdart league as we gather every Monday night at 7pm from firstregular season Monday night football game in September through late April toplay a few hours of darts. Players are matched up in teams of two and play around robin format of the dart game *Cricket*. Dart players aredifferent skill levels, from beginners who have never played before, to memberswho formed this group almost 20 years ago.

Mostplayers eventually purchase their own set of darts, but for those playersinterested in trying it out before committing to joining the league, there areplenty of dart sets to borrow. The competition is friendly and theatmosphere is relaxed, so stop by any Monday night if you are interestedin learning more, as new players are always welcome.

Pool Table:

The FYC pool table has been a staple in our upper deck at the club for many years. The games are only \$.50 to play. We have a large selection of pool sticks to fit the needs of any player. Cabinets near the pool table store members' sticks, so if you are interested in leaving your own stick at the club in a locked cabinet, see the bartender on duty for more information. Please remember our table is for adult use only and keep drinks and food off the table.



Ben Thrush

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