

Foghorn



FROM THE COMMODORE

Hello Everyone,

January, a new year! I truly hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

I really don't have a lot to report. The overhang project is in the hands of the Bridgeport building department, waiting for permits.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my supporting staff, Gary Conrad, Treasurer, Tony Ortiz, Recording Secretary, Bob Ellwanger, Vice Commodore, Martha Dixon, Rear Commodore (who stepped in late to save the day), Claudine Mears, Financial Secretary and of course the entire Board of Governors for their dedication throughout the year.

I wish the very best for FYC in the years to come and hope you, the membership, support our club for many years in the future.

Until next time,

**Bob Schley
Commodore**

A supplemental Election Section will be published at the end of this week. Inside will cover all the bios of the nominated candidates and those running from the floor.



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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

The Gonzalez Family Grill returns on Tuesday, January 4th, with all your lunch, brunch, dinner and grill favorites. Also, mark your calendar for the return of **Taco Tuesday on January 25th and the last Tuesday of the month thereafter.** Many thanks to the Fishing Committee for serving pop-up lunches the last two weeks of 2021!

Work is underway to develop an on-line Ship's Store, where members will be able to choose from hundreds of Club-branded merchandise and apparel – far more than we're able to maintain as physical inventory at the Club. Stay tuned for additional details and a projected launch date.

The Vice Commodore relies heavily on the volunteer members of two committees to ensure that the bar and kitchen operations meet member expectations and deliver value. I am grateful for the members of the Bar Committee (Pat Gombos, Mark Berish, Jerry Hogarth, Mike DeVecchio, Ricky Filep and Chris Filep) who once a month spend a few early Sunday hours at the club taking inventory. Thanks also to the Kitchen Committee (David Nemeth, Jose Columna, Bob Schley, Emily Hyde and Jon Baum) who last year assisted in selecting not one but two kitchen providers. Volunteers such as these have made my past two years as Vice Commodore rewarding and productive.

Best wishes and smooth sailing in 2022 for all Club members, their families and guests.

Bob Ellwanger

Vice Commodore

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Happy and healthy new year to all the members and their families. December Included a fun Christmas party for the kids. Gift bags filled with treats and toys, face painters and a live Magician show with his bunny were enjoyed by all. The Galley provided an nice lunch. I would like to thank the Auxiliary members for helping me, and donating baked goods, as well as a financial donation. Santa arrived by Bridgeport fire boat thanks to a BOG member Mark Micheals and of course a "member" Santa. The elves did a great job organizing the children. I thank you all. I was able to host a toys for tots Yale new haven hospital event. We made a great Christmas for so many sick kids. Lake Avenue project played for free, our kitchen extended their hours. The bar made a Huge profit. I need to thank Carly and Bill for their amazing service behind the bar. It was an incredible evening. I hope more events like that in our future. I was happy to be able to fit the harvest dance, Xmas party, toys for tots events into 2021.

2022 will be a better year for all of us!

Martha Dixon

Rear Commodore



AUXILIARY CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's hope this year brings less focus on Covid variants!

We had a busy month in December getting ready for the holidays. **We collected \$400 to donate to the Black Rock Food pantry.** Thanks to everyone who supported this worthy cause.

Thanks to the following members and family who helped to decorate the club for the holidays:

Chloe, Hunter and Meadow Dzurka, Denise Kristy, Kristie Nemeth, Maritza Ortiz, Kathleen Pierce, Deb Rosati, Trish Tommins, and Sharon Ward.

December 8th was our holiday dinner. The Flag staff served the Auxiliary members steak or lobster, prepared by the Fishing Committee. **Thanks to Trish Tommins for planning much of the event and for the other 'elves' who helped provide salad, sauce, etc.** It was a fun time for all! Check out some pictures on our new FYC Auxiliary Facebook page!

Thanks to those who supported the Children's Christmas party by donating baked goods and helping with the grab bags.

MEETING + ELECTION JAN. 12

January 12th at 7:00pm, we will have a brief meeting followed by an election. We are voting on the open positions of Vice president, Treasurer and 3 BOG openings. The slate has been posted at the club. Candidates are Kristie Nemeth-VP, Lindsay Whitin-Treasurer, and Kara Wagner and Chloe Dzurka -BOG.

BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CART TO VOTE.

DUES DUE JAN. 31

Dues are \$40 for returning members prior to March 1st and \$55 for late dues paid after March 1.

Either pay with the club invoice you receive, or mail dues payable to FYC Auxiliary to the club, attention Auxiliary.

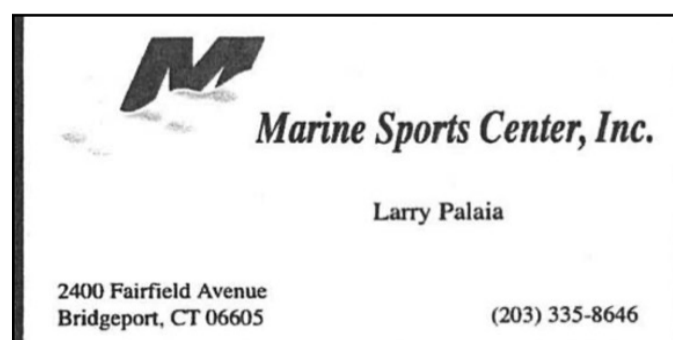
If you do not receive an FYC invoice (Life member or deceased spouse), we will invoice you separately. Payment should be made payable to FYC, and send to the club to the attention of Diane Billings. If you don't receive an invoice by end of January, please let us know. We want to avoid dropping you from membership.

MEETINGS

We got off to a late start in 2021, holding regular meetings in September. Many Auxiliary clubs did the same. There was only 1 Meet n Greet in August at SNBC. We did have a fun happy hour with our Goodbye Quarrantini! Too bad it's still here! And we ended the year with a fun holiday dinner. The biggest accomplishment was helping to get the carpet installed! It was worth the wait. It looks great!

I'm hoping that activities pick up in 2022 and we have a lot of fun things planned!

Debbi Rosati
Auxiliary President



FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

The Sailing committee has a lot of exciting news and new programs for the 2022 season. I have been asked about starting a junior program for years. **More on that below.** **Wednesday night racing will start May 11th.** In addition, we are planning on hosting a few events this year. Sail Park City regatta, Ken Johnson Team racing event as well as our traditional Halloween and Wild Turkey regattas. A new event will be the 26 and under racing series.

FYC JUNIOR SAILING

FYC will be partnering with Sail Away out of Captains Cove to host a Fayerweather Kids Learn to sail program. August 8th through the 19th will be Fayerweather Week(s). Sail Away will sponsor a Fayerweather Kids Only two-week Junior Sailing. The program will be managed by Sail Away at Captains Cove. FYC grounds will be used for some of the activities as well as Drop off and Pick up points for the program. Please look here and for an email for more information to come.

SAILING 2022 SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night Sailing will start up again May 11th. All members and non-members are welcome to join. If you are a beginner or an advanced sailor or have a friend who is not a club member but would like to do some "Beer Can" racing, FYC Wednesday Night series is a lot of fun. There are two classes of boats Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. We had 28 boats on the starting line last year, we would like to see more. There will be a "Looking to Crew" and a "Looking for Crew" sign-up sheets on the FYC web site. Go to [FYCCT.ORG/Sailing/ Crew Register](https://fycct.org/Sailing/CrewRegister) to put in your information. (<https://fycct.org/index.cfm?ID=169>)

26 + UNDER RACE SERIES

If you enjoy sailing a smaller boat, we will be hosting a 26 and Under (boat length, not age) race series during the week. The idea is to involve more sailors into a race series that is lighthearted and fun. The series would run from June to August. Look for more information in the next few months

LADIES SAILING

FYC will be hosting a Ladies Sailing night over the summer of 2022. We are looking for FYC boat owners to sponsor their boats to take the lovely ladies of FYC/Auxiliary out for a night of sailing. There is a lighthearted race, all amateurs, to get the sailing mood going. The Ladies nights are a "no pressure" casual sail. Look for a sign-up email as either a participant or boat owner in the new year. Ladies sailing nights will be Fridays in June and July. *Any questions or comments on the sailing program please feel free to reach out to Mike Mears Sailing@FYCCT.org.*

FYC BOAT CLUB

The Learn to sail classes will start up again this spring in May. Many sailors who did not complete their 4 days on the water, please email the sailing committee to sign up for more on the water lessons. We will also be holding another set of classes over the summer.

SAILING COMMITTEE

I will be looking for a few members to join the Sailing Committee next year. The commitment is light, and the activities are fun. Please email Sailing@FYCCT.org if interesting in being on the committee next year.

Fair Winds

Mike Mears

Sailing Chair

FROM THE FISHING COMMITTEE

Happy 2022! Here we go!

I am almost afraid to ask what this year will have in store for us all, but if you can count on anything rest assured that the FYC Fishing Committee is ready for another fun year that will feature our traditional schedule of events and of course some surprise pop-ups as well.

During 2022 one goal I do have is to expand participation with the Fishing Committee and get more members involved with us and the events that we host. Thank you to all the guys and gals that worked with the committee and volunteered to make all of these events a success for our members and their guests we have a great crew. Keep an eye on emails and FYC social channels for information and we will have our 2022 schedule of events available soon.

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2021 FISHING BOARD FINAL

Here is the "Fishing Board" contest results for 2021. John Kollar and Matt Zygmant had one of the most dominant years we have ever seen. Nice job guys and congratulations to all our winners. Look forward to everyone participating again in 2022

Species	First	Second	Third
Blackfish	8.30 John Kollar	7.04 Mike Vass	5.30 Matt Zygmant
Black Sea bass	3.70 John Kollar	3.47 Larry Palaia	3.33 Matt Zygmant
Striper	47" Matt Zygmant	44" John Kollar	38" Steve Ehrens
Fluke	7.92 John Kollar	7.67 Matt Zygmant	5.14 John Procopio
Porgy	2.24 John Kollar	2.10 John Procopio	2.07 Matt Zygmant
Bluefish	38" Jerry Hogarth	36" Matt Zygmant	35" John Kollar
Winter Flounder	3.15 John Kollar	2.09 Larry Palaia	1.98 Ed Kasper

All fishermen are liars, except you and me... And I'm not so sure about you!

Keith Jamaitis
 FYC Fishing Committee

FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN

There is something coming that may be of interest to you! If indeed you sail a boat that is twenty-six feet and smaller, it is called the " Twenty-Six Feet And Under " race.

Details are fairly simple and I have taken them from the format used by Terry when he started the Wednesday Night Racing in 1964. They are as follow:

The course will be 2-10- and home, that simply means: Bridgeport Harbor entrance Red Two., hen around Bpt Red Ten and then Home. Home is the same as the starting gate, i.e. between Black Rock 2A and Black Rock Red Nun 2.

Bpt Red Two is to be left to Port, Bpt Red Ten is also to be left to port. Finish is of course between Black Rock Two and Two A.

No charge ever for any of these races., we are using all government marks...additional details will be posted in this famous periodical as we close upon the summer and warmer weather.

At the moment we have just under six boat skippers who are interested. We are holding our breath to see if they really show up. this will be a fun race and you will have fun or you must drop out.

Any question, ring me at any time! 203.268.5775

Bob Butler

Fleet Captain



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KITCHEN HOURS

Monday – CLOSED

Tuesday - Friday: Lunch
11:00am – 2:00pm

Thursdays - Fridays: Dinner
5:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday Lunch
11:00am – 3:00pm

Sunday Brunch
11:00am – 3:00pm

Visit our website Galley Page for all current menus and also to place takeout orders.



WINE LIST

RED

	Glass	Bottle
House Cabernet Sauvignon	\$2.75	–
Mondavi Merlot	\$3	–
Vendage Cabernet Sauvignon	\$3	–
Dark Horse Rosé	\$3.50	\$13
House Zinfandel	\$4.50	–
Block Nine Pinot Noir	\$8	\$30
Ghostrunner Red Blend	\$8	\$30
Shadowbrook Zinfandel	\$8	\$30
Broadside Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon	\$10	\$35

WHITE

	Glass	Bottle
House Pinot Grigio	\$2.75	–
Placido Pinot Grigio	\$3	–
3 Pears Chardonnay	\$4	–
Vendage Chardonnay	\$4.50	–
Gooseneck Chardonnay	\$5	\$18
Giesen Sauvignon Blanc	\$7	\$25
Haymaker Sauvignon	\$7	\$25
KJ Riesling	\$7	\$25
Kris Pinot Grigio	\$8	\$30

SPARKLING

	Glass	Bottle
Verdi Spumante	\$7	–
Enrico Brut	\$8	–

PORT

Dow 20 Yr Tawney	\$25	–
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