

Foghorn



FROM THE COMMODORE

THE SEASON IS UPON US!

Our club is a special place with spectacular views and a friendly inviting atmosphere. For over 100+ years, the club has become a welcoming place where new friends are made, and memories are created. The clubhouse and grounds are all set for you, your family and friends to come down to the club for a meal, a drink and to enjoy the views. I am sure everyone is working hard to get their boat ready and in the water as soon as possible. The club offers many opportunities to get on the water. From Wednesday Night racing to FYC Fleet trips. The best way to get on the water is to make friends with someone who owns a boat as the old saying goes.

For members who aren't boaters, the Club offers many other opportunities. The Dart League is in full swing and the pool table and ping pong table are always very active, with many pop-up ping pong competitions. The yard, deck, waterfront tables and the Penfield Room are always open to members to sit and relax, enjoy a meal, or when the kitchen isn't open, bring your own meal to enjoy.

If you haven't been on the rooftop deck yet, I recommend a climb up the stairs to see the great views. The Auxiliary, a great supporter of the club, are looking to purchase more furniture for the rooftop deck.

The plan for this year is to have more events and functions. FYC sends out weekly emails with all the activities happening as well as other events. Please be sure to scroll down the email to view all the "goings-on". In addition, the TV in the main lobby is updated weekly, as well as our Facebook page.

It is going to be a very active year and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Mike Mears

Commodore

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FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!

I'm excited to serve as your Rear Commodore for 2024. My committee and I are hard at work planning more fantastic events for 2024 which will all be featured on the FYC Calendar on our website. Check back frequently!! So far, we have held three successful events - the Super Bowl Party, St. Patrick's Day and the Children's Easter Party.

The Super Bowl Party was held on Sunday, February 11th. There were over 120 members and guests in attendance to enjoy the game, food and the annual Chili Cook-Off.

The Chili Cook-Off Winners were:

First Place – Barbara Dunn, ***Second Place*** – Jon Baum and ***Third Place*** – Antonio Ortiz.

A variety of food was served, including salad, pulled pork, mac and cheese, baked ziti, cold cut heroes and several desserts. Thanks to those members that also provided food and yummy desserts for all to enjoy.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's celebration took place on Saturday, March 16th. The Irish band Shocking Green played a variety of Irish music for all members' enjoyment and dancing pleasures. Jeffrey's provided a full Irish menu and served 123 dinners. The clubhouse was decorated in green shamrocks and there were plenty of hats and necklaces for all to enjoy.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

The Children's Easter Party was on Saturday, March 30th. The children enjoyed a buffet lunch, dessert, a bag filled with crafts, photos with the Easter Bunny, a magician and an Easter Egg Hunt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events in April and May are as followed:

April 8th

NCAA Men's Basketball Championship

April 20th

Pasta Dinner in Penfield Room with Live Music

May 4th

Kentucky Derby and Best Hat Competition

May 5th

Cinco de Mayo

May 18th

Preakness Stakes viewing in bar.

May 25th

FYC Opening Day with barbeque.

Hope to see you soon at the upcoming events.

**Claudine Mears,
Commodore**



AUXILIARY CORNER

Hello Auxiliary Members,
HAPPY SPRING! We had our monthly meeting on March 13th and discussed the upcoming

Easter Party, Opening Day, having a summer trivia night and a summer happy hour. Thank you to everyone at the meeting who helped stuff Easter eggs and the everyone who donated Easter bunnies. Thank you to Trish Tommins for providing refreshments.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Please join the Facebook page (FYC Auxiliary) if you would like to learn more about our upcoming events and have a place to communicate with other Auxiliary members.

Keep a lookout for monthly emails from me labeled Fayerweather Yacht Club Auxiliary with updated events and information.

If you are not receiving the emails, please look in your spam folder. Contact me at fycauxpres@fycct.org if you are not getting the emails so I can update your contact information.

If you have any ideas, comments or questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me at atfycauxpres@fycct.org.

UPCOMING AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00pm

Sincerely,

Kristie Nemeth
Auxiliary President



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FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

On Wednesday Night, Feb 24th, about twenty people from both Black Rock and Fayerweather Yacht Club gathered in the Penfield room at FYC to discuss plans and ideas for the upcoming sailing season. Roger Wetherall, the new Sailing Committee Chair for FYC, organized the meetup to present details regarding the Wednesday Night Sailing program and other planned races and regattas, as well as to explore other opportunities that the club could implement to engage club members in sailing.

After brief introductions from the organizers, including Kelly Raskauskas, who is the BRYC Fleet Captain and Ed Sares, the new FYC Fleet Captain, everyone got a chance to introduce themselves and talk a little about their sailing experience. There was a large variance in the levels of experience ranging from a few years to over forty years of racing. Katie Coleman, The Yachting Chair from BRYC sent apologies due to illness.

Mike Mears, Commodore of FYC, said that one of the great things about the [Wednesday Night Racing Series](#) is that it is open to everyone and is a very supportive and friendly event for those who are novices to practice their skills. As a yacht club, we want to open the way for others to experience this sport and develop a love of sailing. We would also like to invite powerboat owners to come out and help as 'Mark Boats' and to assist any boats that get into trouble.

Other events that are coming up this year include the ***Sail Park City Regatta, which will be held on July 20th, in support of Swim Across the Sound.*** All crew on these boats will get to eat and drink for free at the celebration event that is held afterwards at Fayerweather Yacht Club. And other regattas that are still being planned include the [Falkner Island Race](#), organized each year by Pequot Yacht club and the [Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Regatta](#), organized by the Black Rock Yacht Club. We will send information on these events as soon as it becomes available.



FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE CONTINUED

There was also considerable interest in organizing cruising events for either day trips or overnight programs. A discussion led by Jenny Pratt (BRYC) and Ed Sares included plans to do a number of events this year including cross-sound adventures, raft-ups off Milford, Port Jeff etc. These are great opportunities to meet other boaters and have a fun time.

Stay tuned to the Foghorn for further details on these events in the coming months. We would also like to organize some social and educational events at the club to provide information to those interested in boating and to help connect potential sailors with those who are looking for crew members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is a list of upcoming events for the year. We will continue to add to this list and post it on our sailing page on the FYC website.

May 15th – Sep 11th

Wednesday Night Racing Series

July 20th

FYC/BRYC Sail Park City Regatta

July TBD

BRYC Women's Skipper Event

July TBD

RUM Runners Race – Essex CT (ECSA)

Sept 14th

Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Race

Sept 25th

Awards Dinner – FYC

Roger Wetherall
Sailing Committee

LEARN TO SAIL THE J22

Last year, despite the terrible weekend weather throughout the Summer, seven students were certified to be able to rent the club's J22 Sailboat. This is a great way for those who are interested in learning the basics of sailing to gain confidence in their ability to manage a sailboat by themselves or simply be able to support their significant other as a crew member. *The J22 rental boat is a great service that FYC provides for members to rent an easy to manage sailboat for only \$50, for a morning or afternoon out on Long Island Sound.* You can take up to 4 friends with you and all the gear is supplied. You just need to bring the refreshments.

FYC is going to continue our Learn to Sail program again throughout 2024!

We will start the season with our first classroom instruction from 9am – 1pm on Saturday May 18th.

Additional classes will be scheduled as necessary depending on the demand. After you have completed the classroom instruction, we will schedule on-the-water training for up-to six practical sessions until the instructor is confident that you can handle the boat by yourself. In addition we are planning to host a Safe Boating Course for those who need their Personal Watercraft Certificate (PWC)

Program Cost \$350: includes US Sailing 101 Keel Boat Course, and J22 Sailing Time. Please bring a check to the classroom session payable to Fayerweather Yacht Club

Please email Sailing@fycct.org to reserve your place or [Sign up Here](#)

A Safe Boating Course for Personal Watercraft Certificate PWC – additional \$80

Even if you are not planning to captain the J22 by yourself, this is a great way to meet other club members and get the experience needed to serve as a crew member on your friends or family members boats.



FLEET CAPTAIN

I'm Edward Sares (one-third of Cochise 2) and it's my privilege to be your new Fleet Captain for the 2024 sailing season. My main goal is to drum up interest in reviving the club's cruising events, both day trips and overnight programs. The Sailing Committee discussed plans to run several events this year including cross-sound adventures and raft-ups off Milford and in Port Jefferson. Since this is my rookie year, I will be coordinating these events with Jenny Pratt (BRYC), a seasoned fleet cruiser. I would like to encourage all who are interested in restarting these activities to send me your ideas and thoughts. These are great opportunities to meet other boaters and have a fun time for everyone. Please feel free to contact me at FleetCaptain@fycct.org.

Ed Sares

Fleet Captain

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee has gotten off to a great start. We voted in over 20 new members in January thanks to the Amazon gift card initiative. And we hosted a very successful open house! New applications are still rolling in from this event!

With over 40 people moving to life this year, we are always looking for new members and to keep the waiting list full! Since the best advertising is word of mouth, please share this message with friends and family that you think would enjoy FYC.

Please reach out to Emily Hyde, emchabot@gmail.com, with any questions

Emily Hyde

Membership Committee