

# Foghorn



## FROM THE COMMODORE

**Setting Sail into a New Year: "A Message from the Commodore"***Ahoy, esteemed members and friends of Fayerweather Yacht Club.*

As we bid farewell to the year that was, we find ourselves standing at the bow of a new beginning, ready to set sail into the promising waters of the coming year. The past year brought challenges and triumphs, but as true sailors, we have weathered the storms and reveled in the fair winds. Now, with the turn of the calendar, we eagerly anticipate the adventures that await us in the vast sea of possibilities.

Reflecting on the past year Fayerweather has seen remarkable growth, camaraderie and shared passions. Our regattas have been filled with the spirited competition that defines our community, and our social events have created lasting memories that will surely be recounted for years to come. It is heartening to see our membership expand and our fleet grow, a testament to the enduring allure of the Fayerweather lifestyle.

As my Commodore post comes to an end, I wish my successor as many joys and wonderful experiences as I've had the honor and pleasure to have with you all. We have had full membership for the past two years, and thanks to the ingenuity of our Board, we will be able to vote in 20 new members at our January Membership meeting.

As we navigate into the new year, let us chart a course that embraces the spirit of unity, sportsmanship, and a love for the sea. Our Yacht Club is a place where friendships are forged under the auspices of the great sound over which our club resides. As we look forward to the warmer weather, I'd like to thank the Auxiliary for the beautiful furniture that will adorn our rooftop deck providing another spectacular space for our members; a place where the sound of clinking glasses mingles with the gentle lapping of waves against the hulls, creating a symphony that resonates with the joy of living life to the fullest.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt wishes to each and every member of our Fayerweather Yacht Club for a New Year filled with fair winds, smooth seas, and unforgettable moments. May the coming months bring you joy, success and a bucket full of stripers!

**Donna DeMattia**  
**Commodore**

**FLAG OFFICERS****Commodore**

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## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

2023 was a great year. We expanded the club Ship Store with new items, the kitchen has been running well with great meals and expanded service. Jeffrey's has been serving over 100 meals a night on Thursday and Friday nights.

### SHIP STORE

The ship store is located at the front of the club. We are having an end of the year sale with all items discounted. There are sweatshirts, polo shirts, ¼ zips and FYC vests as well as pink hoodies (they are selling fast). We do have larger and smaller sizes, please feel free to ask if you do not see an item in your size.

To make a purchase, please go to the bar to finalize the transaction.

### JEFFERY'S

Weekly Specials every Thursday and Friday night. When there is not an event on Saturdays the restaurant is usually open. Look for the weekly emails to see the times, dates and the specials.

#### RESTAURANT HOURS

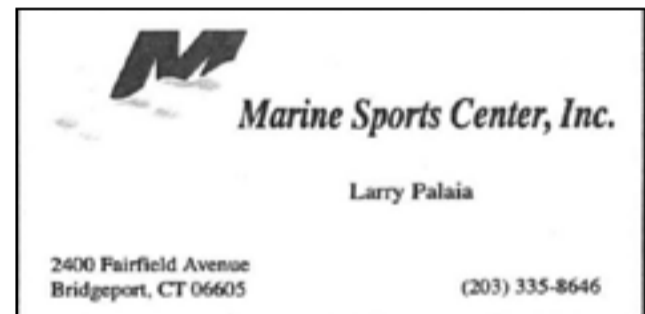
**Lunch** 11:00am – 3:00pm  
Tuesday through Saturday

**Dinner** 5:00m – 9:00pm  
Thursdays and Fridays (and on occasion Saturdays).

**Bar Service Dinner** 5:00pm – 9:00pm  
(Wednesdays)

**Sunday Brunch** 11:00am – 3:00pm

**Mike Mears**  
**Vice Commodore**



## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

As another year comes to an end, I would like to say how much I enjoyed being your Rear Commodore for 2023. I especially want to thank the people that helped me throughout the year. It takes a village to run these events, so I really appreciate all the volunteers who helped out. Whether you attended any or all of the events, they were all well attended and a club success, especially after the COVID years when we were not allowed to gather. We had many free events this year, but I also tried to keep the maximum ticket price to \$25 or less to make it more affordable for a couple or family to attend. We held a coat drive and food drive which went directly to our Black Rock community with the donations going to the Black Rock food bank and the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. I added some new events this year such as Sinatra night and the very popular "Denim and Diamonds" country music party along with bringing back the Halloween costume party which was a lot of fun. Members were also able to enjoy live music on the deck on Sunday afternoons.

Once again, I would like to thank the Auxiliary for helping to make the kids' Easter and Christmas parties such fun events for the members and their children. The Auxiliary members donated not only money, but also volunteered at both events which was a big help to keep them running smoothly.

Below is a list of all the events that we had this year. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to have the very popular poker tournament or race night like we've had in the past, but I tried to have as many events as possible throughout the year.

## PAST EVENTS

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**Super Bowl Party**

**Saint Patrick's Day Party**

**Children's Easter Party**

**Blues artist Tom Crivellone**

**Kentucky Derby Party**

**Sinatra Night**

**Cigar Dinner**

**Sail Park City Regatta**

**Labor Day Barbecue and Band**

**Anniversary celebration of the Fayerweather lighthouse  
with our own Pete Stern and his "Sneaky Pete" band**

**Halloween Costume Party**

**Annual Harvest Dance**

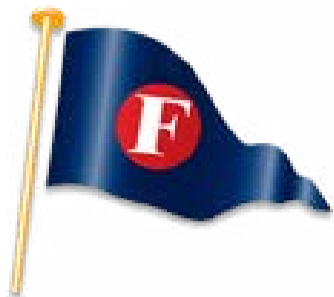
**Denim and Diamonds Country Music Line Dance Party**

**Children's Christmas Party**

*May we all have a happy, healthy and successful 2024!*

**Pat Nivakoff**

**Rear Commodore 2023**



## AUXILIARY CORNER

Hello Auxiliary Members,  
Happy New Year! I Hope everyone  
had a great holiday season filled with  
family, friends and lots of cheer.

On November 14th, we had another successful Auxiliary  
happy hour with good food and games.

We had our annual Auxiliary holiday dinner at our December  
meeting. Thank you to TrishTommins and her team for  
organizing such a great night with great food, fun games and  
prizes. *Everyone had a great time.*

## TRIVIA NIGHT • JANUARY 31

The Auxiliary is hosting a trivia night on Wednesday  
January 31st at 7:00pm for Auxiliary members and their  
guests/families/friends. You can bring your own team of  
4-6 people, or you can join a team at the event. It will be  
\$15.00 per person and will include Trivia, one free drink,  
and delicious charcutier board and desserts. Sign-up  
information will be out soon.

## INVOICE UPDATE

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT AUXILIARY INVOICES:**

Please note that your dues **WILL NOT** be billed through  
your spouse's FYC invoice this year. The Auxiliary dues  
invoice was mailed out in early December. If you have  
not received the invoice or have any questions, please  
reach out to our Financial Secretary, Debbi Rosati at  
fycauxfinsec@fycct.org.

## 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](mailto: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 [fycauxpres@fycct.org](mailto:fycauxpres@fycct.org).

## UPCOMING AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**Wednesday, January 10th  
at 7:00pm**

**Wednesday, February 14th  
at 7:00pm**

**Wednesday, March 13th  
at 7:00pm**

Sincerely,

**Kristie Nemeth**  
**Auxiliary President**

## FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

### *Looking forward to 2024 Sailing*

## LEARN TO SAIL

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We will be starting Learn to sail classes in the spring. The classes are very popular with members, as we had a full season last year certifying more members to sail the club boat. If you are an experienced sailor, you can take a test run with one of our volunteer instructors to get certified.

The fee for the Learn to Sail Program is \$350. 1 day in class instruction and 6 half days on the water. When complete, the member or auxiliary member will be able to rent the club boat.

## 2024 REGATTAS

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The Wednesday night series "WNS", partnered with BRYC, will start mid-May. This is an 18-week series. Look out for the email to sign up. The club uses Yachtscoring.com to register and keep track of the weekly races. Awards are given out every Wednesday and the overall winners will be celebrated at the annual Awards ceremony in September.

The WNS is a great way to meet other sailors as well as improve your skills. All are welcome to participate. If you are new to sailing or new to racing, please come out and race. In addition, there is a sign-up sheet on the Sailing Page of the Club website ([www.fycct.org](http://www.fycct.org)) where members can request others to join their crew or members can request to be part of someone else's crew. Simply go to this page and click "Crew Register".

Roger Wetherall will be chairing the sailing committee next year. Roger and I can be reached at [Sailing@FYCCT.ORG](mailto:Sailing@FYCCT.ORG). Please feel free to email us with any questions.

*Fair Winds*

**Mike Mears**

**Sailing Chair**