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From The Helm

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I hope everybody survived the heat wave and had a good summer. September is here and that means that our regular membership meeting is back. Hope to see you there and getting involved. Speaking of getting involved, we have to support our Special Events more. The last few events were Great and I can not understand the low attendance. Bob is doing such a fine job, let's help him out. Check the foghorn for events, get your friends together and show them and the Club some support. Members, take a look at the new haberdashery line -up, now that its getting cooler get your sweatshirt or jackets.

Calling on all members! We need a person to replace Mike Stavish. He agreed to fill Don Nielsons position temporarily. If any one is interested please see Mike Stavish, Howard Bishop or myself. Mike is counting and depositing the money.

Fred Friedrich Commodore

From the Rear Commodore

Hi,

FYC had two functions last month. Family Day and Caribbean Night. Family Day was ok. We had about 50? people show up (including children). Swim across the Sound heard some VERY loud Cannons. Caribbean night Saw some 100 show up. Everyone there had a good time (no complaints yet).

I'm sorry to say. there will be no Clambake/Lobsterbake this year. The next

Calendar of Events SEPTEMBER 98

September 9th
Women's Aux. Meeting 7:30 pm
Board Meeting 6:30 pm

September 11th
General Meeting - 8:00 pm

September 26th
Race Nite

September 28th
BOG Meeting 7:30 p.m.

October 16
Women's Aux. Pasta Night
6-8 pm

GOOD AND WELFARE

New Members
Pamela Komenda
Anthony Ruscito
Rick Servidio
Dean Elliot

party will be a "Race Night" on Sept. 26.

That's all for now,
Rear Commodore
Bob Schley, 259-6405

WARD ROOM

Our new chef Frank has added more special items for tasty and delectable lunches. Why not invite your co-workers for a great lunch with a terrific view and a change of pace.

I encourage you to visit the club, enjoy the view and participate in the many exciting activities available.

What are your thoughts about a COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE on a Friday evening? From 6 to 8 we will serve a hotdog or a hamburger with Chef Frank's delicious potato salad. Coffee or tea will be available. Figure \$6/person. A DJ will play CD's from 8 to 11. This way Frank and I will feed you and then you can dance to your hearts content and still get home at a reasonable hour. Sometime in October? Tickets will be at the bar if I get an encouraging response. Give me a call at home 255-2136 if you please.

Michael J. Mulvey, Vice Commodore

P.S. Frank can prepare your food to go just ask.

FYC WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

I hope you all enjoyed some pleasant and restful days since my last article and, though summer is almost over, usually the best weather is yet to come, and we can look forward to a new and productive year.

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:30 pm, with the Board meeting at 6:30 pm. Following a short meeting we will be having something new for a change—a "Starbrite Candle" party program. Specialty hand made candles by expert craftspeople in Milford, together with exquisitely designed accessories, will be displayed and available for purchase (just in time for the coming holidays). A special consultant will give us valuable tips on creating a beautiful and fragrant environment, so bring a friend or two to enjoy the evening and provide a good attendance. FYC members and/or wives, daughters or significant others who may be interested are also welcome to join us for this Candle party.

The main item on the agenda of our meeting will be discussion and planning for our first major event of the year—our popular Pasta Night, to be held on Friday, October 16th from 6 to 8 pm. So please mark the date on your calendar and plan to bring your families and friends.

I should also make a note here relative to inquiries some of you have made regarding the replacement of the front entrance posts columns that the Women's Auxiliary provided financial support for. Our Commodore has assured me that they will be completed as soon soon as his committee can find time between their own job work and busy summer season. We really appreciate the work our Club officers do on their own time and know that these kinds of Club improvements will be accomplished in due time.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you all again on September 9th, and also to introduce our newest members. See you then!

Kathy Zadrovicz
President

FAYERWEATHER KITCHEN

September 98

Thursday Nights Menu

September 3rd

Pasta w/meatballs or sausage.....8.25

Roast Loin of Pork w/mashed potato & Veg.....8.25

September 10th

Roast Prime Rib w/ Baked Potato & Veg.10.95

Shrimp Scampi w/Linguini.....10.95

September 17th

Roast Beef w/baked potato and veg.7.95

1/2 Roasted Chicken w/ baked
potato and veg.....7.95

September 24th.....**Lobster Night!!!**

Please Reserve your Lobster 24 hours in advance!

Lobster Dinner w/ baked potato and veg . . . 11.95

NY Strip w/baked potato and veg11.95

Rib Eye Steak 12 oz. w/baked potato and veg..11.95

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Veggie Burger w/salad Bar 5.25

Children's Menu:

Hot Dog or Hamburger

or Grilled Cheese 2.00

NOTICES

This is a proposed By-law change that will be voted on in a meeting in October. The exact date and time of the meeting will be in the October Foghorn.

CURRENTLY, ARTICLE XII, SEC. 2 READS AS FOLLOWS:

CHIT BOOKS SHALL BE ISSUED ONCE ANNUALLY (JANUARY 1) TO ALL DUES PAYING MEMBERS. NEW MEMBERS ELECTED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING SHALL ALSO BE ISSUED CHIT BOOKS. THE USE OF THE CHIT BOOK IS LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

THE AMENDMENT IS TO BE ADDED TO THE ABOVE AND IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PURCHASE CHIT BOOKS, BUT MAY PURCHASE THEM IF THEY DESIRE. CHIT BOOKS MAY BE PURCHASED AS GIFTS ONLY IN A MEMBERS NAME

FISHING COMMITTEE - AUGUST

FYC Annual Contest Results as of August 24th, 1998

Striped Bass	1st Place	Ed (Pappy) Wargo	33 lbs. 0 oz.	Fluke	1st Place	Bill Somers	5.72 lbs.
	2nd Place	Bill Somers	20 lbs.4 oz.		2nd Place	Dave Farrington	4.20 lbs.
	3rd Place	Wally Kimball	17 lbs.8 oz.		3rd Place	Ed (Pappy) Wargo	4.13 lbs.
Bluefish	1st Place	Bob Brezosky	13.81 lbs.	Blackfish	1st Place	Ed Wargo III	9.33 lbs.
	2nd Place	Bill Somers	13.25 lbs.		2nd Place	George Egri	7.95 lbs.
	3rd Place	Lenny Schroeder	12.86 lbs.		3rd Place	(OPEN)	
Weakfish	1st Place	Mark Gagnon	4.76 lbs.	Flounder	1st Place	Ed Wargo III	2.27 lbs.
	2nd Place	Ed Kasper	3.80 lbs.		2nd Place	Wally Kimball	1.91 lbs.
	3rd Place	(OPEN)			3rd Place	Ed (Pappy) Wargo	1.77 lbs.

Our Annual Raffle tickets will be mailed to all Fishing Committee members over the next few days. Please return your stubs to the "Fish Box" behind the bar.

Our Annual FYC Bluefish Tournament is scheduled for September 27th, sign up sheets will be up August 30th.

Also, Hunky-Turky on Friday, Sept. 25th..hope to see a good turnout for this \$5.00 outdoor bash.

Best Regards, & Tight Lines
Chairman Ed Kasper

Calendar of Events

September 4th 1998, Friday, 8:00 p.m.
September **Fishing Committee Meeting**

September 25th 1998, Friday, 6:00 p.m. until
?? **Hunky-Turky**

September 27th 1998, Sunday, 5:00 a.m. to
1:00 a.m. - **FYC Bluefish Tourney**

BISHOP CUP 1998

Congratulations are told to Bob Wardman being the only entrant from F.Y.C. and coming in at second place this year. Maybe if we had more entrants we would have took the cup. Good job Bob. Things around here need participation.

Again, Congratulations Bob,

Bill Lynk, Chief Judge

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Last Chance to get a business card ad and/or listing in the networking section of the new club directory. We've had a good response so far and based on projections we've determined the following costs for ads to help defray the printing expense.

Business Card ad: \$50.00

This also includes a listing in the Networking Section.

Single line listing in the Networking Section only: \$30.00

The club directory has a potential to reach a total of over 900 members.

If you wish to do a business card ad, please send a clean business card to me along with your check for \$50.00. Ads, along with payment may also be left at the bar to my attention: Dorothy Ashmore, Recording Secretary. The cut off date is set for September 10th. Also, if for any reason you do not wish to be included in the directory, please be sure to let me know.

Dorothy Ashmore
10 Rockland Circle
Trumbull, CT 06611
203-268-0843



History of Fayerweather Yacht club

Due to the long lapse of time between installments
I decided to start again from the beginning.

The place, Black Rock, an historic seaside area of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The time was June 1919. The Armistice ending WWI was only seven months past when a group of men who had been meeting informally next to the rock pile at the foot of Seabright Avenue decided the time had come to found a yacht club.

It was decided to name the club in honor of Captain Fayerweather, a seafarer in Colonial times, who had been one of the early settlers of Black Rock.

The charter members, Dick Terbeck, O. Bloomer, R. True, Paul Lang, John W. Bast, and William J. Newton held their meetings by candlelight. When the candle burned down the meeting was adjourned.

An old shed near the rock pile served as the first club house. The rent, fifteen dollars a month, soon made it evident that more members were required to share the financial burden. The charter was reopened and new members were solicited at the charter rate. By 1936 the Fayerweather Yacht Club was prospering in a modest way. There were lockers in the shed and a meeting room upstairs. There was a float for tying up skiffs and a sandy beach where an old marine railway still led down to the water.

The railway was a handy place for hauling boats. An old apple tree stood nearby according welcome shade to the men who often gathered under its branches to talk about boats, fishing and events of the day.

The old apple tree served also as a "Dead Man" to which tackle could be fastened for hauling boats up the marine railway on a bed of planks and rollers.

This practice was eventually forbidden because of several injuries incurred in cranking the windlass. A crisis occurred in 1936 when the owners of the club house raised the rent beyond what the members thought reasonable.

An attempt was made to negotiate purchase of the site but funds were lacking and the club was poorly organized to undertake a major fund drive. Eventually the property was sold and the club was forced to find another location.

A nearby property was located and a purchase price of forty five hundred dollars was negotiated.

Farseeing members created the Fayerweather Holding Corporation which controlled and sold the stock that made the purchase possible. This group continues to oversee the the club's real estate holdings.

The property and building thus acquired fronted directly on the harbor at the end of Brewster Street.

The building, a customs house in colonial times, had been converted to a private dwelling. While charming, it was in a state of disrepair. There was no plumbing. The only heat came from a huge central fireplace. In addition it was divided into many small rooms that made remodeling necessary to convert it into a clubhouse.

Money was needed to improve the property. Although it came in slowly the clubhouse gradually became a reality.

Improvements were undertaken as funds were accumulated from raffles, movies and the bar. By April 1938 an enclosed porch had been added to the south side and a locker room to the north. This progress was recognized and the Bridgeport Post ran a story on the club with a picture of the clubhouse.

It should be noted that Herbert Duncan served as Commodore from 1936 to 1943, the period these changes occurred.

During the years of World War Two the membership of the Fayerweather Yacht Club supported the war effort by donating to the Servicemen's Fishing Tackle Fund and the purchase of one thousand dollars in war bonds. The club sent thirty four Christmas boxes to men in the service including eighteen destined for overseas. It is interesting to note that dues were reduced at this time to seventy five cents a month.

Following the cessation of hostilities, six hundred dollars was appropriated for a welcome home party for returning veterans. The club continued to expand during the post war years. A club steward, Paul Voight was appointed at a salary of twenty five dollars a week. In addition he shared in half the profits from the sale of gasoline and oil.

Diesel tanks were added and three guest moorings were installed. In 1947 the club's first television set was purchased. This was followed in 1948 by the acquisition of a new tender. Uniformed tender boys added a nautical touch.

By this time there were four hundred and thirty members and an active racing program was underway. The Bishop Cup race and a regatta in conjunction with the Black Rock Yacht Club were already established traditions.

Capital improvements continued during the 1950's. Four new floats, built at City Island, were installed in front of the clubhouse. In 1951 the hoist was designed and fabricated by Mr. Paul at a cost of three hundred and fifty dollars. Three members, Messrs. Blagys, Secund and Wargo were given credit for the installation.

By 1952 planning for the new locker building, to cost eight thousand seven hundred and eighty five dollars, was well underway. The need for an important improvement, a new sea wall, was reported by the Board of Governors.

By this time the membership had increased to four hundred and seventy three and the dues were eleven dollars and twenty five cents annually.

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White, Gray, Navy, Burgandy*
- Sweatshirts \$25.00
50/50 Gray, Navy, Burgandy, M, L, XL, XXL
- Denim Shirts \$35.00
Cotton, with burgee embroidery, S, M, L, XL, XXL
- Windbreakers \$35.00
*Navy or Burgandy nylon shell with lining,
Medium, Large, XLarge, XXXlarge*
- Burgees (at the Bar) \$14.50

- NEW!** Cotton Baseball Caps \$12.00
Burgandy, White/Blue, Beige/Blue
- Cotton Baseball Caps \$12.00
Pigment dyed cap, assorted colors

Items may be purchased at the Bar.

September Special

- Polo Shirts (*originally \$25*) \$20.00
50/50 jersey Teal or White, L, XL, XXL
- Visors (*originally \$7*) \$3.00
Colors: White, Blue, Teal
- Nylon Hats (*originally \$11*) \$7.00
Pink

On The Horizon

Sweaters and Vests, Pull-over caps, Long sleeve polos

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