



Fayerweather FOGHORN

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From The Helm

From The Helm

The holiday season is here again and we are all busy shopping, getting ready for the family gatherings. With all these activities don't forget Fayerweather Yacht Club. Take a break and come for lunch and rest your body (bring your family and friends).

Since this is also the season of giving, please do not forget our Children's Christmas party, Bob will gladly take donations.

The nominating committee is in full swing and we should make their job a little easier. Go see them and volunteer, FYC needs you.

My year is coming to a close and I would like to thank all of you for your support.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Fred Friedrich, Commodore

From the Rear Commodore

Hello Again,

By the time of this printing the annual Harvest dance will have taken place. What a response!! The dance was sold out over a week prior. I hope everyone had a great time.

The Children's Christmas party will be held on Dec. 20th. Please get the vouchers (donations?) to the club as early as possible. Also I'm going to need some wrappers. Please sign up at the club (signup sheet is in the foyer next to the pictures) or give me a call. After that... NEW YEARS EVE at Fayerweather!!!! This year we will have a live band (Mid Life Crisis) from 9:30 to 1:30. The dinner is at 8:00 with a choice of stuffed chicken or stuffed shrimp. Open bar (champagne toast at midnight), party favors and continental breakfast to follow. The donation is \$30.00 per person. Tickets are available at the bar or give me a call for reservations.

As this will be my last article for 1998, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered this year past. My kitchen crew, set-up crew, advisors, and all who have helped out with the events. If it weren't for you folks.... Well I don't want to think about it.

Lastly, I wish all a happy and health holiday season. Don't eat too much turkey or ham or pies or cookies or cakes or..... you get the idea.

Sincerely,

Bob Schley, Rear Commodore 259-6405

Calendar of Events

December 98

December 3rd

Nominating Committee Interviews
7-9 p.m.

December 9th

Women's Auxiliary Xmas Dinner
Meeting - 7 p.m.

December 11th

General Meeting 8 p.m.
After meeting Nominating
Committee Interviews

December 12th

Wassail Bowl - 7 p.m.

December 13th

Nominating Committee Interviews
11-12 noon

December 16th

Nominating Committee
Interviews 7-9

Long Range Planning Review 7-8

December 20th

Children's Xmas Party - 12 noon

December 31st

New Years Eve Party 8 p.m.

January 1st 1999,

Friday, 8:00 p.m. Fishing Committee
Election, Rules & Pizza Meeting

GOOD AND WELFARE

New Members

Peter Kimball
Alvin Brehm
Edward Manes
Lawrence Ursitti

Deceased

Alfred Berry

WARD ROOM

It is that time of the year. Holiday season is fast approaching along with the winter months. As I reflect on the past months as your Vice Commodore, I can summarize the accomplishments we have made with a few sentences.

The bar inventory report was manually done as I took office - now it is computerized. What took 4 ++ hours is now done in roughly 40 minutes. The haberdashery was on the computer when I took office and it still is. These reports are available from Bill Selsky. A heart felt thanks, Bill, for a job well done. The kitchen inventory report was not available-it did not exist. After a few months in office, Wally Henshaw (they say he has moved to Fla.) and I made several attempts in generating a working inventory report. I, in turn, computerized it. Each subsequent bi-monthly attempt resulted in a more detailed report. It now is in a state where one can evaluate the status and decide for change as required.

I thank the kitchen committee for their efforts in trying to help me keep the galley operating efficiently. (Special thanks to Tom Botillo for his encouragement when I really had some tough decisions.) Last, a heart felt thanks to the bar committee. Personally, it was a delight in working with these fine club members.

Please plan to attend the WASSAIL BOWL on Dec. 12, 1998-- 7:30PM ish! You know what to do!

I wish the new and continuing officers the very best for the New Year! The same goes to the FYC members and families!

Michael J. Mulvey, Vice Commodore

FYC WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and are ready for the Christmas and New Year's holidays as we get closer to the last days of 1998.

First, a reminder that our annual Christmas Dinner Party for Auxiliary members is Wednesday, December 9th, at 7 p.m. with a \$10 grab bag gift exchange. Reservations at \$10 per member must be made in advance by calling me (333-7480) or Kay Kadar (259-0740) so we'll know how many to plan for. Let's also pray that we don't have another winter snowstorm again like we had last year on that night!!

We'll also have a very brief meeting before dinner for election of officers since we do not have meetings in January or February, and installation will take place at our March 10, 1999 meeting. We are fortunate that all the present officers and Board members have agreed to serve another year, and the Nominating Committee slate has been posted on the Bulletin board as required by our By-Laws

FAYERWEATHER KITCHEN

December 98

Thursday Nights Menu

December 3rd
 Roast Loin of Pork7.95
 1/2 Roasted Chicken w/Potato & Veg.7.95

December 10th
 Baked Short Ribs of Beef7.95
 Roast Beef w/potato & Veg7.95
 Stuffed Pork Chop.....7.95

December 17th..... Lobster Night!
Please Reserve your Lobster early - 48 hours
 Lobster Dinner 12.95
 New York Strip Steak 11.95
 Ribeye Steak w/Potato & Veg. 11.95

December 24th Closed
 Closed for the Holiday and Christmas Day

Dinner Hours from 6-8, Coffee included with meal

*****All the above with salad bar**

Almost every item on the menu is available to take out

Lunch menu items are available to take out, Tuesday - Sunday, Thank You

Try our fresh and delicious desserts

Always available:
 Pasta w/salad Bar 6.25
 Veggie Burger w/salad Bar 5.25

Children's Menu:
 Hot Dog or Hamburger
 or Grilled Cheese 2.00

***** for New Years Eve Dinner Party.....**
Tickets are at the Bar

Coming up next is the Club's traditional Wassail Bowl get-together for members and spouses only, on Saturday, December 12th. Our Women's Auxiliary will conduct our raffle for a first prize "Basket of Cheer", second prize "Holiday Wine Basket", and some special additional prizes. Tickets are on sale at the bar. I hope to see many of you there for this annual holiday gathering of members which is always an enjoyable evening. (Just a reminder that everyone brings a plate of "appetizer/hors d'ouvres/snacks/finger foods" to share!) A final important reminder that our 1999 membership dues (\$10) are due and payable January 1st. We do not send out notices or invoices for our dues, so please consider this your reminder and mail them ASAP to: FYC Women's Auxiliary, 51 Brewster Street, Bridgeport, CT 06605, Attention: Kay Kadar, Treasurer. So, until next year, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and most of all, a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year---

Kathy Zadrovicz, President

FISHING COMMITTEE - DECEMBER

FYC Annual Contest Results as of November 24th, 1998

Striped Bass	1st Place	Ed (Pappy) Wargo	33 lbs. 0 oz.	Fluke	1st Place	Bill Somers	5.72 lbs.
	2nd Place	Dick Holmes	21 lbs. 6 oz.		2nd Place	Dave Farrington	4.20 lbs.
	3rd Place	Bill Somers	20lbs. 4 oz.		3rd Place	Ed (Pappy) Wargo	4.13 lbs.
Bluefish	1st Place	Dave Sackett	17.64 lbs.	Blackfish	1st Place	Ed Wargo III	9.33 lbs.
	2nd Place	Alan Morosoff	17.93 lbs.		2nd Place	George Egri	7.95 lbs.
	3rd Place	Chip Platz	17.45 lbs.		3rd Place	Dick Holmes	4.98 lbs.
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.

By the time you receive this Foghorn, our Fishing Awards Banquet has happened and I'm certain that everyone had a great time.

Please mark your calendars for the January 1st Committee Meeting, Friday @ 8:00 p.m. We will be electing a new Fishing Committee Chairperson and we also need a volunteer FYC representative for the Budweiser InterClub Bluefish Committee. The commitment requires your attendance to one meeting a month held at various area clubs. I will provide any candidates with full info upon request.

Hope to see you all on the First of 1999 !!

Best Regards, Ed Kasper

NOTICE Financial Secretary

I would like to remind all members that annual invoices will be mailed at the end of December to be paid on or about January 1, 1999 and must be paid within 30 days. Payments received after January 31st will be subject to the penalty set forth in the by-laws.

If you do not receive your invoice by January 5th please contact me for a duplicate copy. There can be no excuse for non-payment. I would also recommend that you check your bill for accuracy.

Vic Gracer 372-2940

Proposed Long Range Plan Corrections and Information

By now you should have received your copy of the proposed Long Range Plan for Fayerweather Yacht Club. Please make the following changes and additions to your copy:

1. On the addendum (no page number, located at the rear of the proposal), the section on "Leadership, Administration, and Climate" should be labeled "H", and the section on "Financial Considerations" should be labeled "I".
2. On that same page, the following rating scale should be used: Rate each recommendation on a scale of 1 to 5, with "1" indicating that you believe that this recommendation should be implemented in year one of a five year plan. A "5" would indicate that you believe the recommendation should be implemented in year five of a five year plan. If you disagree with a recommendation, write "no".

An informational meeting to present and discuss the plan will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30 P.M. in the Penfield Room. Members of the Committee will be present to answer questions and solicit reactions from members of the Club. Following review of feedback from members, the Long Range Planning Committee will present the plan to the Club membership at a regular or special meeting for consideration and possible adoption.

If you would like to complete the rating sheet, kindly do so and return it to the Long Range Planning Committee, c/o Jim Anderson, F.Y.C. The Planning Committee looks forward to having you at the December 16th meeting.

Sincerely,

Jim Anderson and Bob Kranyik, Co-Chairs, Long Range Planning Committee

It was brought to my attention by the authors of the *History of Fayerweather Yacht Club* that no less than 6 errors were made by me in transferring the copy in the last two installments. Therefore, I have reprinted the corrected segments. I would like to thank Club Historians Mr. Kunin and Mr. Kranyik, for their understanding and for helping me correct the errors.

The History of Fayerweather Yacht Club



In 1954 the FOG HORN was founded due to the efforts of Charles Lane, and by 1955 a new tender could be found at the dock of the Fayerweather Yacht Club.

Water activities in 1957 focused on an overnight race held in conjunction with the Barnum Festival. Predicted Log races were a weekly feature, and the Annual Fayerweather Cruise had the greatest turnout ever.

The founding of the Ladies Auxiliary was a highlight of the year 1957. We salute the auxiliary for forty years of dedicated service!

By 1958 we find the club roster had grown to five hundred dues paying members. A weather station, including a barometer donated by Joe Walsh, was installed and an original oil painting was presented by artist Harry Hanson.

Creature comforts and efficiency were not ignored as the restrooms and kitchen were renovated. Nautical activities included navigation classes held at the clubhouse.

1961 saw the establishment of the South Yard. The parking area was paved and the hoist was electrified. A major improvement in 1961 was the construction of the sea wall at a cost of approximately seventeen thousand five hundred dollars. Steve Horvath acted as the contractor

Waterborn activities were plentiful. A club sailaway to the Norwalk Islands was held. Frostbite racing was approved and Terry Roach was awarded the Fred Newport Trophy. By 1967 thirty six boats were participating in the Frost Bite Races.

A highlight of the year 1967, during the tenure of Commodore Steve Horvath, was the construction of the lighted outdoor dance floor. How many couples have romanced under the stars since then?

The nautical scene continued on center stage during the season of 1977. The Junior Sailing Program saw its start with over fifty children of club members taking part. Jack Norris conducted a sailing seminar. A single handed race and an invitational regatta were well attended.

For a long period women were not allowed to drink at the bar. Some progress was evidenced when the rule was relaxed to the extent that male members could sign a female member into the bar. In 1980 the bar to women in the bar was finally dropped. You've come a long way baby!

Let's pause at the bar to acknowledge one of Fayerweather Yacht Club's best kept secrets. In 1980 the John Nagy Fund was established to offer a prayer and a toast to John's memory annually. Line forms on the right!

1980 was the year Dr. Ivan Justinus donated the original Black Rock School bell to our club. The one hundred and fifty pound cast bell now tolls on Opening Day in memory of deceased members.

In 1982 four members of the club were honored for the rescue of a young lady adrift on Long Island Sound. Terry Roach, his son Trevor, Vinnie Sproul and Dick Chantland received letters of commendation from the town of Fairfield for their successful efforts under exceedingly dangerous conditions.

Members, who kept their boats on moorings in the harbor, found it easier to call the launch when the club tender and the tender shack were outfitted with VHF radio.

A major renovation took place in 1988 when additional restrooms were provided and the new kitchen was opened. This was quickly followed in the early '90's with the construction of a new bar which permits the membership to enjoy a beautiful view of Black Rock Harbor and Long Island Sound.

Sadly the early part of the decade saw the virtual demise of the Fayerweather Water Bug, the frostbite dinghy which had served so faithfully. However, its place has been taken by the Laser, a new, vigorous, and active class.

In 1991, as always, Fayerweather Yacht Club once again looked to Long Island Sound for fun and recreation on the water. Racing, cruising, fishing and powerboating continued at a high level. The Shelter Island Cruise saw twenty three boats participating under the guiding spirit of Bob Butler. This was the year Ray Hannon was awarded the Mid Sound Championship. Ray presented the trophy to the Commodore for display at the club. Interest in fishing was indicated by the continued popularity of fishing contests.

The club property is valued at over a half million dollars. New guest docks are a reality. There are active Championship races as well as the popular Wednesday Night Races. The frostbiting sailors are more active than ever. In season, fisherman daily bring their catch to the dock to be prepared for the table. Fishing contests are frequent and popular.

An old and valued tradition continues at the club as the members and the Women's Auxiliary gather on Good Friday to ready the club for the coming season. A grand by product is the wonderful comraderie evident as we all work to spruce up the grounds and clubhouse in anticipation of the coming season.

Fayerweather Yacht Club has served us well, and it all started more than seventy five years ago on a rock pile off Seabright Avenue.



Upcoming EVENTS at a glance

WASSAIL NIGHT

The Wassail Bowl is scheduled for
December 12th @ 8 p.m.

Bring one of your favorite appetizer-hors
d'oeuvre-snacks to share, this is a mem-
bers and significant other only night. The
FYC Women's Auxiliary will conduct their
raffle, Tickets are on sale at the bar.

Great opportunity to catch up with old
friends and meet new!

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas. Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you?

- To ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world?
- To own that the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life?
- Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children?



Children's Christmas Party

Please return this form to Glenn at the bar or Bob Schley at Fayerweather, so The Club knows how many children to plan for.

Fun Starts 12:00 December 20, Santa will be there!

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Boy/ Girl?(circle)
 Child's Name _____ Age _____ Boy/ Girl?(circle)
 Child's Name _____ Age _____ Boy/ Girl?(circle)
 Child's Name _____ Age _____ Boy/ Girl?(circle)
 Member's Name _____

Last day to RSVP is December 5th Open to Children and Grandchildren 12 years old and under of members only .

- To remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old?
- To stop asking how much your friends like you, and ask your self whether you love them enough?
- To try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you?
- To trim your lamp so it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you?
- To make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open?
- Are you willing to do these things even for a day?
- Then you can keep Christmas.
- Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world -stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death - and that the blessed Life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?
- Then you can keep Christmas.
- And if you keep it for a day, why not always?
- But you can never keep it alone.

--Henry Van Dyke S
Happy Holidays
Fred Friedrich

New Years Eve at Fayerweather

Dinner is at 8:00
choice of Stuffed Chicken or Stuffed Shrimp

Music by Midlife Crisis from 9:30 to 1:30

Open bar

Champagne toast at midnight

Party favors

Continental breakfast follows

Donation is \$30.00 per person
tickets are available at the bar or
call Bob Schley at 259-6405 for reservations



Summer Sailing Update

The summer racing season has come to a close with the Ken Johnson Memorial Race which was held on October 17th. This race was conducted on a pleasant Saturday afternoon, where the warm southerly breeze was a great way to end the season. GK Johnson (the son of the late Ken Johnson) skippered the J30 *Smiles* to an easy first place finish in the Spinnaker Class. Tom Bobbin took *Special Sauce* to second place just ahead of Ed Lobo in *Water Wolf*. The Non Spinnaker Class was won by Oliver Bartine in his Cal-27 *Souder*. The chart below displays the entire results.

The Awards Banquet for the summer sailing program was held at the FYC on November 14, 1998. The function was well attended and all participants enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner. The 1998 top awards are as follows:

- Championship Series Spinnaker Class won by Ray Hannan (*Fianna*)
- Championship Series Non Spinnaker Class won by Bob Kranyik (*Silverheels*)
- Port Jefferson weekend won by Dave Riordan (*Quality Time*)
- Singlehanded Race won by Tom Bobbin (*Special Sauce*)
- Ken Johnson Memorial Race won by GK Johnson (*Smiles*)

The G. Kenneth Johnson Sportsman of the Year was awarded to Ray Hannan for his excellent performance, contribution, and sportsmanship throughout the 1998 season.

The Frostbite season was off to a good start on Sunday November 15th. Seven Fayerweather Dinghies and three Lasers got in six races in the stiff shifty westerly breeze. Any interested sailors should contact Ed Lobo at (203) 336-0161 ext. 5237 days or (203) 734-1163 evenings.

Ed Lobo

Sailing Committee Chairman FYC, November 17, 1998

KEN JOHNSON MEMORIAL RACE

RACE #	DATE	COURSE	DISTANCE	START TIME	# BOATS
KEN JOHNSON	10/17/98	DGODGO	10.60	11:30:00 AM	6

YACHT	RATING	FINISH TIME	ELAPSED TIME	ALLOWANCE	CORRECTED	PLACE	POINTS
SPINNAKER FLEET							
SMILES	140	02:53:52 PM	03:23:52	00:00:11	03:23:41	1	1
SPECIAL SAUCE	172	03:06:08 PM	03:36:08	00:05:50	03:30:18	2	2
WATER WOLF	139	03:02:13 PM	03:32:13	00:00:00	03:32:13	3	3
FIANNA	144	03:04:27 PM	03:34:27	00:00:53	03:33:34	4	4

YACHT	RATING	FINISH TIME	ELAPSED TIME	ALLOWANCE	CORRECTED	PLACE	POINTS
NON SPINNAKER							
SOUNDER	226	04:00:00 PM	04:30:00	00:15:22	04:14:38	1	1
LEEWARD	199	DNF		00:10:36		2	2

Fleet Captain's Corner

Summer is over and as the bard said, "If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

We have seminars planned for this winter along the same general lines as last winter... some new speakers... some old. Some new topics and some rehashing of the old.

We would like to see some additional activity by the cruising sailors in the non-spinnaker racing. Not every race need be attended, nor is there any pressure to win.. only the built-in interest that you self-generate.

If Ed Lobo and his race schedule can be interfaced with the Cruising format, we could have a full summer and not have to give up either the trips planned nor the races soon to be announced.

If we can generate just two additional boats for the racing, it will double what was active last year. Call me if you are interested...this can then be a possible additional topic for the winter's seminars.

All boats are out.. all moorings are out. Many moorings were so highly wrapped this past year that we will have a short portion of one of the seminars to discuss how this can be at least reduced if not avoided altogether. Since our inspection was done last Spring, only newly inserted moorings will have to be given the Harbormaster's approval for the 1999 year.

Dates and times for the seminars will be found here as soon as established. Call BK or me for any information beyond what you see here.

Bob Butler Fleet Captain... Dec 98268-5775

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- ☛ Burgees (at the Bar) \$14.50

- ☛ Cotton Baseball Caps \$12.00
Assorted colors
- ☛ Knit pull-over hats **NEW!** \$12.00
Navy or gray with FYC embroidery
- ☛ Long Sleeve V Neck Sweater **NEW!** \$32.00
100% Acrylic, white, gray, navy with FYC embroidery
- ☛ V Neck Sweater Vest **NEW!** \$30.00
100% Acrylic, white, gray, navy with FYC embroidery

Items may be purchased at the Bar.

Happy Holidays!
from
"Haberdashery Bill"

Fayerweather Yacht Club Haberdashery

Contact Bill Selski 452-1176

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