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From The Helm

Dear Fellow Fayerweather Yacht Club Members:

St. Patrick has finally left the building! He stayed till Sunday for the corned beef sandwiches --cooked and served by master chefs Jim O'Rosenoch and Paul O'Cipolla. This was the ending to a great weekend. Saturday, the St. Patrick's Day dance was a big success! Nowhere in Ireland could you have gotten better entertainment: the Irish Band, the Step Dancers, and the surprise of the night, the Bag Pipers ... thank you Trish. And for the grand finale, the biggest leprechaun of all, our Vice Commodore Larry on piano. He was terrific! The decorations made one think they were back in the old sod thanks to our Rear Commodore Ed and his crew; they even cooked. Thanks Ed, it was a great night!

The Early Morning Dock and Tender Crew are still hard at work. I hope the next time you are at FYC, you will take a look. The end dock is repaired and in place. It looks great! I am confident by this reading, the Good Friday Crew will have the Club in pristine condition.

The new container at the water entrance to the Club are there due to a donation of materials given by Bill Nyiri and the labor of Steve Patalano. This is a great improvement to the old cardboard box! Another improvement to the appearance to Club due to the generosity of Club members. Thanks guys.

Our Dockmaster, Bill Selski, will be running the Coastguard licensing school at the Club, May 8 and 9 for people interested in having a tender operator's license. This would be a great chance to start working toward a captain's license while also helping out the Club a few hours particularly when we are short operators -- as in the Fall and early Spring. Bill is looking for interested people, of all ages, to work the dock and tender. Please contact Bill to help support these efforts.

Lenore Skomal will be doing a book signing and talk at FYC on her book the famous women lighthouse keeper., Ida Louis. An interesting trivial fact, Ida Louis's husband was a famous sea captain who lived in Black Rock. This book signing promises to be full of surprises and folklore about Black Rock ... including the house that we

Calendar of Events

April 2002

April 5th

Dave Page Fish Fry

April 10th

Women's Auxiliary Meetings

Board of Governors 6:30

Auxiliary Meeting 7:30

April 12th

General meeting 8 p.m.

April 20th

Race Nite

April 22nd

BOG - 7:00 p.m.

May 11th

Oldies Nite

May 25th

Opening Day

call the Club. Look for further details in this issue of the Fog Horn.

As you read this, Good Friday "clean-up" will have taken place and all the Easter eggs will have been found, leaving us to look forward to the better weather and the sounds of sanders on boat bottoms, the smell of marine paint, and the anticipation of the launch. Opening Day is not too many tides away. In the interim, PC/Chairman of the House, Fred Friedrich, is still going to need work parties to finish what we started on Good Friday so by Opening Day the Club will be at its best. Please contact Fred.

Keep your eyes and ears open. There is some talk of possible entertainment in the form of "pub nights", on the deck, by the sea, as the weather starts favoring us. Anyone who knows a Club member who is also a singer, tap dancer, guitar, piano

or spoon player, don't be shy cause they don't have to be professional – just entertainers, sing out. Let us know. This could be the start of something big!

Before I close the log, I would like to thank the Board of Governors and the Officers for the extended time and effort they are putting in to accomplish what needs to be done at Fayerweather. They are doing an excellent job, thank you!

As always, I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Club. Fasten your seatbelts; get ready for a great season!

From The Ward Room

Hello Everyone,

I can't believe spring is here. It wasn't much of a winter and already it is time to celebrate the sailing and fishing seasons. Our new grill is in place in the Kitchen and Our Chef Frank and the rest of the staff will be happy to serve you. As a reminder The Kitchen is serving breakfast daily from 9:30-11.30 Except Mondays. Come down and take advantage of these new hours. The Bar also has added 2 new fine wines to their list. A Merlot and a Chardonnay, both are available by the glass or by the bottle. These wines have Corks!!! I have tried them and they are fantastic, but you be the judge. Please come down and enjoy your club!

Larry Ursitti, Vice Commodore

From the Rear Commodore

From the Rear Commodore:

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy our annual St. Patrick's Day Dance. We were entertained by the Shamroques, a traditional Irish band, Irish step dancers and a Celtic marching band direct from New York! It made for a crackin' good time!

I must thank Ray Beddow, Bob Naramore, Lou Fabion and Frank Cerminara who worked tirelessly in the Kitchen. To everyone else who generously gave of their time, making St. Patrick's Day a successful event, thank you!

Please mark your calendars for March 30, Kid's Easter Party. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance with the help of the Bridgeport Harbor Master. In addition to the traditional Easter baskets, face painting and egg hunt we will have a puppet show. So don't miss out. March 27 will be the last day you will be able to sign-up your children or grandchildren. (Donations are still being accepted).

Upcoming events include:

March 30 - Kid's Easter Party	May 11 - Oldies Dance
April 5 - Fish Fry	May 25 - Opening Day
April 20 - Race Night	June 8 - Race Night

Ed Manes, Rear Commodore FYC

FAYERWEATHER KITCHEN

April 2002

Kitchen Hours: No lunch served on Monday
 Open 9:30am-11:30am Tues.-Fri. 11:30 -1:30
 Tues.- Sun. For Breakfast Sat. 11:30 -3:00
 Sun. 10:30 -3:00

Thursday Nights Menu

Dinner Hours from 6-8, Coffee included with meal

April 4th

Roast Beef w/potato & veg 8.95
 Baked Lasagna8.95

April 11th

Stuffed Shells 8.95
 New England Style Scrod w/Potato & veg.8.95

April 18th

Stuffed Pork Chop.....8.95
 Linguini w/clam sauce.....8.95

April 25th

Stuffed Chicken8.95
 Swordfish w/rice pilaf & veg.9.45

May 2nd

Stuffed Sole8.95
 London Broil w/potato & veg.....8.95

***All the above with salad bar

If you desire an item that isn't on the menu, please ask to see if it is available, we will make every effort to accommodate you. Almost every item on the menu is available to take out. Lunch menu items are available to take out. 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

FYC Women's Auxiliary

Our installation was held after the March meeting and our returning slate of officers and board members are ready to begin a new term. upcoming is the Fish fry on Friday, April 5 where we will be selling donated desserts and coffee. Please bring a dessert that evening or contact one of the members to arrange a pickup.

I'd like to thank all who donated a "bunny" for our raffle at the Easter Egg hunt. Your support is always appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on April 10th at 7:30 (the board meeting will be at 6:30). We will be having a Chinese Auction after the meeting so bring new or old items in good condition to be "bid" on. I hope to see you all soon.

Until then, Ginny Lussier-President 333-5388

Invitational Regatta Results

The Regatta was won by Britt Hughes of Stratford with 12 points. The best seven races were counted for the score and Britt won a tie break over Alex Mevay of Old Greenwich. Alex had three first place finishes to four for Britt.

Third place went to 15 year old Ian Gill of Norwalk with a score of twenty points. Ian took one first place finish. Ed Rickard won the the honors for Top Grandmaster with a score of 29 points, while Eric Robbins won Top Master with a score of 39 points.

LASER REGATTA

Name	Sail #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Place
Britt Hughes	328	1	1	3	1	1 to 4	2	3	12	1	
Alex Mevay	897	to 10	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	12	2
Ian Gill	486	3	5	4 to 6	2	1	3	2	20	3	
Ed Rickard	655	4 to 6	2	3	5	6	5	4	29	Top Grandmaster	
Eric Robbins	712	2	3	6	5	7	8	8 to 10	39	Top Master	
Christopher Anto	751	7	4	8 to 9	8	3	6	5	41		
Nick Bergreen	146	to 10	7	5	4	4	9	7	6	42	
Ed Lobo	136	6 to 8	7	8	6	5	4	7	43		
Christian McNeil	53	5 to 9	9	7	9	7	9	9	55		

FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The South dock has been renovated and put back in place. This turned out to be more complicated than initially anticipated. We thank the following: Carl Ardell, Len Kunin, John Krotzer, Jim Anderson, Dave Riordan, Don Worth, Bob Kranyik, Fred Immerman and Jim Morley. Our engineering design team leader was Terry Roach. In addition, we would like to render special thanks to Chris Ruskey without whose support and assistance this job would not have been possible.

Coming Attractions:

On April 13 at nine at the club, the usual breakfast for all interested in the cruising aspect of summer. This is generally known as the "Shelter Island Breakfast", but we will go over all the details involved in our summer cruising plans. This will include the Narragansett Bay trip slated for July 6, and the Shelter Island trip of August 10. All are invited, especially the newer members. Not limited to sail, we would be pleased to have power boats as well. This is a great deal...have breakfast with us for five dollars per person, kids included.

Something new:

A "new member" meeting will be held on April 27 at the club. This includes all the newly-elected members from as far back as two years. It is our purpose to go over the various activities offered by the club and give new members an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. We will try to have most of the committee heads available to assist in this endeavor. At the club at 0900...please put this on your refrigerator.

Any questions, call me Bob Butler, Fleet Captain 268-5775

Launch Refurbishing Underway

In addition to the new diesel engine and associated mechanical and hull work being done by Fayerweather boat yard, several club members have been volunteering their services to redo bright work, the inside of the hull and boat graphics. These members include Chris Blossom, Bob Butler, Bob Kranyik, Leonard Kunin, Paul Morris and Joe Ull. Any Club member interested in becoming involved in this project should contact any of the above volunteers.

Work yet to be done includes reinstallation of the brightwork, installation of new rub rail and topsides refinishing. All excellent opportunity to practice your boat renovation skills.

Submitted by Bob Kranyik.

Frostbite Racing News

Where has it gone? The winter season is the subject. In general, the winds have been on the light side, with the exception of a couple of earth shattering days. We saw only one day with any sign of skim ice, and even that dissipated by the time racing started. Looking at the dinghy and Laser races (for this season) we find the same count of 45 races. This is a small number. We compared to last season and found... .42 total. So much for remembering "how it was last year". One thing is certain. We must get back to our earlier starting dates. Our start was about three weeks later this year, plus the calendar worked against us, with the timing of the holiday weekends. We finished up the year with all the equipment in good working shape. Ed lobo finally put the old (as in very) loud hailer out to pasture.

On March 9, we hosted the Laser Invitational Regatta. The turnout was a little disappointing. Only nine boats showed up. Some of our own people must have had choir practice on that day. For the people who did sail, they had a good day in very light conditions.

As it is every year, we could not have any race program, if it were not for our dedicated race committee people. Al Namian, Liz Caswell and Blake Lobo were there every week. Earl DeWitt shouldered the load for the Regatta. Thanks for giving up your time to keep us on the water.

Final Standings			YTD RACES	45				
			REQUIRED	18				
FYC Dinghies								
POS.	NAME	SAIL NO.	TOTAL RACES	RCS.COUNT	AVER.	PTS.COUNT	QUALIFY?	all pts
1	PAT HICKEY	45	45	32	1.16	37	OK	67
2	TERRY ROACH	57	43	31	1.55	48	OK	84
3	PAUL DOHAN	17	26	22	2.91	64	OK	82
4	GLORIA ROACH	72	28	23	3.00	69	OK	93
5	BOB KUBIS	38	31	25	3.16	79	OK	104

Laser frostbite SERIES 2001-2002

FINAL RESULTS

Date	25-Feb-02
Total Frostbite Races to Date	45
Minimum to qualify	18

Name	Total Points	#Races	Races count	Throw-outs	Points count	AVE. Score
Dan Lent	69	30	24	2X6,3X4,3	42	1.75
Ed Rickard *	94	35	27	2X7,5,5X4	55	2.04
Kevin Tisdalle	127	43	31	6,7x5,4x4	70	2.26
Ed Lobo	161	45	32	7,5X6,7X5	89	2.78
Chris Anto	86	23	21	7,6	73	3.48
Dave Foster	20	12	12		20	1.67
Anne Hannan	59	16	16		59	3.69
Chris McNeil	83	14	14		83	5.93
Tom Bobbin	47	7	7		47	6.71

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Oldies Dance

May 11th
Details Next Foghorn

Love Me Tender

(or Give Your Launch Operator A Hug) Anyone interested in operating the FYC Launch should contact Dockmaster Bill Selski at 452-1176. You must be at least 18 years of age and hold a Limited Masters License or greater. (6-PAK doesn't qualify) If you are 17 the license is good for uninspected vessels.

FYC has coordinated a tender/launch operator's licensing class to be held May 4 and 5. The class will be held in the Bridgeport area and will be conducted by Boatwise school. Registration fee for the two-day course is \$245. The first day is a safe boating certificate and the second day is the tender/launch operator test.

Registration for the course is through www.Boatwise.com on their website or by calling 800 698-7373.

FYC's Famous Dave Page

Fish Fry! April 5th!

Tickets At Bar

FISHING COMMITTEE

Fishing Buttons are on sale at the bar.

Committee MTGS: First Friday of each month.

Scheduled Tournaments 2002

Spring Flounder Tournament 5/19

Fall Bluefish Tournament 9/22

Fall Blackfish 10/13

Hunkey Turkey dates are yet to be firmed up.

The fish fry is the 5th of April same day as our scheduled meeting, I'd like to have a quick meeting to get some input.

RACE NITE

Saturday, April
20th, 7pm

Get your tickets now!

Guests Are Welcome

50/50 raffle

Roast Beef Dinner

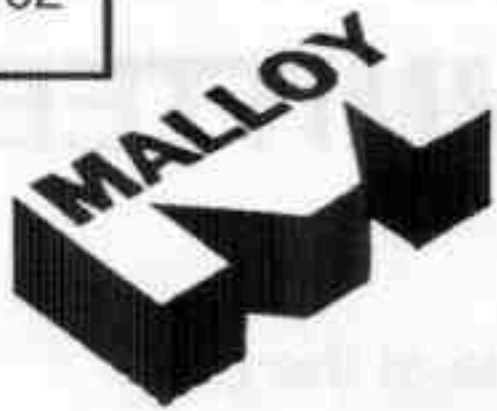
tickets \$7.00

Book Reading and Signing

On Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm, Fayerweather will be hosting a book reading and signing for Lenore Skomal's book *The Keeper of Lime Rock*, the remarkable true story of Ida Z. Lewis, America's most celebrated lighthouse keeper.

Lenore Skomal is an award-winning columnist for the Connecticut Post. She is the author of *The Keeper of Lime Rock* (Running Press, 2002) and *Heroes* (Running Press, 2002). Skomal has written extensively for national and regional magazines, and radio. Her syndicated humor column won top honors from the Society of Professional Journalists.

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