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From The Helm

July is the half way point of the calendar year, mid summer of outdoor recreation, and at Fayerweather, a time to give to those in need. As the Iron Chef America states 'with an open heart and an empty stomach' we should come together for these wonderful fund-raisers to be held at the Club.

There are two events scheduled this month which require a tremendous amount of volunteer effort to make each one a success. On July 15th our Club, along with Black Rock Yacht Club, will host the Swim Across the Sound Sail Regatta (SASSR). This event will involve boaters competing in a sailboat race along with sail and power boaters competing in a fun race. This will culminate in a picnic which members and their guests may attend and congratulate the recipients as awards are presented. Proceeds will benefit the Swim Across the Sound.

On July 29th there will be the Coastal Cook-Off to benefit the Connecticut Southwest Region of the Special Olympics. This event is scheduled for the grilling experts (even the self proclaimed) to prepare their recipes for fine grilled fare and members and their guests to indulge by eating their way through the afternoon. What better way to get people to come together - those who love to cook and those who love to eat!

We are now at full membership as of this past membership meeting. Congratulations to the Membership Committee for fulfilling their challenge in interviewing the applicants. I would like to say *thank you* to **Howard Bishop** who has retired from the committee as chairman. His tireless effort in meeting with applicants throughout the years has been greatly appreciated. I have asked **Gerry Hricik** and he has accepted to take on the position of

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 8th

Cruise to Block Island
Departure +/- 0900

Thursday, July 13th

Fishing Committee
Dinner: 6 PM; Meeting: 7:30 PM

Friday, July 14th

NO Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 15th

Swim Across the Sound Regatta

Saturday, July 15th

Entertainment: Billy Donaldson

Sunday, July 16th

Fluke Tournament
Open to all

Friday, July 21st

Hunky Turkey Night

Saturday, July 22nd

Brundridge Cup Predicted
Log Race (FYC members only)

Monday, July 24th

BOG Meeting 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 29th

Coastal Cook Off

Check out the website for Thursday Night and
Sunday Brunch menus

From The Helm (Continued)

Chairman of the Membership Committee. He and his team will have the challenge to interview applicants who wish to become members in our yacht club.

Fair winds and calm seas,
Bill Selski – *Commodore*

From the Vice Commodore

Opening Day was a huge success! I would like to thank all who pitched in to bring it all together. I would also like to thank St. Ann's Church for the use of their tables and my father, Jim Casey, for transporting them to and from the church.

There are a couple of changes in the kitchen for the summer: they are now open on Mondays for lunch with extended daily lunch hours until 2:00, and Fridays for dinner. When the Penfield Room is rented on Friday, the service will be only for the upper deck, bar and, of course, the outside deck. In summery, the kitchen lunch hours are **Monday through Friday 11:00 to 2:00, Saturday and Sunday 11:00 to 3:00**, and the dinner hours are **Wednesday and Friday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Please come on down and enjoy the new kitchen service hours at the Club. The Chefs also tell me they are adding new items to the daily lunch menu.

We are pushing forward with the Coastal Cook Off on July 29th. This will be a great day for the Club and the Special Olympics. There are burgees at the bar to purchase for donations.

Thank You,
Timothy Casey - *Vice Commodore*

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From the Rear Commodore

Happy Summer to everyone. July will be a very busy month at the Club. Here are the events for the month:

7/15 7:00 PM Billy Donaldson and Wofat
"Acoustic Night on the deck"

7/20 Dinner: Al and Larry in the Penfield Room

7/22 3:00 PM Pig Roast outside with music.
Ticket price to be announced.

7/29 2:00 PM Coastal Cook Off with JD and the
Penfield Reefers playing outside.

Please check the website for all updated information.
See you at the Club!

Martha Dixon – *Rear Commodore*

Please Note:

Information for the **August Foghorn** must be submitted by **July 20th** to be included in the next issue of *The Fayerweather Foghorn*. Please send it by email to:

sandye.mann@sbcglobal.net

Ads will still be handled by Howard Bishop.

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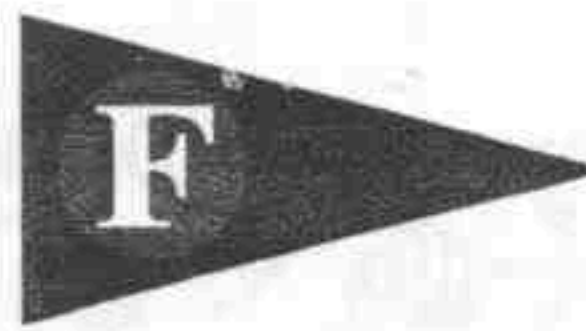
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The FYC Presents the Inaugural...

COASTAL COOK-OFF

Saturday
July 29th

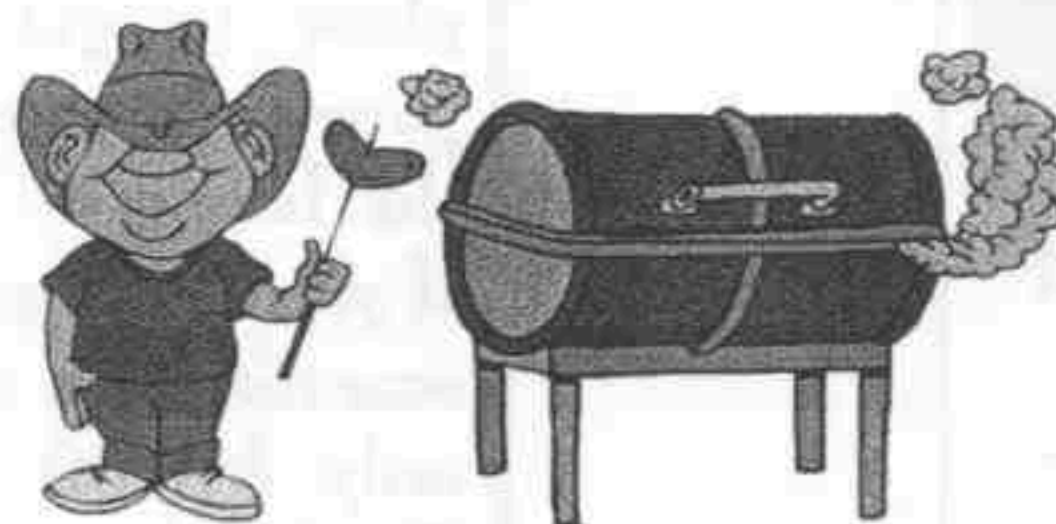


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- Live Music!
- Awards presented at 3 PM.



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Down at the Dock



Now that the boating season is in full swing, **Dockmaster Jim Anderson** has planned the following hours of operation for the Dock for the season:

0800 to 2000 (8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

0800 to 2200 (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and

Sunday

The Tender will be running throughout these hours. The scheduled hours will continue until Columbus Day weekend or beyond, if the weather holds. Some modification of the hours may take place after Labor Day. Services available include gasoline, ice, oil, water, electricity and pump out. Diesel fuel is not available. This year's staff is a great group of young people who are all well trained.

Launch Operators:

Becky Main (at FYC for 4 years)

Austin Bussen (also at FYC for 4 years)

Ryan Conrad (at FYC for his second years)

Frank Polk (new this year)

Dock Hands:

Travers Blossom (at FYC for his second year)

Will Hart (also at FYC for his second year)

Jim has asked that all boating members using the Dock remember one thing: **Be courteous!**
Have a good season!



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The new Fayerweather Membership Directory will be available shortly to the membership. The Directory is a wonderful place to get information about your company or your services into the hands of all of our members. If your business card is suitable for scanning, an ad in the directory is only \$50.00 for the entire year. That's a bargain!

If you are interested in this offer, ads must be received at the Bar at the Club prior to July 31st. Please put all material in an envelope addressed to the Membership Directory.

Fleet Captain's Corner

Just a quick note to all...the summer cruises are close upon us and should be referenced here, to wit:

BLOCK ISLAND TRIP DEPARTS JULY 8th AT ABOUT 0900. First night is North Cove or Duck Island. Reach Block on Sunday about seventeen hundred hours. Usually anchor first night there and plan to go out to dinner the second night at Block. Stay three days or so, subject to the whim of all who come, plus weather and other important considerations. Make our way home via Shelter Island or Essex and the Connecticut River ports. Arrive home on July 14 or 15.

AUGUST 2nd...MEETING AT THE CLUB FOR THE PRE-SHELTER ISLAND CRUISE...AT 1930. We will go over the details of the trip...including, but not limited to: who will go in what boats...amount of blocks of ice needed in toto...crew members...radio channels to be used, and other pertinent data.

AUGUST 12th...depart Fayerweather at close to 0900 and proceed Easterly to either Duck Island or North Cove. Some may wish to press on to Coecles Harbor direct and stay there till the balance of the fleet arrives on Sunday, August 13. Monday the 14th will be Three Mile Harbor...15th is first to Sag Harbor (morning) and in the afternoon all reach West Neck for our joint raft-up which has become famous. The 16th, Wednesday, will find us moving either to Dering Harbor or Greenport. On the 17th, we start for home via the Connecticut River and dinner at Essex, or go straight to Branford where the yacht club has always been most affable. You may cook-out there and they supply stoves and fuel for visitors. Friday, the 18th, may find us behind the breakwater in New Haven or go all the way home, arriving at about 1600 hours. Courses and timetables are at your option and any similarity between this trip and the last 35 years we have done this trip, is purely coincidental.

Any question as to the details herein listed, do not hesitate to call me.....268-5775.



Bob Butler - Fleet Captain

FYI

The **Wednesday Ladies Bridge Group** that meets at Fayerweather has had a long, illustrious history: they've been meeting for over **44 years!** The group started with 3 tables of women from Fairfield, Easton, Milford, Trumbull and Bridgeport who wanted to play bridge every week. They originally met in each others' homes and prepared wonderful, lavish lunches for each other. After years of extravagant lunches, the members then went to sandwich menus, still meeting weekly in homes. After awhile (who can remember exactly when?) they went to a "bring your own sandwich" format. Of course, peanut butter, jelly, and bread were always available from the hostess where the weekly game was held. When one member could no longer attend the games at homes due to a health problem, a member suggested that the group meet at FYC. At that time, 6 or 7 of the group of 12 regular members were FYC members. That was about 17 years ago. These ladies now love having lunch at FYC during their games. The group has 12 regular members and 8 subs. There are always atleast 3 full tables of Duplicate Bridge going. The group is always looking for Duplicate Bridge subs, so if you are interested in playing, please contact **Laurette Reilly** at 373-1105. The group meets each Wednesday in the Penfield Room at 10:00 a.m. until 2 or 2:30 p.m.

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7TH Annual Swim Across the Sound Regatta on Saturday, July 15, 2006



The Swim Across the Sound Regatta is here!

The Seventh Annual Swim Across the Sound Regatta is Saturday, July 15th, and once again Fayerweather is the host club. Applications and pledge forms are posted on the FYC sailing board, or you can download them online at www.sassr.org.

As always, funds raised by the Swim Across the Sound Regatta help fund the St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation's free mammography program in Fairfield County. The entry fee for this regatta is a tax-deductible donation, so come and join the fun! Skippers and crews are encouraged to solicit additional boat sponsorship. We all know someone who's been affected by cancer, and the Regatta Committee hopes this year's donations will exceed those of previous years. A special award will be presented to the skipper of the boat that raises the most funds.

There will be PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker racing divisions, and if three or more of a given boat are entered (J/24, Catalina 30, etc.), they'll be considered a separate division and given their own start. If the wind cooperates, we'll run two races. In past years, all-women crews have come close to winning both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions. Will an all-girl boat claim line honors this year?

The popular Fun Sail is also available for crews who don't want to race. The Fun Sail involves easy navigation around government marks to collect clues to solve a puzzle - and you're allowed to use your engine if the wind quits!

We hope you'll join us for a fun day of sailing (not to mention a great picnic with live entertainment on the FYC lawn) in support of a very worthy cause. Thank you very much, and we'll see you on the 15th!

Chris Szepessy & the Swim Across the Sound Regatta Committee

Nautical Knowledge

Test your knowledge:

1. What would you be doing on your boat when you "freshen the nip"?
2. "Belaying" takes place with
 - a. an anchor
 - b. line
 - c. a boat horn
3. When anchoring, if you have concern about wind or current shifts, it is wise to
 - a. set 1 anchor
 - b. set 2 anchors at an angle
 - c. set 3 anchors

Answers will appear in next month's Foghorn.

Now that boating season is actually here, do you need to brush up on your knot tying skills? There's a really helpful site that can be accessed on the Web with a link at www.newenglandropes.com. When you enter the site, look for the link to Animated Knots by Alan Grogono. You'll soon be tying Rolling Hitches and Constrictors like a pro.

Power Boat Committee

A new committee has been established to serve our members with power boats. We are planning on the following powerboat events for the summer months:

Power Boater Sailboat Race: I have arranged to have several sailboats for the power boaters to be at the sailboat helm (with the owner on board). There will be a short race with a barbecue held after the race. The date will be announced.

The Brundridge Cup Predicted Log Race: On July 22. This is for FYC members only.

I am also talking about joining the sailboats for the Port Jefferson overnight on August 5th.

Please keep your eye on the website for more information. If you have interest in any of these events, please let me know at jhodgdonsr@yahoo.com.

James Hodgdon – *Chairman*





Fishing Committee

Last month's meeting with dinner with our wives before the meeting was a big hit--we had 10 members show up. It was so well attended, we will do it again this month. The meeting is Thursday, July 13th at 7:30, so we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. Please call Mike Herrington at 255-0815 if you are going to attend so he can make reservations for the group and have a table reserved.

Congratulations to **Jim Hanrahan** who won the Chaos Rod and Shimano Reel with Ticket #6. I want to thank all those who bought or sold their tickets. All 100 were sold!

The Fluke Tournament will be Sunday, July 16th from 6:00 a.m. until noon. Weigh in is between 11:30 a.m. and noon (the latest) on the FYC scale. Lunch will follow the weigh in at a price of \$15.00 per person. Applications are available in the bar. The cut-off to enter the Tournament is Friday night, July 14th at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 21st is Hunky Turkey Nite from 6:00 p.m. until ? The price is still only \$8.00 per person with all you can eat and beer included!! Tickets are on sale at the bar. Please buy your tickets early.

Remember, all fish must be weighed in on the FYC scale and verified by either a Club member or Bartender ONLY.

Fish Standings

Striper:	Tim Osborn	23.81
	Steve Ehvens	23.76
Blackfish:	Pappy Wargo	10.22
Seabass:	Ed Kasper	2.78
Fluke:	Don Levasseur	3.44

Dave Farrington/Mike Herrington
- Co-Chairmen

Fireworks Schedule

FYC members are fortunate to have so many spectacular fireworks displays available to them in the area over the Fourth of July holiday—particularly those that take place over the water. The fireworks that are part of Bridgeport's Barnum Festival can be viewed from the Club on Friday night, June 30th. Food will be available from the kitchen that evening (and the bar will be open). For members who enjoy viewing fireworks from their boats or on the beaches, the schedule for other nearby areas follows. All the displays begin at darkness. If you attend by boat, please remember to look for the safety zone markers that are placed on the water by each town's marine officers. All boats must remain behind these markers in open water.

Friday, June 30th: Bridgeport Barnum
Festival Fireworks Sky Blast*
Seaside Park
Raindate: July 2nd

Monday, July 3rd: Norwalk Fireworks
Calf Pasture Beach
Raindate: July 5th

Westport Fireworks
Compo Beach
Raindate: July 5th

Stamford Fireworks
Cummings Beach
Raindate: July 5th

Tuesday, July 4th: Fairfield Fireworks
Jennings Beach
Raindate: July 5th

If you're in the mood for a longer boat trip, the most spectacular fireworks in the area are those in New York Harbor on the Hudson and East Rivers (sponsored by Macy's) the evening of July 4th. The June edition of *Windcheck Magazine* has an excellent article on getting around the area. Copies are available in the Club.

Have a safe holiday weekend!

*Be sure to bring your AM/FM radio along and tune it into WEBE for simulcast music that really enhances the fireworks.

June Nautical Knowledge

Did you guess the correct answers to June's questions?

1. When approaching Fayerweather Yacht Club from the water in the evening, what appears on the outside of the Club building? What is the nautical significance of this? The outside of the Club building has lights that are seen from the water of green over white. Earlier FYC members knew this as the navigation light configuration for vessels engaged in fishing by trawling at night. I guess the early members wanted everyone passing by to know that this is definitely a building where lots of fishermen can be found!

2. What is the proper scope for an anchor under average weather conditions? What scope is needed in heavy weather conditions? In average weather conditions a scope of 7 : 1 is considered correct. In heavy weather conditions the scope should increase to a ratio of 10 : 1.

3. What is more efficient: a narrow, deep rudder or a broad, shallow rudder. A narrow, deep rudder, per John Vigor.

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