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'From The Helm'

I thought about this month's message to the membership and pondered a central theme. This past Saturday evening only echoed the message I feel very strongly about at our Club - volunteerism and participation.

First of all, thanks to **Debbie Selski** for orchestrating the 'La Luna' theme of the Dinner Dance and pulling all the pieces together.

The Dinner Dance would not have been successful if not for the efforts of **Martha Dixon, Tim Casey, Charlene Farley** and **Sue Callahan** for helping with the setup. Many thanks to Sue Callahan and **Sue Swanson** for assisting during the evening guest registration. Thanks to **Frank Stirna** for the printing of the programs.

The help of **Bridget MacDonald** and my dear friend Adell and her daughter Sasha made smooth work of the Saturday afternoon preliminaries. Thank you to **Brian Kelly** for the celestial blessing of the meal.

The evening would not have run so efficiently without the great work of **Dan Conroy** and **Rob Carey** tending the bar. The pleasurable atmosphere and wonderful food created through the efforts of **Todd and Derek**, and the **complete staff of Catering 2 the 9's** made for a special evening.

Sunday morning Debbie and I journeyed to the Penfield room to relive some of the memories from the previous night. Decorations needed to be taken down to get the room ready for Sunday brunch. **Bob Butler** lent a hand with the finishing touches.

Thanks to all for supporting me for what I hope will be the beginning of a year filled with many memorable events.
 Fair winds and calm seas,
 Bill Selski - *Commodore*

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 4th

FREE, FREE, FREE!

Enjoy Pete Stern's Band
 Penfield Room 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 7th

Dock Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th

Auxiliary

Board Meeting-7:00 PM
 Regular Meeting-7:30 PM

Thursday, March 9th

Fishing Committee - 7:30 PM

Friday, March 10th

Membership Meeting 8:00 PM

Friday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day Dance
 Corned Beef Dinner \$20
 Keltic Kick Entertainment

Monday, March 27th

BOG Meeting 7:00 PM

Check out the web site for
 Thursday Night and
 Sunday Brunch menu

'From the Vice Commodore'

New smoke eaters are now installed in the Bar and are doing a great job at keeping the smoke down. Now when you leave you don't have to smell like an ashtray. We also have **drink chips** instead of plastic shot glasses, which are much easier to carry. The new chips can also make a great gift. We have new pizza available when the Kitchen is closed. They are a big improvement over the previous pies, and **Chef Derek** is the one making them so you know they have to be great!

Thursday Night dinner hours will be extended to allow for two seatings due to the overwhelming response. Starting **March 23rd**, the hours will be 5:30 to 9:30 and will include early bird specials.

Don't forget to join us every Friday starting at 4:30 for **Happy Hour** including complimentary hot hors d'oeuvres.

The Kitchen has an improved **Sunday Brunch** menu and also includes wait staff service. Please come on down and enjoy.

Derek and Todd are organizing a *Yacht Club Cook-Off* for this summer. FYC members, other yacht club's kitchen staff or their members enter to compete with their best dish. We are looking for anyone interested to assist on this committee. Proceeds from this event will go to a charity not yet selected.

Please consider **Catering 2 the 9's** (Derek and Todd) for all your catering needs, on and off the premises.

I am still compiling an Email list to keep members informed on events at the Club. Please email me at fayerweatheryachtclub@yahoo.com and include your name in the subject.

Thank You,
Timothy Casey - *Vice Commodore*

'Something to Ponder'

"Men in a ship are always looking up, and men ashore are usually looking down".

-John Masefield



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'From the Rear Commodore'

I have a lot of events planned for the next few months. Please check the website for future events. Here is what is coming up in this month. **Saturday, March 4th, Pete Stern's Band** will be playing in the Penfield Room. **Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day Keltic Kick** is playing. Tickets are \$20 for a corned beef dinner. This evening will be a sellout. All attendees will be asked to make a "donation" to the Club if they plan on joining the music after the dinner.

The **Children's Easter Party** will be on **Saturday, April 15th**. We will be having **Jimmy Buffett Night** on **April 29th**. Details to follow.

Again, please keep your book donations coming. The members are reaping the benefits.

See you at the Club!

Thanks,
Martha Dixon - *Rear Commodore*

'Join the Foghorn Team'

Are you a MS Word user? Have an interest in putting together the newsletter?

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'Auxiliary'

March 8, 2006

Board Meeting-7:00 PM

Regular Meeting-7:30 PM

We of the Auxiliary would like to thank our new Commodore, **Bill Selski**, and new Vice Commodore, **Tim Casey** and of course Rear Commodore **Martha Dixon** for the swearing in of our Auxiliary Officers on the 8th of February. Congratulations to all of our new officers, **Sue Callahan**, Vice President, and two new Board Members, **Deborah Callan** and **Carrie Shelton**. Thank you for all the Auxiliary Officers and Board Members who decided to remain.

Dues in the amount of \$20 are to be sent in by check to the Auxiliary as soon as possible so we can update our member list.

On April 21st, the Club will be having their annual Fish Fry Dinner. It would be much appreciated if everyone could bring in a desert for the desert table.

On April 30, the Auxiliary will be having a "Getting to know You" luncheon for the other Yacht Clubs around our area. If you would like to bring something please contact me.

As you are all aware that Easter is coming up very shortly. It also would be much appreciated if everyone would donate a stuffed bunny to raffle off at the Children's Easter Party. You may leave the bunnies at the bar.

Last but not least, congratulations to **Mike Moder** who was the lucky recipient of the Valentine's Basket raffle. Our next meeting is on March 8, when will have a Chinese Auction. If you would like to participate, please bring your item with you when you attend the meeting. If anyone has any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

Charlene Farley - *President*

Tel# 345-1566 or Cell 257-7158

'Membership Directory'

Soon the Membership Directory will be revised. Some information such as phone numbers are incorrect. Please let the Financial Secretary Dan Malavet know. Should we include email addresses?

'Fleet Captain's Corner'

If the whole year goes as well as the Commodore's Dinner Dance, then we have no worries for the coming year. Nice job outgoing **Jim Hasak** and good luck to incoming **Bill Selski**.

This is a calendar decoration: The **Shelter Island Cruise Breakfast** will be on March 18, 9:00 to 11:15 AM. Same fare as last year and same price as well. The menu will be eggs with ham, sausage or bacon, French toast or pancakes with syrup, coffee or tea. All will be done buffet style and of course, Derek and Todd will be doing the honors. Six dollars per person and the Penfield Room will be solely dedicated to this purpose. Those not attending our breakfast but wanting to partake of our kitchen fare will be served at 'The Window' and will be seated on the Upper Deck. Thank you.

The **Block Island Cruise** is scheduled for July 8th, 2006. Departure from our Club at plus or minus 0900.

The **Shelter Island Cruise** will sail off on Saturday, August 12th, 2006 at plus or minus 0900. We will have a meeting prior to the Shelter Island Cruise on Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:30 PM (at the Club) to go over schedule, itinerary, boats going and people attending. Any question anyone has will be answered and any fears eliminated, of course.

We are also inviting other clubs to join us and to this end, the Commodore of Pequonnock Yacht Club Glenn Smith, will generate some boats from there. He is also a member of FYC and we thank him for his help in this regard. If there are other clubs that would like to join us and you can get them to come along with us, please have them contact me. I have also spoken with Commodore Pam Ireland of Black Rock Yacht Club and extended our invitation to their members.

Thanks,

Bob Butler - *Fleet Captain*

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'Dockmaster Update'

Spring is coming, sooner than you think. We are in need of tender operators and dock hands. Drop a note in the Commodores mailbox if you know of anyone who will be available for work.

Shoot for the Moon. Even if you miss, You will land among the Stars.

- Les Brown

With the theme in mind, 'La Luna', the Commodore's Dinner Dance celebrated the evening amongst the stars. The elegant event started at seven o'clock with guests arriving and receiving their welcome from the Auxiliary members.

A large antipasti presented on a candlelit table included marinated vegetables, preserved meats and delectable cheeses.

Hot hors d'oeuvres were presented to the guests by the wait staff. The crab cakes and crab puffs were only complimented by the eggplant rollitini and risotto



cakes. Cocktails were enjoyed under the twinkling stars in the entry. Dignitaries and guests from other yacht clubs mingled with members from Fayerweather. The enjoyable sounds of *TNT trio* included songs such as *Moondance* to embrace the theme of the evening.



Photos courtesy of Trish Pole

At eight o'clock the doors to the Penfield Room were opened and the guests strolled to tables decorated with star speckled balloons and confetti. Golden crescent moons adorned the windows against the backdrop of the new sunshades. Programs awaited the guests at their table defining the events of the evening.

When all were seated, Commodore Bill Selski asked the guests to receive the blessing of the meal by Fleet Chaplain Brian Kelly. His reflection upon the celestial bodies included the stars and sun around which all living revolves.

The presentation of Bridge Officers and Board of Governors members by the commodore recognized the hard work they do throughout the year. The commodore



also recognized the visiting officers from Cedar Point Yacht Club, East End Yacht Club, Ischoda Yacht Club, Miamogue Yacht Club, Pequonnock Yacht Club, Pequot Yacht Club, South Norwalk Boat Club and Regional Commodore's Council.

The evening would not have been complete without the recognition of Jim Hasak, most recent Past Commodore. Jim was presented with a ship's clock which strikes the traditional ship's 8-bell cycle.



The meal presented by Catering 2 the 9's included choices from beef tenderloin, chicken saltimbocca or shrimp scampi. The meal finished with a piece of the commodore's cake prepared by Bullard-Havens Technical School.



With the meal complete, once again guests journeyed to the entry to dance under the stars to the sounds of *TNT*. The melodious tones of singer JeanMarie kept the guests on their feet along with the great sounds from the five piece band itself. The evening lasted until the bewitching hour of

midnight when the last guest ventured home or to have one last conversation at the bar.

'Fishing Committee'

The next meeting will be Thursday March 9th, 06 at 30 p.m. upstairs.

The committee has decided that because of the lack of Winter Flounder & Weakfish last year, we would eliminate these two fish from all tournaments for 2006. These rules are printed & posted on the bulletin board, along with all tournaments & Fish Fry's.

Fishing Buttons are now on sale at the bar at \$10.00 each.

Dave Farrington/Mike Herrington
- Co-Chairmen

'Didgeuknow?'

Did you know that House Rule #15 states No food will be brought in and consumed in the club house when the kitchen is open. But did you realize that you could bring a take out meal into the Club during other times? Bring in a picnic meal, sit in the Penfield Room on a Friday or Sunday evening and watch the ever changing views of the water. Be sure to purchase your beverages at the Bar.

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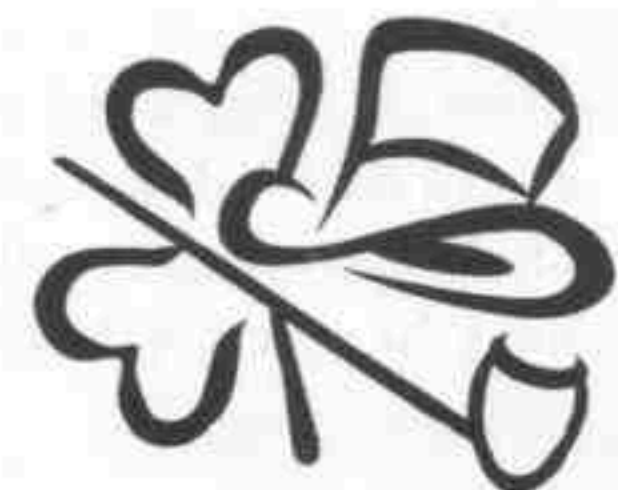
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