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## From The Helm

The month of July was a very ambitious month. Thanks to all who supported the efforts of the volunteers who made the events possible. It is very rewarding to hear the positive comments made by members regarding the events scheduled at the Club.

As you might have noticed, the impetus of Work Day has not waned and there have been renovation projects continuing. Most recently, the Penfield Room ceiling was renovated with new tiles. Thanks to **Dan Conroy, Jerry Hogarth, Bob Meeker, Russell Dunleavy** and **Tim Casey** for getting the job done! The ship's wheel will soon to be wall mounted and the burgees will be raised to staffs.

Windows are being evaluated as to replacement or reconditioning, both in the Penfield Room and in the Bar. This undertaking is necessary to preserve the structural integrity of the facility. We will also be addressing the ceiling/roof water damage at the bulletin board area which has been an ongoing problem.

Lastly, I would like to suggest to the membership a way in which to commemorate the names of members who have contributed or wish to participate in the rejuvenation of the entrance sidewalk from street to porch. What if we were to install brick pavers with names or events cast into each brick? We must add bricks to reach the parking lot and could replace the existing with new cast bricks. Anyone interested?

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

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, July 29th

Coastal Cook Off 2:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment: JD and the Penfield  
 Reefers

### Wednesday, August 2nd

Meeting for Shelter Island Cruise  
 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, August 10th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

### Friday, August 11th

Membership Meeting

### Saturday, August 12th

Shelter Island Trip  
 Departure +/- 0900

### Saturday, August 19th

Summer BBQ 4:00 p.m.-  
 Entertainment: Keltic Kick

### Monday, August 28th

BOG Meeting 7:00 PM

Check out the website for Thursday Night  
 and Sunday Brunch menus

## From the Vice Commodore

The bar is having a great summer; many members and their guests are enjoying the view and the company of other members. With the bar being busier than ever, I have to ask that you please remember to use your key to gain access to the building, so as not to slow down the bartender. (If you have lost your key, please see the bartender on duty to purchase another one.)

It is great to see all the new members coming down and enjoying the clubs facilities. Please remember to clear your glasses and bottles from the tables and return them to the bar.

The extended kitchen hours are going over very well. Keep an eye out for new menus, including a children's menu.

Watch for the new Raw Bar on weekends on the deck starting around 4:00 p.m., weather permitting.

I would like to thank **Bob Meeker** for picking up the new kitchen cooler in his truck. The old cooler died just before the July 4th weekend.

The email list is growing. If you haven't sent me your email address, please send it to me at [fayerweatheryachtclub@yahoo.com](mailto:fayerweatheryachtclub@yahoo.com). The email list is working out very well to inform members on last minute events at the Club.

I hope you are having a great summer!

Thank You,

Timothy Casey - Vice Commodore

## From the Rear Commodore

Happy Summer!

Please mark your calendar for the Summer BBQ on Saturday, August 19th. **Keltic Kick** will be performing outside. We will be grilling and selling food outside, with a donation request of \$5.00 to pay for the band. Start time will be at 4:00 p.m., so enjoy the day on the boat and come on down for BBQ and great music at FYC! Of course, I need volunteers to grill. If you can help, please leave your name and number with the bartender and I will contact you.

Keep an eye on the website for additional entertainment at the Club. The music on the deck has been a huge success and I am trying to add more evenings of music. I am only able to do this by the "donation hat", and it is currently empty, so please contribute when the hat is passed on these evenings.

See you at the Club!

Martha Dixon - Rear Commodore

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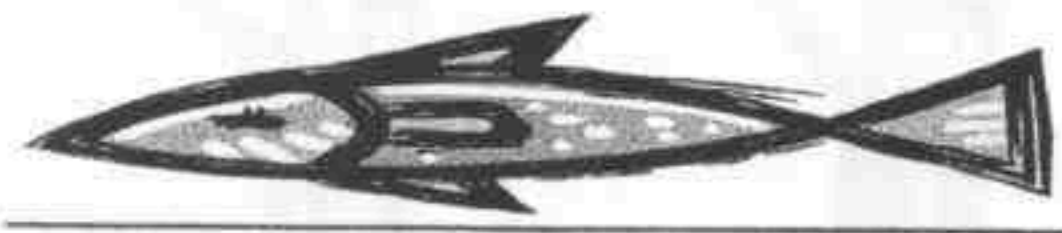
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## Fishing Committee

Our next meeting will be August 10th at 7:30 p.m.. This meeting will be to set up our Bluefish Tournament in September. At the last meeting, dock personnel were approved to witness fish weigh in's.

The Hunky Turkey Nite will be over by the time this letter is printed, so I'll thank everyone who attended now. Hope you all enjoyed it!

The Fluke Tournament on July 16th went very well with 25 people participating. The winners are as follows:

### Biggest Fluke:

1st: <b>Georg Palmgrem</b>	4.31
2nd: <b>Chris Bilyard</b>	3.88
3rd: <b>Dave Farrington</b>	3.81

### Most Poundage for 5 Fish:

<b>Geoff Cornwell</b>	16.67
<b>John Ellis</b>	11.87 4 fish
<b>Georg Palmgrem</b>	9.04 3 fish

### Yearly Fish Standings:

#### Stripers:

1st: <b>Steve Ehrens</b>	31.56
2nd: <b>Dave Shackett</b>	31.03
3rd: <b>Rob Lazar</b>	29.29

#### Bluefish:

1st: <b>Jason Siemer</b>	21.89
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#### Blackfish:

<b>Ed (Pappy) Wargo</b>	10.22
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#### Porgy:

1st: <b>Bob Polson</b>	2.82
2nd: <b>Mike Herrington</b>	2.80
3rd: <b>Bill Olender</b>	2.78

#### Fluke:

1st: <b>Bob Karosy</b>	6.71
2nd: <b>Bill Olender</b>	5.69
3rd: <b>John Ellis</b>	4.91

#### Seabass:

1st: <b>Ed Kasper</b>	2.78
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**Good luck fishing, guys!!!**

Dave Farrington/Mike Herrington

- Co-Chairmen

## Nautical Knowledge

Test your knowledge:

1. Under International and Inland Navigational Rules, what action should be taken by power-driven vessels when there is heavy fog in the area through which they are passing?
2. What is the difference between a Genoa and a Yankee foresail?
3. When participating in a race, what does it mean when the race committee boat raises a red flag with a bright yellow cross on it?

**Answers will appear in next month's Foghorn.**

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## July Nautical Knowledge

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

1. What would you be doing on your boat when you "freshen the nip"? When lying at anchor on your boat, you can pay out a little more scope from time to time to protect the line from chafe, if you do not have chafing gear. This action is referred to as "freshen the nip".
2. "Belaying" takes place with: b. line. To "belay" means to secure a rope, which is generally part of running rigging, usually to a cleat or a belaying pin.
3. When anchoring, if you have concern about wind or current shifts, it is wise to: b. set 2 anchors at an angle. In fact, Chapman's advises that if you need to anchor where tidal current reverses or wide wind shifts are likely, it is wise to set out two anchors 180 degrees apart with the bow of the boat at the midpoint between them.

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## Newsworthy Notes

Saturday, August 5th, is the date for the annual St. Vincent's Hospital **Swim Across the Sound**. It's the perfect time to come down to the Club and watch the swimmers enter Captain's Cove where the finish line is located from the outside deck. Swimmers begin arriving back in Black Rock Harbor from around 2:00 p.m. on (if the water conditions are good) through the afternoon.

Our "neighborhood" was featured in a wonderful article on Black Rock Harbor in the July 2006 issue of *WindCheck Magazine*. In fact, the facilities at Fayerweather are specifically mentioned in an article describing various facilities and services in the area. If you haven't yet looked at the issue, pick up a copy at the Club.

## Fleet Captain's Corner

The Block Island Trip had Five "Captains Courageous" this year, of which four made it all the way: **Eric Ferrigno** with **Irene, Jon and Jennifer**; **Carl Lisle** with **John Krotzer** and **Bill Davidson**; **Lars** with God as crew; and a new-comer and first-timer **Milton Meinck** with **Judy**. **Bill Oster**, although he started on the trip, made it only to Fishers Island Sound, where his prop struck a submerged object and he had to abandon the balance of the trip. We did not even start on the trip due to multiple causes involving engine failure of one type or other. We will all do better next year....

The Shelter Island Trip meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on August 2nd at the Club. The actual date to leave is August 12th at +/- 0900. The ports of call will be:

Saturday, August 12: North Cove or straight to Coecles

Sunday, August 13: To Coecles

Monday, August 14: We will be in Three Mile Harbor

Tuesday, August 15: Noon to Sag for victuals and leave at 1400 for West Harbor. Tuesday afternoon is the customary raft-up at West Harbor.

Wednesday, August 16: Will be in Dering Harbor

Thursday, August 17: Back to Coecles as a jump-off to the Gut on Friday morning.

Friday, August 18: Hopefully Branford Yacht Club for joint Potluck "Last Supper".

Saturday, August 19: Home, or for some, to PJ and Home on Sunday

Any questions? Please call me. We look forward to this trip as it is a shorter run than Block Island and much more readily attainable.

The Dock monies are coming in slowly but steadily and every effort is being made to clear up these old accounts. Our overall income on the docks this year is greater than that of last year, and our new Financial Secretary Andy Wolf thanks all of you.



Bob Butler - Fleet Captain  
268-5775



## FYI

What kind of images come to your mind when you hear that the **Latin Scholars** enjoy meeting at Fayerweather Yacht Club? Do you imagine a group of men dressed in academic caps and gowns assembling in the Penfield Room mumbling declensions and *carpe diem* in Latin? Did you know that a group called the Latin Scholars has been meeting at Fayerweather for the past 25 years? This group originated in the founding years of Fairfield Prep with five fellows who went to lunch together one Christmas Day. Since they all took Latin for four years at Fairfield Prep, the first five members had very strict rules for belonging to the group: you had to get at least one "F" in Latin. Those fellows—**John Connolly** (a Fayerweather sailor with 2 sons who are also members), **John Ford** (also a Club member), **Emil Garfollow**, **Stanton Kennedy**, and **Frank Kennelly**—enjoyed their lunch together so much that they decided to get together the same way the next year and each was to bring one more person with them to the lunch. In this way, the original group of five has grown to a group of about 125 members who get together for a luncheon held on the second Thursday in December each year. Initially, the group did not know quite what to do, but realized that it would like to do something to benefit Fairfield Prep. They decided to raise money for the school and for two priests who do missionary work in Brazil. **John Ford** spoke in particular about the effect Father Murphy, a music instructor, had on them as young men; as a result, the group began to raise money for the music program and also put up a memorial to the Priest on the campus about 16 years ago. Their annual Christmas Luncheon is intended to raise money for Fairfield Prep. The group now runs by itself with a committee of 12 that meets monthly on Wednesday's for lunch at Fayerweather; the remainder of the group participates in various ways in the activities.

If you attended Fairfield Prep and are interested in supporting the efforts of the Latin Scholars, you may contact Paul Connolly, Perennial President, at 255-6054 or John Welch at 334-3407.



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Presents the Inaugural

# COASTAL COOK-OFF

Saturday  
July 29th  
2:00 PM

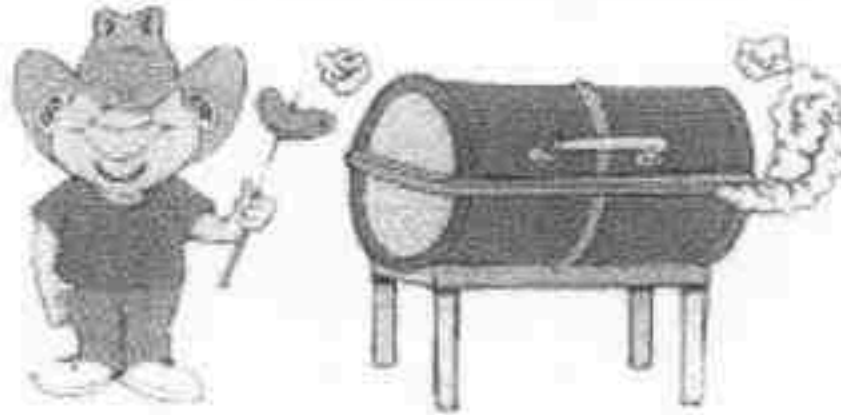


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## Enchanted Bird Graces the Swim Across the Sound Regatta

Saturday, July 15th was the steamiest, most windless day in the seven years that Fayerweather has hosted the Swim Across the Sound Regatta. Sailors on 26 boats in three divisions (representing FYC, BRYC, HBC and Pequot YC) tried to keep cool while the Race Committee (**Ray Kirmaier, Jim Sorensen, Kevin Thornton** and Racing Committee Chairman **Rob Panish**) aboard BRYC's *George Donohue* searched in vain for a breeze.

Things heated up as the SASSR flagship--the 92 foot *Pajaro Jai* (Enchanted Bird) from Panama--motored out to the vicinity of Penfield Lighthouse. Drummers, a flutist and dancers from the Embera tribe from Panama's Darien Gap performed an amazing foredeck concert. They'd been playing since the boat left Captain's Cove and they were cooking! Sailors danced and grooved on foredecks as skippers steered alongside. A huge cheer arose at the show's conclusion and many sailors enjoyed a swim.

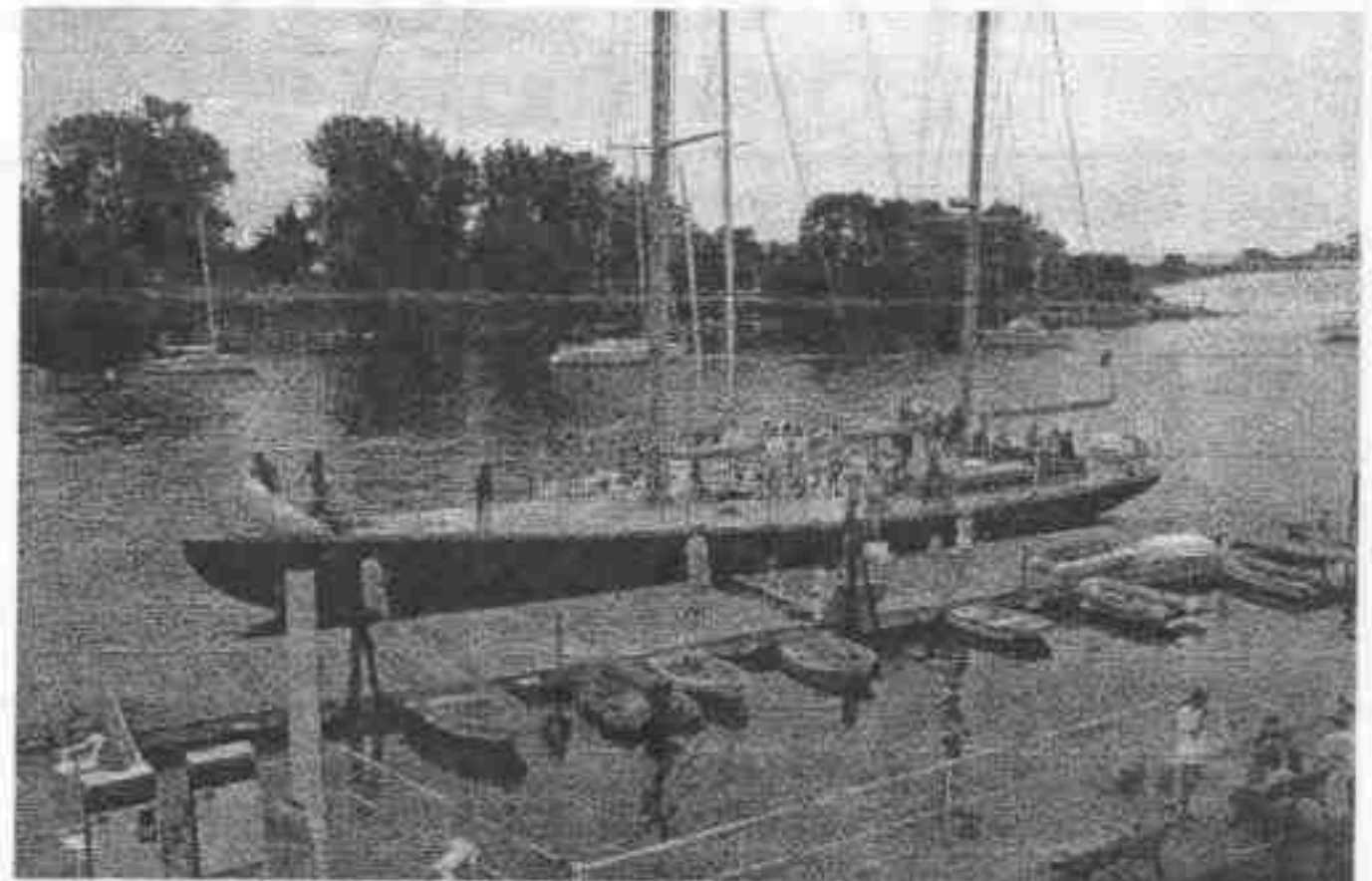
The musicians and dancers performed again on the FYC dock and *Pajaro Jai*'s owner, **Jim Brunton**, invited all aboard to dance, explore the ship, and to meet her amazing crew of sixteen, who also built her! Jim designed the yacht, and she was built on a riverbank in Panama from timber cut in the jungle, including 120 ironwood ribs. Each cabin is built with different wood; the purple heart cabin is incredible. The 60,000-pound keel was poured from lead melted over a wood fire, and the rod rigging, turnbuckles and stanchions were fabricated from raw stainless steel. *Pajaro Jai*'s ketch rig (featuring a 100' mainmast) is carbon/wood composite and she carries 3,000 square feet of sail.

Many dedicated volunteers from FYC, BRYC and HBC made this regatta a success. Special thanks to: **Lee Henschman** of HBC--for everything!; **George O'Connell, Mark Darcy, Pat Dower** and **Robert Reed** who prepared a great picnic; **Derek**

**Furino** and **Todd McGarvey** of **Catering 2 the 9s** and **Julio Rodriguez** and the FYC kitchen staff--the raw bar rocked!; **Dockmaster Jim Anderson** and the **FYC launch and dock staff; Dan Conroy** and the **FYC bar staff; Catherine Wall** for a shotgun harbor start; support boat captains **A.J. Sorensen** and **Jim Hodgdon; Mike Andre** for primo T-shirt artwork; **CAMAC** for Irish, folk and sea music and **Jim, Katie, Vance, Adrian, Juan** and our friends on *Pajaro Jai*.

Proceeds from this year's BRYC Cocktail Party/Silent Auction (organized by Mary Daly and Nancy Gill) and the Regatta will exceed \$25,000!!! To everyone who participated, **THANK YOU!**

Chris Szepessy & the Swim Across the Sound  
Regatta Committee



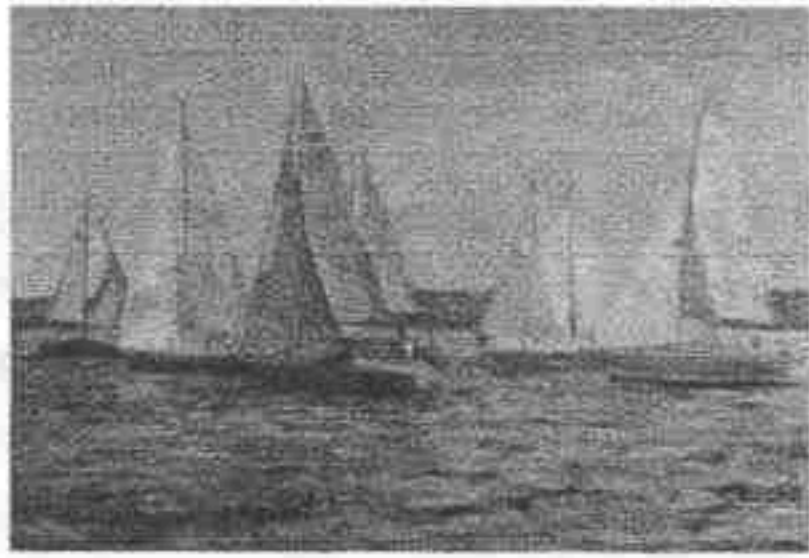
*The Pajaro Jai at Fayerweather's Dock*

### **Please Note:**

Information for the **September Foghorn** must be submitted by **August 21st** to be included in the next issue of *The Fayerweather Foghorn*. Please send it by email to:

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