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From The Helm

Opening Day and Commissioning ceremonies have started each club's seasons. It is very enjoyable to participate at other clubs and experience the differences and similarities each club brings to their membership.

I trust everyone has been to the Club this spring to see the wonderful work the member volunteers have accomplished. It is the little things which we take for granted that make the Club an enjoyable place to belong. From patching holes in walkways to reconditioning the stairs from the deck, these repairs keep us going.

It is June. The waterfront is hopping with boats at the docks and personnel tending to the boater's needs. Wednesday Night Sailboat Races have begun and the members may come to the Club for a Pub Menu. You need not be a racer to enjoy the dining experience.

Many FYC members were present at the Swim Across the Sound Sailboat Race cocktail party held at Black Rock Yacht Club. This charitable event included hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Music resounded throughout the evening and attendees were even seen swaying to the beat. Thank you to all the members of FYC and BRYC who made this evening possible.

Where do we go from here? Onward and upward. The Officers, Board members and Committee chairs are all preparing events for you to enjoy this summer and beyond. We encourage the members to participate in these upcoming events. The website has complimented the Foghorn with keeping the membership updated with current information regarding the season's activities.

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

Calendar of Events

Friday, June 2nd
12 Meter Challenge 2006
Meeting and Party 7:30 PM

Sunday, June 4th
Black Rock Day

Thursday, June 8th
Fishing Committee 7:30 PM

Friday, June 9th
Membership Meeting 8:00 PM

Tuesday, June 13th
Tuesday Morning Races Begin
10:00 AM

Wednesday, June 14th
Auxiliary
Board and Regular Meeting
(Pot Luck Dinner)-7:00 PM

Saturday, June 24th
Pub Night
"Once Removed" Entertainment
No charge for the evening

Monday, June 26th
BOG Meeting 7:00 PM

Check out the website for Thursday
Night and Sunday Brunch menus

From the Vice Commodore

The refinished bar and tables look great! **Commodore Selski** will be getting new plaques for the tables. We have ordered new tables and chairs for the deck; the old tables will be placed on the lawn to replace the rotting wooden tables. Please welcome our newest bartender, **Brook**. I am sure she will be a great addition to our team.

Come on down and see all the new items in the Ship's Store. Don't forget that the Bartender is there for service on these items.

Wednesday and Thursday night dinners are doing very well and continue to be well received. Our Chefs are doing a great job on having a fresh menu every week! Please visit the website for details on what is for dinner.

We are looking for sponsors for the Coastal Cook Off on July 29th. Any person or company can hang their own banner to benefit the Special Olympics. Please contact **Russell Dunleavy** at 332-4617 for your tax deductible donation form. We are also looking for team chefs to be sponsored by Fayerweather. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Russell at the above listed number.

If you haven't sent me your Email address, please send it to me at fayerweathervachtclub@yahoo.com so we can keep members informed on events at the club. Please include your name in the subject.

Thank You,
Timothy Casey - Vice Commodore

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From the Rear Commodore

Hi Everyone,

We had a Sinatra evening on May 13th. The music was great and the chefs prepared a special menu that was well received. I have to thank **Brian Desmond** for his help. It's too bad the turnout for this event was very low. I have to rethink similar parties for the future, based on the cost of such events.

We are having Pub Night on Saturday, June 24, with "Once Removed" playing. This is another **FREE** event for members and their guests. The kitchen will be open, so please come down and enjoy the good music and food. That's all for now. See you at the club!

Martha Dixon - Rear Commodore

Please Note:

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

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Ads will still be handled by Howard Bishop.

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Fishing Committee

Our next meeting will be June 8th at 7:30 p.m. The committee is planning to meet at 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. with our wives for dinner first. If you would like to attend, please contact me at 255-3346.

Over the last few months the Club has taken in quite a few new members with power boats. If any of you are fishermen, we would like to meet you. Come on down to one of our meetings. Maybe you'd like to join our committee. If you would just like to fish in our yearly tournaments, you must purchase a fishing button at the bar for \$10.00, 48 hours before entering any fish.

Next month we will hold our first tournament of the season on **Sunday, July 16th**. Entry forms will be posted on the board in the bar.

Next month will also be Hunky Turkey Nite on **Friday, July 21st**. Tickets will be available at the bar. More on that next month.

Congratulations to **Pappy Wargo** for the first fish on the board, a blackfish weighing just under 11 lbs.!!

Dave Farrington/Mike Herrington
- Co-Chairmen

Auxiliary

Wednesday, June 14, 2006
Board and Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Pot Luck Dinner

This will be our last meeting until September, so I would like to thank everyone for all of their help through out the year.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the success and the turn out for our "Getting To Know You" get together--it was a huge success! Most of the thanks go out to **Donna Gagnon** and **Judy Duva**. Without them, I do not know what I would have done!!!! Thank you from all the Auxiliary Members!!!! And who ever didn't attend really missed out on a great time.

Our "Pot Luck Dinner" will be held this month on the 14th of June. If you would like to bake or cook something, please contact **Kay Kadar** at 259-0740. Also, husbands or significant others can attend the meal. Anyone helping to set up should please be at the Club around 6:30 p.m.

On "Opening Day," we need to be in uniform. Please be at the Club between 10:30am and 11:00am. If anyone has any questions about that please feel free to call me.

At our last meeting in May, we voted that **Kay Kadar** be a Life Time Member. A donation in the name of **Phoebe Davidson** was also made to her church.

Thank you **Donna** and **Judy** for being the hostesses for our May meeting.

I would like to wish everyone a great and safe summer. We will see you all on September 13, 2007.

Sincerely,
Charlene Farley - *President*
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7TH Annual Swim Across the Sound Regatta on Saturday, July 15, 2006

Each year Fayerweather hosts the Swim Across the Sound Regatta to raise funds for free mammography screenings provided by St. Vincent's Medical Center. Many FYC members volunteer their time to make this Regatta a success, and I hope this year's event will top them all.

Please join us on this important day. If you own a boat, sail or power, we need you! The goal is to have the highest attendance ever at this year's Regatta and I know that the FYC membership can make it happen.

Sailboat owners: Call a few of your friends and head out with us for a day of PHRF racing. If you're not feeling racy, the popular Fun Sail is a chance to enjoy an afternoon on the water in a non-race environment.

Power boaters: The Regatta needs members with powerboats for setting and retrieving marks, and safety and media boats. If you'd like to help, please contact **Chris Szepessy** at 255-5322.

Don't own a boat? Sail or motor with a friend, or stop by for the **post-regatta picnic and raffle**.

If you have participated in this Regatta in the past, we hope to see you again this year. If you haven't, I urge you to come out for a day of fun on the water and a **great party** on the FYC lawn. Regatta Picnic Chairman **George O'Connell** has teamed up with **Derek and Todd of Catering 2 The 9's**, and you can bet this year's picnic will be the best yet! Irish and acoustic music for your dancing and dining pleasure will once again be provided by **CAMAC**.

A special thank you goes out to **Mike Andre**, who designed this year's Regatta poster – and wait until you see the Regatta T-shirts and hats Mike has created! Regatta entry forms will be posted on the sailing board. As always, your regatta entry is tax-deductible, and you'll be helping lots of women in our community. The Swim Across the Sound Regatta is Saturday, July

15th, so please mark your calendars. For those of you who remember *Hawaii Five -O*, let me add, "Be there. Aloha."

Thank you,

Chris Szepessy

The Swim Across the Sound Regatta
Committee

Nautical Knowledge

Test your knowledge:

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?
2. What is the proper scope for an anchor under average weather conditions? What scope is needed in heavy weather conditions?
3. What is more efficient: a narrow, deep rudder or a broad, shallow rudder.

Answers will appear in next month's Foghorn.

Newsworthy Notes

Congratulations to **Bruce Maddock** on the feature article on him and *Vitesse*, his Pearson 26, in the May issue of *WindCheck* Magazine. How neat to have an FYC sailor's background and experience with his boat used as the basis of this comprehensive article by our own Chris Szepessy! If you missed this article, copies of the May *WindCheck* are still available in the Club.

The annual **Blessing of the Fleet** will take place in Southport Harbor on Saturday, June 10th around noontime. Area boaters are invited to join the parade of boats that will be blessed by several area clergymen. Following the event, lunch is available by donation at The Lower Wharf Park area.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The schedules for this summer's cruises are as follows:

Cruise to Block Island on Saturday, July 8th

Itinerary is as follows:

Depart Club at +/- 0900.

Stop at Duck Island or North Cove on the first night

Be at Block Island on Night 2 (July 9)

Stay a few days and then begin trip home via Shelter Island or Essex, at your option.

Arrive home Friday, July 14 or Saturday, July 15.

Cruise to Shelter Island on Saturday, August 12th

Itinerary is as follows:

Depart Club at +/- 0900.

Stop at Duck Island or North Cove on the first night

Be at Coecles' Harbor for Night 2 (August 13)

Monday, August 14 be at Three Mile Harbor

Tuesday, August 15 is to Sag Harbor for victuals and we leave there around 1300 for West Neck, where we will have our raft-up and community lunch.

Wednesday, August 16 will be Dering Harbor.

Thursday, August 17 start for home. The option is left open. Friday home or Saturday, if you like.

Note: Some people may wish to press on to Coecles' the first day and await the arrival of the fleet on Sunday.

We will have a meeting at the Club at 1930 on Wednesday, August 2nd to go over all details pertaining to the Shelter Island itinerary. We will answer all questions and establish a roster of all boats going, along with crew. The radio channel to be used and all safety equipment will be discussed.

If there are any questions relating to either cruise, please call me.

All are invited....power and sail....large or not-so-large. And we thank you.

Bob Butler – *Fleet Captain* 268-5775



Fayerweather Yacht Club PHRF 2006 Race Schedule Championship Series

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Start</u>
Wednesday, May 17	Wednesday Night Series Begin *	6:50 P.M. *
Saturday, June 10	BRYC/FYC Invitational Regatta + FYC Series Races 1 & 2 **	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, June 11	BRYC/FYC Invitational Rain Date	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, June 18	Single Handed Race #1	1:00 P.M.
Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9	Port Jefferson Overnight #1	11:00 A.M.
Saturday, July 15	Swim Across The Sound Regatta	TBD
Sunday, July 16	Sunday Series Races 3 & 4	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, July 23	Single Handed Race #2	1:00 P.M.
Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6	FYC Port Jefferson Overnight #2	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, August 20	Sunday Series Races 5 & 6	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, August 27	Single Handed Race #3	1:00 P.M.
Sunday, September 3	Sunday Series Races 7 & 8	11:00 A.M.
Wednesday, September 6	Final Wednesday Night Race	6:20 P.M.
Friday, September 8	PYC Faulkner Island Overnight	
Sunday, September 10	Sunday Series/Single Handed Make Up Day #1	11:00 A.M.
Siunday, September 17	Sunday Series/Single Handed Make Up Day #2	11:00 A.M.
Saturday, September 23	BRYC Cross Sound Race	TBD
Saturday, October 14	FYC Ken Johnson Memorial	TBD

* Racing will take place every Wednesday evening following the May 17 beginning.

**Please note that only FYC Sunday Championship entries will be scored towards the Series.

Tuesday Morning Races

Sailors are anxiously awaiting the beginning of the Tuesday Morning ORC Race schedule which begins on June 13th, weather permitting. The starting sequence begins with the first whistle at 1000 sharp between 2A and 4 in Black Rock Harbor (unless the fleet has to wait 5 or 10 minutes for **Ed Morrison** or other worthy stragglers). The course proceeds plus or minus 5 miles around the "2, 10 and Homecourse" started by **Terry Roach** circa 1965, 40 years ago (we didn't think Terry was that old!).

Tuesday morning racing is unique in that it only has the following two rules:

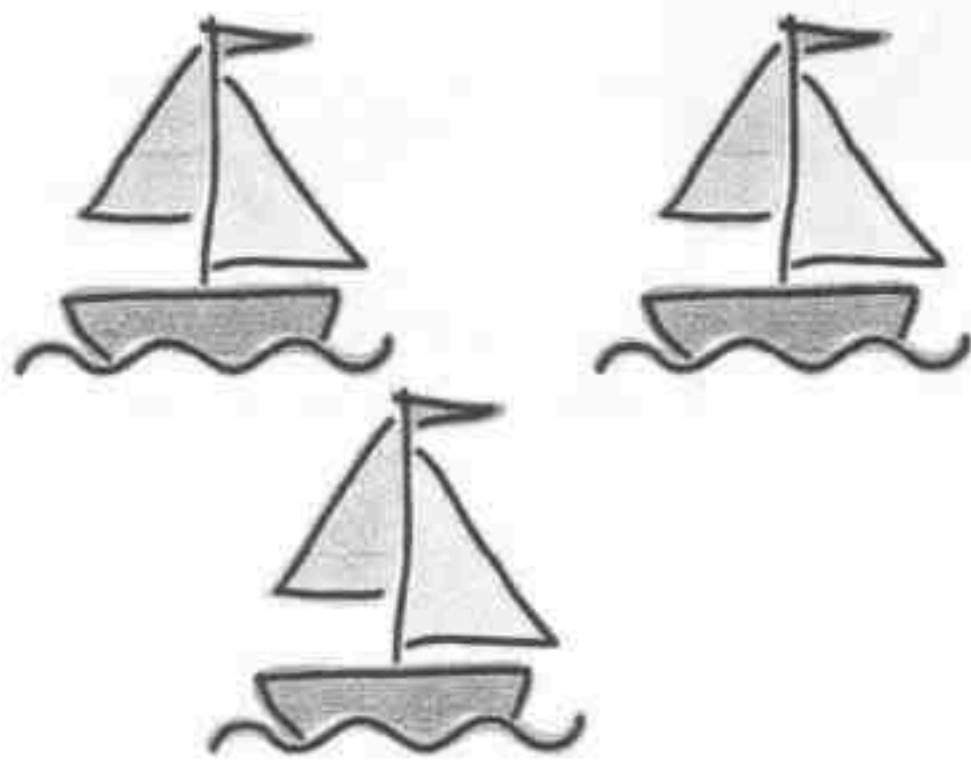
1. There are no rules.
2. Read Rule #1.

In addition, there is no Entry Fee, no cost, and no obligation. Just fun!

All are invited...sail and power.

If there are any questions, please call.

Bob Butler – *Fleet Captain*
268-5775



FYC Dates to Save

Friday, July 21	Hunky Turkey Night
Friday, October 20	Fish Fry
Friday, December 1	FYC Fishing Awards Dinner

FYC Fishing Tournaments

July 16	FYC Fluke Tournament Open to all
August 6	Interclub Bluefish Tournament Members only
September 10	FYC Bluefish Tournament Open to all
October 1 or 8	Bridgeport 4-Club Bluefish Tournament Members only

FYI

If you've been around the Club during the week, you may have encountered members of one of several groups that meet at the Fayerweather Clubhouse on a regular basis. This month's highlight features the:

Fairfield Amateur Radio Association (FARA)

This group of approximately 30 members meets in the Penfield Room at FYC every Thursday at noon for lunch and animated, multifaceted discussions on their favorite subject: radio. The group is primarily made up of ham radio operators who utilize AM, FM, single side band and Continuous Wave. All members of the group have their FCC licenses as "Amateur Radio Operations and Stations" Licenses. Members include broadcast engineers and former Air Force radar operators. If you are interested in this group, please sit in any Thursday or contact Joe Ull at 259-7945.

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May Nautical Knowledge

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

1. The best knot to use to bend a small rope to a larger one that is under strain is: a rolling hitch.
2. Is "swigging" done on a powerboat?

The correct nautical answer is NO. While drinking can go on anywhere, "swigging" is an old sailing term for putting greater tension in a line, particularly a halyard, than is possible with

a straight pull on the line. For the correct technique, refer to John Vigor.

3. What color light should be used on a vessel's compass? Only Red. Red light has almost no effect on night vision.

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