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From The Helm

Surprisingly, it has been six months since I have been elected Commodore. At this point I thought it prudent to provide an update on some accomplishments made at FYC over the last six months. Perhaps this article should be titled the "2007 Six-Month Report."

A lot of thought, time and effort have gone into making the Board meetings more efficient and effective. As you can imagine, issues arise regarding the Club on a weekly – if not a daily – basis. I am in constant contact with the Officers and Board regarding these issues. Some minor issues should not have to wait for a monthly Board meeting, so I have initiated that much of the communication with both the Officers and Board is via email.

I spend a considerable amount of time preparing for the meetings, including comprehensive agendas. I have a firm belief that as much information as possible be presented to the Officers and Board prior to the meeting so that haphazard decisions are avoided. This especially allows us to make well thought-out and informed decisions.

The Officers and Board now receive financial information in advance of the Board meetings. This gives each of us time to look over the data and to formulate questions, rather than attempting to digest a bunch of numbers in a short amount of time. The information we receive is more comprehensive and informative, giving us a better overall financial picture. The minutes of meetings are no longer read at the Board meetings; these, too, are emailed ahead of time and only briefly discussed. This allows us to focus and spend time on current issues.

A couple of key committees that were formed this year are getting underway with their objectives. These include the By-Laws Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Dock Committee is diligently working through the sea wall situation and the House Committee has spent considerable time formulating a list and obtaining quotes for building repairs.

The Membership Committee is also worthy of special mention. As you know, this Committee has been significantly revamped. In fact, a handful of us have put a huge amount of time and effort into a complete reorganization of the entire application process, including a new application, one-on-one interviews, and background checks. After a few tweaks and a year later, the Committee succeeded in having enough applicants ready for election at every single meeting this year to fill vacancies as they arose. The end result is a significant financial benefit since the new members' dues were not prorated more than was necessary. The Financial Secretary has been helpful in this area and has been diligent in sending out bills for charges incurred by members. This as a whole has benefited the Club significantly.

While our efforts to improve the process may not be readily seen from a general member's perspective, there really is a lot going on behind the scenes. I must say that I am truly impressed with the efforts being put forth by our volunteer Officers and Board members, and especially with the progress that has resulted in such a short time. Although there are no General Meetings during the summer, please be assured that the Officers and Board will continue to work together throughout the next few months to keep the momentum going.

Last, but not least, a huge "thank you" to everyone who helped out on Opening Day. I must especially thank Bob Kranyik and Bob Butler for their unfailing assistance with the ceremony itself. After several revisions and some research, we believe that it is now within the rules and traditions of yacht clubs and uniformed officers. Hopefully our efforts will be of endless service to FYC.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer...

Catherine Wall Commodore

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Calendar of Events

Monday, July 2nd

Precruise Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 11th

Auxiliary Meeting for Anniversary Party 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 12th
Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30

Friday, July 13th
Hunky Turkey Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Shelter Island Cruise departs +/- 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 15th
Fluke Tournament 5:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Picnic 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 21st Coastal Cook-Off 2:00 p.m. -

Monday, July 23rd BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 28th Hawaiian Luau 6:00 p.m.

Save the Dates

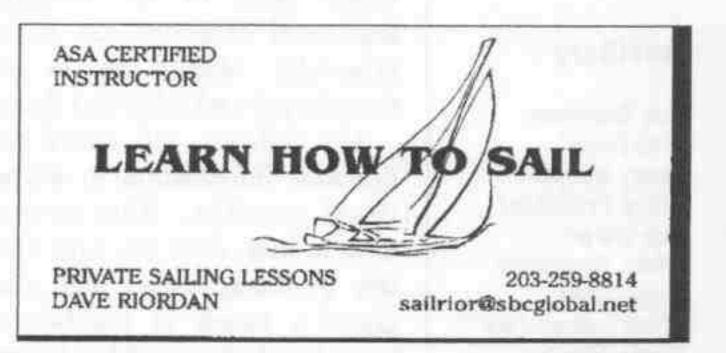
Saturday, August 4th

Swim Across the Sound viewing

Saturday, August 11th

Bishop Cup Predicted Log Race Block Island Cruise departs +/- 9:00 a.m.

Check out the Website for Thursday night dinners and Sunday Brunch menus.



From the Rear Commodore

Upcoming events in July;

 7/28 – Hawaiian Luau so wear your favorite flowered shirt, grass skirt - or whatever makes you most comfortable. This party, of course, will be adults only, and dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening. Hawaiian style food, music (Tiny Bubbles only once or twice) and entertainment will included. This will be a fun summer event, the best all year. Because of the vendor requirements, there must be a hard cutoff of ticket sales, so please grab your tickets early to ensure that you get the best spot for the show.

Upcoming events in August;

• 8/18 - ????? Well, you let me know what you would like to do this month. Talk with your friends and neighbors, those that you would have as guests here in our "home". Please feel that you can use our club to entertain and use this office to support you. I will try my best to run an event that the membership will enjoy and support and showcases our great organization to others that would like to be a part of this family. Call the club with your suggestions, or better yet, visit the club and jot down your ideas. To seed some ideas; Comedy night, Sock Hop, Country Dance, Nostalgia night, Big Band music, etc. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

Upcoming events in September;

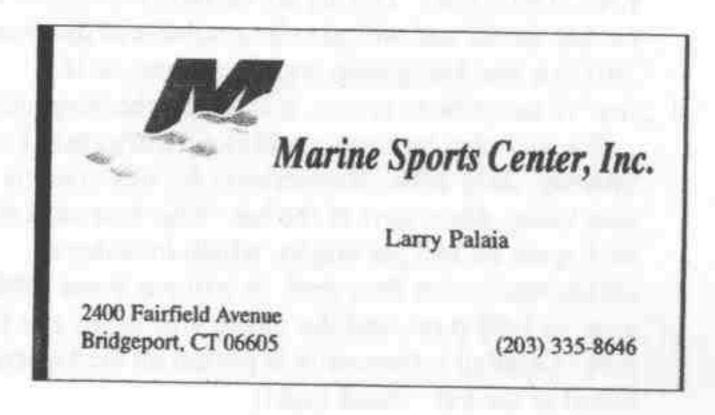
 9/22 - Cape Cod Clam Bake festival bids an end to the summer. As you know the club has an "official closing" after Labor Day, so we'll toast a fond farewell to the summer of 2007.

Past events;

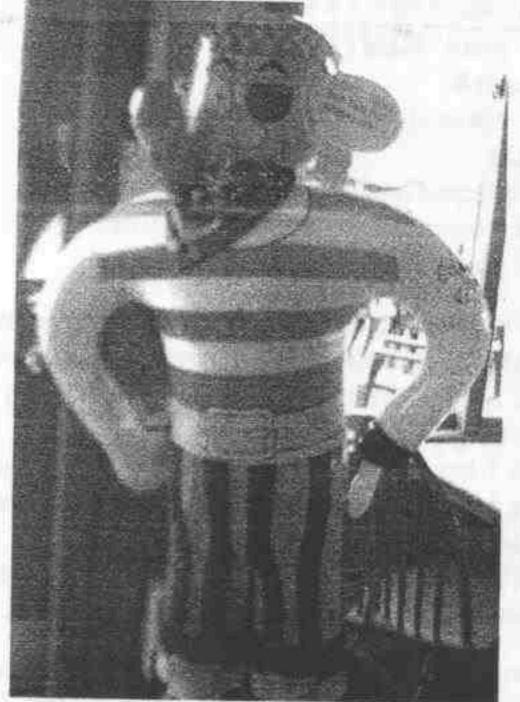
• 6/23 Family Day Backyard Picnic did not play out as anticipated. Well, "the tribe has spoken" – this kind of event is not the sort of thing that the membership here desires. I was forced to cancel this event due to the lack of interest. Please, tell me why there was so little interest in this. There are no other events that include children between Easter and Christmas. I do not want to make assumptions, so leave a note in my mail box at the club.

Don't forget the Coastal Cookoff planned for the afternoon of July 21st. This event supports the Special Olympics. To top off the afternoon event, please stay with us through the evening to enjoy live music on the deck.

Gary Pole - Rear Commodore



Time to take back the Bishop Cup! We will help you time your vessel.



"Hank the Pirate" can normally be found in the Bar area. Pick up a brochure with all the details or call Rich Parker at (203) 368-6222 or (203) 259-5059.

Fishing Committee

Congratulations to our striped bass tournament winners! First place went to Dan Fontaine who caught a whopping 29.57 lb. striper. Bob Voight was second place with a 28.40 lb., and third place went to Bob Karosy who had a 22.59 lb. bass. Thank you to all who participated!

We have two events planned in July. The Hunkey Turkey Dinner is set for Friday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are currently available at the bar for \$8 and will also be available at the door. This is a true Hungarian style barbeque, so if you've never been to one, it is worth checking out.

We will also be having a Fluke Tournament on Sunday, July 15th. Registration for this event is also taking place now at the bar. This tournament will again be \$15 per angler, which includes a picnic lunch after the event. It will run from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the picnic will begin at 1:00 p.m. Detailed information is posted on the bulletin board in the bar. Good luck!!

The annual fishing contest is well under way by now and the following people hold the lead so far: Striped Bass:

1st place: Bob Karosy - 34.87 lbs. 2nd place: Steve Ehrens - 33.98 lbs. 3rd place: Geoff Cornwall - 32.62 lbs.

Bluefish:

1st place: John Ellis - 12.80 lbs.

Fluke:

1st place: Geoff Cornwall - 6.05 lbs. 2nd place: John Todisco - 5.84 lbs. 3rd place: Bob Karosy - 5.05 lbs.

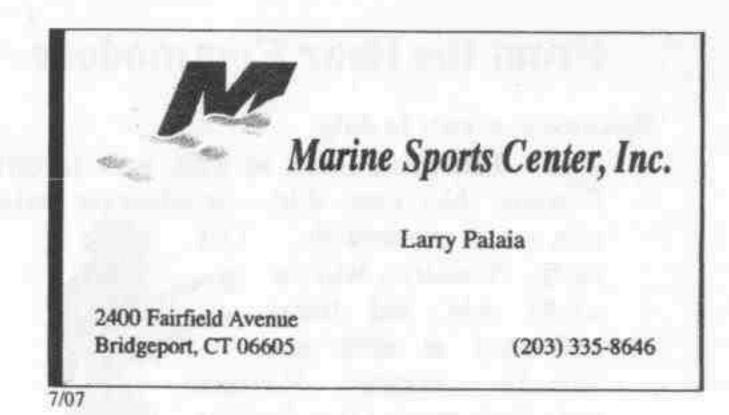
I would also like to congratulate our friend, Mr. Walley Kimball. Walley was the winner of the Star rod and Shimano reel we raffled off on Opening Day!

A friendly reminder to all members....please be sure to clean the fish station and shut off the fish scale after using these items.

The next Fishing Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after. ~ Henry David Thoreau

Best Regards, Stephanie Stypinski – Chairman



Auxiliary Meeting July 11th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEMBERS,

First, I would like to thank everyone who made the Pot Luck dinner such a success. Fun was had by all, and there was plenty of food!

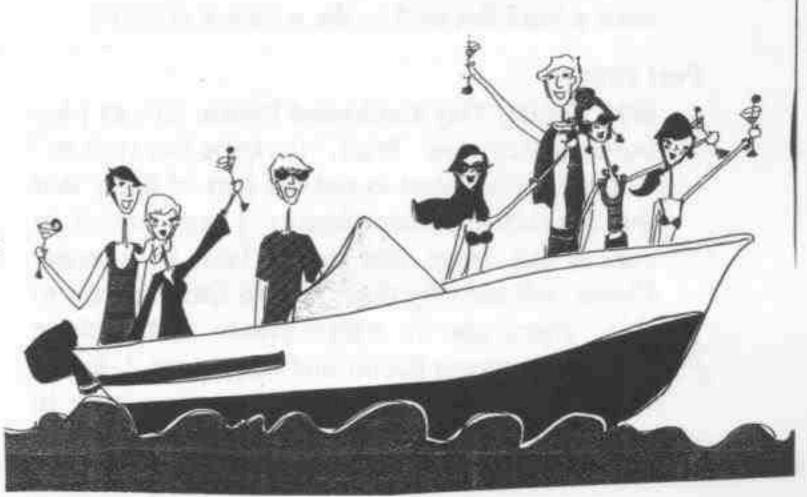
Committee that we will be meeting on July 11th at 7:00 p.m. and August 8th to finalize the party plans; we will, however, meet on the upper level, due to the kitchen being open. Any one may feel free to attend to assist us with the plans.

The South Norwalk Boat Club has invited us all to a hot dog cookout on August 16th at 6:00

Hope the rest of you have a great summer. See you on September 12th!

Susan Callahan - President 203-526-9859

Have a safe holiday!



The FYC Presents the Second Annual...



Saturday July 21st - 2pm

51 Brewster St., Black Rock, CT 06605 Contact: (203) 449-1748

- Tickets sold at the gate:
 - Adults-\$10

(Admission includes sample tastings)

Children under 12-\$5.00

(Admission includes one hamburger or hotdog, chips & a juice box)

- Rain or Shine (Tents provided)
- Live Music!
- Awards presented at 3:30 PM

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2007 Holiday Fireworks Schedule

We are so fortunate to have a number of spectacular fireworks displays, centered around the Fourth of July holiday celebrations of various towns in the area, that take place over the water for FYC members to enjoy. The fabulous fireworks that are part of Bridgeport's Barnum Festival start the holiday spirit off early this year on Friday night, June 29th. The outside deck at the Club is a wonderful place to view the show. 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 29th: Bridgeport Barnum Festival

Fireworks Sky Blast*

Seaside Park

Raindate: July 1st

Tuesday, July 3rd: Norwalk Fireworks

Calf Pasture Beach Raindate: July 5th

Westport Fireworks

Compo Beach Raindate: July 9th

Stamford Fireworks Cummings Beach Raindate: July 5th

Stratford Fireworks

Short Beach

Raindate: July 5th

Wednesday, July 4th: Fairfield Fireworks

Jennings Beach Raindate: July 5th

Have a safe holiday!

*Be sure to bring your AM/FM radio along and tune it into <u>Star 99.9</u> for simulcast music that really enhances the fireworks.

P.S. All information has been obtained directly from the offices of the Mayor for each area town. All information, including raindates, is accurate.

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Miamogue Yacht Club 100th Anniversary Committee cordially invites the members of Fayerweather Yacht Club to participate in the celebration of their 100th Anniversary at a gathering to be held on Sunday, July 22, 2007, Miamogue Yacht Club. 144 Seaview Avenue. Bridgeport, Connecticut. A brief ceremony will be followed by a family-style cookout. There will be sames for the children. raffles and prizes. This event is open to all members and friends of MYC. The cost is \$5.00/person or \$10.00/family of 4. Sign-up is at MYC from June 1st until July 16. For questions, please call 203-334-9882.

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Information for the August 2007 Foghorn must be submitted no later than July 20th by 4:00 p.m. to be included in the next issue of The Fayerweather Foghorn. Please include COMPLETE information, including starting time of events. Please send it in Microsoft Word format only by email to: sandye.mann@sbcglobal.net Questions? Call 259-4106. Please contact Sandye about placing ads.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Dates which are critical to our cruising for this year are as follows.....

Monday, July two...at the Club...pre-cruise meeting @ 1930 hrs...we will review both the Shelter Island and Block Island trips. All questions will be addressed and this meeting generally takes no more than one hour thirty minutes.

Saturday, July fourteen...leave the Club at plus or minus 0900...and we go to either Duck Island, North Cove at the Connecticut River or (as we do, go straight thru to Coecles Harbor.) The option is yours and, of course, weather is always a factor. This cruise goes till Saturday, July twenty-first, and the ports we hit on the way going and coming will be a major portion of the pre-cruise meeting. Thus, attendance is somewhat important.

Saturday, August eleven...depart Club at plus or minus 0900 and head for Block Island. This cruise will run until August eighteen, but almost always includes a stop the first night at North Cove at the River. The route we take to come home probably will include one or two ports covered in the Shelter Island Cruise.

Each of these trips is fun...all boats look out for those who are close by...radio contact is always maintained and, although contact by radio is on the hour, many of us keep our radios on all the time.

If ice is needed by any boat, we will run a total block count at the meeting night so that the dock personnel can be sure they have enough in our club freezer to accommodate our needs. We will generate a listing of all boats, with skipper's names and crews, as well. This listing will be given to all who leave with us, and an extra copy or two will be left at the Club for safety's sake. In the 'old days', the Coast Guard would be given a listing, but they do not do that any more. So be it.

If there is interest, I can arrange to have any boat inspected by one of the Coast Guard Auxiliary...on our boat we have this done every year and it is A Good Thing. Please consider it and call me if you'd like to join the parade when we have it done. We should look at the first ten days in July for this to become a practical reality. Ron Wilson is our main man handling this, and he is also a club member.

Bob Butler...Fleet Captain 203-268-5775

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