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From The Helm

Greetings...

About five months have gone by since I was elected Commodore – and it has been a very busy time. In addition to my duties and responsibilities at Fayer-weather, the Commodore also represents the Club at functions held at neighboring clubs. I thought that this month I would bring the membership up-to-date on what I've been doing for and on behalf of the Club over the last five months.

Most clubs host a Commodore's Dinner Dance – much like the one Fayerweather hosted in February just a few weeks after I was elected. Since then, I have attended 5 such events at neighboring clubs. (Rear Commodore Gary Pole was kind enough to attend 2 dances in my stead. In fact, Gary enjoyed the dances so much –especially the people he met –that he asked to attend an additional dance at another club.) I have also attended 6 Opening Day Ceremonies.

One of the things I've enjoyed most about being Commodore is the people I've met – both at Fayerweather and from other clubs. There is a network of Commodores in the area who have monthly meetings in which we toss ideas around, share information, and learn from each other's experiences – all to inure to the benefit of the local yacht club community who share certain concerns – the information is priceless! Their support alone has been a tremendous help to me and I've developed some valuable relationships.

If you have not visited any of the other clubs, you should! We enjoy reciprocal privileges with many clubs in the area and it's fun to visit other clubs. In fact, you may just run into some fellow FYC members because there is a lot of cross membership among the clubs. To show support and solidarity among the clubs is important and strengthens our relationship and presence in the area. Of course Fayerweather is where our home and heart is, but getting out once in a while isn't a bad thing – in fact it's healthy and could result in generating ideas for Fayerweather.

Of course along with that notion is that Fayerweather often has visiting members from other clubs. Please be cordial and inviting to these visiting members with which we have reciprocity and which occurs more often during the summer and as the weather gets warmer. And so that these guests may fully enjoy everything we have to offer, please sign these visitors into the guestbook if you are so asked.

What brought this topic to mind is that 2007 marks Miamogue Yacht Club's 100th year. This is a very exciting time for this Bridgeport club and they are having a cook out on July 22nd. I am planning on attending in support of Miamogue and their Commodore, Paul Lengyel. Please see me if you are interested and I will provide more details. Everyone is invited and it should be a great time.

Have a fantastic June - and enjoy the weather.

Regards, Catherine Wall Commodore

Calendar of Events

Friday, June 1st End of Sign up for Striped Bass Tournament

Sunday June 3rd Striped Bass Tournament 5a.m. - 1 p.m.

> Friday, June 8th Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 9th BRYC/FYC Invitational Regatta 1st Warning: 11:00 a.m. 5 p.m.-ish Awards and Afterparty Sarah LeMieux and the Super Blue Band

> Wednesday, June 13th Auxiliary Meeting Potluck Dinner

Thursday, June 14th Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30

> Saturday, June 23rd "Backyard" Picnic

Monday June 25th BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Save the Dates Friday, July 13th Hunky Turkey Dinner Saturday, July 14th Swim Across the Sound Regatta Sunday, July 15th Fluke Tournament

Saturday, August 4th Swim Across the Sound viewing Saturday, August 11th Bishop Cup Predicted Log Race

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

From the Rear Commodore

Howdy! What a terrific party we had down at the corral for Country & Western Dance Night. Thank you to all those good friends that were here to help, to dance and to support the Club. Y'all learned some good dance steps and remember, you can two-step to almost any music almost anywhere (if you have ever seen me dance, you must know that's true).

Upcoming events in June:

•June 23 – Start off your summer with a great backyard picnic. We will have a DJ and

games with prizes. The grills will be hot and serving all the usual backyard fare, plus Brat's and salad. Check in at the bar for tickets, and remember to mark if you will be having dinner with us so that we can order the right amount of food for everyone. Good music and "redneck horseshoes" at the Club -- there's nothing better!

•Independence Day Celebration -Bridgeport fireworks show. Enjoy this evening event from the deck with a nice dinner and your favorite drink or from your boat. Remember the safety boundaries when you watch this from your boat. Check the local newspaper for the latest on when this fabulous show will take place.

Gary Pole - Rear Commodore

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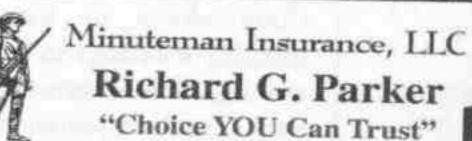
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FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB 2007 PHRF RACING SCHEDULE

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Date		Event	Classes	1st Warning
May	16	Wednesday Night Series Begins	S & NS	6:50 pm
June	9	BRYC/FYC Invitational Regatta + FYC Championship Series- Races 1 & 2*	S & NS	11:00 am
	16	Single/Double-Handed Series- Race 1	NS	1:00 pm
	23-24	Port Jefferson Overnight Series- Races 1 & 2	NS	12:00 pm
July	14	Swim Across the Sound Regatta	S & NS	11:00 am
	15	FYC Championship Series- Races 3 & 4	S & NS	11:00 am
	21	Single/Double-Handed Series- Race 2	NS	1:00 pm
Aug	5	FYC Championship Series- Races 5 & 6	S & NS	11:00 am
	11-12	Port Jefferson Overnight Series- Races 3 & 4	NS	12:00 pm
	15	Wednesday Night Series-(Time change)	S & NS	6:30 pm
	18	Single/Double-Handed Series- Race 3	NS	1:00 pm
Sept	2	FYC Championship Series- Races 7 & 8	S & NS	11:00 am
	7-8	PYC Faulkner Island Overnight www.pequotyc.com	S & NS	7:00 pm
	5	Wednesday Night Series-Final	S & NS	6:30 pm
	8	Housatonic Boat Club Invitational Race www.housatonicboatclub.org	S & NS	11:00 am
	16	FYC Championship Series- Races 9 & 10	S & NS	11:00 am
	22	Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Race www.blackrockyc.com	S & NS	10:00 am
Oct	13	Ken Johnson Memorial Race	S & NS	11:00 am
Vov	3	FYC Sailing Awards Night		7:00 pm
	23	Wild Turkey Regatta	S & NS	10:30 am

^{*} Only FYC Sunday Championship entries will be scored towards the series.

Miamogue Yacht Club 100th Anniversary Committee

cordially invites the members of Fayerweather Yacht Club to participate in the celebration of their

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 games 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 July 2007 Foghorn must be submitted no later than June 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.

Bandits Needed!

Pequonnock says
the <u>only way</u> Fayerweather
can get the Bishop Cup

IS TO STEAL IT!!

A band of bandits are needed for the August 11, 2007 predicted log race

Contact Rich Parker (203) 368-6222



Entry Forms must be accompanied by a valid PHRF certificate. Both YRALIS and ECSA PHRF certificates will be accepted.

Fayerweather Yacht Club June 2007

Calendar of Club Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00-9:00 Dinner	11:00-3:00 Lunch
5:00-1:00 Striped Bass Tournament; Picnic 11:00-3:00 Lunch	Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	11:00-2:00 Lunch	11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Race Series Kitchen Open	11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00-8:00 Dinner 8:00 Membership Meeting	11:00-3:00 Lunch BRYC/FYC Invitational Regatta 1st Warning 11:00 a.m. Sish: After-Party
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Good and Welfare

Congratulations go to the following new Life Members: Dave Page and Ken McKeon

Welcome to the **new members** elected at the May 11th meeting:

Peter Doyle
PJ Clyne
Francis Bailey

We hope that John Jacoby is "on the mend" by now.

A new Fleet Surgeon has been appointed by our Commodore: Dr. Robert Nevins

For those of you new to the Club, please try to attend the June meeting, as the regular membership meetings are suspended during the summer months of July and August.

At the May membership meeting, the Dock Committee pointed out that there have been some price increases for dock services. Please check with the dock staff if you have any questions. Please remember that there is a 30 day limit on all dock bills!

There currently is a waiting list for the dink rack and lockers at the Club. Please contact Andy Wolf if you have any questions.

Thanks go to John Ellis for a working lawn-mower! Thanks also go to Gail Smith for her good intentions with a weed whacker.

Have you noticed the <u>wonderful</u> new addition to the Club? It can be seen the minute you come in the front door of the Club. Our thanks go to **Bob Bernstein's wife**, **Dorothy Bernstein**, for the beautiful painting of a ship in full sail. Dorothy is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Art and was a textile designer in New York for many years. This painting was done from a photograph Dorothy found of an Australian grain racer. These vessels had iron hulls. Thank you **Dorothy** and **Bob** for this fabulous gift!

Need to brush-up on your knot-typing skills? Check out www.netknots.com for both fishing and boating knots. The illustrations are clear and easy to understand.

Nautical Knowledge

Test your knowledge:

- 1. A light used to signal passing intentions must be:
- a. an alternating red and yellow light
- b. an alternating white and yellow light
- c. an all-round white or yellow light
- d. an all-round white light only.
- Two power-driven vessels are meeting. A two-blast whistle signal by either vessel means:
- a. I intend to alter course to port
- b. I desire to pass starboard-to-starboard
- c. I desire to pass port-to-port
- d. I am altering course to port.
- 3. If two sailing vessels are running free with the wind on the same side, which one must keep clear of the other?
- a. the one with the wind closest abeam
- b. the one to windward
- c. the one to leeward
- d. the one that sounds the first whistle signal
- 4. When going aground, the proper procedure is to gun the engine(s) astern immediately – True or False?
- 5. You find yourself in a bad situation without radio communications. After firing off several distress flares you observe three white flares far off in the distance. What does this mean?

Answers for these questions will be found at the bottom of the page.

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action could make things worse.

5. Your signal has been seen and assistance is

Inland Rules
4. False. First survey the situation. Impulse

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Answers to Nautical Knowledge:

Fishing Committee

Registration for the striped bass tournament is taking place now in the bar. Please sign up by Friday, June 1st. The tournament takes place on Sunday, June 3rd from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Any fish caught must be weighed in no later than 1:00 p.m.. There will be a picnic lunch immediately following the tournament that is open to friends and family. All we ask is that a nonmember fish on a boat with at least one FYC member. There will be cash awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and one award per person will apply. Good luck to everyone who enters!

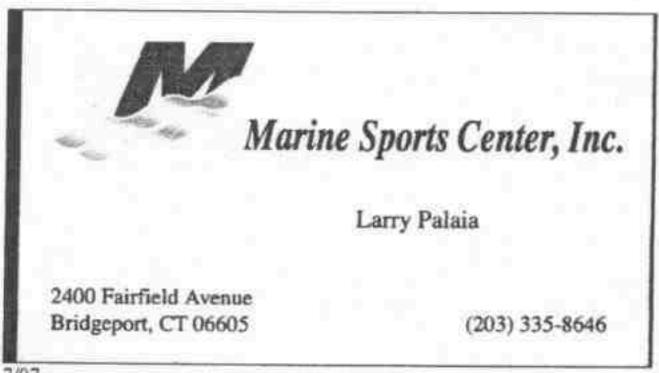
The annual fishing contest is also underway. This contest runs through November 30th. Prizes will be awarded for the 3 biggest fish caught for each of the following species: striped bass, bluefish, blackfish, porgy, fluke, seabass and weakfish. Remember: you must be entered at least two days prior to weighing a fish in, so sign up now before you catch the big one!

Mark your calendars.....July 13th is our annual hunky turkey dinner. We will also be having a fluke tournament on Sunday, July 15th. Yes, it is officially fishing season!

The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope. ~John Buchan

The next meeting of the Committee will be Thursday, June 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Best Regards, Stephanie Stypinski – Chairman



From the Vice Commodore

Hi All,

Just a couple of reminders about Club Rules:

Outside Food may not be brought to the Club for consumption in the Club during kitchen hours. Kitchen hours of operation are posted in each Foghorn issue.

Profanity: While "us guys" are sharing stories at the bar, we often punctuate our tales with a well chosen obscenity or two, a practice that has become fairly common place in today's society. However, when our "well chosen" words are overheard by other members who may have family with them, it can be a source of discomfort and embarassment. Let's try to be considerate!

See you at the Club!

Ed Lambertson.....Vice Commodore

Auxiliary Meeting June 13th, 2007

AUXILIARY MEMBERS,

First, I would like to thank everyone who made the planting of the flowers and Opening Day a great success.

The main event in June is our Pot Luck Dinner on June 13th. Please notify Judy Duva at 372-5114 with the type of dish you would like to bring. Let's make this a success.

I'm glad that Irma is recovering nicely from her recent surgery. Good Luck Irma!

The 50th Anniversary Party is now scheduled for September 29th. Information will follow on that.

We are also manning a tent at the 2nd Annual Coastal Cook-Off. The Auxiliary will be staffing the children's food booth. The more volunteers, the more fun we can have, and all the money goes to Special Olympics! It's a fun day to be had by all.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

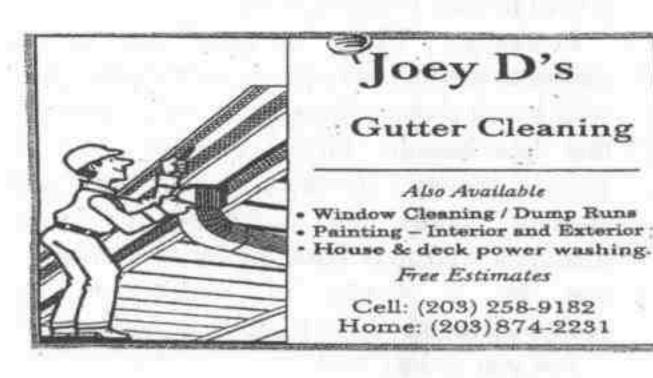
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