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From The Helm

Many members have approached me over the last month with well thought-out ideas they have regarding the overall direction of the Club. As I mentioned in my last article, we are making efforts to update certain aspects of the Club in an attempt to move forward with the times.

Last month I alluded to a Long Range Planning Committee that was formed. Along the same lines, a By Laws Committee has been formed and is comprised of 5 well-qualified members. The Club's By Laws clearly need to be updated to reflect the growth in membership and to bring them more in-line with modern applications. This Committee is of utmost importance and your support of their efforts is greatly appreciated.

Speaking of support, past Officers and Board members have done a great job over the years to pave the way for the Club's success, and each member who has volunteered his or her time to these positions should be commended. Each new Officer and Board member is taking a "front seat" in guiding the Club through the year and we are all working very hard, in our own way, to move forward and build upon the foundation of the past. As we are still in a "transition period," it may prove helpful if past Officers would impart any knowledge of the positions to the new Officers. It is extremely important for the Club's success that the Officers and Board are supported - and this is especially relevant if you yourself have held such a position because you have intimate knowledge of the time and effort it takes to get the job done.

On another note, I recently attended the Auxiliary's Installation Ceremony. 2007 marks the Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary and they, too, should be commended for their efforts around the Club. For more information on Auxiliary membership, please contact the President, Sue Callahan.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers, especially **Tamra Evans** and **Steve Commandatore**, who helped make the Commodore's Dinner Dance a success. I must also thank Steve for the *extraordinary* floral arrangement that he hand-constructed as the centerpiece.

April 6th. The "morning round table" should be wildly applauded for their efforts in helping House Committee Chair Ken Sullivan organize this day. We will start with a meeting that morning at 8 a.m. sharp. See the House Committee's article for more information.

I must send out a huge "thank you" to the volunteers who took it upon themselves to refinish the burgees in the Penfield Room. The group spent 7 hours in one day taking apart and fixing the frames, painting them, cleaning the glass, and hanging them up. Thank you to Christian McNeil, Russell Dunleavey, Geoff Miller, Tamra Evans, Ed Rickard, Ken Newlands, Tom Bobbin and Jerry Hogarth. They look fabulous! The ship's wheel is also now hung on the Penfield Room wall thanks to Christian McNeil, Tom Lee and Ken Sullivan.

Regards, Catherine Wall

Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 1st
Annual Fishing Contest Begins

Friday, April 6th

Work Day 8:00 a.m. 'til about 2:00 p.m.
Prep for Children's Easter Party 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 7th

Children's Easter Party 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, April 11th

Auxiliary Meeting Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 12th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13th

Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 14th

Race Night

Dinner 6:30 p.m. /Betting 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20th

Fish Fry Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21st

Shelter Island Cruise Breakfast 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Skipper's Meeting 6:00 p.m. Raingutter Regatta Follows Meeting

Monday, April 23rd

BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Save the Dates

Saturday, May 26th
Opening Day Events 12:00 Noon

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

From the Vice Commodore

Please be sure to save the insert from Catering 2 the 9's enclosed in this Foghorn. The kitchen is very anxious to get us back for lunch and is offering a special promotion for the month of April: "Buy One, Get One Free". My recent experience with lunch at the Club has been very positive, with timely service. That's all for now.

See you at the Club!

Ed Lambertson - Vice Commodore

Fleet Captain's Corner

To summarize and save space, let me mention the important dates for the coming month. They are to wit:

April six...0800 at the Club...

our Good Friday blitz

April twenty-one...0900...

Shelter Island Coffee And...

July fourteenth...0900...

Club cruise to Shelter Island

August eleventh...0900....

Club cruise to Block Island
The April 21st date is somewhat different
in that we will have coffee and... conversation.
All are invited, whether you have been with us
before or would like to join us for the first
time. We go over the trips planned for the
summer and discuss in detail the data necessary to make these trips the great fun that they
have always been. Power and sail are invited
as usual. Any questions, please call me.

Bob Butler - Fleet Captain 268-5775

Financial Secretary

It has certainly been a busy couple of months keeping up to date with the changes in membership. We have been filling the vacancies with fresh new members gathering in our hallowed halls. To those, congratulations and welcome!

Although many have updated their information, please remember that it is important that we have <u>current</u> information on all our members. This includes Address, Phone, Vessel information, etc. We do at times need to reach out to our members as individuals and groups. If there is any doubt that we may not have current information, please list current information on a card and either it mail or leave it at the Club to the attention of the Financial Secretary.

Currently we are looking for:

Robert M. Bottomley Gustave Nagy Joseph Carvalko Myles N. Kline John Kutz

Thank you, Andrew Wolf, Financial Secretary

From the Rear Commodore

Upcoming events in April;

- 4/7 Children's Easter Party. Tickets are only available at the Bar this year. Sorry for any inconvenience - I'm new at this. Volunteers are requested and needed to help prepare on the evening of Friday 4/6 (starting around 5:30 p.m..) and again around 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. The party starts at noon, the Easter Bunny arrives by Police boat at 1:00 and we will be done by 2:00, after handing out candy and some great prizes. Last year's entertainment has "magically" turned into this year's Puppeteer! New fun for the children will be a local puppeteer recommended by some of the area libraries where she has performed at several children's events. Also, our special team of "make-up" artists will be present to do face painting. Your generous donations make it possible to put on a great event for our children! Just so you know, there is a raffle planned to take place at the end of the party. We will be giving away hams for your Easter dinner. Sign up at the bar!
- 4/14 "Race Night" Dinner. We had such a terrific time at our last Race Night, let's do it again! To continue to keep the ticket price down to \$8.00 for a roast beef dinner and racing, we need to sell at least as many tickets as last time. Please continue to support FYC by joining these events! Remember that the food must be ordered a few days ahead of the event, so ticket sales have to be cutoff at that time. If you want to help, join us starting around 3:00 p.m. to set up tables for dinner.

Past events:

3/17 St. Patrick's Day. This dinner and dance was a great success! Thank you to all who came to enjoy the party with us. I want to especially mention those of you that came to our "home" to celebrate your own special events – birthdays, and a very special 50th wedding anniversary. What a wonderful group of people these

- members are! They were there to help set up the tables and decorations and make the night so much more fun for all of us.
- One last comment: These events have not been catered. To help control the cost, it is Volunteers that prepared and served that delicious meal, as well as bussed tables. Remember to say "great job" when you meet them at FYC!

Gary Pole - Rear Commodore

Fishing Committee

April is here, which means the fishing season is upon us. Our 2007 annual fishing contest begins April 1st and is open to all FYC members. Just head down to the bar to sign up and pay a \$10 registration fee. You'll have the chance to win some great prizes and better yet 'bragging rights'!!

Friday, April 20th is our first fish fry of the year. Tickets are available now at the bar for \$9 and will also be sold at the door for \$10. This is a fishing committee sponsored event, so please come down to support us and enjoy a tasty dinner. Bon appetite.

Our next meeting will be held on April 12th at 7:30 pm. We will be finalizing arrange-ments for the fish fry and begin planning the Striped Bass Tournament, which takes place on June 3rd.

Bragging may not bring happiness, but no man having caught a large fish goes home through an alley. ~Author Unknown

I wish everyone the best of luck this fishing season!

Best Regards, Stephanie Stypinski – Chairman



Don't forget
Work Day is
April 6th!
We need you!
See you at 8 a.m.

Auxiliary

Meeting April 11, 2007

Board Members 7:00 p.m./Member Meeting 7:30 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEMBERS,

The Installation of our officers occurred at the March meeting. Thank you to the Club officers who officiated over the installation.

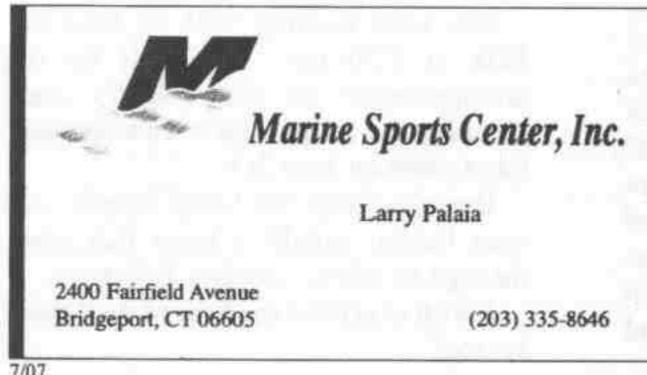
The April 28th date for the 50th Anniversary party is postponed until further notice. It will happen, but we just don't know when yet. We have a new Board of Governors member, Donna Palaia. Welcome Donna!

We are giving a \$50 donation to the children's Easter party. Thank you to Ginny Lussier, Ann Farrington, and Carrie Shelton who have volunteered to work at the Bunny Raffle table. Any other help will be appreciated. DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR BUNNIES.

We also need baked goods for the April 20th fish fry. Charlene Farley and I will be serving at the kitchen window. For Opening Day, we have decided to get 3 Stop & Shop gift certificates for \$100, \$50 and \$25.

Have a great month! See you April 11th at the next meeting.

Sue Callahan - President



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Please Note:

Information for the May 2007 Foghorn must be submitted no later than April 20th by 4:00 p.m. to be included in the next issue of The Fayerweather Foghorn. Please send it in Microsoft Word format only by email to: sandye.mann@sbcglobal.net Questions? Call 259-4106. Please contact Howard Bishop about placing advertise-ments in The Foghorn.

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Sailing Committee

The Skippers Meeting to discuss the upcoming season is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. It is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Following the meeting we will be hosting the first ever FYC Raingutter Regatta (think Pinewood Derby for sailboats)! No sailing skills needed! Build and enter your own go-fast model sailboat or purchase and personalize a ready-to-go boat kit. (A limited supply of boat kits will be available at the club. Please see Tamra Evans). All are welcome and encouraged to participate in what is sure to be a fun night of light-hearted competition. A full description of the event is posted at the club and on the Sailing page of the website. Come down and support your Club's Sailing Program!

Thanks, Mike Andre meandre@snet.net 203-556-2404



Down at the Dock

Cleaning out your garage or basement?
What do you have there....you say it's a
lawn mower that you no longer like using?
You replaced it with a sit-down model?
What's that hanging on the wall? Ohmygosh!!
Is it a leaf blower? Or maybe a weed whacker?

DON'T TAG SALE THEM!!!!

Instead, how about <u>donating</u> them to Fayerweather? Jim Hasak, Chairman of the Dock Committee would love to have your donated lawn tools—no, not for his lawn. The Dock Committee has decided to have the dock hands mow the lawn when they are not busy with launches during their hours of duty. This will allow funds to be used for other purposes. Have some lawn tools you can spare? Please direct all inquires to Jim through the Bar or leave a message for him at the Club. Thanks!



Fayerweather Logoware!

Every Thursday night during the month of April, a table will be set up for the purchase of Fayerweather logoware! Items range from clothing, to cup holders, to burgees — and much, much more! Hours will be from about 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Ladies – We picked out some new special items just for you! These items will not be available on a regular basis, but will be available for order on Thursday nights in April only! Come down and take a look.

Powerboat Committee

On Saturday, August 11, 2007 we will participate in the Commodore Henry A. Bishop "Predicted Log Race" (a.k.a. "The Bishop's Cup"). This is a race of skill and cunning. It is also the oldest race of its kind in New England. We will compete against East End Y.C., Pequonnock Y.C., and Miamogue Y.C. We have not had the CUP returned to our Club for several years now and we have been the butt of many jokes because of it. This is Fayerweather's year!

In speaking with some of the more seasoned members of the Club (several of whom have won the Cup), they are willing to assist you in the calculation for time and distance using only a compass and a set RPM speed.

Your participation as a contestant or an observer will help bring back the respect and admiration that has always been Fayerweather. Please give me a call so I can program you in.

Thank you, Rich Parker

Power Boat Committee member

Email: rparker@minutemaninsurance.com

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Did you know: Seawater usually looks blue because it absorbs red, green and yellow light, leaving only blue to be reflected by the water molecules. Membership

The following applicants are presently named before the Board of Governors for approval for their election at the April General meeting:

Edward Stilwagen, Jr.
John C. Sansburn
Fernando Atienzar
Christopher Lutzo
Patrick James Clyne
John Dunn
Fred Reiss
Allison Migliozzi
William Cronin

Joseph P. Costa Francis (Bill) Bailey Ronald E Mills Peter G. Doyle George Gardner Charles Provenzano Arnold Suresky Bernard Lee Joseph Saville

Respectfully, Tamra J. Evans, Chair Membership Committee

Good and Welfare

At the March meeting, we noted with sorrow the recent passing of Clarence Darrow, Joseph Wargo, Larry Fenton, and Dr. Arthur Samuelson, Jr.

Apologies go to new member Martin Fox whose name was incorrectly listed in the Membership information in last month's Foghorn.

Reminder:

Children under the age of 12:

- · Are not allowed in the bar.
- Are not allowed on the roof top terrace unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- Must wear an appropriate personal flotation device and be accompanied by an adult when in the dock area.

Parents should be sure that children are appropriately watched over and attended to while on the premises (both outside and inside the clubhouse), including being respectful of other members and events that are taking place at the Club.

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Calling all Club Members

On April 6th we will be having our annual spring clean up. It is FYC's way of commissioning our Club for the up coming boating season. Club members will meet at FYC at 0800 for coffee "and." At that time, members will join with their respective captain for a pre-game speech, one that would make Newt Rockney proud. The areas that require attention at FYC each will have the own captain. This year's cleanup captains will be: Russell Dunleavy (FYC interior), John Pyrch (Exterior & grounds), Jim Anderson (Docks), Dave Riordan (Hoist), Bob Butler (Mooring area) with Ken Sullivan overseeing all.

These captains intend that assigned tasks will be completed by lunch time, when we will break for lunch and refreshments. After lunch, we plan to work for approximately an hour to finish cleaning and putting away the equipment used.

So to all members, especially the new ones: come out and help get FYC ship shape. It is a great way to meet other members. All hands on deck!

From the Mud Muck and Mire

Moorings will start to be placed in the harbor on or about **April 15th**, weather permitting. A sign up sheet will be posted on the main bulletin board by the Bar.

Please check all your ground tackle for wear or loss and make sure all mooring balls have your name, weight and "FYC" on them.

If there are any questions, please call **Jim Anderson** at 255-6844.





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As you gear up for the new season, Catering 2 the 9's is getting ready as well! First off, we would like to thank all the members for their support! We have many ideas that we look forward to for the new season...

*Dockside service: call ahead orders to go: to be ready at "launch" time.

Special menu....coming soon!

* In order to accommodate the members that are on a tight lunch schedule, you may call your order in ahead of time at 367-2929 (members only). We are doing our best to have your order ready within 15 minutes, so please let us know when ordering if you are short on time.

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April's Promotion: Try us for lunch on any Tuesday or Thursday in April and "Buy One-Get One Free!" Please bring in this flyer for redemption.

The lower cost lunch will be free with the redemption of this flyer.

*While Thursdays and Sundays have been great, we realize the need to increase our staff to continue to provide you with the level of service necessary.

*Check the Fayerweather website for our new hours and specialty/catering menus effective on opening day!

Respectfully, Catering 2 the 9's, LLC.



FISH FIVE

April 20m 8pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR

\$9.00 IN ADVANCE \$10.00 AT THE DOOR

SPONSORED BY FYC FISHING COMMITTEE



Saturday, April 7th
12:00 Noon
Come see the Easter Bunny
Fun and games
for everyone!!

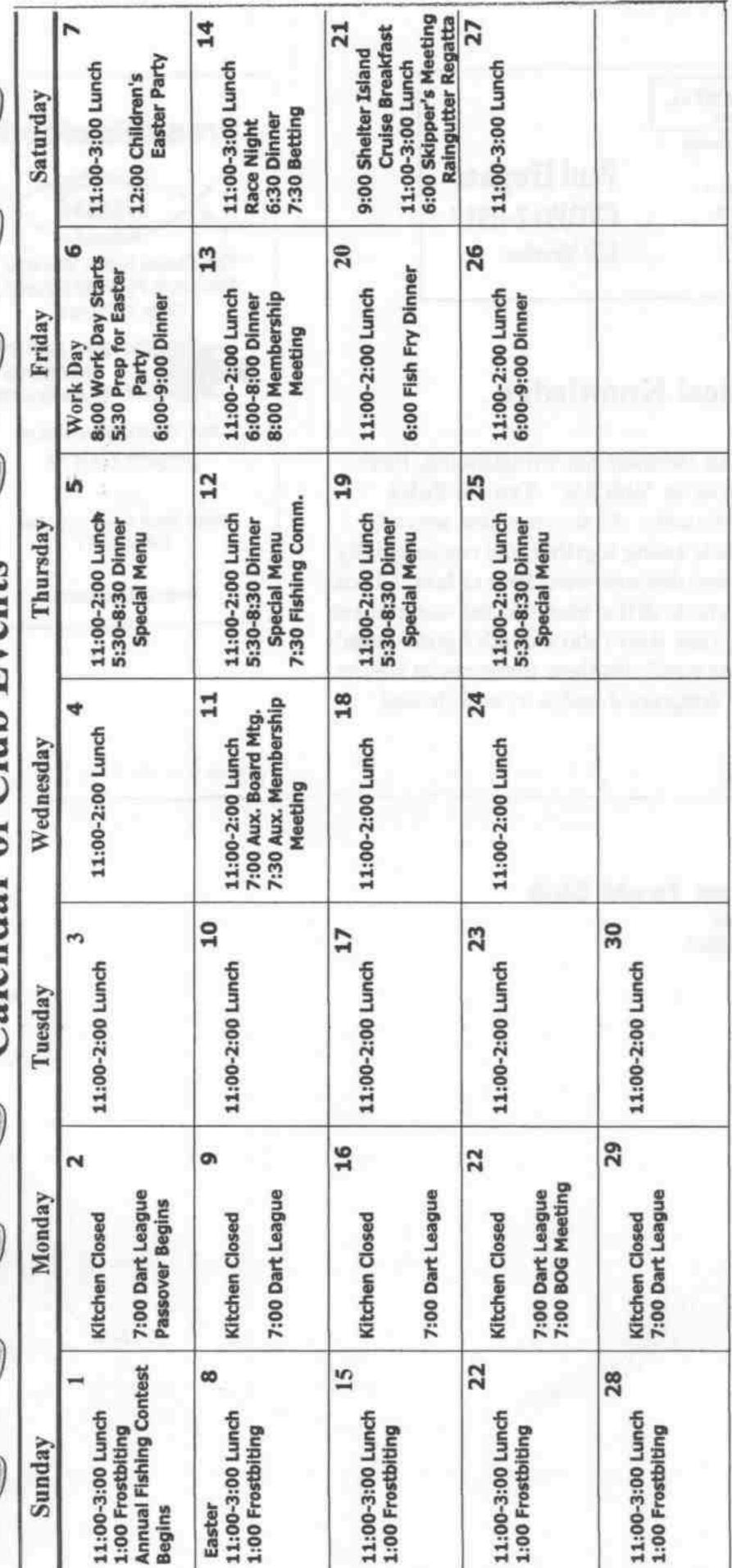
Tickets: \$10.00 Available at the Bar In advance, please

^{*} FOR THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB MEMBERS

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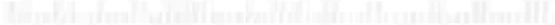






Save the Date: Saturday, May 26th is Opening Day





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Nautical Knowledge

- 1. The Righteous Brothers not withstanding, there is no such thing as an "ebb tide" True or False
- Anchoring Etiquette: First come, first served; should two vessels swing together, the responsibility lies with the vessel that anchored first or last. Choose
- 3. Inland river charts differ from coastal water charts in many ways. They don't show depth figures; don't show a "compass rose"; do show distances in statute miles; do show designated routes to be followed.

 True or False?

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