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From The Helm

I am humbled and speechless...
About 80 members showed up for Good Friday's Work Day and it was a *huge* success. Many thanks to House Committee chair **Ken Sullivan**, the "**morning round table**" for their assistance, and each team captain. It was such an amazing and remarkable example of members working together for the good of the Club. The members present ranged from young to "seasoned", new members (including a few who were voted in at the March meeting and didn't even have a key yet!) to life members... it was incredible. I can't possibly name everyone here, but you know who you are - - I genuinely thank you from my heart. I sat back at one point and was just in complete awe at what was being accomplished. The Club looks beautiful. **Earl DeWitt** posted pictures on our website, so be sure to check them out. I do have to individually thank **Jerry Hogarth** who slaved in the kitchen all morning to prepare a wonderful lunch (yes, he cooked the roast beef himself...).

Opening Day is rapidly approaching. On **May 26th** at **noon**, the ceremony will begin. For new members who are not familiar with this event, Opening Day is a tradition for yacht clubs and officially marks the Club as "open" for those that are not open year-round. While FYC and many other clubs are open year-round, it is still a tradition at which the Club's current and past officers are introduced

and recognized, deceased members are acknowledged, and our Fleet Chaplain offers a reflection. Officers from other clubs attend and are also introduced and recognized. As tradition would have it, there will, of course, be a cookout and a band following the ceremony. Opening Day serves to reinforce the objectives of the Club as stated in our By-Laws: "...to encourage yachting and other social recreations; and to promote good fellowship among members." It is a day to celebrate the Club, to be proud that you are members, and to of course remember and honor members that have passed on who worked so hard to establish, expand and grow the Club into what it is today.

We have a lot of new members this year and, as stated above, I am already impressed with some of the efforts. I would like to remind the new members that FYC is a working and volunteer club. We have a list of committees that you will find elsewhere in this issue of the Fog Horn, along with the chairperson's name. If you have interest in any committee, please contact the chairperson. We are always looking for more help!

See you on Opening Day!
Catherine Wall



Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 10th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11th

Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16th

First Wednesday Race Night

Auxiliary Meeting

Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19th

Country & Western Night

Dance Lessons 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 20th

Auxiliary Planting 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 21st *

BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 26th

Opening Day Ceremonies 12:00 Noon

Save the Dates

Sunday, June 3rd

Striped Bass Tournament

Saturday, June 9th

BRYC/FYC Invitational Regatta

Saturday, August 4th

Swim Across the Sound viewing

Saturday, August 11th

Bishop Cup Predicted Log Race

* **Changed from normal schedule due to Memorial Day observance**

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

until 11:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the bar and include dancing and some "cowboy" souvenirs, too. Please 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 can help, please join us around **3 p.m. to set up** the decorations and tables.

Past events:

- **4/14 "Race night" dinner.** A huge thank you to all of you that ran the event: **Ed, Steve, Bill, Walter, Charlene, Sue, Frank, Ann, Betsy, and Donna.** Also, to the great kitchen crew, the volunteers behind the scenes **Jim, Lou, and Steve.** Forgive me for missing some names here. These events are great fun to put on and good fundraisers for the club.
- **4/7 Children's Easter Party.** Wow, I had **no idea** that there were so many children in the Club! I'm still laughing about that Easter Egg Hunt! Why in the world did I think I could control that? **Jay** was a great Easter Bunny **again**—he was so good that children actually **cried** when he had to leave (maybe that was Jay crying). I couldn't do this without the help of so many thoughtful members and **Trish** who shopped and wrapped and most everything else. Thanks to the "guys" who set up the lawn: **Betsy, Mark and Jerry.** Thanks to the "bunnies" who made all the baskets: **Sue C., Sue K., Nancy, Cheryl, Betsy, Charlene, Chris, Jim** and..... **Dave** handled the raffle and gave away **10 hams**, too. I really hope you and the children had a great time, as I know I did.

Gary Pole – *Rear Commodore*

From the Rear Commodore

Upcoming events in May:

- **5/19 Country & Western Night.** Saturday night will be a great night to try out some of your old dance steps or to learn some new ones. Don your favorite hat and boots and we'll "shine some buckles". The menu will be of a Southwestern flavor with a little spice in it but not too hot for the Yankee in you. The DJ/Dance Instructor will be **Tom Reedy** and many of you probably know him from the other yacht clubs in the area or maybe you've seen his show at the casino. Tom will begin at 7:30 p.m. and teach a few lessons and spin some of your favorite country music requests

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Sailing Committee

The sailing season is finally upon us. Hopefully the recent abundance of foul weather hasn't put a damper on your boat-prep routine, and everyone will be ready to sail the **first Wednesday Night Race, May 16th**. Thanks to those of you who have preordered the *Black Rock Harbor Series* t-shirts. It was a huge help in determining the quantities and sizes to order. I plan to have them available for you on the 16th. A limited supply will also be available for purchase at the club.

The **BRYC/FYC Invitational Regatta** is coming up at the beginning of next month on **Saturday, June 9th**. All information pertaining to the Invitational is posted at the club and on the website. Over 100 invitations have been mailed to individual sailors and yacht clubs in the region with the hopes of a successful turnout. I encourage all members that sail Wednesday Nights to enter and take part in our annual regatta. Let's show others what FYC Sailing is all about!

Following the regatta (5 p.m.-ish) will be the announcement of winners and our after-party at FYC. Food, drinks, and live music with the extremely talented **Sarah LeMieux and the Super Blue Band** (www.sarahlemieux.com) is planned. All FYC members and their guests are invited to the Invitational Regatta Party.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns about the upcoming season.

Thanks,
Mike
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Powerboat Committee

Commodore Henry A. Bishop Cup predicted log race

A tradition in the Bridgeport area since 1910, Commodore Henry A. Bishop Cup predicted log race is one of the oldest challenge cup. The challenge is an annual event which was only interrupted during WWI and WWII.

The four area clubs, **Miamogue, East End, Pequonnock**, and of course our **Fayerweather**, participate in this contest, which will be held on **August 11, 2007 (Rain date - August 12)**.

Prior to the race, each captain is required to submit his estimate of the time you'll require to cover approximately 14 miles, traveling at a constant engine speed and using only a compass for direction. Each captain calculates variations in wind, tide, sea conditions, currents and estimates water turbulence that may be encountered by the vessel. Altering valuable seconds.

The winner is determined by computing the lowest percentage of error between skippers estimated time and the actual time to complete the course.

Sailors with vessels under power are encouraged to join.

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
Phone : (203) 368-6222

Please Note:

Information for the June 2007 Foghorn must be submitted **no later than May 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 advertisements in *The Foghorn*

Fishing Committee

The committee hopes everyone enjoyed themselves at the fish fry. If you didn't have enough, we will be holding a second one later this year.

The annual fishing contest is underway and registration is taking place now at the bar. Please remember to sign up at least 48 hours prior to weighing a fish in the contest. Help yourself to a copy of the rules and regulations hanging on our bulletin board. Good luck and good fishing to all!

Fishing is fundamentally a game of chance, and at heart we are all gamblers.

~Dorothy Noyes Arms

The first fishing tournament of the year will be a **striped bass tournament** and will take place on **June 3rd**. It is open to all members and non-members, so invite all of your friends to a day of competition on the water. Registration for this event is also at the bar and includes a picnic lunch afterwards.

We are raffling off a Star fishing rod and Shimano baitcasting reel. Only 100 tickets will be sold, so if you are interested, find a fishing committee member quickly to purchase the \$5 winning ticket.

Our next meeting will take place Thursday, **May 10th at 7:30 pm**. We will be organizing the striped bass tournament. See you all there!

Best Regards,
Stephanie Stypinski – *Chairman*

From the Vice Commodore

WOW!!! What a turn-out for the "Good Friday work day". More than 70 members were busy scraping, painting, raking, polishing, repairing etc.... What a huge contribution to our Club. **Thank-You All!!**

By the way, please try and remember to return your glasses and bottles to the bar from the dining room or deck areas. Thanks again.

See you at the Club.

Ed Lambertson.....*Vice Commodore*

Auxiliary

Meeting May 16, 2007

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

AUXILIARY MEMBERS,

I'd like to start by thanking those who donated bunnies and worked on the Bunny Raffle at the Easter Party and those who baked or worked on the April 20th Fish Fry.

Upcoming events include:

1. **May 20th at 2:00 p.m.**-planting of baskets for the patio
2. **Opening Day May 26th**-all day-don't forget a baked good like cookies, cupcakes, and brownies so the children can walk around.
3. **Opening Day Raffle** tickets will be available shortly at the bar or through **Sue Callahan** at 526-9859.
4. Our **June 13th** meeting is the **Pot Luck** dinner. Contact **Judy Duva** at 372-5114 for your donation.

We are still in the planning stages for the 50th Anniversary Party. I'll keep you informed.

Don't forget that everything that we do is for the betterment of the Club.

Our next meeting is **May 16th**. Hope to see you there!

Susan Callahan - *President*
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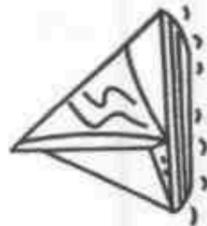
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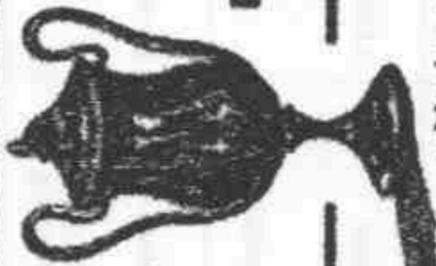
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**Save the Date: Opening Day is Saturday, May 26th at Noon!
See you at the Club!**





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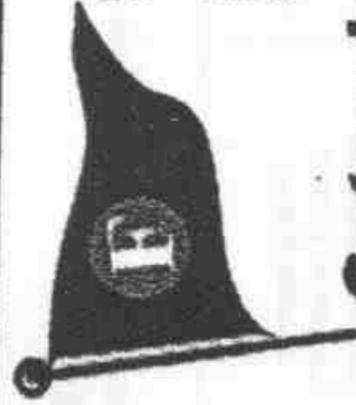
**Saturday
June 9th**

**11:00 a.m.
1st Warning off
Black Rock Harbor**

- Spinnaker and Non-spin divisions
- Notice of Race, Entry Forms & all event info posted at www.fayerweatheryachtclub.com
- Trophies awarded to top 3 boats in each class
- Entry deadline is Thursday, June 7th
- After-party with Food, Drinks, and Live Music from *Sarah Lemieux and the Super Blue Band.*

All FYC members and their guests are invited to the party.

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



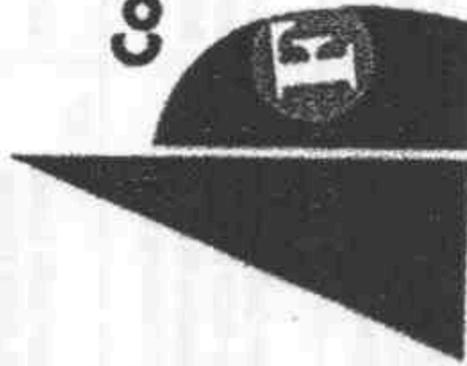
**OPENING
DAY 2007**

Saturday, May 26th

**Ceremony begins
at noon**



Cook Out



**J.D. and the
Penfield Reefers
are playing in
the afternoon**

Membership

The membership committee presently has six applicants who have been interviewed and whose names have been approved by the Board of Governors. Historically, this time of year we do not experience a large attrition, and so we do not expect to have many vacancies throughout the summer. There are approximately 13 applicants who have been interviewed and seven are ready to be recommended to the Board of Governors when the time comes.

Respectfully,
 Tamra J. Evans, Chair
 Membership Committee

2007 Fayerweather Committees and Chairpersons

Bar Committee – Vice Commodore Ed Lambertson
 Entertainment Committee – Rear Commodore Gary Pole
 Hauling and Yard Committee – Dave Riordan
 Sailing Committee – Mike Andre
 Fishing Committee – Stephanie Stypinski
 Power Boat Committee – Richard Parker
 Membership Committee – Tamra Evans
 Dock Committee – P.C. Jim Hasak
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 House Committee – Ken Sullivan
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Good and Welfare

At the April meeting, we noted with sorrow the recent passing of **Alan McDonald**. Following the meeting, we were saddened to learn of the untimely passing of **Vic Ostrofsky**.

Congratulations to the following new **Life Members**: **Lincoln Schoenberger, Francis Cirillo, Salvatore Graziano, Roger LaRiviere, John Locher, James Oram, David Page, and Dr. Gary Weddle**.

The following new members were elected at the April meeting:

Charles Provenzano	Joseph Costa
Fernando Atienzar	Fred Reiss
Arnold Suresky	Ronald Mills
Edward Stilwagen, Jr.	John Dunn
Christopher Lutzo	John Sansburn
John Tucker	

Other new members who were introduced to the membership at the April meeting were as follows:

John Harder, Jr.	Gerald Altieri
William Giannos	Peter Shanazu
Michael Nisenbaum	Arline Bartine
Stephen Bauer	Alisha Gorder
William Buttery	Laura Albertson
Mary Jo Lambert	Anthony Pastor
Michael Mentis, Jr.	Daniel Simi
Stephen Cummings	Halsey Bullen
Peter Delvecchio	David Marseli
Maureen O'Donnell	John Petti
Robert Reinartz, Jr.	Gerard Bassi
Roy Edwards	Paul Arneth
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William Cunningham	John Colavito
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Michael O'Reilly	Gregg Burnett
Craig von Steenberg	Brian Joyce
Malcolm Wallace, Jr.	Andrew Seprack
David Besterfield	Jeffrey Wieser
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Welcome to all!

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who lost their lives at sea in the service
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