

Fayerweather FOGHORN

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From The Helm

Since becoming your Commodore, the number one question that has been posed to me has been: Why was there a dues increase and an assessment in the same year? The answer is certainly not short as there are many variables to running a not-for-profit organization. One major change affecting our budget has been the increase in our insurance and utilities. Another is the make up of our membership – the Club has traditionally depended on volunteers to perform certain jobs, such as routine maintenance and repairs. As the lives of our membership have become increasingly more complex with careers, families and other recreational pursuits, the members have less time to devote to the Club; we now must pay outside contractors to perform these functions. In simple terms, times have changed, and the Club simply can't afford to maintain our current dues structure while operating expenses are rapidly increasing.

As we look to the future, we need to decide how to invest in the future of the Club as a community. We formed the Long Range Planning Committee to look at the long-term strategy for the Club's capital planning and how we will fund these future projects. In the next couple of months, you will receive a survey that will help us evaluate what the members' vision is for our future. It is critical that we act as a community on this long-term planning, and I thank you in advance for completing the survey.

Please mark your calendars for April 6th, which is the Club's annual Work Day. This is a day where the members come together to help fix up the Club. We are compiling a list of projects, and any input or suggestions are greatly appreciated – just drop a note in my mailbox. And, please plan on attending – you'll meet other members and it's a meaningful way to help the Club.

Finally, in Past Commodore Ward Strang's first Fog Horn article as Commodore in 1976, he wrote the following: "My most important goal is to establish 1976 as the year Fayerweather again becomes a Club, rather than groups of isolated factions. It is time that each and every one of us stopped worrying about what we are getting and started to think about what we can contribute to making Fayerweather the finest yacht club in the area. Let's all try our hardest to establish a togetherness never before evidenced in a social club. Forget what kind of boat the other fellow has, forget his job, his social status, his ethnic background and remember we all have a common bond – we are all equal members of Fayerweather and unless we unite under this common bond, we will never realize the full benefits that can be derived from our Club."

Hooya! Thank you, Ward. 31 years later... Please join me in making a sincere and heart-felt attempt at this goal.

Regards,
Catherine Wall

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 3rd

Race Night

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

Thursday, March 8th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 P.M

Friday, March 9th

Membership Meeting 8:00 P.M

Wednesday, March 14th

Auxiliary Meeting

Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Membership Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6:30 P.M.

Music: Keltic Kick 8:00 P.M.+

Monday, March 26th

BOG Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Save the Dates:

Friday, April 6th

Work Day

Saturday, April 7th

Children's Easter Party 12:00 Noon

Friday, April 20th

Fish Fry Dinner 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 28th

Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary

Check out the website for Thursday Night and Sunday Brunch menus

From the Vice Commodore

Not a whole lot to report this month. I do want to thank **George Nemeth** and his crew for their invaluable service with the monthly bar inventory. Also, I would like to thank **Earl DeWitt** for his assistance in getting me acquainted with the club computer.

A special thanks to **Mike Roberts**, **George O'Connell** and **Chris Gill** for their assistance with the installation of the "glass freezer" in the bar.

I hope to meet with the kitchen operators in the coming days with the objective of improving service and generally upgrading the function of the kitchen.

"Spring is near, I hear"

Ed Lambertson - Vice Commodore

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From the Rear Commodore

The first **Race Night** of this year will have taken place on **March 3rd**. I am positive it will have been great fun for everyone, but Club events are only successful with the great support of members willing to pitch in. For the membership in general, I thank you all.

Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** will be held on Saturday, **March 17th**. The traditional Corned Beef dinner will be served by our volunteers in the kitchen. After dinner, you just have to stay for the terrific music of **Keltic Kick**. There is nothing like having a live band in the building! I am certain you will find me on the dance floor more than once. Please remember to purchase your tickets early to ensure reserved seating for the festive evening.

The **Children's Easter Party** is set for **April 7th**. The Easter Bunny will arrive by boat, of course, with lots of fun things planned. Tickets will be available at the bar shortly. As usual, your help is needed in making this a wonderful event for the children.

Gary Pole - Rear Commodore

Fleet Captain's Corner

As we come closer to the date on which moorings will begin to go in, let us ALL be reminded that if you elect to stay at our docks, be it transient or main, the charge is always in effect. If your mooring is not in the water and you require the use of our docks, the charges are clearly posted in our Fayerweather Bible for all to see. **Jim Hasak**, as Chairman of the Dock Committee for this coming season, has requested that I maintain the "Red Book", as has been done in the past. I have agreed to do so and, as a matter of fact, there are already two entries for 2007. Think of it this way: If you stay, you pay... that way the rules apply equally to everyone with the understanding that there are unique occasions when no charge is applicable. (We refer to the one free day when the boat first goes in the water...the one day that applies to a non-operating motor.) Also, if you plan to stay more than one day, please let the Dock Committee know and of course, payment in advance is still a requirement.

Our **Shelter Island Cruise Breakfast** will be somewhat different this year...we will have a 'coffee and' and this will be on **April 21** and will run from **9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We will not be serving the standard breakfast as in the past. The charge will be three dollars per person; we will supply dough-nuts, sweet rolls and coffee. As usual, we will go over the cruising plans for the summer. All are invited, power and sail, and in particular, we invite anyone who has any new and innovative ideas.

Kudos go to **Dave Dinan** this month for the gift of a small trailer on which **Carl Ardell** will put each of our skiffs as he proceeds to prepare them for the summer. This trailer may be used by any member any day, as long as it's not needed by Carl to do his thing. It is not registered for road use--just for moving a small boat or raft around the grounds. Good time to generate common sense and charity. Carl and Dave have been doing this skiff thing for years, and again we thank them both.

Jim Anderson advises that any mooring not having the owner's name will be put aside until proper identification is affixed.

Good Friday is April 6th...and it's coming too quickly....

Bob Butler - *Fleet Captain*
268-5775

Fishing Committee

The 2007 Annual Fishing Contest Rules have been finalized and are posted in the bar. Registration for this contest will begin in March and is open to all FYC members.

I would like to remind everyone that the first **Fish Fry Dinner** of the year is scheduled for **Friday, April 20th**, at 6:00 pm. Save the date!

The next Committee meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 8th** at 7:30 pm. We will be planning the fish fry and deciding on the annual tournament prizes. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Best Regards,
Stephanie Stypinski - *Chairman*

Auxiliary

Meeting March 14, 2007

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

AUXILIARY MEMBERS,

Hello everyone. I'm sure you realize that with the bad weather, we did not have the installation of officers. It will be held **March 14th**, 2007, at our regular meeting.

I want to remind everyone to start bringing in your bunnies for the Easter raffle.

April 20th is the Fish Fry, and I will need volunteers for desserts and help working the window.

Last, but not least, our sincere best wishes to **Kay Kader**. I hear she is home now and doing better. Kay, our thoughts are with you!

Sue Callahan - *President*





Race Night

March 3, 2007

Tickets Available at Bar

\$8.00 per person

Includes Roast Beef Dinner

Dinner at 6:30pm

Betting Windows Open



at 7:30pm



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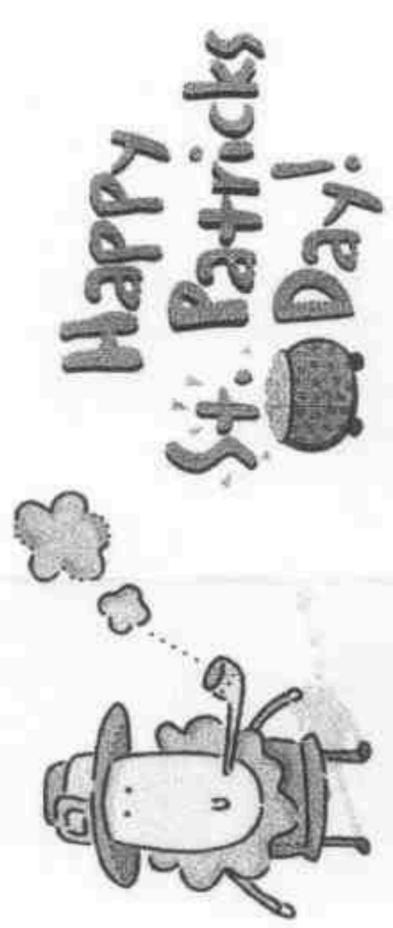
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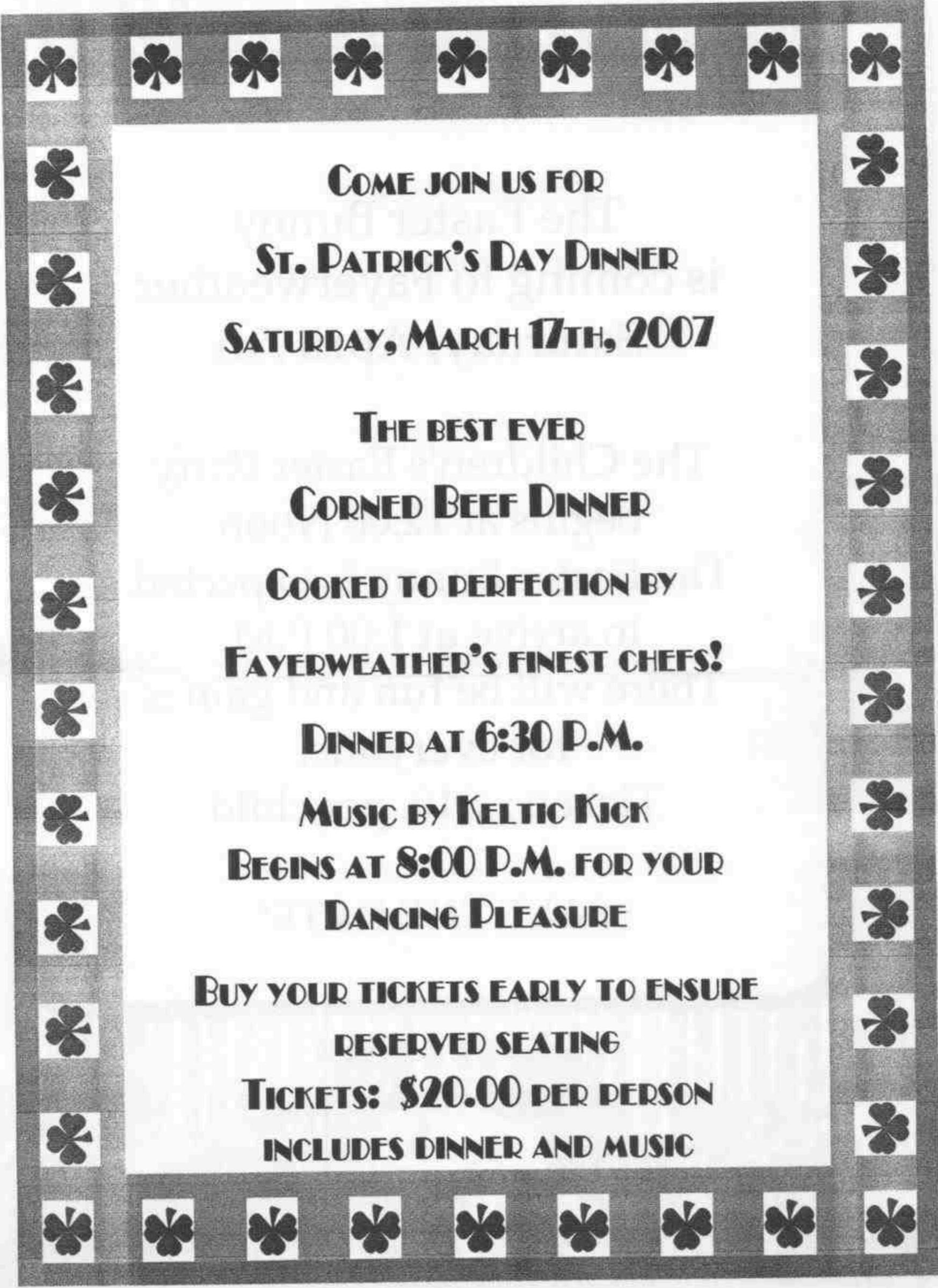


Calendar of Club Events

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4 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbiting	5 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	6 11:00-2:00 Lunch	7 11:00-2:00 Lunch	8 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu 7:30 Fishing Comm.	9 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00-8:00 Dinner 8:00 Membership Meeting	10 11:00-3:00 Lunch
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 Saturday, April 7: Children's Easter Party
 Friday, April 20: Fish Fry Dinner
 Saturday, April 28: Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary Party





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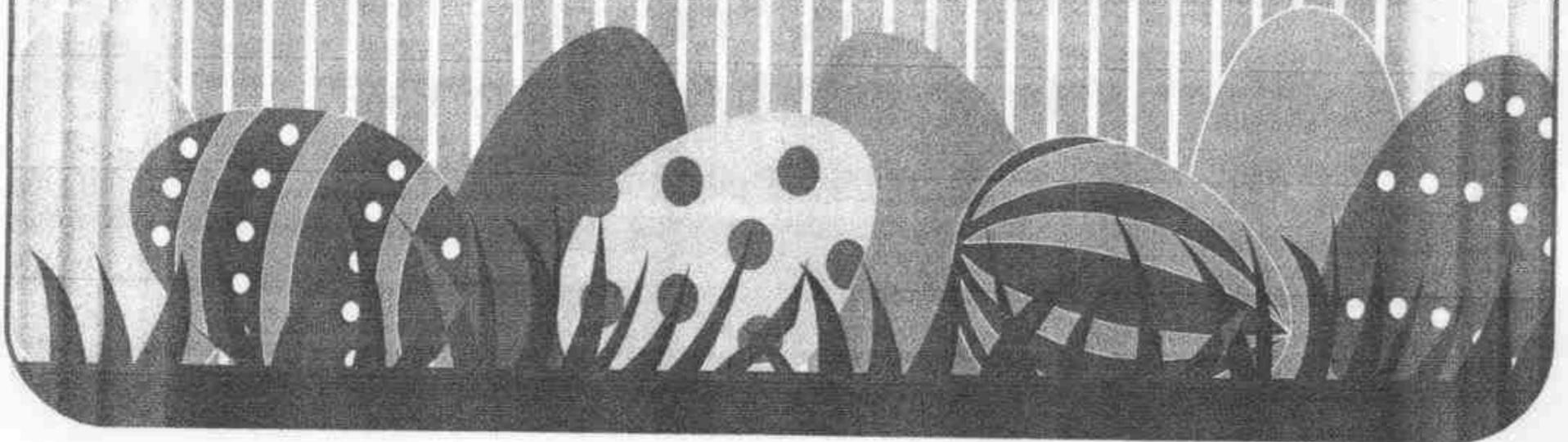
**TICKETS: \$20.00 PER PERSON
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The Easter Bunny
is coming to Fayerweather
Saturday, April 7th

The Children's Easter Party
begins at 12:00 Noon
The Easter Bunny is expected
to arrive at 1:00 P.M.
There will be fun and games
for everyone!

Tickets: \$10. per child

SAVE THE DATE!



Sailing Committee

The proposed **2007 Racing Schedule** has been posted at the Club and on our website. Entry Forms for Wednesday Night and Weekend Series racing are also available.

Due to the successful turnout of the Single-handed racing last year, I am offering the addition of a Double-handed class to coincide with the Series. The Entry Form will give the competitor the option to choose the class that is most suited for them.

A **Skippers Meeting** will be held in April to discuss the schedule, racing format, and scoring system. The meeting will be opened to all skippers, crew, and any other interested parties. Date and time will be posted shortly.

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

Membership

The following applicants have been interviewed, recommended for membership by the Committee, and are slated to be voted upon as vacancies become available:

John W. Harder, Jr.	William Giannos
Gerald Altieri	Peter Shanazu
Arline Bartine	Michael Nisenbaum
Stephen M. Bauer	Alisha Gorder
William Buttery	Laura Albertson
Mary Jo Lambert	Anthony Pastor
Daniel Simi	Michael Mentis, Jr.
Halsey Bullen	Stephen Cummings
Peter Delvecchio	David Marseli
Maureen O'Donnell	Robert Reinartz, Jr.
Gerard O. Bassi	John Petti
Jeffrey N. Wieser	Roy Edwards
Brian Joyce	Andrew Seprack
Louis Fernous	Paul Arneth
F. Patrick McDonald	Edward Boos

Respectfully,
Tamra J. Evans, Membership Committee

Good and Welfare

At the February meeting, we noted with sorrow the passing of **William Fenig** and **Frank Deleo**.

Commodore Wall has appointed **George O'Connell** as Sargent at Arms.

Twenty-four new members were elected for membership at the February meeting. They are as follows:

Chad Stewart	Ryan Collins
Joseph Palmer	Keith Restivo
John Bohannon	Barton Fox
Casey O'Donnell	Robert Ellis
William Richard	Roy Bjorlin
Davies Tainter	John O'Neil
Jack Collins	Harold Palin
Barbara Turcey	Steven Sullivan
Herloff Sorensen	John Goodfellow
Robert Nevins	Shawn McElligott
Nanette Blish	Richard Landy
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We hope to meet all of them at our March meeting!



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Please contact Howard Bishop about placing advertisements in *The Foghorn*.



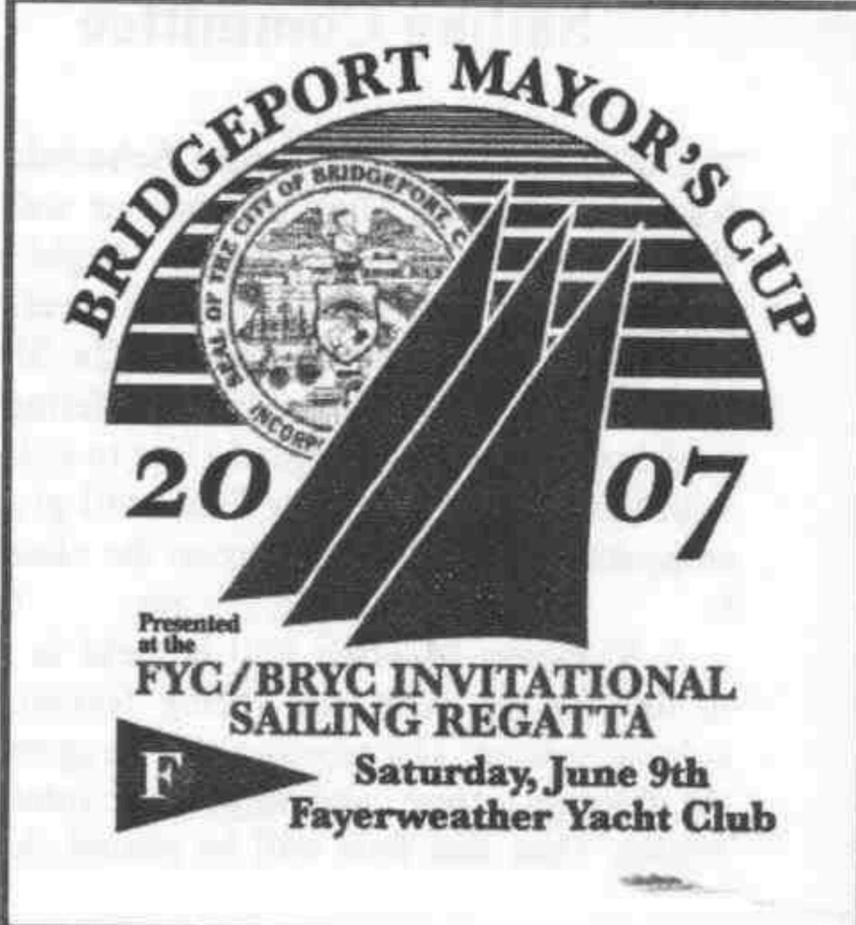
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