

# Fayerweather FOGHORN

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## From The Helm

Greetings...

It's hard to believe that it's December!

At the November General Meeting, the Budget Committee presented the proposed 2008 operating budget. I am pleased to report that the membership unanimously approved it. Therefore, there will be no dues increase and no special assessment for 2008.

With that being said, please keep in mind that Fayerweather is a *volunteer* club. One major reason we have been able to operate with such a low dues structure is because members volunteer to help out around the Club. The Spring and Fall Work Days are perfect examples of a tremendous cost savings to the club – and, hopefully, even more members will show up in the years to come. Whether we have volunteers or have to pay someone, the work still needs to get done.

We are still laying the foundation for some major projects for which the assessment funds have been earmarked. The next big project is the seawall and the Dock Committee chairperson, P.C. **Jim Hasak**, reports that work will hopefully begin by March and it is scheduled to be completed by May 2008.

The **Kitchen Committee** is still soliciting bids for the kitchen operations from interested caterers. The deadline for submissions is **December 21st**. The Committee will hold interviews in the beginning of January and then make a final recommendation to the Board at their January meeting. If anyone knows of a caterer who is interested, Requests for Proposal are available from **George O'Connell** who may be reached at [George@OConnellRealEstate.com](mailto:George@OConnellRealEstate.com) or (203) 449-1748. In the meantime, please come down to the Club – whether it's for lunch or dinner. The kitchen needs your support!

As always, December is sure to be a busy month. Please be sure to read the Vice Commodore's article about **Wassail Night** and plan on coming... it's an annual tradition and sure to be a lovely evening.

I wish all of you and your families a very safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully,  
Catherine Wall  
*Commodore*



**Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!  
Happy Hanukkah!**

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, December 2nd

Frostbite Sailing Begins 1:00 p.m.

### Thursday, December 6th

Cutoff for Auxiliary Holiday Dinner Party

### Friday, December 7th

Fishing Awards Dinner 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 9th

Cutoff for Children's Holiday Party Sign-Up

Frostbite Sailing 1:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 12th

Auxiliary Holiday Dinner

Board: 7:00 p.m.; Membership: 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 13th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 14th

Children's Holiday Party Prep 5:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 15th

Wassail Night 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 16th

Children's Christmas Party Noon-2 p.m.

Frostbite Sailing 1:00 p.m.

### Monday, December 17th

BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m. \*

*Save the Date:*

Friday, January 11th, 2008

*Elections*

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

*\* Note: BOG Meeting date changed due to observance of Christmas Eve*

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

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**Don't forget to sign up the children for  
the Children's Christmas Party on  
December 16th  
from Noon to 2:00 p.m.  
\$10.00 per child**

## From the Rear Commodore

### Past events in November;

- **11/17 – Harvest Dance:** What a terrific event! A great dance and plenty of “harvest” was carried home that night. This night was made such a success by you, the members, that give so much as volunteers, wrapping and hanging a ton of fruits and vegetables. It’s hard to beat power tools and experience. So many volunteers and too little space, I wish I could list everyone’s name who helped. My special thanks to all who volunteered, as this event could not be held without you. Thanks to **Tom for working the whole dance and then staying to help cleanup.** There is no truth to the rumor that **Betsy** is our “trash lady”, she just wants to help out. So many “sheriffs” took a turn sending the “thieves” to jail, and one of you definitely made your quota, thanks. So many of you danced and donated your “bail”. The final cleanup and chair storage was done by **Gerry, Bob and Tom** on Sunday morning (power tools), so all was back in order for the lunch crowd. One final note about this is a reminder that Fayerweather does not maintain a wait staff and if you would remember to buss your tables after enjoying your meal and beverage, other members might get home earlier.

### Upcoming events in December;

- **12/14 – Wrapping party:** On Friday, volunteers are needed to wrap gifts for the children’s party that will take place on Sunday. As some may remember from the Harvest Dance setup, a good set of scissors is a handy tool to bring with you. We will be starting about **5:00 p.m.**
- **12/17 – Children’s Christmas Party:** This year the Children’s Party will be held on **Sunday, December 16th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Please see the sign-up sheet in *The Foghorn* and sign-up sheets will also be available behind the Bar. **Remember, there will be a firm cutoff date a week earlier on**

**December 9th** to allow Santa’s helpers to purchase, I mean, make the presents. If you would like to donate funds to the cause, please feel free and then you will find your name posted on the wall in the Upper Deck.

Gary A. Pole – *Rear Commodore*

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## Auxiliary

**Dinner Meeting, December 12th, 2007**

**7:00 p.m. for all**

Greetings everyone! At our last meeting we discussed the following:

1. **Christmas Dinner** cutoff is **December 6th** so the caterers have time to buy food.
2. Raffle tickets were mailed to members. We have more if you think you can sell them.
3. Grab bag gifts for the Christmas dinner **MUST BE NEW ITEMS AND between \$10-\$20 in cost.**
4. We are giving the Children’s Party a \$50 donation. The date is December 16th.
5. We are changing the Meeting time for **January and February only to 6:30 p.m.** for the **Board** and **7:00 p.m.** for all members.
6. We are also buying a new tree and decorations for the Club.

Thank you to **Rosemarie Fabian**, our Hostess for the evening--fabulous food!

Our next meeting is **December 12th**--it’s the **Christmas Dinner** at **7:00 p.m.**

The January meeting is **January 8th at 6:30 p.m. for officers and board members, 7:00 p.m. for members.**

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving! See you soon.

Susan Callahan – *Auxiliary President*  
203-526-9859



**Santa's  
coming to  
FYC on  
December  
16th!**

**Bring  
the  
kids!**

## Good and Welfare

At the November General Membership meeting, the passing of **John Potter, Senior**, was noted with sadness. He will be missed.

New Members welcomed at the November meeting included **Melissa Oak, Kirsten Herr, John Neighbor, Robert McDuffy, John O'Connell, Frank Petise, John Haffey, David Gugliamo, Curtis Clark, and Keith Rhode.** Welcome!

New Life Members were announced at the November meeting. They are: **Barbara Allen** and **Myrna Gould Harrison.** Congratulations, ladies!

The Nominating Committee has started work on recommendations for the slate of Flag Officers and Board of Governors for the next year. Evenings have been scheduled when interviews will be held with Club members who would like to run for open positions for the year 2008. Please look for announcements at the Club and the full-page announcement in this Foghorn for the interview schedule and positions.

Our **BEST wishes** for recovery go out again to **Pappy Wargo.** We hope the holidays will bring him recovering health.

Accolades go to **Mike Andre** who did a fabulous job of organizing the **Sailing Awards Night!** Thanks, Mike!

"Get better fast" wishes go out to **Terry Roach** who is recovering from recent surgery. **Bob Kubis** is filling in for Terry with Sunday Frostbiting during Terry's recovery. If you are interested in Frostbiting on Sunday afternoons, please give Bob a call at 203-798-6547.

It seems that miscreant Hank, the sailor, has turned up again. At least it appeared to be him who landed in jail during the Harvest Dance. Wouldn't anybody pay to get him out of jail? He was still there the next morning, waiting for help!!!!

Thanks were expressed to **Ken Sullivan** at the November membership meeting for all the work he has done throughout this year as House Committee Chairman to improve the appearance of the Club. A round of applause for Ken!! The House Committee has painted the Penfield Room a beautiful new color. Come in to the Club and see it for yourself! (I'm not telling!)

**Dave Farrington** has managed to make yet another appearance recently in *The Connecticut*

*Post.* Dave's expertise as a bird carver was rightly noted. The photos clearly showed his mastery.

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## From the Vice Commodore

### "WASSAIL BOWL" -- Cocktail Party

A very special evening provided by your Club for members and family only.

According to my 1927 dictionary, "Wassail" is a salutation wishing health and good fortune to another, while raising a cup of "drink"--an old English custom celebrated during the Christmas season....."WAS'L!!!!!!!"

There will be Music!!

There will be Punch!!

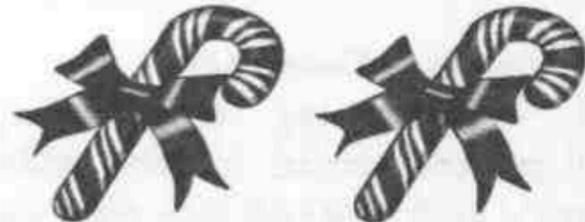
There will be Egg Nog!!

It is a custom, though not mandatory, that members bring along their favorite "appetizer" to share on this evening.

If Punch or Egg Nog is not your favorite, then your first drink from the bar is "on the house" courtesy of the V.C. The date is **Saturday December 15th**, starting around **6:30 p.m.**

See you at the Club!!

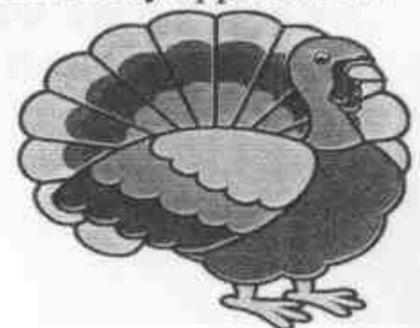
Ed Lambertson -Vice Commodore



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## Food Drive Results

Thanks to **all of you** who helped make the Food Drive for the Connecticut Food Bank the success it turned out to be! Our "trickle" of contributions turned into **533.5 pounds of food**—including 3 frozen turkeys—for the Food Bank. Your support of this project is truly appreciated! Sandye



## The Bishop Cup is back where it belongs !



**Eddie Celebrates with his Family**



A terrific affair--good friends, good food  
and great stories. **Thank you all**  
for making this a great event! Rich Parker



## From the Financial Secretary

At the November General Membership meeting, the members voted upon and approved a budget that kept the dues the same (\$375.00) and does not include any capital assessments. Therefore, the total standard bill, which includes Chit book and Taxes, will be \$512.50.

Please remember that the bills become **due on January 1, 2008** and are **delinquent on January 31**. You will be assessed an additional \$50 if your full payment is not received by the Financial Secretary **PRIOR** to January 31, 2008. If your Dues and Late fee are not paid prior to February 28th, your membership will be automatically terminated. Please be aware that we cannot take responsibility for the actions of the USPS and will not accept excuses for late payments. If you wish for any special considerations, please request this in writing to the Board of Governors as soon as possible to enable them to consider any request prior to the due date. Thank You.

*Andrew Wolf - Financial Secretary*

# Fayerweather Yacht Club

## December 2007

### Calendar of Club Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch
<b>2</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing	<b>3</b> Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	<b>4</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch  Hanukkah begins Sundown	<b>5</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch	<b>6</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch Cutoff for Aux. Dinner 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	<b>7</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch  6:30 Fishing Awards Dinner	<b>8</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch
<b>9</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing Cut-off for Children's Holiday Party	<b>10</b> Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	<b>11</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch	<b>12</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch  7:00 Auxiliary Holiday Dinner	<b>13</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu 7:30 Fishing Comm.	<b>14</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch  5:00 Children's Party Prep 8:00 General Member- ship Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch 6:30 Wessail Night Club Members Only
<b>16</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch 12:00-2:00 Children's Christmas Party 1:00 Frostbite Sailing	<b>17</b> Kitchen Closed 7:00 BOG Meeting * 7:00 Dart League	<b>18</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch	<b>19</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch	<b>20</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	<b>21</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch	<b>22</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch
<b>23</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing	<b>24</b> Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League  Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch	<b>27</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	<b>28</b> 11:00-2:00 Lunch	<b>29</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch
<b>30</b> 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing	<b>31</b> Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League  New Year's Eve	<b>New Year's Day</b>		<i>Save the Date:</i> <i>Club Elections are</i> <i>on Friday, January</i> <i>11th. Voting times</i> <i>will be posted.</i>		

\* Note change in BOG Meeting date due to Christmas Eve on 4th Monday of month.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



## Children's Christmas Party

December 16, 2007

Noon – 2:00pm

\$10.00 per child

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name(s)

Age (10 and under)

Gender

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# of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Additional children can be listed on back

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Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Additional children can be listed on back

## Fayerweather Needs You!

### 2008 Elections are Coming Soon

The Nominating Committee will be meeting upstairs in the clubhouse on the following evenings to conduct interviews:

November 29<sup>th</sup>

December 5<sup>th</sup>

December 6<sup>th</sup>

December 12<sup>th</sup>

December 13<sup>th</sup>

Interviews will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to fill the following positions:

**Commodore:** Commander of the Fleet, preside over Club meetings and Board of Governors, enforce Club rules.

**Vice-Commodore:** Responsible for operation of bar and kitchen, assist the Commodore.

**Rear-Commodore:** Chairperson of Entertainment Committee, assist Commodore and Vice-Commodore.

**Financial Secretary:** Bill, receive and collect all dues, fines, assessments and other charges.

**Treasurer:** Approve and pay all bills, manage Club financial assets.

**Recording Secretary:** Record and maintain minutes of Club meetings, prepare Club correspondence.

**Board of Governors (3 positions):** Supervise and manage Club property, be business agents for the Club, provide active leadership

### Help Make a Difference!

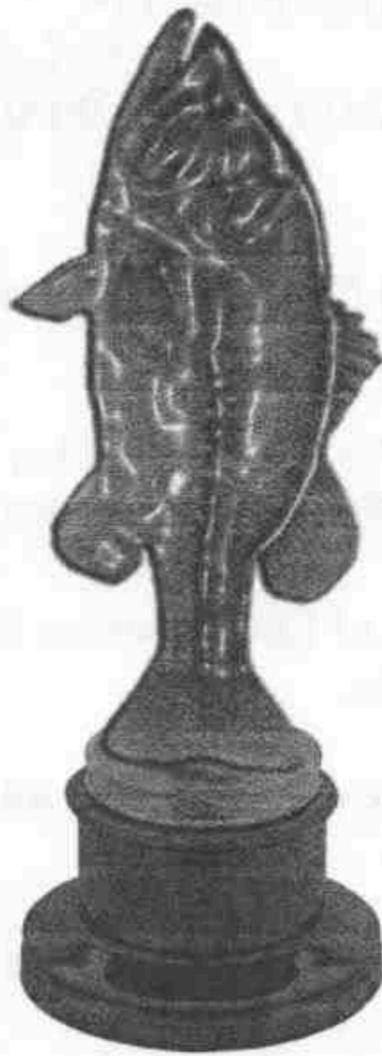
Committee Members: Mike Roberts, Jr., Earl DeWitt, Denis Rickard, Russell Dunleavey, Chris Gill, Geza Yelenik, Bob Schley

*Fayerweather Yacht Club*

# Fishing Awards Dinner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

SEATING BEGINS @ 6:30



TICKETS \$30

AVAILABLE AT THE BAR UNTIL DECEMBER 6TH

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## Fishing Committee

Reminder.....the **2007 Annual Fishing Awards Dinner** will take place on **Friday, December 7th** at **6:30 p.m.** Tickets are on sale now and will be available until December 6th. The dinner will once again be catered by D & D and will include Filet Mignon, salad, ziti, beer and more. Please invite your friends to come down and join us to kick off the holidays.

The annual fishing contest winners to date:

### **Striped Bass :**

1st Place:	<b>Bob Karosy</b>	34.87 lbs.
2nd Place:	<b>Steve Ehrens</b>	33.98 lbs.
3rd Place:	<b>Geoff Cornwall</b>	32.62 lbs.

### **Bluefish :**

1st Place:	<b>Dave Schackett</b>	15.40 lbs.
2nd Place:	<b>Wally Kimball</b>	13.44 lbs.
3rd Place:	<b>John Ellis</b>	12.80 lbs.

### **Blackfish:**

1st Place:	<b>Eugene Maldonado</b>	7.16 lbs.
2nd Place:	<b>Ed Wargo III</b>	6.98 lbs.
3rd Place:	<b>Mike Herrington</b>	5.76 lbs.

### **Porgy :**

1st Place:	<b>Bob Cahill</b>	1.92 lbs.
2nd Place:	<b>Dave Farrington</b>	1.89 lbs.
3rd Place:	<b>Mike Herrington</b>	1.74 lbs.

### **Seabass :**

1st Place:	<b>Dave Farrington</b>	3.91 lbs.
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### **Fluke :**

1st place:	<b>Geoff Cornwall</b>	6.05 lbs.
2nd place:	<b>Dave Farrington</b>	5.06 lbs.
3rd place:	<b>Bob Karosy</b>	5.05 lbs.

The next fishing committee meeting will take place on Thursday, December 13th at 7:30 pm.

*You can't hit a home run unless you step up to the plate.  
You can't catch fish unless you put your line in the water.  
You can't reach your goals if you don't try. ~ Kathy Seligman*

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a happy, healthy new year.

Best regards,  
Stephanie Stypinski – *Chairman*

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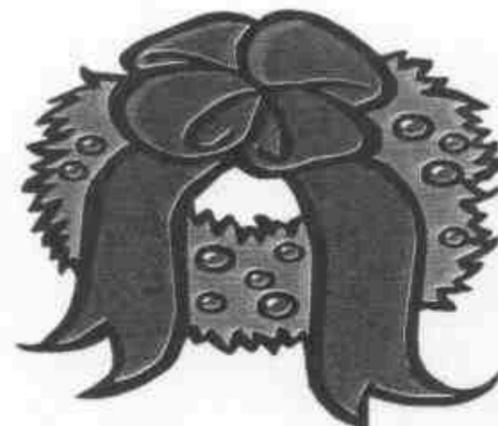
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Information for the January 2008 Foghorn must be submitted no later than **December 20th by 4:00 p.m.** to be included in the next issue of *The Fayerweather Foghorn*. Please include **COMPLETE information including starting time** of events. Please send it in Microsoft Word format **ONLY** by email to: [sandy.mann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandy.mann@sbcglobal.net) Questions? Call 259-4106. Please contact Sandye about placing ads.



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