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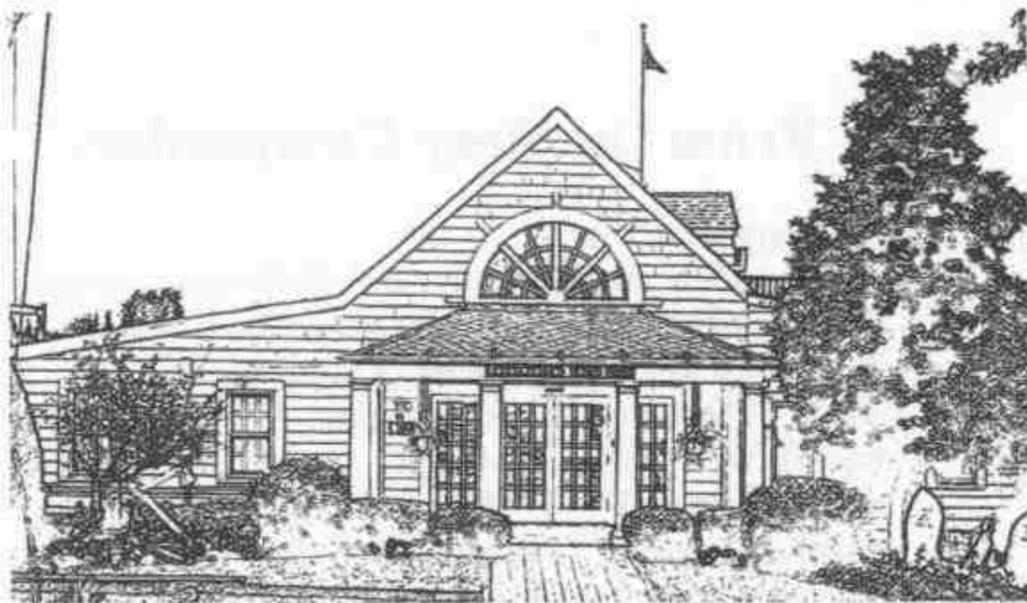
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From The Helm

This month the membership elects their leadership to navigate them through the coming year. I trust the membership to support the elected officers and to rally behind the projects scheduled for the future. The current elected Officers and Board members dealt with many issues this past year and worked diligently to formulate a course to follow.

I have confidence in the Nominating Committee's decision to select those members who volunteered to participate in the interview process and look forward to the membership to unanimously elect the team for 2007.

Thank you to all the members who came forward this year to support my efforts as Commodore. I will always treasure the opportunity to have represented Fayerweather in the boating community.

Sea Fever – John Masefield

I must go down to the seas again,
to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship
and a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song
and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face
and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again,
for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call
that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day
with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume,
and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again
to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way
where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn

And quiet sleep and a sweet dream
when the long trick's over.

Thank you for a year of memories,
Bill Selski – *Commodore*

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 10th

Auxiliary Meeting
Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Membership Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 11th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Friday, January 12th

Election of Club Officers
Voting Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
and 5:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Valid I.D. must be shown

Friday, January 12th

Membership Meeting 8:00 P.M.

Monday, January 22nd

BOG Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Check out the website for Thursday Night
and Sunday Brunch menus

From the Vice Commodore

The Kitchen now has a standard menu for Friday and Saturday night dinners. In addition to this menu, they will offer specials for each of these nights. Please check the website for these menus.

It was very nice to see a good showing of members that came down for Wassail Night to socialize with other members, share each other's hors-d'oeuvres and enjoy the music. I was very happy to host this event.

To recap, some of the improvements I instated this year are: New smoke eaters for the Bar and upper deck, drink chips, happy hour with pull tab specials, extended kitchen hours, creating an e-mail list to notify members of upcoming events, refinishing the bar and tables, revision of the rental applications, offer better pizza at the bar, acquired a freezer for the bar at no cost to the Club, assisted in providing music on the deck, plus many others. I will be running again for Vice Commodore.

I hope this past year has been good for you at Fayerweather. I hope to continue on the improvements and making it a more enjoyable club for its members and guests

Thank You,
Timothy Casey - *Vice Commodore*

From the Rear Commodore

Happy New Year.

We had a great day for the Children's Christmas Party. Santa (a.k.a. **Johnny G**) arrived on **Chris Bransfield** and **Nancy Darling's** boat, safe and sound. Thank you for volunteering. The children were treated with stuffed stockings, snacks, and nice gifts from "Santa G". I also need to thank the gift wrappers/stocking stuffers. The face painters and magician entertained the children. We can thank **Jack, our fabulous bartender**, for volunteering **his daughter and friend** to do the face painting.

After serving for the past two years, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members that consistently showed up to help me with more than 20+ events at FYC this year alone. To correct some misinformation that has been circulating at the Club, no Club money was used for these functions, as all were self funded. As Rear Commodore, I hope I have fulfilled my job to entertain the members while generating money for the Club. This type of revenue helps keep our dues and assessments down, while making FYC an enjoyable place to visit. Due to some recent issues surrounding a select group of members/officers, I have decided not to run for a third term. I wish the next person well in this position.

Respectfully,
Martha Dixon

Fleet Captain's Corner

Only one item of note, the Shelter Island Cruise breakfast of which we spoke last month, may be postponed until March. There are one or two impediments involved...I trust this will pique the interest of many members and generate as large an attendance as we enjoyed last year.

Bob Butler - *Fleet Captain*
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Please Note:

Information for the February, 2007, Foghorn must be submitted **no later than February 20th by 4:00 p.m.** to be included in the next issue of *The Fayerweather Foghorn*. Please send it by email to: sandye.mann@sbcglobal.net

Please contact Howard Bishop about placing advertisements in the Foghorn.

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Fishing Committee

First of all, the Committee and I want to apologize to all the members, their guests and visiting members from the other clubs for the Awards Dinner that was served by 2 the 9's Caterers. The dinner was not what we ordered. I assure you that we will not use them ever again. There is talk that we may do it ourselves next year.

Our next meeting will be **January 11th** at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is to elect a new chairman, set up the yearly events, and the pizza party. See you all there.

Dave Farrington/Mike Herrington - *Co-Chairmen*

Financial Secretary

It was certainly a pleasure serving the Club in various ways over this last year and I look forward to serving you again in 2007. I feel the Nominating Committee has done a great job putting together a slate that will work well together and will serve all members through the coming year.

Please remember that it is important that we have current 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 mail it or leave it at the Club to the attention of the Financial Secretary.

Currently we are looking for:

John B. Kennedy	Tyler Benham
Myles N. Kline	Eric Wuerfele
Joseph Carvalko	

Thank you,
Andrew Wolf, Financial Secretary

Special Thanks

A very special thank you goes out to **Jerry Hogarth**. When a number of trophies were badly damaged by the revelers at the Harvest Dance, Jerry undertook to restore them all. Many, many thanks for his efforts in putting these trophies back together for all of us at FYC.

Auxiliary

Meeting **January 10, 2007**

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

AUXILIARY MEMBERS,

I would like to thank **Commodore Bill Selski, Vice Commodore Tim Casey, Rear Officer Martha Dixon**, for serving us at the Auxiliary Holiday Dinner. I hope you all had as great a time as I did.

A special thank you goes out to **Bill Lynk** for helping out with the sales of the Wassel Tickets. The winners of the Wassel Night prizes are as follows: **John Naber** won the \$100.00 Gift Card to Stop And Shop; the Liquor Basket was won by **Nancy Tallon**; the Wine Basket was won by **Don Worth**; the Holiday Basket was won by **Sharon Fabricatore**; and the Picnic Basket was won by **Pauline Rozsa**. Congratulations to all!

Our next meeting will be held on the **10th of January, 2007**. Please come down and join us to vote for the new officers that are running. I would like to thank everyone for their help through out this year. I will be on the Board of Governors, so I will not be far. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely;
Charlene Farley - *President*
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Auxiliary Slate of Officers

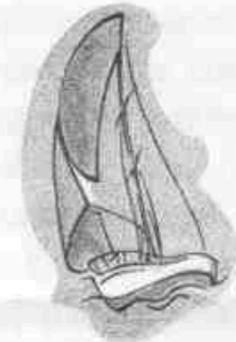
President:	Sue Callahan
Vice President:	Ginny Lussier
Recording Secretary:	Sue Swanson
Financial Secretary:	Judy Duva
Treasurer:	Kay Kader

Board of Governors:	Charlene Farley
	Ann Farrington
	Mary Ann Callahan
	Deborah Callan
	Carrie Shelton

2006 Sailing Awards

The following presentations were made at the 2006 Cocktail Awards Party recently held at FYC.

			<u>Vessel Name</u>
FYC/BRYC Invitational Regatta			
	First	Treat	Dr. Evil
	Second	Tim Anto	Blue Devil
	Third	Andre/Bambach/Lent	Dedicated
Black Rock Harbor races sponsored by FYC and BRYC:			
Wednesday Night Series			
Div. I:	First:	Andre/Bambach/Lent	Dedicated
	Second:	David Riordan	Quality Time
	Third:	Ray Hannan	Fianna
Div. II:	First:	Chris McNeil	Renegade
	Second	Todd Williams	Joyride
	Third	David Raymond	Dream Weaver
Div. III:	First	Tom Bobbin	Special Sauce
	Second	Barry Butler	Defender
	Third	Ed Manes	Ma Cherie
Sunday Series			
Div I:	First	Tim Anto	Blue Devil
Single Hand Series			
	First	Tom Bobbin	Special Sauce
FYC sponsored Races:			
Ken Johnson Memorial Race			
Div. I	First	Tom Bobbin	Special Sauce
Div. II	First	Chris Oburchay	Breathless
	Second	Russel Dunleavy	Winds Way
Port Jefferson Overnight			
	First	David Raymond	Dream Weaver



Special recognition awards were presented to:

Cliff Crowley: *Ken Johnson Perpetual Sportsman Award*, for promoting sailing and good sportsmanship and participation in various races and representing our Club with courageous sailing abilities. Of his accomplishments this year was his participation in the Vineyard Race and a very admirable showing in the Bermuda Race. We are very proud that he is a part of our club.

Becky Maines: commemorative gift for being a part in the yachting activities at our Club and beyond.

Barry Butler: *Sea Tow Iron Man Award*, for his abilities to be out there with a smile on his face through any conditions.

FYC, along with BRYC, are 2006 co-recipients of the **Boot in the Butt Award** by the Order of Moosehead. Our on the water activities are being recognized by racing organizations throughout Long Island Sound and beyond. There is a full explanation of this award that has been hung up in the Club, for those who are interested.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has selected the following Club members for the slate of officers for the 2007 Election:

Commodore:	Catherine Wall
Vice-Commodore:	Ed Lambertson
Rear Commodore:	Gary Pole
Treasurer:	Howard Bishop
Financial Sec'y.:	Andy Wolf
Recording Sec'y.:	Christopher Carnes
Board of Governors:	Jim Eagen Jerry Hricik Bob Schley Tom Bobbin
BOG 1 yr. Term: (To replace Wayne Murray)	

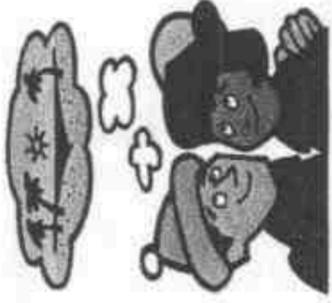
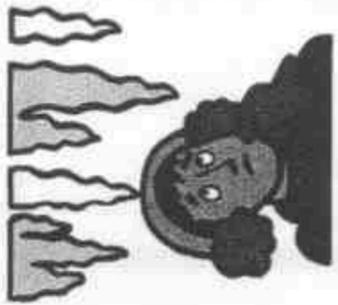
The Committee wishes to thank everyone (24 people) who took the time to interview with the Committee for this year's slate.

Please remember to vote January 12th from
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or 5:00-8:15 p.m.

Please remember: Bring your Membership card or a photo I.D.
with you to the election.

Fayerweather Yacht Club January 2007

Calendar of Club Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5	6
11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbiting	11:00-2:00 Lunch 7:00 Dart League	11:00-2:00 Lunch	11:00-2:00 Lunch	11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00-9:00 Dinner	11:00-3:00 Lunch
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* **January 12th: Election of Officers for 2007** Voting Hours are **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.**
Please remember to bring either your Fayerweather Membership card or a photo I.D. card for identification purposes.
You must show identification to vote.

Nominations

This year's Nominating Committee focused on many factors during our interviews with potential candidates including each candidate's real-world qualifications for specific positions, his or her willingness and availability to put appropriate time and effort into their job, and the person's ability to work with others in the best interests of Fayerweather Yacht Club's total general membership. The Committee also gave a considerable amount of weight to the ability of each potential candidate to address and resolve the major issues which presently concern our membership, including, but not limited to: accountability of its Board and Flag Officers, communication skills, integrity, and recognition of the importance of a healthy balance between the social and the yachting facets of our Club. Having stated our intentions, we are proud to announce our choices for the 2007 slate.

Commodore	Catherine P. Wall
Vice Commodore	Edward Lambertson
Rear Commodore	Gary Pole
Treasurer	Howard Bishop
Financial Secretary	Andy Wolf
Recording Secretary	Christopher Carnes
Board of Governors:	Jim Eagan
	Jerry Hricik
	Bob Schley
Board of Governors:	Tom Bobbin
(1 year term to replace Wayne Murray)	

CATHERINE WALL has been an active member since 1999. She is a committed sailor, having raced her J-24 *Ukiyo* for five years. Catherine is presently our Recording Secretary, is acting Chair on the Membership Committee, and has been involved in all facets of the sailing program since 1999, including the entertainment, fund-raising and awards functions. Catherine has a BS in Business from UCONN, and a Juris Doctor degree (cum laude) from Quinnipiac Law School. She is presently employed as Associate General Counsel and Director of Product Relations at Sturm Ruger & Co., Inc., in Fairfield. Catherine is tenacious in her commitment to the Club. Having demonstrated her professionalism throughout her membership, she is very enthusiastic about her prospects as Commodore. We feel that Catherine has the best qualifications and the dedication necessary to be a successful and effective leader.

EDWARD LAMBERTSON is a life member, having joined FYC in 1983. He currently sails aboard *Ventulus*, a sailboat he co-owns with our Chaplain, Brian Kelly. Ed retired after 25 years at Seagrams Liquor, Inc., after holding an executive position as an Operations Manager responsible for production, budget, marketing and development. He presently manages real estate and stock investments after serving as a real estate broker and property manager for Prudential. Ed's professional history demonstrates his ability to get things done, while his personality suggests a no-nonsense style that never loses its natural demeanor as a thoughtful gentleman and businessman. We believe that Ed's background and qualifications, coupled with his professionalism and leadership skills, are qualities we feel are important in our Vice Commodore.

GARY POLE joined our Club in 2002. Gary is a graduate of West Point Military Academy and remained in the military for some time. He approached our Committee with the intention of running for Rear Commodore, but made it clear that he would take whatever position he was asked to take where he could do the most good. Presently a retired business consultant, Gary spent 27 years in an upper level management position in Computer Applications at Pitney Bowes. He also has extensive experience in his service as a Board Member in a social club in New Haven, a position

(Gary Pole continued)

from which he has resigned in order to devote his attention to FYC. We were struck with Gary's excitement about volunteering, his belief that involvement is the key to success, as well as his positive attitude toward fostering good will and harmony within the Club and between the Clubs.

ANDY WOLF, the current Financial Secretary, has been a member of FYC since 1999. Andy is highly qualified for the position of Financial Secretary, as he holds a CPA and manages high-end commercial real estate in Manhattan and Connecticut. He served on the Audit Committee in 2000 and 2006, has been a member of the Dock and Sailing Committees in 2006, and has been an effective Financial Secretary throughout the past year. After selling his own boat two years ago, Andy has become the bow man on *Renegade*, and possesses considerable single handed experience from the Great Lakes area and Macinaw Country.

CHRISTOPHER CARNES is originally a native of Darien who presently lives on Brewster Street. He has been an active boater since he was a child and he continued working on a number of fishing boats as a teenager and in his twenties. Most recently he has sailed on *Special Sauce*. Topher, as he is called, graduated from Sarah Lawrence with a liberal arts degree. He is presently a talented decorative artist who owns his own business, Finishing Impressions. He is excited about becoming more involved in the Club and is intrigued with the opportunity to work as an officer.

JERRY HRICIK is a sailor and has been an active member of FYC since 1989. During this time he has served on the following committees: Nominating, Membership, By-Law Review and Audit. Jerry lives in Westport, taught mathematics for the New Canaan Schools, and has directed the Human Resources staff and activities for such companies as ITT, Philip Morris, and Macmillan, Inc. He was also an executive compensation consultant for the Wyatt Co., and HR Consultant for Ernst & Young.

BOB SCHLEY has been a member since 1996. Bob served as Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore in the past. Bob is an active sailor and has raced for the past 10 years at FYC and elsewhere. Bob worked for Pitney-Bowes where he was a Data Base analyst for 25 years. He is looking forward to full retirement.

TOM BOBBIN, a member since 1995, is currently serving on the Membership Committee. Tom has been active with the sailing and entertainment committees, and is most frequently seen on the dock, around the locker building and hoist, working on his boat, *Special Sauce*, or helping others. Tom is a yacht broker in the area. Tom is on the slate for the one-year seat on the Board of Governors as we feel his intense interest in the practical facets of boating and club workings, as well as his knowledge of the dock and waterfront operations make him an asset to the Club.

The Committee urges you to come to FYC to vote on **Friday, January 12th.**

Voting hours are:

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Please be certain to bring a form of identification with you—either your FYC membership card or a photo I.D.

In addition to the Nominating Committee slate, the following members will be running for election from the floor: **Bill Lynk** for Commodore, **Tim Casey** for Vice Commodore and **Mark D'Arcy** for Board of Governors.



Frostbite Sailing

The season started off with a bang (actually a loud splash with accompanying mild screaming) on Sunday the tenth. **Bob Kubis** demonstrated his skills of combining close-hauled windward work with a fast transition to the backstroke. He got extra points for his falsetto request for a visitation by the safety boat. All very stylish, and as such, befitting a FYC member. The water show continued the following Sunday with two more people (both new additions and as such will not be identified) leaping into the harbor with great enthusiasm. We surely cannot fail with players like this involved.

We have a total of eight sailors involved at this time. Some others have expressed interest and we look forward to seeing them. Our safety boat operator is **Glenn Smith**, back for another season.

One last thought: the frostbite program is showing every sign of positive growth. Our next hurdle is availability of boats. If anyone has a Fayerweather Dinghy or related equipment that is up for disposal give me a call.

Terry Roach 372-9740

Good and Welfare

At the December 8th General Meeting **John Ford** became a Life Member. Congratulations, John!

We note with sorrow the recent passing of member **Joseph Gondola**.

Our heartfelt hopes go out to **Sue Kiely** and **Bob Schley** for the speedy return to good health of her son, **Jim**.

They've done it again! They've changed the routing of the traffic at the intersection of Grover and Brewster Street. The new signage is all gone, and once again the traffic is to go around the small traffic circle onto Grover before turning onto Brewster Street. We can only wonder if this will change once again. Please note the three-way stop signs at the intersection of Brewster and Elsworth have **NOT** changed.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has been working hard throughout the fall interviewing applicants and calling sponsors. Currently we have more than 30 applicants ready for election as vacancies come up; however, as of the date of this publication, we have a full membership. We have two interview sessions scheduled for January for which we have invited approximately 40 people.

The Board recently followed the Committee's recommendation that after applicants are invited to two interview sessions and they do not show up or call to say they are unable to make the meetings, their application for membership is immediately denied.

Please be sure to let the Financial Secretary know of changes to your contact information.

Catherine Wall



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