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From The Helm

Ahoy to all FYC members! The weather is turning cold and it is getting dark early. So what is a member to do? Answer: come down to smoke-free FYC. Whether it is for an event or for taking in the view--whether sailor, power boater or socializer – you'll find the camaraderie at FYC is outstanding. Over the next few months there will be much going on, so stay in touch, keep the Foghorn on the fridge or bookmark FayerweatherYachtClub.com on your computer.

The FYC Clam bake was wonderful!!

Gary Swanson and crew prepared savory steaks or flavorful lobsters that were enjoyed by all in attendance. The evening was delightfully warm and everyone remained nice and cozy under the tent, with heaters standing by if needed. Vice Commodore O'Connell thought of everything. Martha Dixon, Party Planner extraordinaire, contributed to festivities and the DJ had everyone dancing in the half-moonlight.

The next general meeting will review some of the new bylaws proposed by the Bylaw Committee. The changes to be considered will be posted on the website and in the Foghorn.

By the time this arrives in your mailbox you will already know if FYC took the 12 meter cup back to its rightful home. Hope you were able to view these magnificent pieces of history and watch the races.

See you down at the club but signing off for now because I want to get in a quick sail... if there is such a thing.

Commodore Manes, signing off.

From the Vice Commodore

Fall might be marked on the calendar, but things are still feeling like summer around FYC. Gary Swanson will continue to do the raw bar during Friday nights until the weather makes its winter turn. I will be having a heat lamp or two on the deck to keep our members nice and toasty in the mean time. When Swanson's is done with the raw bar, I will be having Marty's Hot Dog Cart available for a month or two. I will then wrap up 2008 with local restaurants offering samples of their menu inside the bar on Fridays. If you have a friend in the restaurant business who might be interested, please have them contact me at the email address below. I will keep you informed in future Foghorns on the scheduling of Happy Hours.

FYC's Clambake was a success. I would like to thank Martha Dixon for all her help before and during the party. She truly was a life saver for me and the Rear

From the Vice Commodore (continued)

Commodore Jim Sorenson. I also would like to thank FYC member and owner of Atlantic Clam Farms, Ed Stilwagen, for his VERY generous donation of the delicious, fresh clams that were enjoyed by all at the event. We had a beautiful night with lots of dancing and laughter to the music of DJ Bill Richards and his karaoke machine, as well. A few members were actually brave enough to get up and belt out many fun sing-a-long tunes.

I hope a few of you have noticed how great the grounds are looking around the club! Thanks to member Eric Wuerfele and friend Cathy Sulley, the Club has been nice and tidy all spring/summer long, and by the looks of the front entrance at the writing of this article, it will continue throughout the rest of the year. Eric and Cathy spend numerous hours decorating, organizing and personally taking on tasks to make FYC look as great as it does. I raise my pint to you two!

Finally, if you would like to get Club information emailed to you, please email me at fayerweatheryachtclub@yahoo.com to be added. I originally had it go to my personal account and many emails were lost in cyberspace. I will ask Earl to update the link on the website, if that makes it easier. Just as an FYI, I regularly send out the Thursday dinner menu and special events here and there. No worries on anything other than that.

Cheers, George E. O'Connell - Vice Commodore

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, October 8th Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 9th
Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 10th
Discussion of Bylaw Changes 7:30 p.m.

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 12th

4-Club Bluefish Tournament 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Motorcycle Rally 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 18th
Race Night and Roast Beef Dinner

Friday, October 24th
Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 25th

Auxiliary Fall Back in Time Dance 7-11 p.m.

Monday, October 27th BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Events:

Monday Night: Dart League 7:00 p.m. Every Thursday Night: Dinner Seatings at

5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday Night: Special "Raw Bar" and Sushi Bar Weather Permitting

> Save the Date: Friday, November 7th: Fish Fry Dinner

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

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From the Rear Commodore

Summer has been great here at Fayerweather. Those of you that attended our clambake were treated to a fantastic meal, thanks to Gary Swanson. And thanks to Ed Stilwagen for donating the clams, Martha Dixon, Vice Commodore George O'Connell, and Commodore Ed Manes, for all of their help. The fun here is going to keep on going as we will keep the Friday Night Raw Bar going as long as there is interest.

On October 18th there will be a Race Night with a roast beef dinner for only \$8.00-- WOW! On Sunday, October 12th we will have our first Motorcycle Rally. This will consist of a ride starting at Fayerweather at 11a.m. and ending at Fayerweather in the afternoon for a barbecue. On October 24th we will have our second Golf Tournament at Fairchild Wheeler. Sign up sheets and details will be available at the Club. Summer might be over, but the good times continue, so come down and enjoy the fall.

Jim Sorensen - Rear Commodore

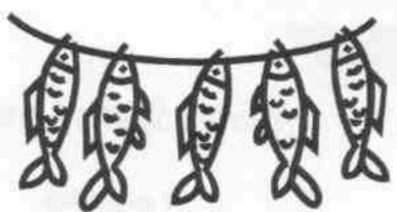
Fishing Committee

The Greater Bridgeport Yacht Club's Bluefish Tournament is taking place on Sunday, October 12th, from 6 am to 1 pm. This is a 4-club tournament between East End Yacht Club, Pequonnock Yacht Club, Miamogue Yacht Club and Fayerweather. It is important for us to get as many boats entered for this as we can. The more boats we have, the greater our chances of winning. This tournament is limited to voting FYC members. Please register by the evening of October 6th. The entry fee is \$20 per angler, and the dinner afterwards will be held at East End, the host club this year. Registration forms and rules are posted in the clubhouse.

We will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, November 7th. Tickets are available now at the bar.

Congratulations to the following winners of our Bluefish contest that was held on September 14th:

1st place went to Scott Kirk – 8.98 2nd place - Justin Bechhold – 8.64 3rd place - Dave Farrington – 7.30



The standings for the annual fishing contest to date are:

Striped Bass

1st Place:

Tom Audino - 38.10

2nd Place:

Ed Wargo - 37.69

3rd Place:

Steve Ehrens - 32.21

Bluefish

1st Place

Roy Edwards - 11.15

2nd Place:

Bob Polson - 9.68

Porgy

1st Place

Frank Stirna - 2.16

2nd Place

Georg Palmgren - 2.02

3rd Place:

Bob Polson - 1.89

Winter Flounder

1st Place:

Bob Polson - 1.62

2nd Place:

Don Levasseur - 1.59

Fluke

1st Place:

Ed Kasper - 8.83

2nd Place:

Wally Kimball - 7.10

3rd Place:

Allan Popp - 6.53

The committee would like to send their sincere condolences to the Levasseur family. Don will be greatly missed.

The next committee meeting takes place on Thursday, October 9th at 7:30 pm.

Best Regards, Stephanie Stypinski, Chair

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From the Financial Secretary

If you would like to discontinue using a club facility (i.e., locker) for which you are being billed, please notify me so that your master bill can be adjusted. Call and leave a message with the bar tender or put the information in my mail box. Thank you.

Susan Kiely - Financial Secretary

Auxiliary

Welcome back Everyone! Our first meeting was a Chinese Auction and we had guests from Miamogue Yacht club Auxiliary. A good time was had by all.

We are having a "Fall Back In Time" dance on Saturday, October 25th from 7:00 to11:00 p.m. DJ Carl is back. Bring your own goodies. The price is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the event. Tickets will be on sale at the bar. The theme is Halloween, but costumes are optional.

Our next meeting is October 8th at 7:30 p.m. We need donations of wine for the Wassill Night raffle baskets either at the October or November meetings.

Our elections will be coming up in January. Anyone interested in running for an office or a place on the board should inform the Auxiliary so we can post a slate.

Feel free to call me with any suggestions or problems.

Sue Callahan – Auxiliary President 203-526-9859

Good and Welfare

It is with sorrow that we announce the recent passing of **Don Lavasseur**. He will be greatly missed and will be remembered by many people in Fairfield.

We must apologize to the family of William O'Brien, who passed away during the summer months, for not notifying the membership. We were not aware of his passing until just recently.

Congratulations go to member Rich Blanchard on his marriage on August 8th to Heidi Coleman.

With the approval of the Board and the membership, the Foghorn would like to sponsor a Food Bank Drive again this year. Your support of this activity has been so greatly appreciated in the past, I hope that the membership will pitch in again as it has in years past.

Please remember to call **Sandye** with Good and Welfare information at **259-4106**. If you set up a card in the bar for someone, <u>please let me know</u> with a phone call! Thanks

Information for the November Foghorn must be submitted no later than October 22nd 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, in Microsoft Word format ONLY by email to: sandye.mann@sbcglobal.net Questions? Call 259-4106 evenings. Please contact Sandye about placing ads.

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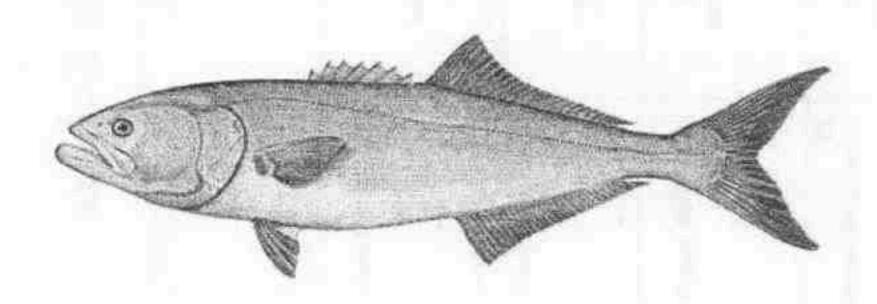
Calendar of Club Events

	26 11:00-2:00 Lunch	19 11:00-2:00 Lunch	6:00-1:00 4 Club Bluefish Tournament 11:00 Motorcycle Rally Begins 11:00-2:00 Lunch	5 11:00-2:00 Lunch		Sunday
****	27 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League 7:00 BOG Meeting	Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	7:00 Dart League	- C		Monday
	28 11:00-2:00 Lunch	21 11:00-2:00 Lunch	14 11:00-2:00 Lunch	7 11:00-2:00 Lunch		Tuesday
	29 11:00-2:00 Lunch	22 11:00-2:00 Lunch	15 11:00-2:00 Lunch	8 11:00-2:00 Lunch 7:30 Auxiliary Meeting	1 11:00-2:00 Lunch	Wednesday
	30 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	23 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	18 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	9 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu 7:30 Fishing Comm. Meeting	2 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	Thursday
	31 Halloween 11:00-2:00 Lunch	24 Golf Tournament 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Raw Bar and Sushi Bar	19 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Raw Bar and Sushi	10 11:00-2:00 Lunch 7:30 Bylaw Changes Discussion 8:00 Gen'l Membership Meeting	3 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Raw Bar and Sushi	Friday
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Please check the web-site at www.Fayerweatheryachtclub.com
for upcoming special events.

Save the Date: Friday, November 7th: Fish Fry Dinner

Greater Bridgeport Yacht Clubs



4-Club Bluefish Tournament

Sunday October 12th 6AM to 1PM

Register by October 6th

Notice of Special Meeting:

There will be a special meeting of the Club on Friday, October 10, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., before the General Meeting. The subject of this meeting is to discuss the proposed alterations and/or amendments to the Bylaws of the Club. For an entire set of the proposed Bylaw changes, go to www.fayerweatheryachtclub.com

Summary of proposed amendments:

- Art. VI Duties of the Elected and Appointed Officers, Sec 4 Fleet Captain: delete "runs and cruises," add "motor and sailing activities"
- Art. VII Duties of the Board of Governors, Sec. 3: add "All other indebtedness may not be remitted."
- Art. IX Duties of the Recording Secretary, Sec. 1: add "including Board of Governor meetings and Executive Sessions."
- Art. IX Duties of the Recording Secretary, Sec 3: add "have custody and maintain a library" and "at the Club. These records are to be made available upon request by any member in good standing. Correspondences shall include all email communications."
- Art. XI Committees and their duties. Add "Those committees that have fiscal responsibilities must have a minimum of one (1) Board of Governor as a member. All committees must present or provide a written report at each monthly Board of Governors meeting. This report should include financial information as appropriate. Each committee is responsible for developing an annual budget for their activities which is to be submitted to the Budget Committee in a timely fashion, as detailed in Section 8 of this article. Committee Chairmen are responsible for authorizing the purchase of, and the approval of goods and services as related to their activities. Purchases for goods and services not included in the annual budget or where a contract is required must obtain the prior approval of the Board of Governors."
- Art XI Committees and their duties. Sec 1 (Sailboat Committee): add ", under the direction of the Fleet Captain," delete "Sailboat Regatta," add "Sailing Programs"
- Art XI Committees and their duties. Sec 2 (Power Boat Committee): add ", under the direction of the Fleet Captain," delete "Regatta," add "program"
- Art XI Committees and their duties. Sec. 6 (Bar Committee): add "The Vice-Commodore must provide a report for the Board of Governors each month on the condition of all equipment, performance of the Personnel and cost/sale ratio."
- Art XI Committees and their duties. Sec 8 (Budget Committee): add "at the June meeting," add "work with each committee," delete "presented" add "distributed," add "October meeting and be voted on by the General Membership at the"

Art. XI - Committees and their duties. Sec. 11 (Nominating Committee): add "; each shall be an active member of the Club for a minimum of three (3) years;"

Art. XIII - Application for Membership, Sec. 1: delete "18," add "21," delete "One half (50%)" and "The balance of said fee along with dues and any other charges which may apply, shall be paid within thirty (30) days of notification to the applicant of election to membership." Add; "Said applicant must wait twelve (12) months before reapplying for membership and cannot reapply if denied membership on their second application."

Art. XV - Dues, Life Membership, etc. Sec. 3: add "assessments and Club expenditures except as covered in Sec. 4 and those affecting them directly."

Art. XVII - Meetings. Sec. 4: delete "fourth", add "second", and "except when falling on a holiday. Meeting shall be held on the third (3rd) Monday of the month."

Add new article:

Article XXIII - Indemnification of Officers and Board Members

To the extent permitted by applicable law now or hereafter in effect, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was at any time a director or officer of the Club shall be indemnified by the Club for judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, actually and necessarily incurred in connection with or as a result of such action, suit or proceeding. Indemnification hereunder shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer of the Club and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

The Bylaws are shown here in blackline version to make the specific changes proposed by the Committee clear to the membership. The lighter, crossed-out words are proposed for elimination in the changes which will be voted on at the General Meeting on October 10th. Only articles which have changes recommended are shown.

Bylaws

Article IV - Elections

Section 6. Vacancies of the Commodore, other than vacancies created by the end of a term, shall be filled by the Vice-Commodore for a period not to exceed ten (10) weeks, during which time the Nominating Committee and the Election Committee shall arrange for the election to fill the vacancy following the procedures for the elections in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Article. Notice of the date and time of the election shall be given in the Foghorn at lease seven (7) days prior to the election.

A vacancy in the position of any appointed officer shall be filled by an appointment by the Commodore

A vacancy of any elected officer other than the Commodore and those, other than vacancies created by the end of a term, may be temporarily filled by an appointment of the Commodore, and subject to the approval by the Board of Governors, for a period not to exceed ten (10) weeks, during which time the Nominating Committee and the Election Committee shall arrange for the election to fill the vacancy following the procedure for elections in Section 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Article. Notice of the date and time of the election shall be given in the Foghorn at least seven (7) days prior to the election.

A vacancy in the position of any appointed officer shall be filled by an appointment by the Commodore.

Article VI - Duties of the Elected and Appointed Officers

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Fleet Captain to coordinate all-Club runs and cruises motor and sailing activities.

Article VII - Duties of the Board of Governors

Section 3. They may remit dues of a member for a good and sufficient reason. All other indebtedness may not be remitted

Article IX - Duties of the Recording Secretary

Section 1. The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep an accurate account of the proceedings of the meetings of the Club, including Board of Governor meetings and Executive Sessions. All records shall be maintained in the Club offices. They shall also serve as Secretary to the Board of Governors.

Section 2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a roll call of the elective officers of the Club and shall call roll at each and every meeting of the Club.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall have custody and maintain a library of all documents and correspondences relative to the duties of their office at the Club. These records are to be made available upon request by any member in good standing. Correspondences shall include all email communications.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice to all members of all regular and special meetings of the Club, and the call thereof, notify the member of any committee upon request of the Chairman of such committee, and notify all applicants of their elections or rejection. They shall take care of the correspondence of the Club, and notify the Commodore, or other proper officer of any important business disclosed in the correspondence of the club.

Article XI - Committees and their duties.

Those committees that have fiscal responsibilities must have a minimum of one (1) Board of Governor as a member. All committees must present or provide a written report at each monthly Board of Governors meeting. This report should include financial information as appropriate. Each committee is responsible for developing an annual budget for their activities which is to be submitted to the Budget Committee in a timely fashion, as detailed in Section 8 of this article. Committee Chairmen are responsible for authorizing the purchase of, and the approval of goods and services as related to their activities. Purchases for goods and services not included in the annual budget or where a contract is required must obtain the prior approval of the Board of Governors.

Section 1. The Sailboat Committee, under the direction of the Fleet Captain, shall consist of a Chairman and five (5) or more members who shall be appointed by the Commodore by the first regular meeting of the Club in February of each year. They shall have full charge of the sailing Sailboat Regatta program and the arrangement thereof, and shall enforce the sailboat racing rules of the club.

Section 2. The Power Boat Committee, under the direction of the Fleet Captain, shall consist of a Chairman and five (5) or more members who shall be appointed by the Commodore by the first regular meeting of the club in February of each year. They shall have full charge of the Power Boat Regatta-program and arrangements thereof, and shall enforce the Power Boat racing rules of the Club.

Section 6. The Bar Committee shall consist of the Vice-Commodore, as Chairman and five (5) or more members who shall be appointed by the Board of Governors by the first regular meeting of the Club in February of each year; at which time the Committee shall assume their duties for a period of one (1) year. The Vice-Commodore shall have complete jurisdiction over the operation and control of the bar and kitchen, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

The Vice-Commodore must provide a report for the Board of Governors each month on the condition of all equipment, performance of the Personnel and cost/sale ratio.

Section 7. The Audit Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two (2) or more members, who shall be appointed by the Board of Governors at the first meeting of the Club in February of each year to examine the books and records of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Committees and any other financial transactions of the Club. They shall report to the Board of Governors at the April meeting.

Section 8. The Budget Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two (2) or more members who shall be appointed by the Board of Governors at the June General Meeting. Their duty shall be to work with each committee to prepare a budget for the ensuing year for approval by the Board of Governors, the report shall be distributed presented to the General Membership at the October meeting and be voted on by the General Membership at the November meeting.

Section 11. The Nominating Committee shall consist of seven (7) members; each shall be an active member of the Club for a minimum of three (3) years; two (2) of whom shall be members of the Board of Governors and be appointed by the Board of Governors; two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Commodore; and three (3) of whom shall be elected by the General Membership in the month of September, and shall serve for one (1) year. The Nominating Committee shall convene and elect a Chairman by the end of September. It shall prepare and post a slate of elective officers at least ten (10) days prior to all elections. When a member accepts appointment to serve on the Nominating Committee, he will not be eligible for elective office during his term on the nominating committee.

Article XIII - Application for Membership

Section 1. Applicants for membership must have at least attained the age of 2118 years.

The amount of the initiation fee plus applicable taxes shall be that contained in the annual budget as approved by the membership at the November general meeting. One half (50%) of tThis fee, along with the cost of other applicable fees, plus applicable taxes shall be payable as an application fee. The balance of said fee, along with dues and any other charges which may apply, shall be paid within thirty (30) days of notification to the applicant of election to membership. Application for membership must be in writing to the Financial Secretary, accompanied by the application fee; such application to bear the signature of two (2) members in good standing. The Financial Secretary shall forthwith cause the name of such applicant to be posted in the Club for a period of ten (10) days prior to a meeting of the Board of Governors. Upon receipt of an application for membership, the Financial Secretary shall forward forthwith the full application of such applicants to the Chairman of the Membership Committee. It shall be the privilege of any member to appear before the membership committee and state his objections to the election of any applicant. Upon receipt of the report from the Membership Committee, the Club shall proceed to take action on any applicant properly brought before the meeting by ballot and five (5) black balls shall reject the applicant. Said applicant must wait twelve (12) months before reapplying for membership and cannot reapply if denied membership on their second application.

Article XVII - Meetings

Section 4. The Board of Governors shall hold their meetings on the fourth-second (24nd) Monday of each month, except when falling on a holiday. Meeting shall be held on the third (3rd) Monday of the month.

Article XXIII - Indemnification of Officers and Board Members

To the extent permitted by applicable law now or hereafter in effect, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was at any time a director or officer of the Club shall be indemnified by the Club for judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, actually and necessarily incurred in connection with or as a result of such action, suit or proceeding. Indemnification hereunder shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer of the Club and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Our annual Fayerweather Cruise to Shelter Island was weather-wise, one of the very best we have ever had. Not one minute of rain and, although the wind was somewhat lacking, the enjoyment factor was certainly present at all times. Those attending were: Eric Ferrigno with Irene and Jennifer; Milt and Judy Meinck; Tom Schmidt-Lange and Ester; Bill Bergantz and Barbara; Tom Brener and Kathy and Whisper's newest cruising couple Dave Packer and Kathy. Jo Butler could not attend as she was dog-sitting (and if you have ever seen our dog, you KNOW that was a major undertaking.) We had John and Kate Russo along as well and this was their first time doing the trip with us...they were certainly a pleasure to have join us. We are pleased to advise that Shelter Island is still there and we look forward to our annual coffee-and, the date of which I will post as soon as it has been determined.

One item that occurred at the Club since our last entry in the Foghorn involved a new member, to wit: the Penfield Whaler was taken to his boat and tied alongside while he did maintenance. It was explained to him that this is not allowed...he was not aware of this rule (whether written or 'understood'). He was most cooperative during this entire episode, but it does raise a point that should be resolved in a positive manner. I would therefore suggest that when we accept a new member, that a plastisized listing of Dos and Don'ts be issued. This is, of course, in addition to the Dock Rules, House Rules, etc. etc. I would welcome the opportunity to join others in this endeavor to construct such a guide. Mr. Commodore, please let me know your thoughts on this.

We are currently constructing a few moorings to replace those on the transient dock that are deficient...the chain will be replaced where necessary and new 'eyes' welded on if need be. We have a crew so far including Wayne Ritchie, Bob Kranyik, Jim Anderson and Ed Manes. This operation should be commenced during the first week the Foghorn comes out and should take only six to seven hours. We thank those who have helped out thus far.

A reminder again...we are taking careful tally of all boats that stay on the main or transient docks. Billings will go out to those who stay. We merely want all to 'be aware '.

Bob Butler - Fleet Captain



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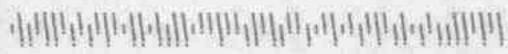
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Got some fancy wheels? Come to the Motorcycle Rally Sunday, October 12th.

The rally starts at FYC at 11:00 a.m. I end at the Club in the 100n with a barbecue.

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