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From The Helm

The weather is finally warming up, birds are active and singing, and our thoughts are wandering -- to the water. The season begs the question: What must be done to ready our boats? With the list completed, we begin to tackle the necessary repairs and/or modifications to our boats so they will be shipshape and sea worthy for the upcoming season.

Carol Lentini Mojcher aka "Along Came Carol" is now cooking in the kitchen at Fayerweather. Many members know the sort of quality meals Carol produces and have used her expertise to cater some of their own personal parties. So, to the members who have not yet sampled any of Carol's dishes, do yourself a favor and come down on any Thursday to give your pallet a treat.

This year we have seen an undercurrent from within to have this Club become a non-smoking club. At the last meeting, the subject was brought up and a motion was voted and approved at the meeting. The Board of Governors was charged to make a decision regarding this matter. With that said, if any member feels strongly regarding this matter, you should relay your position to a Board member.

The sea wall is still a concern, but at this point it will have to be put off until the fall. Some Fayerweather members have contacted me and have given me

some additional leads regarding the contractors. We have yet to receive any bids.

This month promises to be a great one here at Fayerweather, beginning with **May 14th**, the start of the **sailboat racing season**. Then, on **May 24th**, Fayerweather will have its **Opening Day ceremonies!** This event is a great way to share your excitement and plans for the season with old and new friends at Fayerweather. Personally, I can't wait!

See you at the club!

Commodore Ed Manes

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Sunday, May 11th

Bring Mom to Fayerweather

for a

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

11:30-3:00p.m.

Full Brunch Buffet with

"Along Came Carol"

Freshly made breakfast and lunch items. Check out her homemade baked goods and desserts.

Please check out

www.fayerweatheryachtclub.com or stop by the Club for more details on the pricing and the menu.

Calendar of Events

Friday, May 2nd

New Member Cocktail Party 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 8th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9th

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14th

Auxiliary Meeting

Planting 6:00 p.m./Meeting after
Wednesday Night Sailing Begins 6:50 p.m.

Monday, May 19th

BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m. *

Saturday, May 24th

Opening Day Ceremonies begin at 12:00 Noon

Monday, May 19th

BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m. *

Weekly Events:

Every Monday Night at 7:00 p.m.: Dart League
and Pool League

Every Friday Night: Happy Hour Hors D'oeuvres

* BOG Members: Please note the change in schedule
due to the Memorial Day observance.

Save the Dates:

Sunday, June 1st

Fluke Tournament Begins

Wednesday, June 11th

Auxiliary Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, June 28th

Vessel Safety Checks by USCG Auxiliary

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

From the Vice Commodore

Opening Day is upon us! Come on down to FYC and join in on all the festivities of one of the *best* days of the entire year – **May 24th**. There will be plenty of things to do for both adults and kids alike. The grill will be going with plenty of great grub as well.

"*Along Came Carol*" has officially begun, and her first dinner service was a huge success! I got tons of personal comments, as well as emails, stating "Finally! It is starting to feel like the old Fayerweather again." or "That was one of the best meals I have had at Fayerweather." Please come on down and say hello to Carol and introduce yourself.

Just a quick note about **Mother's Day Brunch** on **May 11th** ... Carol will be posting the menu and the pricing on the FYC webpage. Please check out www.fayerweatheryachtclub.com for more information. Carol was still creating her marvelous menu at time of print, so it was unavailable.

The Haberdashery has just been restocked with some exciting new colors and items. Come check out the case by the front door (and soon at the dock house) to see what we have brought in. Please check with your bartender or Vice Commodore O'Connell if you would like to purchase any items.

Finally, now that it is getting warmer and warmer by the day, please come down and enjoy one of the best views in the Northeast. Grab a cocktail, head out to the deck, kick back and relax ... YES, it is that time of year!
Cheers!

George O'Connell – *Vice Commodore*

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From the Rear Commodore

April seemed to go by very quickly. It seems we are all ready for some warm weather and time on the water.

I am working on a golf outing which will take place at the end of May. The details will be available at the Club and on the web-page. Once we finalize the details, there will be a sign up sheet at the Club.

We had a great turnout and a good time was had by all at Sinatra Night. Once again, I thank all the volunteers that make these events so successful.

I would like to thank **Mike Andre** for designing our flyers this year, and thanks to our **Vice Commodore, George O'Connell**, we have nice new tickets.

I am looking forward to the **new member cocktail party** and will encourage our new members to come down to the Club more often.

Opening Day [Saturday, May 24th] should be a great time, with food and the festivities starting at **12:00 noon**.

On the agenda is to try to supply some more entertainment for Thursday night dinners and, maybe, for the weekends. In June, I am planning either a country night or an oldies night.

See you at the Club!

Jim Sorensen – *Rear Commodore*

Membership Committee

Greetings from the Membership Committee! The **New Member Cocktail Party** is scheduled for **May 2nd** from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** and **all new members from September 2007 through April 2008** have been sent invitations, along with the Club Officers, Board, Committees, and Auxiliary.

We took in 14 new members at April's General Meeting, which brings us to a full membership... Congratulations, new members!

FYI – If anyone needs a copy of the by-laws or house rules, please send me an email at cpwesq@yahoo.com

Respectfully,
Catherine Wall - *Committee Chair*

Auxiliary

Next Meeting May 14th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Hi Everyone,

Lots of news again this month.

Before our May meeting, we are meeting at **6:00 p.m.** to plant the flowers for the deck and planters.

May 24th is Opening Day (dress uniform is white pants and shoes). We need people to bring finger desserts and walk around selling raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing. Please support your Club.

June 11th is our **Pot Luck Dinner**. You can call **Judy Duva** at 372-5114 or **Danielle Lynk** at 203-521-6225 to tell them what you would like to bring (it should serve about 8 people).

Thank you to our Hostesses, **Rosemary Fabian** and **Sharon Fabricatore** -- they set a beautiful table! Next month our hostesses are **Donna Palaia** and **Nancy Tallon**.

See you soon.

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Information for the June 2008 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 include **COMPLETE information, including starting time** of events. Please send it in Microsoft Word format **ONLY** by email to: sandye.mann@sbcglobal.net Questions? Call 259-4106 evenings or 222-0885 daytimes. Please contact Sandye about placing ads.

Fishing Committee

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the Fish Fry! In case you missed it, we will be holding a second one in October. Thank you to everyone who helped out in the kitchen, and a *special thank you* to **Dave Farrington** for pulling it all together!

The annual fishing contest is underway and registration is taking place now at the bar. The awards for this contest are a rod and reel outfit for 1st place, and cash for 2nd and 3rd place. Next time you are at the bar, look up and you can see for yourself what you might win! *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!

The first fishing tournament of the year will be a fluke tournament and will take place on **Sunday, June 1st**. It is open to members and non-members, so invite all of your friends. Registration for this event is also at the bar and includes a picnic lunch afterwards. Again, see the bulletin board for more details and the sign-up sheets.

Our next meeting will take place **Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 pm**. We will be organizing the fluke tournament. Hope to see you all there.

"You do not cease to fish because you get old, you get old because you cease to fish!" ~ unknown

Best Regards,
Stephanie Stypinski – *Chairman*



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Fleet Captain's Corner

Our "Coffee-And..." kick-off for the coming season was highly successful. Please note the photos Sandye Mann took and has inserted overleaf in this periodical. So far we have eight boats that have committed to the Block Island trip and we will have a meeting prior to departure, the date of which I will post in the June Foghorn. The Shelter Island trip is generally better attended, and that pre-trip meeting will also be posted timely so all can make necessary plans.

Ron Wilson of the Coast Guard Auxiliary has composed scripture and verse relative his coming to our Club to do a *courtesy inspection on boats*. I have always found this to be a valuable service. He will bring whatever assistants are needed, and those members who do not wish to have their boats done at our main or transient docks can have them done at their moorings or slips, as the case may warrant. This is a good thing...

Moorings are being inspected by the [Bridgeport] Harbor Master. We are finding that many mushroom 'eyes' are in need of replacement. I have begun doing some welding to remedy this situation as the individual owners contact me. Critical inspection of the 'eyes' and clevis pins are major parts of the Harbor Master's evaluation.

Our **Dock Master Lars Christensen** and **Dock Committee Chairman Wayne Ritchie** are doing the installation of the new fendering material on our main dock. This will prove not only effective for the purpose intended, but the improvement in appearance will be outstanding. We have gone beyond the age of fire hose.

Please remember that the use of the hoist requires a check, and not cash. If there are any questions on use of the hoist, please call **Dave Riordan**: 259-8814

Many thanks,
Bob Butler – *Fleet Captain*
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2008 FYC/BRYC PHRF Series Racing Schedule

Date		Event	Classes	1st Warning
May	14	Wednesday Night Series Begins	S & NS	6:50 pm
	24	FYC/BRYC Distance Race 1	S & NS	11:00 am
June	8	Single/Double-Handed Series-Race 1	NS	1:00 pm
	15	FYC/BRYC Championship Series-Races 1 & 2	S & NS	11:00 am
	21 & 22	Port Jefferson Overnight Series-Races 1 & 2	S & NS	12:00 pm
July	13	Single/Double-Handed Series-Race 2	NS	1:00 pm
	19	PARK CITY REGATTA (BRYC/FYC/HBC) www.sassr.com	S & NS	11:00 am
	20	FYC/BRYC INVITATIONAL REGATTA FYC/BRYC Championship Series-Races 3 & 4 *	S & NS	11:00 am
Aug	3	FYC/BRYC Championship Series-Races 5 & 6	S & NS	11:00 am
	9-10	Port Jefferson Overnight Series-Races 3 & 4	NS	12:00 pm
	13	Wednesday night Series – time change	S & NS	6:30 pm
	17	Single/Double-Handed Series-Race 3	NS	1:00 pm
	24	FYC/BRYC Championship Series-Races 7 & 8	S & NS	11:00 am
Sept	3	Wednesday Night Series-Final	S & NS	6:30 pm
	7	Single/double-Handed Series-Race 4	NS	1:00 pm
	14	FYC/BRYC Championship Series-Races 9 & 10	S & NS	11:00 am
	20	Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Race www.blackrockyc.com	S & NS	10:00 am
	27	FYC/BRYC Distance Race 2	S & NS	11:00 am
Oct	4	Ken Johnson Memorial Race www.fayerweatheryachtclub.com	S & NS	11:00 am
Nov	8	FYC/Wed Night Sailing Awards Night		7:00 pm
	28	Wild Turkey Regatta	S & NS	10:30 am

* Only FYC/BRYC Sunday Championship entries will be scored towards the Series.

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July 20th

- Notice of Race, SI's, Entry Forms posted at:
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Great racing, fun people, awards, cook-outs, live music,
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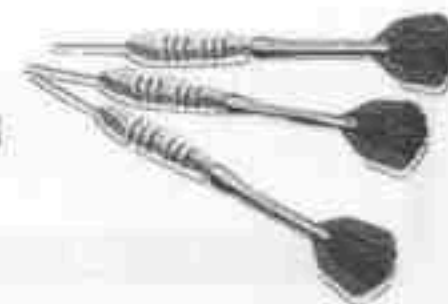
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**The FYC Dart League's 5th Season is complete.
Results from the Party held on 4/25/2008
will be posted in next month's Foghorn.
Season 6 will begin on 9/8/2008 @ 7:00pm
Have a Great Summer!**



**If you are interested or have any questions
Please Call - Jim Hogarth Jr.
Home Phone - 259.0127**



To All Fayerweather Yacht Club Boat Owners

In order to help Fayerweather Yacht Club members be better prepared for a safe boating season, the Fairfield Flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering FREE vessel safety checks on your boat and its equipment on **Saturday June 28, 2008** starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Club. Since Coast Guard Auxiliary Qualified Vessel Examiners are civilian volunteers, and not a member of any law enforcement agency, there is never any charge, obligation or risk of a fine. Simply put, it is an opportunity for a one-on-one boating safety education seminar.

The approximately 20 minute voluntary check-up is to assure that your boat and equipment meets all state and federal requirements and that everything is in good working condition. During the safety check, the Vessel Examiner will be able to share life saving ideas and will offer helpful hints on how to be a better boater.

If your boat meets all the requirements, it will be awarded a "Seal of Safety" decal that shows law enforcement officers that you are operating a safe boat. Marine law enforcement Officers and the Coast Guard usually respect the "Seal"; thus, you may avoid the stress and inconvenience of a random marine boarding that can result in a citation. Many insurance companies are beginning to recognize the "Seal of Safety" and may offer to reduce premiums. But, perhaps the greatest benefit of having a Vessel Safety Check performed on your boat is peace of mind -- knowing that a small event will not grow into a dangerous emergency because of safety equipment failures.

To find out more about what is involved in a vessel safety check, go to www.safetyseal.net.

See you on June 28th, rain or shine.

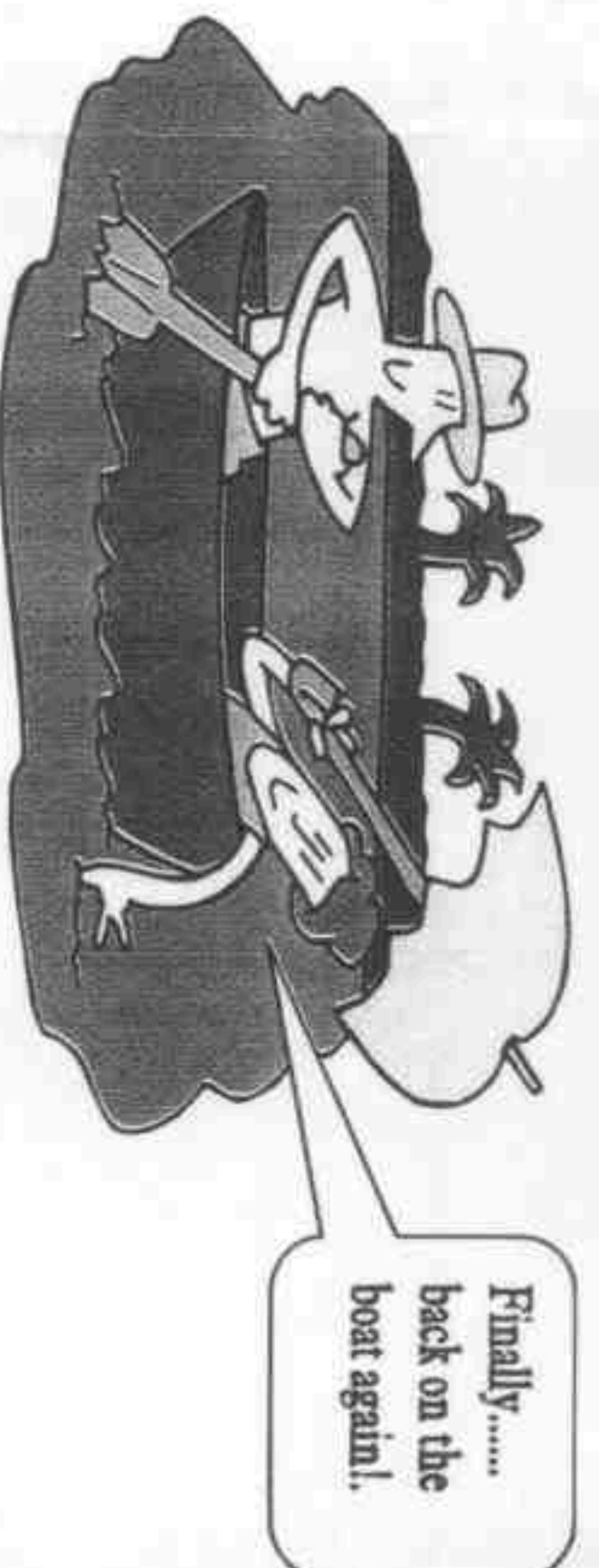
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Calendar of Club Events

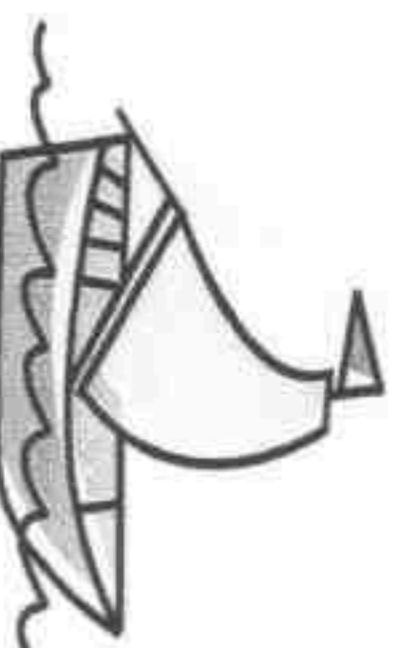


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 11:00-2:00 Lunch	5 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League and Pool League	6 11:00-2:00 Lunch	7 11:00-2:00 Lunch 7:00 Auxiliary Board 7:30 Auxiliary Members 8:00 Powerboat Comm.	8 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu 7:30 Fishing Comm. Meeting	9 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Happy Hour Hors D'oeuvres-Members Potluck 8:00 Gen'l Member- Ship Meeting	10 11:00-2:00 Lunch
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 11:30-3:00 Mother's Day Brunch Buffet	12 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League and Pool League	13 11:00-2:00 Lunch <i>Along Came Carol</i>	14 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Auxiliary meets 5:30-10:00 Kitchen open for Race Night 6:50 Racing Starts	15 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	16 11:00-2:00 Lunch Happy Hour Hors D'oeuvres-Auxiliary	17 11:00-2:00 Lunch
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25 11:00-2:00 Lunch	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> Kitchen Closed	27 11:00-2:00 Lunch	28 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-10:00 Kitchen open for Race Night 6:50 Racing 1st Warning	29 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	30 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Happy Hour Hors D'oeuvres	31 11:00-2:00 Lunch

Club Dates to Remember:

Sunday, June 1st:
Wednesday, June 11th:
Saturday, June 28th:

Fluke Tournament Begins
Auxiliary Pot Luck Dinner
Vessel Safety Checks by USCG Auxiliary at Club



Good and Welfare, Part I

Congratulations go to **three new Life Members** who were announced at the April General Membership meeting: **Ted Andre, George Ferrara, and James Kent.**

Our friend, **Burt Sjodin**, is still at Bridgeport Hospital. We hope he is feeling better each and every day.

We note with sadness the passing of **Russell Dunleavy's** mother.

A few "tidbits" from the April Meeting:

Many new members who were recently elected were introduced:

John Lannon	Jennifer Alves
Frank Baron	William Bergantz
Curtis Cocco	W. Michael Cody
Michael Cooleen	Edward Delaney
Donald DeMartino	Patrick Dower
Michael Geragosian	William Hodgkinson
Nora Jones	Roberta Kuhn
Geoffrey LaBash	Michael Coolein
Jacqueline Lane	John Macken
Gerald Murphy Jr.	Joseph Peddle III
Tom Savard	Giancarlo Rosati
Piotr Sernicki	Peter Shanazu Jr.
Peter Stranko	Diederik J. van Renesse
John Vellturo	

In addition, the following new members were elected at the April meeting:

Pedro Wasmer	William Hine
Jack Dailey	Jack Wheeler
Linda Hammond	Peter Minona
Terry Smith	John Adams
Martin McCarthy	Thomas Masseti
James Servilla	Carmen Tortora
John O'Connell	Bob Myles
David Blajes	

Welcome!

We hope all of our new members are planning to attend the very special New Members Cocktail Party being held on Friday evening, May 2nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Club.

Our Dock Master, **Lars Christensen**, is still looking for **Licensed Launch Operators** to operate the Fayerweather Launch during this season. All Launch operators must have passed the U.S. Coast Guard Launchman Course. If you have this license and are interested in working on the Club Launch, please get in touch with Lars immediately at 203-570-3036.

Vice Commodore O'Connell announced that **WIFI installation** in the Club house is in progress. He also

announced that the Bartenders will have **new uniforms!!!** Do you think they will be wearing tuxedos? Stop by and see for yourself.

Rear Commodore Jim Sorenson announced that the **St. Patrick's Day Party** was a huge success and the Club was filled with satisfied corned beef dinner guests. The band was keeping everyone's feet busy, too. Jim expressed great thanks to **Martha Dixon** for all her help with the evening.

Our **Fleet Captain, Bob Butler**, announced that eight boats are already committed to the Block Island cruise. The Harbor Master has also visited and is inspecting moorings. Individual owners need to come down and see what repairs are needed to their moorings.

Remember that trailer **Dave Riordan** was trying to give away last month? It seems that he was finally successful.

When **Wednesday night racing** begins on May 14th, *the kitchen will be open each Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.*

The **Powerboat Committee** would love help in assisting with the **Swim Across the Sound Regatta** the weekend of July 19th and 20th, part of the **Park City Regatta**.

Please remember to call **Sandy** with Good and Welfare information at 259-4106 (evenings) or 222-0885 (days). Thanks!

My name is Stephanie Hogarth. I was recently accepted to participate as a member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Australia this summer. The purpose of this program is to improve international understanding and relations through cultural and educational experiences. I am currently looking for financial sponsors to help me with tuition, and hope I can count on your help. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Stephanie Hogarth
Student Ambassador
123 Catherine Street
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203-259-0127



A "Special Thanks to **George & Beth Nemeth, Gus Nagy and Jack and Nancy Szepessy** for their Generous Contributions" to Stephanie's trip.

Good and Welfare, Part II



Attendees at the "Coffee And..." Cruise meeting that took place on Saturday morning, April 5th, are all smiling about the two wonderful cruising trips they are looking forward to taking together during the summer months. Check with Bob Butler for the details if you are interested in joining the trips. Everyone always has a *great time!!!*



Are you a Veteran of the U.S. Sea Services —
the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Merchant Marines?

You are our guests of honor for
The Memorial Wreath Ceremony
Saturday, May 24th
South Benson Marina, Fairfield

The day begins with a flag raising ceremony, conducted by veterans from the surrounding area posts, at **9:30 a.m.** held at the flag pole at South Benson Marina in Fairfield. The flag raising ceremony will be followed by some light refreshments at the Gas Dock area. The **Memorial Wreath Ceremony** begins promptly at **10:00 a.m.**, rain or shine, to honor all veterans of the U.S. Sea Services. It is dedicated to all military veterans and honors the men and women who serve in the military today. Please plan to join us with your families for the ceremony held just before the beginning of Opening Day at Fayerweather Yacht Club. All veterans will be honored.

This is an official town event sponsored by the Fairfield Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Attention: All members who store their dinghys on the dinghy racks at the Club:
Please put your name on the transom of your dinghy. I intend to put labels with your name and rack number on your dinghy so we can organize the racks properly.

Thank you,

Dave Riordan - Yard Chairman

Poker Run Anyone?

*The Power Boat Committee
needs **your** assistance.*

We have been told that Pequonnock wants to make it happen – however I can't find the source for this Rumor...Maybe Fayerweather should rename it to a Canasta Contest.

Any Takers?

Call me Rich Parker (203) 368-6222
Power Boat Committee member
Email: rparker@minutemaninsurance.com

**Like marching bands?
Like parades?**

You'll be sure to want to catch this one!

**Fayerweather Yacht Club members
are cordially invited to enjoy
the celebration of
Black Rock Day
on Sunday, June 8th.**

The schedule for the day includes:

9:00 a.m. Road race begins on Lower Brewster Street

12:00 noon The Black Rock Day Parade marches from the Burroughs Community Center and ends at Ellsworth Field.

Noon until 6:00 p.m. The fun continues with all sorts of activities at The Black Rock Day Festival that takes place at Ellsworth Field.

See you there!

Additional information can be found at brcc@blackrockcc.org

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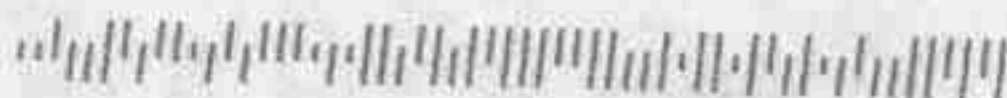
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