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From The Helm

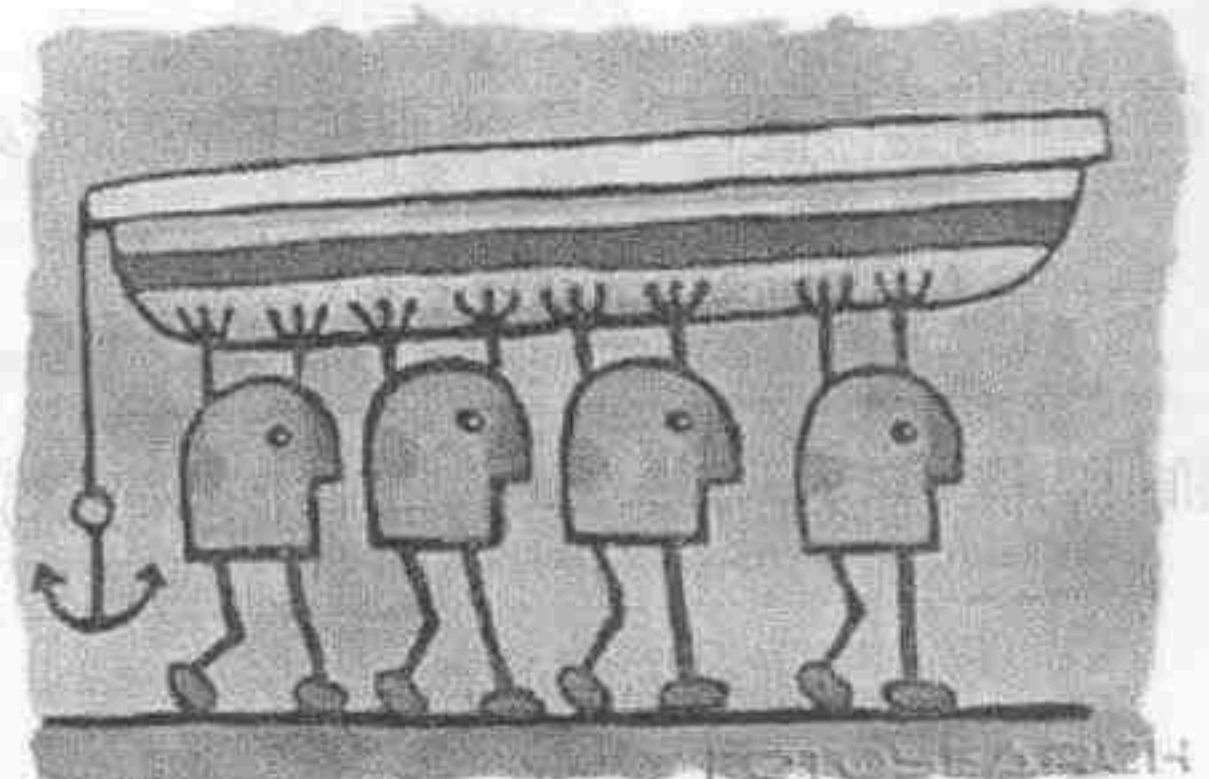
March is upon us, and hours of daylight are increasing two minutes daily. We anxiously await warmer days to begin preparing our boats and club. The past two months of my appointment have been interesting and challenging. I must recognize the ambitious work of **George O'Connell** as Vice Commodore and **Jim Sorensen** as Rear Commodore. I would like to continue keeping all members abreast of projects at our club. All the Committee Chair positions have been filled. (Thank you to these gracious and stout-hearted individuals!) The seawall certificate of permit has been applied for with the DEP. **Wayne Ritchie**, who is the **Chairman of the Dock Committee**, and I have met with four contractors regarding our sea wall over the last three weeks. As of this date, we have not received any estimates, but they should be coming in shortly. The Board of Governors has approved the club's new caterer, "**Along Came Carol**." All that is needed is to finalize the contract. We are hoping to have Carol start in March.

We are on the eve of the Commodores' Dinner Dance when we will be hosting a fair number of visiting Commodores, Past Commodores and members. As with all things of this magnitude, there has been much to plan. This will be "Along Came Carol's" debut at the Club; I can't wait.

The wives and girlfriends that came to the club on Valentine's Day were treated to something exceptional. Our special guests were greeted at the door by **Vice Commodore O'Connell** and were then given a rose by **Rear Commodore Sorensen**. Lastly, yours truly poured them a Mimosa. Keeping the women happy was paramount that day, and by observing their smiles, I can happily state we succeeded!

Please mark **8:00 a.m. March 21st** (Good Friday) on your calendar. That is the day set aside each year to primp up the Club for the upcoming season. It is a time to contribute to the Club and enjoy the antics of our club members at work! Hope to see you there!

Commodore Ed Manes



**Many hands make light work.
Please help out on Work Day,
Friday, March 21st,
8:00 a.m. 'til about 1:00 p.m.**

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 8th

2nd Annual Raingutter Regata 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 14th

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12th

Game Night Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Meeting

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

Thursday, March 13th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 14th

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 15th

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 21st

Good Friday Work Day at the Club 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 22nd

Children's Easter Party 12:00/Auxiliary Easter Raffle

Monday, March 24th

BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 29th

Race Night

Weekly Events:

Every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.: Frostbite Winter/Spring Sailing

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

Save the Dates:

Tuesday, April 1st

Beginning of Annual Fishing Contest

Friday, April 4th

Fish Fry dinner 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5th

Auxiliary Spring Fling Dance 7:00 p.m. to Midnight

Coffee And... Cruise Group Breakfast 0900

Wednesday, May 14th

Wednesday Night Sailing Begins 6:50 p.m.

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

From the Vice Commodore

March is finally here! That means only 2 and ½ more months until the season is alive and kicking. I just want to update our members on some exciting happenings in the bar and kitchen. Foremost, we have selected a new caterer for the FYC kitchen. We are in the process of finalizing a few items and are very hopeful that the selected caterer will be starting in early March. Look for the announcement online for who it is. We will have a full bio and a link to their website.

After our very successful Valentine's Dinner hosting, **Commodore Manes**, **Rear Commodore Sorensen** and I have begun hosting Thursday Night Dinners. We will rotate our days, but will make sure a Flag Officer or BOG Member is there to greet you and make sure your evening is enjoyable. Look for us on the floor sometime in March!

We also have some exciting things going on in the bar. We continue to have **Friday Happy Hours**, with food from our committees and members. We have every week filled in, except for the 2nd Friday of the month. I propose a member potluck. If you make a special dish, please bring it on down for 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday ... or any Friday for that matter!

I would just like to address a few issues in and around the service areas. Please remember to respect your fellow members and **watch your language** in and around FYC. **If you slip, Pay the Pig!** And remember: the money collected goes to a very worthy cause – the Children's Christmas Party. Also, please start all bar tabs with a credit/debit card. It is difficult for the bartenders to keep track of each person's tab as they get busy and need to ensure that they cover themselves on the tab use. It's simple enough and allows for faster and more accurate service, overall. Finally, please follow proper procedure for your guest sign in. There will be highlighted columns from now on to which ones you need to fill in.

Let's keep the ball rolling toward a great season - and contact me with any issues that you might have in the bar or the kitchen.

George@OConnellRealEstate.com

Cheers!

George O'Connell – Vice Commodore

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Come celebrate the holiday at the
St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance!
Saturday, March 15th

From the Rear Commodore

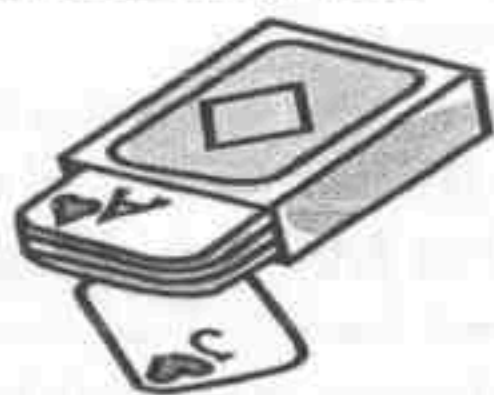
It looks as though March is going to be a great month at our beloved Fayerweather! **St. Patrick's Dinner Dance**, with music by "The Irish Band", and corned beef dinner on **March 15th** is going to be a super party. The **Childrens' Easter Party** will be another great time on **March 22nd**. Please sign up soon so we can have gifts for all the kids.

Friday nights are getting better every week, thanks to the **happy hour free food** sponsored by our **Fishing and Sailing Committees** and our **Auxiliary**. We had a great turnout and a great time for Valentines Dinner.

We also had a great turnout for the **Swim Across The Sound Regatta** initial meetings. It looks like this will be the best year yet for the Regatta. I would like to thank all the volunteers for all their support and enthusiasm. This year the Regatta will be held in conjunction with the BRYC/FYC invitational on the **19th and 20th of July**.

On **Wednesday night, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.**, I would like to invite you to a **Game Night**.

Chess, Checkers, Bridge, Canasta, or any game of your choice. Come down and socialize with your old friends and make some new ones.



On **March 29th** we will be having another **Race Night**, so come on down for a roast beef dinner and some fun! Also, on **March 8th** we will have our **Rain Gutter Regatta**.

I will be posting flyers for all of these events and maybe a few surprise ones, so don't be strangers, come down to the club, especially you new members, we all want to meet you! I am looking forward to a great **Month of March** and a fantastic 2008.

Jim Sorensen – *Rear Commodore*



Auxiliary

Next Meeting March 12th, 2008

Board Meets 7:00 p.m./Members 7:30 p.m.

Last meeting was our installation, and we would like to thank **Commodore Ed Manes**, **Vice Commodore George O'Connell**, and last, but not least, **Rear Commodore Jim Sorensen**. A good time was had by all.

The rest of this message is just reminders:

BUNNIES, BUNNIES, BUNNIES..... for the raffle! We need helpers, too, since we might have 2 raffles.

The **Spring Fling Dance** is **Saturday, April 5th** from 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. Bring your own goodies.

"**Getting to know you**" afternoon is **Sunday April 27th** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Lynn Sullivan is Sunshine Chairperson and her correct number is 372-2981. **Kay Kader** is in Carlton -- she fell and broke her hand and fingers. Long time member **Eloise Beeman** passed away.

The Auxiliary is sponsoring the **3rd Friday of the Month Happy Hour** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. Volunteers are welcome. So far, we have had the **best food yet** -- nothing but rave reviews. Thanks ladies!

Our next meeting is **March 12th** with Officers and Board at 7:00 p.m. and members at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you!

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

NOTICE – MOORING OWNERS

Your mooring is not the responsibility of Fayerweather Yacht Club. The Dock committee and Dockmaster are alerting you that most moorings have not been pulled for winter storage and are anticipating that your mooring may not be ready for your boat when you launch in the spring.

Docking on Club docks will not go beyond Club rules. ie; **One free day at the main dock** immediately after launching, **maximum six days at the transient dock** with standard fees applying, if there is room.

The Dock Committee

Sailing Committee

Racing News:

Last month, Fayerweathers' own **Lincoln Schoenberger** traveled south with his Wyliecat 30' *One Up* to compete in the Acura Key West Race Week 2008 presented by Nautica. *One Up* finished **1st Overall** in the highly competitive Division 4 - PHRF 6 class. On top of the class win, *One Up* was also awarded 3rd Place for the 2008 PHRF National Championship. **Linc's crew** consisted of fellow FYC-members **John McArthur** and **Mike Andre**. Extensive KWRW coverage can be found at www.premiere-racing.com. **Congratulations One Up!!!**

The **Fayerweather Dinghy** and **Ideal 18** classes are both going strong, and have noticeably begun attracting a number of spectators down to the Club. Sailing is scheduled for **every Sunday** until April 13th, with the exception of Easter Sunday. Weekly race results can be found on the Frostbiting section of our website.

Dates to remember:

Friday, March 7th, 6:00 p.m.

Sailing Committee Sponsored Happy Hour- II
"All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Night!"

Saturday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m.

2nd Annual FYC Raingutter Regatta
Further information is posted at the Club and on our website.

Thursday, March 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Sail Trim Seminar at BRYC with Hathaway, Reiser, Raymond
To sign up contact: Cliff Crowley at
(moondance6@hotmail.com)
Further information is posted at the Club and on our website.

Saturday, April 26th-Milford YC

US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar
hosted by ECSA/MYC.
Sharpen your R/C skills for the upcoming season!
Space is limited; sign up ASAP.
Contact: Greg Gilmartin - (860) 625-0094
(director@mystv.com)

May 14th, 6:50 p.m.

Wednesday Night Sailing Series Begins

If you would like to be included in the "FYC Sailing" e-mail list for updates and race results, please shoot me an e-mail and you will be added.
Support your local FYC Sailing Program!

Regards,
Mike
meandre@snet.net
203-556-2404

Fishing Committee

The dates for the 2008 fishing tournaments and events have been posted on the board, and the rules and regulations will be up shortly. The **Annual Fishing Contest** will begin on **Tuesday, April 1st**. There is a \$10 entry fee and registration is taking place now at the bar. Be sure to register early in the year, as winter flounder have been added back into the contest.

Our first committee event for '08 will be a **Fish Fry Dinner** to be held on **Friday, April 4th**, from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Tickets are currently available at the bar for \$9. Please try to purchase your tickets in advance, since this is usually a sold out event.

The next committee meeting will take place **Thursday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m.** We will be discussing the 2008 annual fishing contest rules and regulations, as well as planning for the fish fry. Any new or existing FYC members who are interested in joining the fishing committee are always welcome to attend.

Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught.
~Author Unknown

Best regards,
Stephanie Stypinski - *Chairman*

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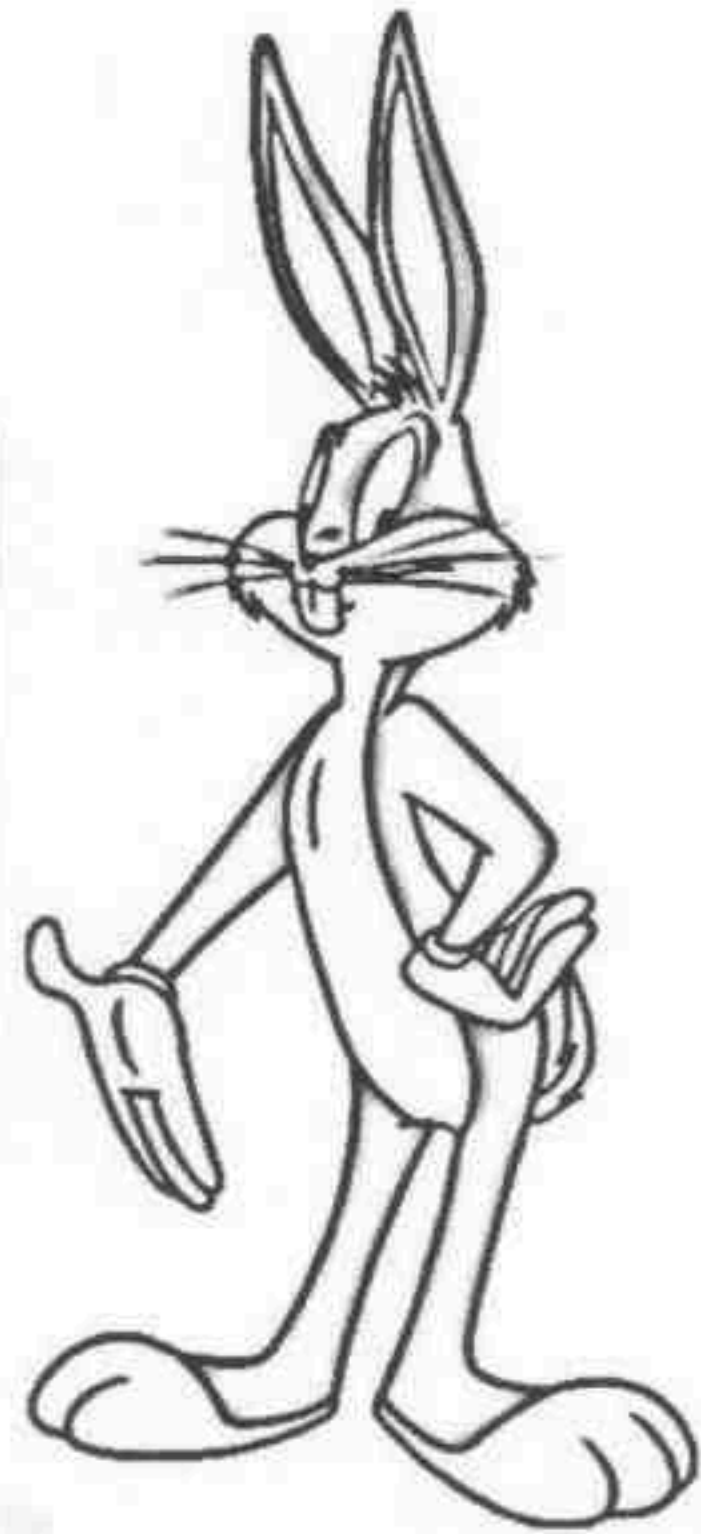
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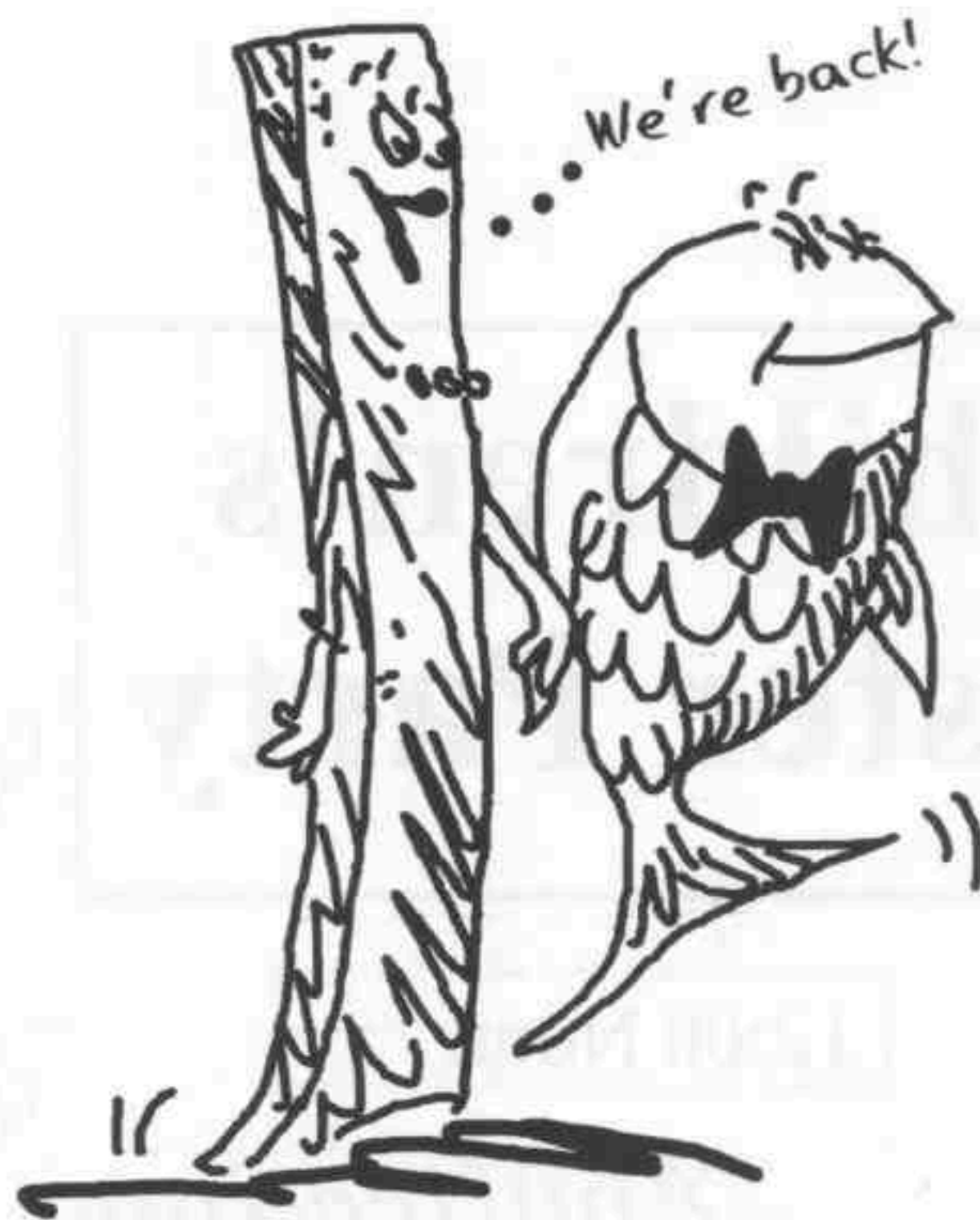
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2 nd Child	_____	_____	_____
3 rd Child	_____	_____	_____
4 th Child	_____	_____	_____

March 22nd, 2008

Please fill out and hand in at bar by 3/15/08



Fish Fry

Friday
April 4th
6-8pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT THE BAR

\$9.00 IN ADVANCE
\$10.00 AT THE DOOR

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Fayerweather Yacht Club

March 2008

Calendar of Club Events

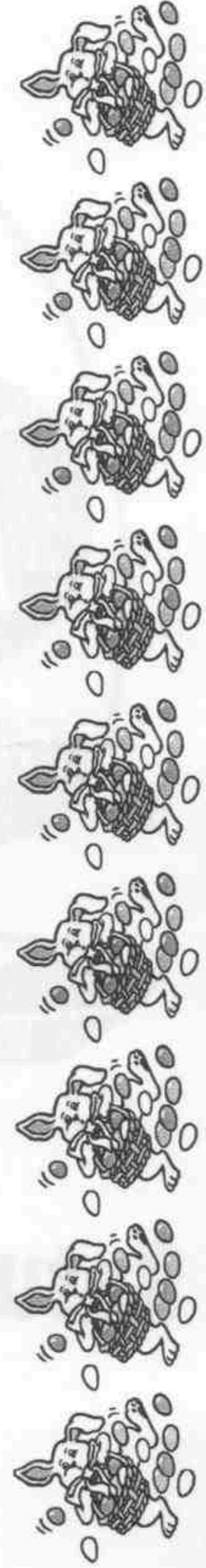


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16 Palm Sunday 11:00-2:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Winter/Spring Sailing	17 St Patrick's Day Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League and Pool League	18 11:00-2:00 Lunch	19 11:00-2:00 Lunch	20 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	21 Good Friday Work Day 11:00-2:00 Lunch Happy Hour-Hors D'oeuvers	22 11:00-2:00 Lunch 12:00 Children's Easter Party & Auxiliary Raffle
23 Easter 11:00-2:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Winter/Spring Sailing	24 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League and Pool League 7:00 BOG Meeting	25 11:00-2:00 Lunch	26 11:00-2:00 Lunch	27 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	28 11:00-2:00 Lunch Happy Hour-Hors D'oeuvers	29 "Sadie Hawkins" Day 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:30 Race Night

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, April 1st:
Friday, April 4th:
Saturday, April 5th:

Beginning of Annual Fishing Contest
Fish Fry Dinner
Auxiliary "Spring Fling" Dance
Coffee And.....Cruise Breakfast





Saturday, March 8th @ 7 p.m.
(see website for details)

Fleet Captain's Corner

For those of you who did not attend the general meeting held February eighth, you missed the 'dedication' of the four new speakers which are now in each of the corners of the Penfield Room. The clarity, tone quality and volume were much improved, and even those of us who do not hear as well as we once did, were able to clearly understand all who spoke from the officers' table. Kudos go to **Terry Roach** and **Wayne Ritchie** who did the installation and set-up...Incidentally, the cost of the project was underwritten and paid for by the **Frostbite Committee** which has been sailing every Sunday for (it seems), a hundred years or so. **Thank you Terry!**

Our two rowboats are ready for use, thanks to **Carl Ardell** who has put new oarlocks on each and has painted both sets of oars to make them "all set for Spring". Carl is currently working on re-doing the radio tower from the Club launch...sanding, filling and putting the final finish on so it, too, will be ready for the customary Coast Guard inspection and use this Spring.

The **Dock Master** and the **Dock Committee** are currently working to generate our dock staff for this year. This is not an easy task, but work on this project is proceeding nicely.

Our annual **Coffee And.....** will be held at the Club on **Saturday, April fifth**. The fee will be three dollars per person. The fare will be just about the same as we had last year, as that was most acceptable to all who attended. We will start at 0900 and probably run til eleven-fifteen or so. Please see me for tickets, or if you are a 'last minute' person, come in and see me on the day in question. This is our customary 'kick-off' to Spring, and we will go over the cruising and general sailing plans for this summer. It would be appreciated if all who come to our Coffee An' would bring something, i.e. some munchies, danish of any type or any sweet-meat of your choosing. Critical to the organization of this endeavor is that you call my wife and let her know what you are bringing and of what volume (**Jo Butler** at 268-5775) and please let her know by **March 28th**, so we can make appropriate plans.

Many thanks,
Bob Butler – *Fleet Captain*
268-5775

Good and Welfare

At the January General Membership meeting, we noted with sorrow the passing of Gerard Bassi.

We just learned that **Aavo (Abe) Anto** is currently in Yale-New Haven Hospital awaiting surgery. By the time this arrives in his mailbox, we all hope that he will be on the mend. Our good wishes are with you!

Condolence wishes have been sent to **Geza Yelenik** on the recent passing of his Mother.

KUDOS go to sailing icon **Leonard Kunin** for his skill at repartee. His recent acerbic letter in *The Connecticut Post* on February 19th regarding the Broadwater Project and Long Island Sound should make all of us boaters proud! If you didn't see it, check it out! Great letter, Leonard!!

Important "tidbits" from the February Meeting:

Carl Ardell was thanked for all his efforts on the Club's skiffs. Carl has been busy sanding, painting and fixing up the skiffs, including installing new oar locks, to get them ready for the upcoming season. Many, many thanks, Carl, for a job well done.

Wayne Ritchie took it on himself to fix the speakers in the Penfield Room. Everyone present at the February meeting experienced the huge difference it made. **Thanks again, Wayne!**

With the return of "Happy Hours" on Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., "munchers" will be delighted to know that each **Friday's hors d'oeuvres** are being sponsored by a different group. **Vice Commodore O'Connell** announced the following schedule:

- 1st weekend each Month: Sailing Committee
- 2nd weekend " " : Member Potluck
- 3rd weekend " " : Auxiliary
- 4th weekend " " : Powerboat Committee

(This is a wonderful way to quickly find out which group has the best cooks! This has potential for a future hors d'oeuvres cooking contest.) In addition, we now have *new pizza service* in the bar—and the pizza is really good!

The Club is going to be busy in March with all of **Rear Commodore Jim Sorenson's** activities. Of special interest: **Game Night**. Challenge a friend to a good game of checkers (**Wally**—be sure to come to this!). At the February meeting, Jim mentioned plans to have entertainment at some of the Thursday night dinners, as well as some theme night dinners. Also mentioned: The **St. Patty's Dance** band is a *really great band*, so be sure to get your tickets early!

On a serious note, it is planned to have Club bartenders trained to use a defibrillator, should there be an emergency in the Club.

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

The Challenge has been Made!

*East End Y.C., Pequonnock
Y.C., and Miamogue Y.C.*

Each of these clubs have cast the challenge to get the Bishop Cup away from Fayerweather.

**I told them we own it ...
and it will remain here!**

The Commodore Henry A. Bishop "Predicted Log Race" (a.k.a. "**The Bishop Cup**").

This is a contest of skill and cunning. It is also the oldest race of its kind in New England.

The contest date will occur in early August – We may need to run a little practice event (maybe some form of a poker run ... to get us in the spirit)

Your participation as a contestant, an observer or volunteer will help keep the Cup and the prestige at Fayerweather. Please give me a call with any ideas you may have.

Thank you,
Rich Parker
Power Boat Committee member
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Information for the April 2008 Foghorn must be submitted no later than **March 22th** by 4:00 p.m. to be included in the next issue of *The Fayerweather Foghorn*. Please include **COMPLETE** information, including starting time of

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

CORNERED BEEF DINNER

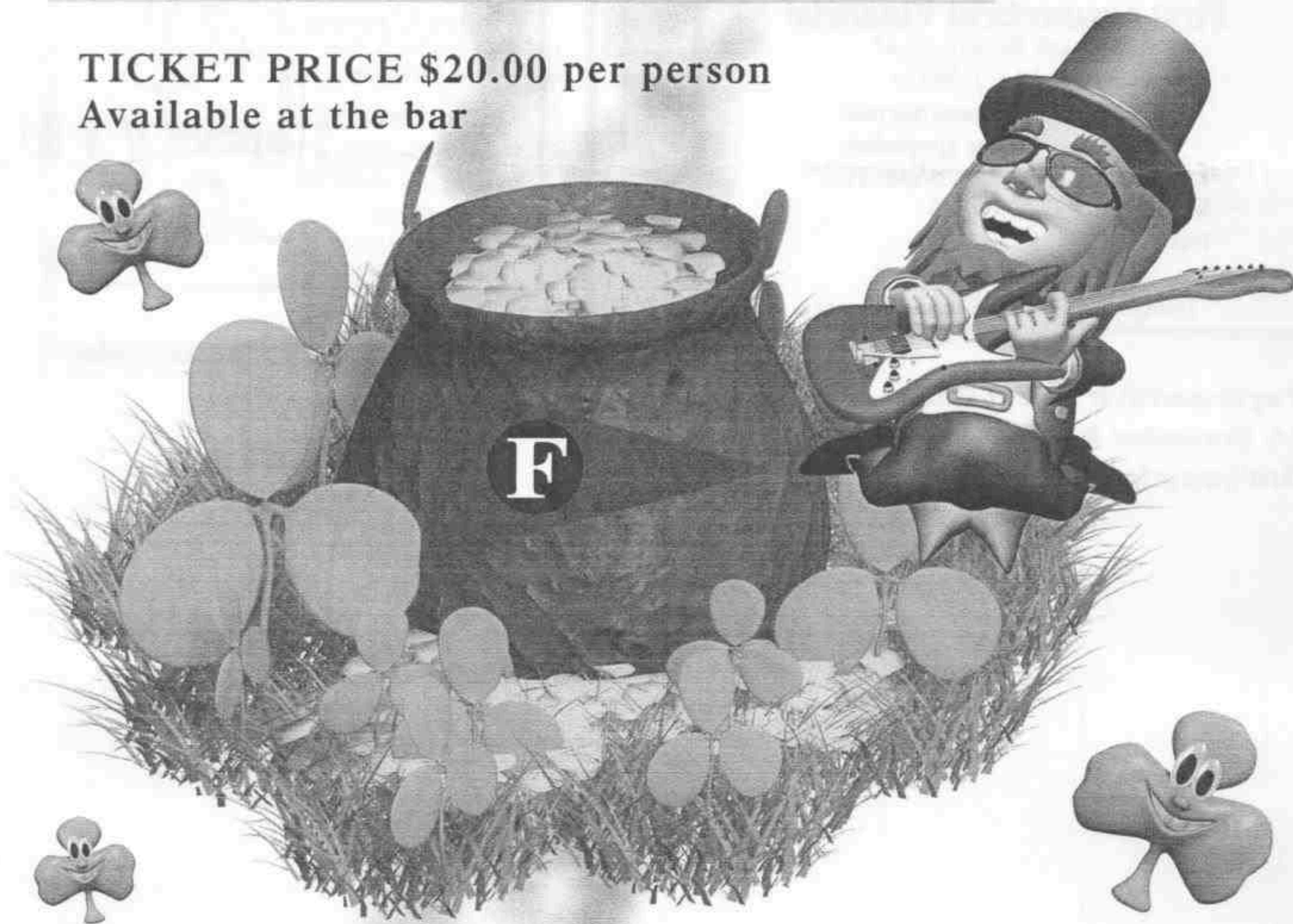
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