



# Fayerweather FOGHORN

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## From The Helm

With the Winter Solstice less than one month away, we are getting that much closer to opening day at FYC and a new sailing season. Oops, boating season!

While my tenure for this year is coming to an end, I have a much greater respect for the Commodore's position. Even though I have been active at FYC for eight out of ten years, the only true way of gaining experience for that position is in the doing. Many past Commodores were more than willing to provide me with a resolution when a question was proposed. Huge thanks go out to **Catherine Wall, Bill Selski, Denis Rickard, Jim Hasak, Bill Lynk, and Ward Strang**. When you see any past Commodore, please buy them a drink--they deserve it!

My job this year was made easier by the support and backing of my Vice Commodore, **George O'Connell**, my Rear Commodore, **Jim Sorenson** and my Board of Governors: **Earl DeWitt, Jim Eagen, Tamra Evans, Jerry Hricik, Wayne Ritchie, Bob Schley, Gary Swanson, Jeff Vangele, and Eric Wuerfele**. Each and every one proved to be invaluable to me and the Club. They worked tirelessly and harmoniously and for big bucks (they wish) to beautify Fayerweather.

Many others need to be thanked for the work they do behind the scenes. I do not

know of an event for which **Martha Dixon** has not been a contributor of time and expertise. **Jim Anderson and crew** worked long HOT hours in the kitchen and behind the barbecues outside to cook for us at special events. The wives and significant others deserve medals for putting up with the late night hours and canonization for not losing their tempers after being woken up after many a long meeting. There are just *so many people* that make up Fayerweather who deserve recognition but, unfortunately, the Foghorn is not large enough. Thank you to **all** and keep up the good work.

To sum up my year, though it was slow in getting started, it is finishing up at a fevered pace.

- The year started with the Club becoming non-smoking. Not everyone was happy, but we did start seeing many new faces, and it is healthier for all.
- "*Along Came Carol*" was brought in to run the kitchen and is doing a tasteful job.
- A variance was applied for with the Town of Bridgeport so we could have the option of storing additional boats during the winter for additional revenue.
- During the summer we enjoyed the weather of the north east while planning upcoming projects.
- The windows were elegantly done between the Penfield room and the dance floor.

The remaining projects are still underway



## From The Helm (continued)

but should be completed by the end of the year:

- The sea wall, 2 docks and fencing.
- Converting the upstairs to a library/sitting room and transforming that storage space into living space.
- The long waited repair and upgrade of the ladies WC.
- Outside awning.

Even though we are past Labor Day and the official end of the summer, there is much going on at FYC.

The partying continues at FYC. I look forward to being arrested at FYC's Harvest Dance and hopefully bailed out quickly by JoAnn so that I might continue *stealing* fruits and vegetables before they are all gone. Though it may sound outrageous, it is – and also a heck of a lot of fun. If you missed it this year, you need to place the Saturday before Thanksgiving on your calendar for next year as a must.

I once again would like to give a sincere **THANK YOU** to ALL.

Commodore Ed Manes signing off.

## From the Vice Commodore

It is hard to believe it has been a year as your Vice Commodore. We have definitely had many fun times at FYC during 2008. I want to thank all the members who have supported me and given me the much needed advice when I was in "panic mode." Without your words of encouragement, I would have continued in my freshman year slump.

Just want to keep you updated on the goings on around the Club. **Wassail Night** is on **December 20th**. Please remember this is a member's only event and feel free to bring a plate or two to share with your fellow members. We will definitely have a **New Year's Eve party** this year. After not having one the past few years, the Rear Commodore and I decided that we need to bring back this FYC tradition. Tickets will go on sale on **December 5th** at the bar for \$20 ~ *hors d'oeuvres* and dancing.

If you haven't been upstairs yet, go on up and see the work that has been done. Hopefully, by the time this goes to print, it will be complete. Many thanks for the hard work of all those who have helped, but a **HUGE thank you** goes to **Russell Dunleavy** and **Patrick Dower**. If it was not for them, none of what you see would look as good as it does.

"*Along Came Carol*" has prepared a "FYC members only" holiday menu for us. She has reduced her normal pricing just for us and can cater at the Club or at your home. Just a reminder: FYC has plenty of dates available for last minute holiday get-togethers, whether it is officially renting out the Penfield Room or getting a few trays of food for your small office party on the upper deck (pool room.) If you have any questions about this, ask the bartender or grab me at the Club.

Hope to see you in 2009 ... Cheers!

George E. O'Connell  
Vice Commodore



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## Calendar of Events

### Friday, December 5th

Fishing Awards Dinner 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 10th

Auxiliary Holiday Dinner 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, December 11th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 12th

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

By-Law Meeting 7:45 p.m.

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, December 14th

Children's Holiday Party 2:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 20th

Wassail Night

### Monday, December 22nd

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:** Happy Hour Adventure

### *Save the Date:*

**Friday, January 9th: Annual Election of Officers  
and Board of Governors**

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

## From the Rear Commodore

I hope all of our members had a great Thanksgiving. I think everyone that attended our annual Harvest Dance had a great time! All of the volunteers that help to plan, set up, and clean up are the reason for the continued success of this event. I really appreciate all the help this year. As always, our **Commodore Ed Manes**, his wife **Jo** and our **Vice Commodore George O'Connell** have been a tremendous help with all of our events. A special thanks to **Bob Meeker** who has helped so much in so

many ways. There are some people behind the scenes that play a big part in the promotion of our events: **Sandy Mann** who makes the Foghorn happen every month; **Earl Dewitt** for his great Website deserves to be recognized; **Mike Andre** for his incredible fliers. Once again, **George O'Connell** for printing all of our event tickets and our past Rear Commodore **Gary Pole** for his advise and his meticulous book keeping from last year. When you run into them at the Club, let them know you appreciate their hard work

Now on to December. We have a great month planned starting with the **Fishing Awards Dinner December 5th**. The **Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party** on **December 10th**. We will be *setting up* and *wrapping presents* for the Children's Christmas Party on **Friday, December 12th** starting at **5:00 p.m.** Then we will have the **Children's Christmas Party** on **December 14th** starting at **2:00 p.m.** **Santa and His Elves** will arrive at the Fayerweather Dock courtesy of the **Bridgeport Harbor Master Bob Scinto**. We will have gifts for all children that have been signed up. It is very important that you sign up your kids by the deadline December 10th as we have to purchase the gifts in a very short time frame. I thank the **Trout Unlimited** for their donation of \$300.00 and **The Ladies Auxiliary** for their donation of \$100.00. Not that I encourage swearing at the bar, but, thanks to the many "slip-ups", the pig came in with a donation of **\$250.00**

Next is **Wassail Night** presented by none other than **Vice Commodore O'Connell**. This will be on **Saturday, the 20th of December** and should be lots of fun.

Finally our **New Years Eve** party. This will be *hors d'oeuvres* and dancing to the music of **The Al Feronte Band**. Al's band plays everything from Sinatra to present day Rock, Jazz, Blues or whatever you ask for. Al toured with the Edgar Winters band for many years and is noted on one of John Mayer's albums as being his guitar teacher. For those of you who came to Opening Day, this was the band. The cost is just \$20.00/head and includes a champagne toast at midnight.

Hope to see you all at one event or another and may you have a **Very Merry Christmas** and a fantastic New Year.

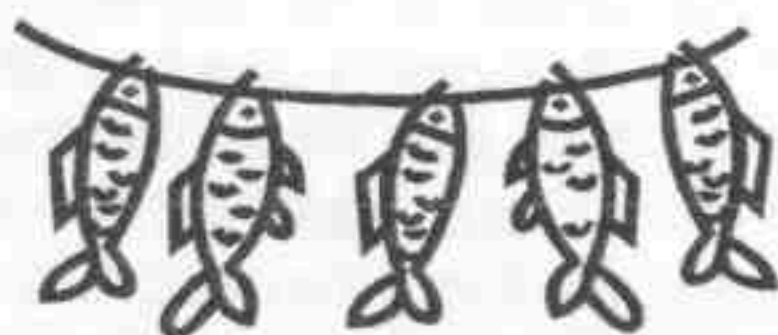
Jim Sorensen - Rear Commodore



## Fishing Committee

The Fayerweather Yacht Club **Annual Fishing Awards Dinner** will be taking place on **Friday, December 5th**. We would like to dedicate this year's dinner to three wonderful fishermen who passed away over the last 12 months: **Pappy Wargo, Bob Polson** and **Donald Levasseur**. The price is \$35 per person and seating begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes all you can eat Filet Mignon, ziti, veggies, salad, dessert and beer. Tickets are available at the bar.....please invite your friends and join us if you are available!

Thank you to everyone who attended our last fish fry. And as always, *thanks to everyone who helped out in the kitchen*, especially **Dave Farrington** who organized the event. Congratulations to ours truly **Sandy Mann**, who was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.



The standings for the annual fishing contest to date are:

### **Striped Bass**

1st Place: **Mike Herrington** - 43.39  
2nd Place: **Tom Audino** - 38.10  
3rd Place: **Ed Wargo** - 37.69

### **Bluefish**

1st Place: **Roy Edwards** - 12.12  
2nd Place: **Allan Popp** - 10.35  
2nd Place: **Steve Ehrens** - 10.25

### **Blackfish**

1st Place: **Ed Wargo** - 7.97  
2nd Place: **Stephanie Stypinski** - 7.52  
3rd Place: **Eugene Maldonado** - 6.91

### **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 next fishing committee meeting takes place on **Thursday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m.**

*If you don't go fishing because you thought it might rain you will never go fishing. This applies to more than fishing.*

*- A. Lyfcoach*

I wish everyone a happy holiday season!

Best Regards,  
Stephanie Stypinski, Chair

## Fleet Captain's Corner

At last, we have movement on the moorings! Ryan has to date done something over 65, and yours may be one of them. He continues to press on until all are out, so check the pile and be certain yours does carry your name, so that in the Spring there will be no question.

The set of oars from one of our skiffs has been lost or somehow disappeared...strange that BOTH of them disappeared at the same time...**Carl Ardell** has re-ordered the new set which will be ready for Spring.

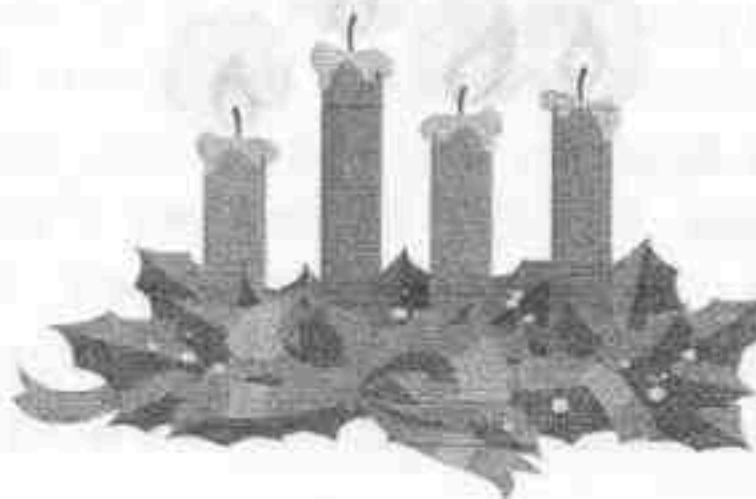
**Jim Morley** has done the winterization on the power washer and it will be put down in the cellar after Sunday, November 23rd, to preclude freezing.

**Terry Roach** and **Dave Riordan** have repaired the hoist, which is now working to perfection...

We have an OSHA violation in the South yard, which should be removed...it is an electrical cord stretched across and close to the entranceway. We have had one fall already which caused a member to seek medical attention. We ask that the owner remove it so that further injury does not result.

I am now out of time and out of thoughts.....

Bob Butler



*Happy  
Holidays  
to everyone!*





# Fayerweather NEEDS !!! You !!!



Just when you thought the politics and voting were over, it's that time again.

We don't need change, we need to continue, continue the path of growth and improvement.

Just look around..... the club is getting better and better on a daily basis thanks to those that pledge their commitment and dedicate their valuable time.

The club is looking for qualified candidates/members to run for the offices that will be opening in 2009.

The following positions will be opening:

Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Secretary

Vice-Commodore  
Treasurer  
Financial Secretary

Three Board of Governors

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## The Nominating Committee Schedule

November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Interviews for 1 HR after the General Membership meeting
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Interviews from 7PM to 9PM
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Interviews from 6:30PM to 8PM
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Interviews from 3PM to 5PM
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Interviews from 6:30PM to 8PM prior to the General Membership meeting and 1 hr after if needed
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Interviews from 3PM to 5PM then the committee will meet to finalize the slate for the 2009 election

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## The Nominating Committee Members

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For questions and interview appointments

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## Good and Welfare

We were sorry to learn of the passing of **Frederick Rieger, Jr.**, in October. Our condolences go out to his son, member David Rieger. A contribution to the *Swim Across the Sound Foundation* will be made in his memory.

We hope that **Earl DeWitt's** thumb is better by this time.

Two new Life Members were announced at the November membership meeting: **Michael Guay** and **Eugene O'Brien**. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 7 new members who were voted in at the November meeting:

**Paul DelBene**

**Karen McCaffrey**

**Kurt Cihl**

**Frank Hennegan**

**Genevieve Barth**

**Ted Weiner**

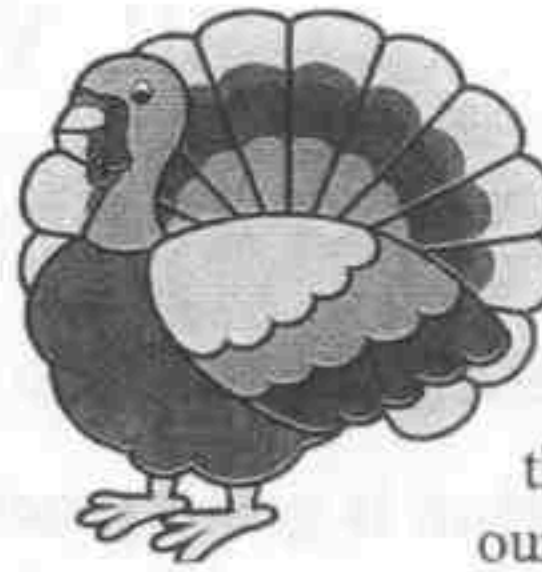
**Neil Fitzpatrick**

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Club.

For all you "snowbirds": Put the date of **Friday, January 9th, 2009** on your calendars. Not only will the next U.S. President be sworn in during the month, but January 9th is the day **WE NEED YOU** to come to the Club to vote for the 2009 Officers and Board of Governors of Fayerweather. That means you can't leave for warmer places until after you vote!!! We expect to see you then.

Please take a look at the Foghorn insert from "**Along Came Carol**" with ideas that she would like to begin offering in January. She would greatly appreciate member feedback on any of the ideas and would welcome any member suggestions.

Please, *please, please*--remember to call **Sandye** with Good and Welfare information at **259-4106**. If you set up a card in the bar for someone, *please call* so that there can be follow-up on the card! Thanks.



## "All the Fixin's" Food Drive

Thank you to everyone in the membership who supported our third annual Food Bank drive for the Connecticut Food Bank. Although our **total contribution of 368.0 pounds** was smaller than in past years, it was greatly appreciated by the Food Bank. It was all the small donations that really helped add up to that amount.

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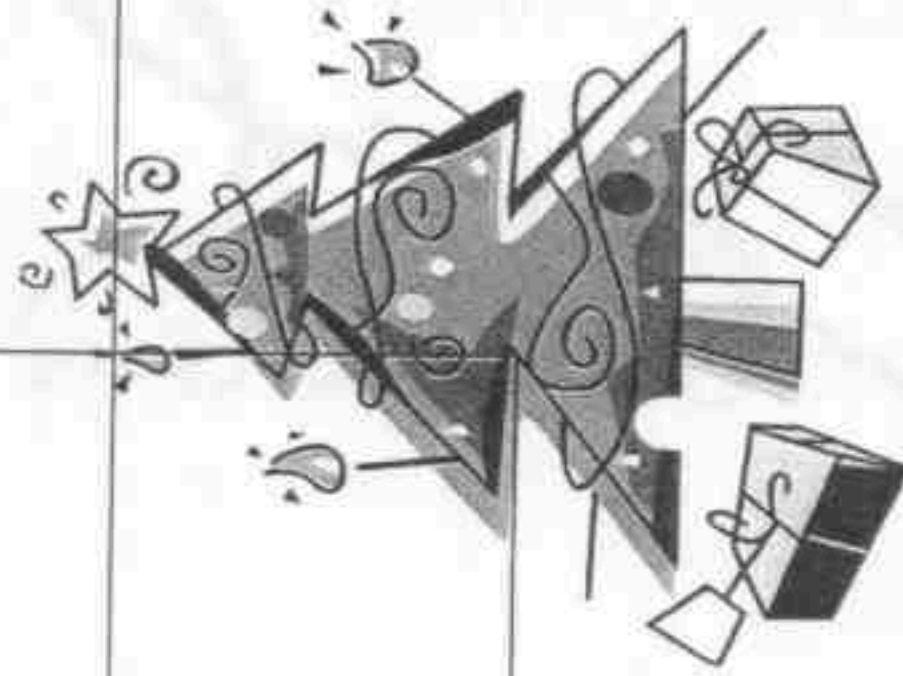
# Fayerweather Yacht Club

## December 2008

### Calendar of Club Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	2 11:00-2:00 Lunch	3 11:00-2:00 Lunch	4 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	5 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:30 Fishing Awards Dinner	6 11:00-3:00 Lunch
7 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing*	8 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	9 11:00-2:00 Lunch	10 Cut-off for Children's Holiday Party 11:00-2:00 Lunch 7:00 Auxiliary Holiday Dinner	11 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu 7:30 Fishing Comm	12 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:00 Children's Party Prep 8:00 General Member- ship Meeting	13 11:00-3:00 Lunch
14 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing*	15 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	16 11:00-2:00 Lunch	17 11:00-2:00 Lunch	18 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	19 11:00-2:00 Lunch	20 11:00-3:00 Lunch 6:30 Wassail Night Club Members Only
21 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing* 2:00 Children's Christmas Party	22 Kitchen Closed 7:00 BOG Meeting 7:00 Dart League	23 11:00-2:00 Lunch	24 11:00-2:00 Lunch Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 11:00-2:00 Lunch	27 11:00-3:00 Lunch
28 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing*	29 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	30 11:00-2:00 Lunch	31 11:00-2:00 Lunch New Year's Eve Party			



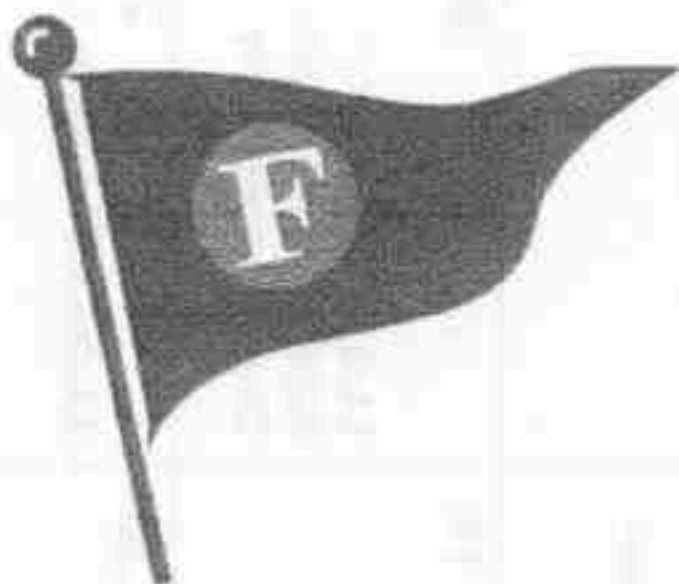
\*Dependant upon status of work on seawall and dock. Please confirm with Terry Roach.

Save the date: The election of Officers and Board of Governors will take place on Friday, January 9th, 2009.



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## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CONCERNING BY-LAWS**

The special meeting to be held at **7:45 PM on Friday, December 12** prior to the monthly membership meeting.

**By-Law Article XIII currently reads as follows:**

### **ARTICLE XIII Applications for Membership**

#### **Section 1.**

... "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 this fee plus applicable taxes shall be paid 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. Applications 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 Board of Governors recommends that the Section 1 wording be changed to say:**

... "There shall be an application fee. The amount of the application fee plus applicable taxes shall be that contained in the annual budget as approved by the membership at the November general meeting. Applications 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 reason for the change to a single application fee are:**

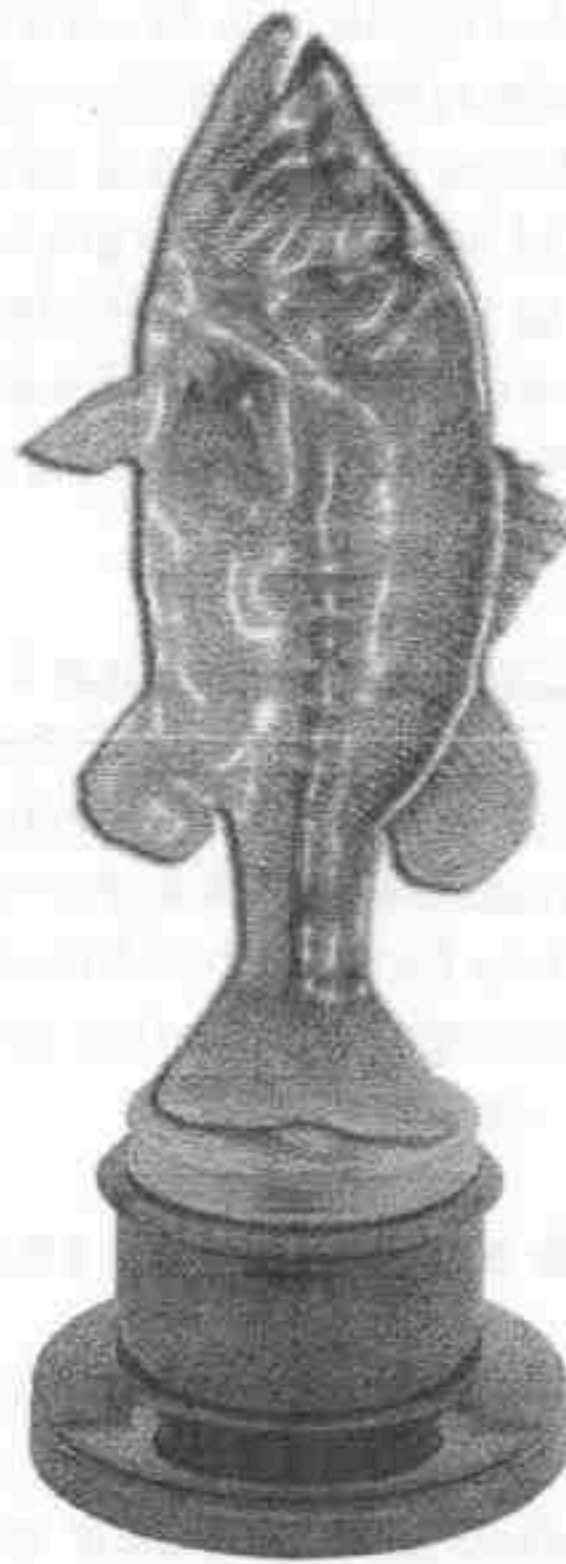
1. Newly elected members are confused when they receive their first dues bill which also includes 50% of the "initiation fee." They are of the impression that they already paid their total application fees with their application. The Financial Secretary gets phone calls from newly elected members questioning the 50% charge. This procedure has also been questioned in a recent membership meeting. They would rather pay one "application fee" up front with the application and have it done with.
2. There is ambiguity between "Initiation Fee" and "Application Fee". The title of Article XIII is "Applications for Membership", however, it calls for an "Initiation Fee" and an "Application Fee".



*Fayerweather Yacht Club*

# Fishing Awards Dinner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH  
SEATING BEGINS @ 6:30



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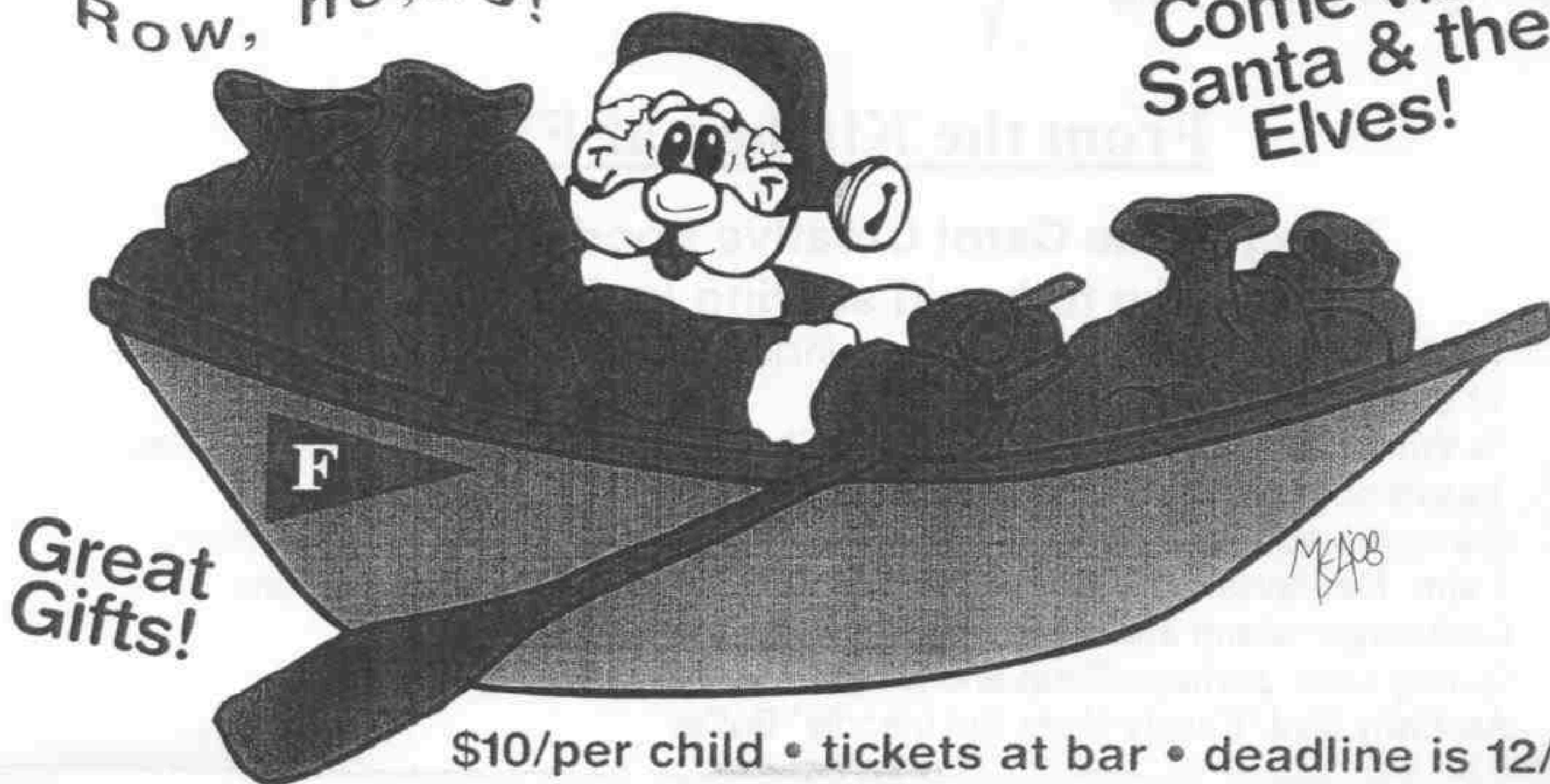


# Children's Christmas Party

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 2<sup>pm</sup>

Row, ho, ho!

Come visit  
Santa & the  
Elves!



\$10/per child • tickets at bar • deadline is 12/10

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



### Children's Christmas Party

December 14, 2008

2:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per child

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

Child Name(s)

Age (10 and under)

Gender

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children can be  
listed on back

# of Children:

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Total Cost:

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ALONG CAME



## **From the Kitchen at FYC**

### **Along Came Carol Creative Foods & Catering would like to begin serving in January 2009**

1. Traditional Buffet Brunch (with an all-inclusive price) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month
2. "A Winter Blue's Pick-Me-Up" Theme Style Buffet Dinner (Day to be decided based on member interest)
3. Some theme Menu Buffet Ideas: Italian, Mexican, Traditional BBQ, Asian, Latin, Mediterranean, Lobster, Southern Style, Surf & Turf, Hungarian, Caribbean/ Island and Seafood Theme buffets
4. During Lent, perhaps Soup and Salad Friday or Meat-Free Fridays
5. An Early Bird "Family Night Kid friendly" Buffet

#### **Promote Our Club Lunches: now being served on china with real flatware!**

Tuesday: "Boy's Club" Lunch--bring a friend and receive a free dessert

Wednesday: "Ladies Who Lunch" --All woman who bring a friend will receive a free cup of "soup of the day" with any Blackboard Special ordered

Thursday: New England Fried Seafood Specials

Friday: Bring a Coworker or Employee to work and receive 10% off the total bill

Saturday: Family Lunch Outing "kids under 10 eat free from the kids menu" (maximum 2 children per family)

Sunday: Offering Breakfast/Brunch Items and FYC Lunch Menu

**Business Person's In & Out 30 Minute Lunch** or lunch is on us! (Restricted menu items apply)

All foods can be prepared for take out and delivery (25.00 delivery minimum in Black Rock and downtown Fairfield, and Bridgeport Areas)

**Call Ahead Orders Are Welcome!** Please let Carol know what you think of these ideas for 2009. Member feedback is welcomed and requested!

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## Auxiliary

The Chinese auction at the November meeting was a huge success, and fun was had by all.

Don't forget the **Holiday Dinner** is **December 10th** at **7:00 p.m.** sharp. The cost is \$15.00 per member.

**Wassail Night** is **December 20th**. You should try to come to this wonderful event. You will be receiving a letter about next year's dues and your book of raffle tickets for the gift baskets on Wassail Night.

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. See you at the Holiday Party.

Sue Callahan – Auxiliary President  
203-526-9859

## Membership Committee

Congratulations to **William McCabe**, Fayerweather's newest member!

Reminder: Applications for membership are available from the bartender. Have a safe and happy holiday.

The Membership Committee

Deal with a fellow Member

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