



# Fayerweather FOGHORN

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## From The Helm

Greetings!

This year has certainly passed by very quickly! I am sorry to report that I will not be running for another term for personal reasons. I really enjoyed being Commodore and this was not an easy decision.

First and most importantly, I'd like to thank everyone who helped out during the year. Obviously I can't name everyone individually – but you know who you are – and please know that I sincerely appreciate all of your efforts and support.

Secondly, I'd like to recap 2007 and describe where we currently stand. An incredible amount of work was accomplished this year, even if it's not immediately "visible" to the membership. The Board and Officers worked incredibly hard to diligently follow the by-laws and make financially responsible decisions on behalf of the membership and the Club.

Board member **Jim Eagen** spent a considerable amount of time near the beginning of the year sorting out our insurance requirements and meeting with brokers. We thought that it was a good time to have a fresh look as to our insurance needs. Jim successfully worked through it and we made some changes that are beneficial to the Club as a whole. We have discussed at length the process and he learned a great deal that will be helpful in this year's renewal.

Last year the membership insisted that three quotes be gathered for any services required at the Club. If my memory serves me correctly, we solicited and received quotes for every job this year... except one. That one job was painting the Penfield Room and the membership actually motioned that **Russell Dunleavy** paint the room so quotes weren't necessary. While the benefits of receiving such quotes can be readily seen, it is a very time-consuming process and perhaps this publication could be a useful vehicle in such situations.

There are currently three outstanding Requests for Proposal ("RFPs") for services at the Club. As previously mentioned, we are looking for a caterer to provide food service. Following interviews, the Kitchen Committee will make a recommendation to the Board at their January meeting. Close to being finalized are bids in response to an RFP for a cleaning service and those in response to another one for snow removal / landscaping services. While the RFP process requires a bit more effort, it allows us to fairly compare and evaluate each bid.

The first two projects we tackled with regards to the assessment funds were the Penfield Room windows and the seawall. As I've discussed in past articles, the Penfield Room has had significant improvements over the last year. The burgees were all cleaned, frames repainted, and hung; the windows were replaced; the walls and trim painted; and the dividing

windows will soon be replaced. The seawall is scheduled to be repaired by Opening Day 2008. Past Commodore **Jim Hasak** reports that the work should begin in early March. Once the seawall repair is complete, the Board will evaluate the remaining funds and the projects to complete.

The main room dance floor, the outside deck adjacent to the bar, and the flat portion of the roof are in obvious need of replacement. House Committee Chairman, **Ken Sullivan**, has made some progress in getting professional assessments and quotes for these projects. I encourage the Board and Officers to put these projects in the agendas of their spring meetings so that they can be completed as soon as possible.

Once again, I must thank the life members who graciously and voluntarily donated. Suffice it to say that we collected a significant amount. We have yet to earmark the donations for a specific project, but some ideas have been discussed. I can assure you that the funds are much needed and will be well used.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Officers and Board this year. There is a learning curve for those members who take these positions largely due to the fact that there is little continuity and consistency each year. The transition is made much easier when the previous Officers and Board members lend their support and pass on some of their knowledge and experiences from being in the position. This includes me – and of course I will help out next year as much as possible

I've tried to keep everyone up to date through the Fog Horn and I hope that this publication continues to be informative. I take the time each month to write these articles because I believe it's important for the membership to understand the issues that the Club faces, how funds are being spent, and to publicly give accolades to those who go above and beyond.

Overall, the Club has made some significant progress and improvements over the last year. I wish the incoming, new Officers and Board the best of luck throughout next year.

I hope that everyone had a very safe and happy holiday and I wish everyone a prosperous new year.

Respectfully,  
Catherine P. Wall  
Commodore

## Calendar of Events

### Wednesday, January 9th

Auxiliary Meeting

Board: 6:30 p.m.; Membership: 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, January 10th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, January 11th

*Election Voting takes place from*

**11:00-2:00 and 5:00 -8:15 p.m.**

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m

### Saturday, January 19th

Race Night 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, January 28th

BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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



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Information for the February 2008 Foghorn must be submitted no later than **January 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](mailto:sandye.mann@sbcglobal.net) Questions? Call 259-4106. Please contact Sandye about placing ads.

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## From the Rear Commodore

### Past events in December;

• **12/16 – Children's Christmas Party:** What a terrific and successful event. There is no more fun than making children smile (did I really say that?). *Critter Caravan* did a great job passing on a bit of education about animals (and bugs) from around the world. I have a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all that gave so much time and effort to make this happen. You wrapped the gifts on Friday, and then on Sunday (even in the weather) you were there again to keep things running smoothly. Santa was again **Johnny G.**, the Elves in costume were **Donna** and **Cassie**, Santa's helpers wrapping gifts and general support were **Tamra**, **Betsy**, **Donna**, **Ann**,

**Diane**, **Colleen** and **Bobby** was the chief of transportation moving all the packages upstairs for safe storage. I have to mention **Lou** and **Rose Mary**, who stepped in to help **Julio** in the kitchen on Sunday. If Lou (who knows his way around the kitchen) had not done that, we would not have been able to open the kitchen for business.

Due to the bad weather, many of those that signed up were unable to attend. The next time you drop by the Club remember to ask about your gift and stocking. If you are not planning to collect them, please let me know and they can be donated to a charity organization.

### Upcoming events in January;

• **01/19 – "Racenight":** These race nights are always a blast. As is tradition, we will be serving a hot roast beef dinner for you to enjoy before we get down to business. Once again this meal will be prepared by our own FYC volunteers in the kitchen (the **Anderson Gang**). Tickets will be available for purchase at the bar and only \$8.00. Please let us know if you can spend some time at a window during a race, remember six stations are needed (these are the best seats in the house for watching the races). Jockeys are needed throughout the evening as well as those of you that cheer and jeer, and for the tenth race the winner is the loser. Adult race fans only, please.

I want to thank the membership for allowing me and Trish to have so much fun over the past year. We enjoyed the opportunity to coordinate every one of our events for you, your children, and your grand children. We hope that not only did you enjoy them as well, but you were able to use those events to introduce your friends to this great Club and family of friends.

I want to remind you that it takes many volunteers to make this club work. Sometimes you may see them and sometimes they are behind the scenes doing setup or clean up or general maintenance. If you can volunteer, please do so; if you cannot volunteer, remember to thank those that have – I sure do.

Trish and I will take this opportunity to wish y'all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful new year.

Gary A. Pole – Rear Commodore

## Auxiliary

Next Meeting January 9th, 2008  
Board Meets 6:30 p.m./Members 7:00 p.m.

Happy New Year Everyone! The last meeting was our holiday dinner and the food and service were both fabulous. Thank you to our Commodore **Catherine**, Vice Commodore **Ed** and Rear Commodore **Gary** for their wonderful serving. I also send a warm thanks to **Julio** and **Jerry Hogarth** for the **best cooked meals** we could possibly have!

**Don't forget it's a new year, and dues are due this month or there will be a late fee.**

Our January meeting on January 9th starts 1/2 half hour earlier: 6:30 for the board and 7:00 p.m. for general members. **It's election time**, so try to come. We are going to have a Chinese Auction which is always a lot of fun for everyone. Just bring something to auction. Again, thanks for a wonderful year!

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

### *Auxiliary Slate of Officers for 2008*

<b>President:</b>	<b>Susan Callahan</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Virginia Lussier</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Carrie Shelton</b>
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	<b>Judy Duva</b>
<b>Record Secretary:</b>	<b>Sue Swanson</b>
<b>Board Of Governors:</b>	<b>MaryAnn Callahan</b>
	<b>Ann Farrington</b>
	<b>Donna Palaia</b>
	<b>Debra Callan</b>
	<b>Danielle Lyn</b>

## Fishing Committee

I hope you all enjoyed yourselves at the Fishing Awards Dinner. I would again like to thank everyone who attended for your support!

The results are in.....  
The **2007 fishing contest winners** are:

### *Striped Bass :*

1st Place:	<b>Bob Karosy</b>	34.87 lbs.
2nd Place:	<b>Steve Ehrens</b>	33.98 lbs.
3rd Place:	<b>Geoff Cornwall</b>	32.62 lbs.

### *Bluefish :*

1st Place:	<b>Dave Schackett</b>	15.40 lbs.
2nd Place:	<b>Wally Kimball</b>	13.44 lbs.
3rd Place:	<b>John Ellis</b>	12.80 lbs.

### *Blackfish:*

1st Place:	<b>Eugene Maldonado</b>	7.16 lbs.
2nd Place:	<b>Ed Wargo III</b>	6.98 lbs.
3rd Place:	<b>Mike Herrington</b>	5.76 lbs.

### *Porgy :*

1st Place:	<b>Bob Cahill</b>	1.92 lbs.
2nd Place:	<b>Dave Farrington</b>	1.89 lbs.
3rd Place:	<b>Mike Herrington</b>	1.74 lbs.

### *Seabass :*

1st Place:	<b>Dave Farrington</b>	3.91 lbs.
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### *Fluke :*

1st place:	<b>Geoff Cornwall</b>	6.05 lbs.
2nd place:	<b>Dave Farrington</b>	5.06 lbs.
3rd place:	<b>Bob Karosy</b>	5.05 lbs.

**Congratulations to all of the winners!!**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the **Wargo family** for their loss of Pappy. **Pappy Wargo** was a fantastic fisherman, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The next fishing committee meeting will take place on Thursday, **January 10th** at **7:30 p.m.** We will be having our annual pizza party and begin planning the 2008 season. This is the perfect night for any new members to join the committee.

*Angling may be said to be so like mathematics that it can never be fully learnt. ~ IZAAK WALTON*

Happy New Year to all!

Best regards,  
Stephanie Stypinski – *Chairman*

The Nominating Committee has selected the following Club members for the slate of officers for the 2008 Election:

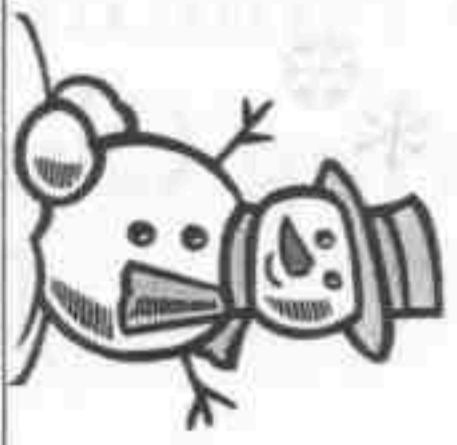
Commodore:	Gary Pole
Vice-Commodore:	George O'Connell
Rear Commodore:	Jim Sorensen
Treasurer:	Howard Bishop
Financial Sec'y.:	Sue Kiely
Recording Sec'y.:	Christopher Carnes
Board of Governors:	Jeff Vangele Wayne Ritchie Gary Swanson Eric Wurfley
BOG 1 yr. Term: (To replace Jim Hasak)	

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

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

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

# Fayerweather Yacht Club January 2008 Calendar of Club Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing	7 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	8 11:00-2:00 Lunch	9 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:30 Auxiliary Board 7:00 Aux Members	10 11:00-2:00 Lunch 7:30 Fishing Comm. 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	11 FYC Elections 11:00-2:00 Lunch Voting: 11:00-2:00 5:00-8:15 8:00 Genl Membership Meeting	12 11:00-2:00 Lunch
13 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing	14 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	15 11:00-2:00 Lunch	16 11:00-2:00 Lunch	17 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	18 11:00-2:00 Lunch	19 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:30 Race Night
20 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Frostbite Sailing	21 Kitchen Closed 7:00 Dart League	22 11:00-2:00 Lunch	23 11:00-2:00 Lunch	24 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	25 11:00-2:00 Lunch	26 11:00-2:00 Lunch
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Please plan to come to the Club on January 11th for the Election of Officers. Please be certain to bring a form of identification with you—either your FYC membership card or a photo I.D.



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## Good and Welfare

At the December General Membership meeting, **James Bruce Callahan** became a new **Life Member**. Congratulations, Bruce!

The passing of **John Cotter** was noted at the December meeting. The passing of **Pappy Wargo** occurred following that meeting and his passing is cause for sorrow.

At the December General Meeting, it was mentioned that someone had left a pair of sunglasses on the hoist in the yard. Please check with the bartender if these are yours.

## From the Vice Commodore

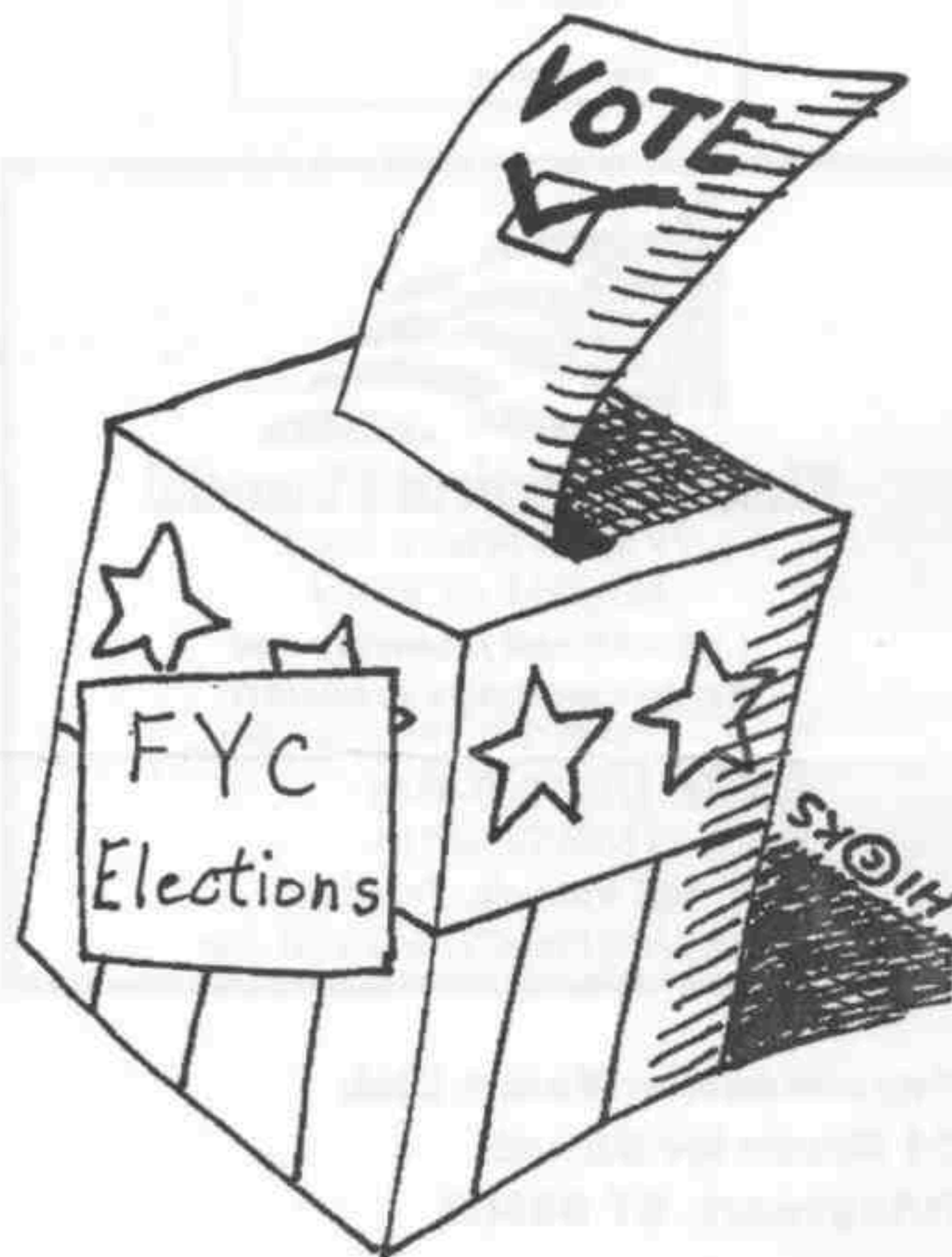
"Wishing you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!"

It was great seeing so many smiling faces at Wassail night! Everyone seemed to be having a special evening, enjoying the music and sampling all the extraordinary appetizers.

During these long winter months we tend to forget about boating and to some extent our yacht club. **The kitchen needs our patronage to continue operating.** Let's try to remember to "stop-in" for lunch a little more often.....**the view is still SPECTACULAR!!**

See you at the Club!

Ed Lambertson -Vice Commodore



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