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From the Helm

While gathering my thoughts on topics for the June *Foghorn*, I pondered; Fayerweather has been in existence for 90 years this month. That means our club *curiously* began when the 18th Amendment (Prohibition) was adopted. The following year, Women's suffrage went into effect. 1929 saw stock prices plummet marking the beginning of the Great Depression. The Star Spangled Banner officially became our National Anthem in 1931. Prohibition was repealed in 1933; 1938 had Orson Welles broadcast his adaptation of the *War of the Worlds* and scared the bejesus out of the listeners. 1939 witnessed the beginning of World War II with the Japanese surprise attack on our U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor; the U.S. declared war on Japan in 1941. The U.S. dropped atomic bombs in 1945 on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Korean War began in 1950 and ended in 1953. Fayerweather existed when the fighting in Viet Nam began and ended and when the Persian Gulf War began and ended.

Fayerweather was around to witness the assassinations of Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Edward M. Kennedy, George C. Wallace, John Lennon and the attempted assassinations of Pope John Paul II and Ronald Reagan.

Fayerweather was around for the space race when Russia launched Sputnik, followed by the First U.S. astronaut, Alan B. Shepard, rocketing into space. It saw

three Astronauts--Grissom, White, and Chaffee--killed in a fire during test launch, and astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., bounced among lunar craters on television.

Fayerweather was around when Alaska and Hawaii were added to enlarge our country to 50 states and watched in 1962 when the Cuban missile crisis took place. It existed through the Watergate scandal in 1972, followed by the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon, and when the Berlin Wall came down.

The members lived through the depression, wars, assassinations, scandals; witnessed the launching of rockets in space and walking on the moon. FYC members have proven their flexibility, compassion, strength, and tenacity - resilient through it all. They loved, lost loved ones in the wars, and shed tears upon their return. With all that has happened, Fayerweather Yacht Club is still here. The fun, laughter, friends, fish caught, and beautiful sunsets on the Sound seem to make it all worthwhile.

I am proud and fortunate to be a member and Commodore for Fayerweather's 90th anniversary. **Reserve the date: June 20th.** Plan to celebrate the occasion with fellow members and friends. Come down and be a part of the camaraderie and action at Fayerweather. Your contribution to and enjoyment of this wonderful club and its members will build lasting memories.

Enjoy the season!!!!

Commodore Ed Manes

**F Y C
is
90 years old!**

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 1st

"Marty Mondays" begin 11:00 – 3:00

Tuesday, June 2nd

Auxiliary Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 7th

FYC Striped Bass Tournament 6:00 – 1:00

followed by Picnic

Motorcycle Rally 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 10th

Auxiliary Potluck Supper 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11th

Fishing Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 12th

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 20th

90th Anniversary Celebration

Look for flyers at the Club

Monday, June 22nd

BOG Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 28th

FYC Fluke Tournament 6:00 – 1:00

followed by Picnic

Summertime Weekly Events:

Every Wednesday Night:

♦Grill Open 5:30-10:30 p.m.

♦Wednesday Night Sailing Series

First Gun 6:00 p.m.

Every Thursday Night: Special Dinner

Seatings at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday Night: Happy Hour

Adventure

Save the Dates:

Saturday, July 11th:

Between the Sheets Regatta

Saturday, July 18th:

♦ Park City Regatta at FYC
for SWIM Across the Sound

♦ Cruising Group Departure for Block Island

Saturday, August 1st: SWIM Across the

Sound Viewing from FYC Deck

Saturday, August 15th: Cruising Group

Departure for Shelter Island

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

From the Vice Commodore

We just are coming off our Opening Day Ceremonies and what an event it was! The rain held off, the music was awesome, and there literally was not a morsel of food left from the picnic. **Thank you** to all the FYC staff and volunteers who helped make it another great success!

Along Came Carol has proposed having extended lunch hours for the summer. So far, our thoughts are as follows: Tuesday - Thursday from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Friday - Sunday from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. These dates have to be approved and I hope to have an answer by the time this arrives in your mailbox. Check our website to see how it went. I am also working with Carol to get her promotions and catering menu up on the website; please go to our website and check out the kitchen button for more information. Finally, don't forget **our grill is open on Wednesday Nights for the summer** as well – 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

I am hoping to have "Marty Mondays" this summer, as well. As *Along Came Carol* and crew get their much deserved rest, I will be having a **hot dog cart** come in off the deck from 11:00 to 3:00

(weather permitting.) Marty's menu will be basic (and delicious), but give our members another opportunity to enjoy the Club on those extended weekends. This will start June 1st and continue all summer long.

It's been a long weekend, time for much needed R & R. Please continue to check out our website as things are moving along quite fast here. We will be updating it as often as we get more info.

Cheers!

George E. O'Connell –

Vice Commodore



Our Vice, George,
getting much-needed
R&R!



From the Rear Commodore

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the boating season. I know I am.

The **90th Anniversary** of Fayerweather Yacht Club is coming up on **Saturday, June 20th**. Plans for a wonderful get-together are in the works, with good music a part of the plan. Please plan to be with us for the anniversary celebration. Look for flyers at the Club for the details.

On **Sunday, June 7th** we will be having another **Motorcycle Rally** at **10:00 a.m.** Chip in \$5 per person, come for a ride and return back to FYC for a **tasty barbecue**. We had a great turnout for the last ride and, needless to say, everyone had a good time. If you ride, don't miss this one.

Our **member-cooked dinner** was a huge success thanks to **Martha Dixon** for starting the ball rolling and **Jerry Hogarth, Jim Hogarth Junior, Jim Hogarth Senior, Gerry Weiss, Russell Dunleavy, Jan and Wayne Murray, Tom Lee, and Gary Kopsco** for the cooking! Thanks also go out to **all who helped with the set up and clean up**. Volunteers allow us to have these events at a very reasonable cost, so if you haven't done so yet, volunteer.

Our **Opening Day** went well, despite the cool and breezy weather. Again, a big part of the success of this event was due to the volunteers. Thank you **Dee Powers** for setting up, and thank you **Jim Anderson and your gourmet grilling group** who do so much for our club!

If you've noticed the paper burgees going up around the bar, they are people who have donated \$1.00 to the **Park City Regatta**. The funds go to **St. Vincents' Swim Across The Sound** for Cancer. Many members have purchased enough burgees to put up the name of their boat. If you haven't done so yet, please buy a burgee. Get the fuel in your tanks and the wind in your sails and come on down to FYC!

Jim Sorensen-Rear Commodore

Buy a Burgee in the Bar
Help support the
Swim Across the Sound Regatta



Fishing Committee

Please see the Fishing Committee inserts for the **Striped Bass Tournament** on **June 7th** and the **Fluke Tournament** on **June 28th**. We hope to see you for those events!

Tight Lines,
Roy Edwards-Fishing Committee Chair

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Auxiliary News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2009
Pot Luck Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

May Meeting Recap

We had such a great meeting. **Sergeant Diane Krahm** of the **Fairfield Detective Bureau** used a power point presentation which outlined how to fight back against identify theft and safeguard your personal information. Sergeant Krahm also discussed **"Ditch the Pitch": Hanging up on Telephone Hucksters.**

To learn more about ID theft and how to deter, detect, and defend against it, visit: **ftc.gov/idtheft**. Pamphlets may still be available on the book shelf on the upper deck at the club.

Our meeting hostesses were **Eleanor Anderson** and **Arlene Vaisal**. Thank you for providing the most welcome and scrumptious desserts for our members.

Other News

By the time you receive this newsletter, you may have been to the Club and noticed the bright flowers around the deck. Board members have been busy with working on this annual project. I went with **Carrie Shelton** to buy the flowers and the pots. This past Sunday, we had fun planting them at Carrie's greenhouse. I want to thank **Debi Callan, Ann Farrington, Anne Lanzo** and **Carrie Shelton** for their help with this project.

New Member Corner

Welcome to our new members: **Deborah Carr, Lynn Christie, Judith Cicalese, Diane Desmond, and Rita Raucci.**

New Auxiliary members are always welcome. The spouses of FYC members are eligible to join the Auxiliary. Don't miss out on the fun. Contact **Judy Duva** at 372-5114 if you would like to join. The fee for new members is \$30.00; thereafter, annual dues are \$25.00. Applications for membership are also available at the bar.

Pot Luck Dinner

We hope you will join us for this festive annual event. Auxiliary members may bring a guest or your spouse to the dinner. All those attending should bring a casserole or dish that serves 6-8 to share with the group. This is a great opportunity to share your special recipe creation. **Judy Duva** is coordinating the menu for

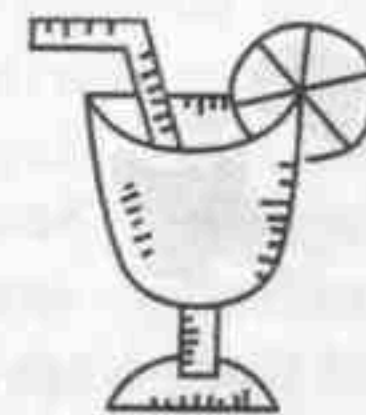


the dinner. If you did not attend the last meeting to sign up for the dish you will bring, please call Judy at 372-5114. You may also call Judy if you have forgotten what you decided to make for the pot luck dinner. *If you need to warm your casserole*, please arrive at **6:00 p.m.** to put the food in the kitchen ovens. The space is limited.

One member has offered her way to keep your food warm: she suggests wrapping the casserole in a thick towel as you transport it to the meeting.

Suggestion Box

The June meeting will be our last meeting until September. We would like to keep in touch over the summer and one member suggested meeting informally at the Club one night during the week. Come down on **Tuesday evenings at 5:30** and meet us on the deck. We can enjoy a cold beverage, share our news and enjoy the great weather. I hope to see you there!



Sunshine

If you know of a member that is ill, in the hospital or a member that has a new addition to the family, please contact our **Sunshine Chairwoman, Lynn Sullivan** at 372-2981.

I welcome your suggestions, comments or news.

Sandra-Ann Nolfo-Auxiliary President

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July 18th

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FAYERWEATHER - BLACK ROCK
— 2009 —
INVITATIONAL REGATTA



Sunday
July 19th

• Notice of Race, SI's, Entry Forms posted at:
www.fayerweatheryachtclub.com and www.blackrockcyc.com

Great racing, fun people, awards, cook-outs, live music,
 all weekend long... a not-to-be missed event on the Sound!

Complimentary Weekend Dockage for all participants in Historic Black Rock Harbor.

The Power Boat Committee in cooperation with the Sailing Committee

will take a proactive approach promoting **Safety, Education** and ☐elaxation on Long Island Sound.

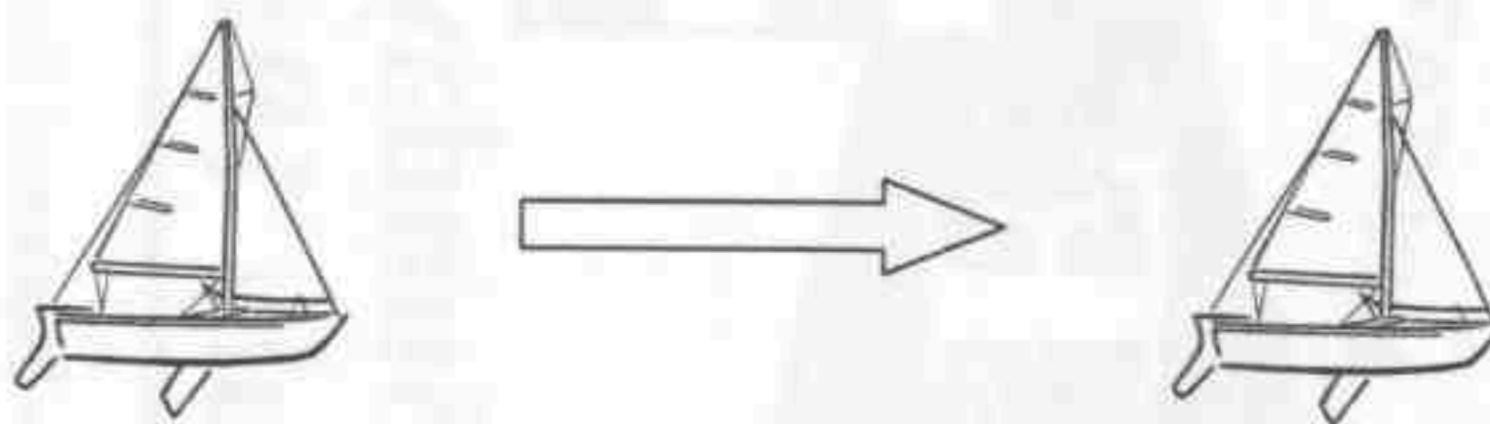
Our first annual event is the "*Between the Sheets Regatta*". This event is scheduled for July 11, 2009 and will challenge sailors on tactical maneuvers on a **man – overboard** exercise.

The program consists of two sailboat teams running a course; the first sailboat expels a member of the team (preferably a power boater) to be picked up by the second sailboat following.

The event is a members only event, yet promises to be challenging and rewarding for all participants.

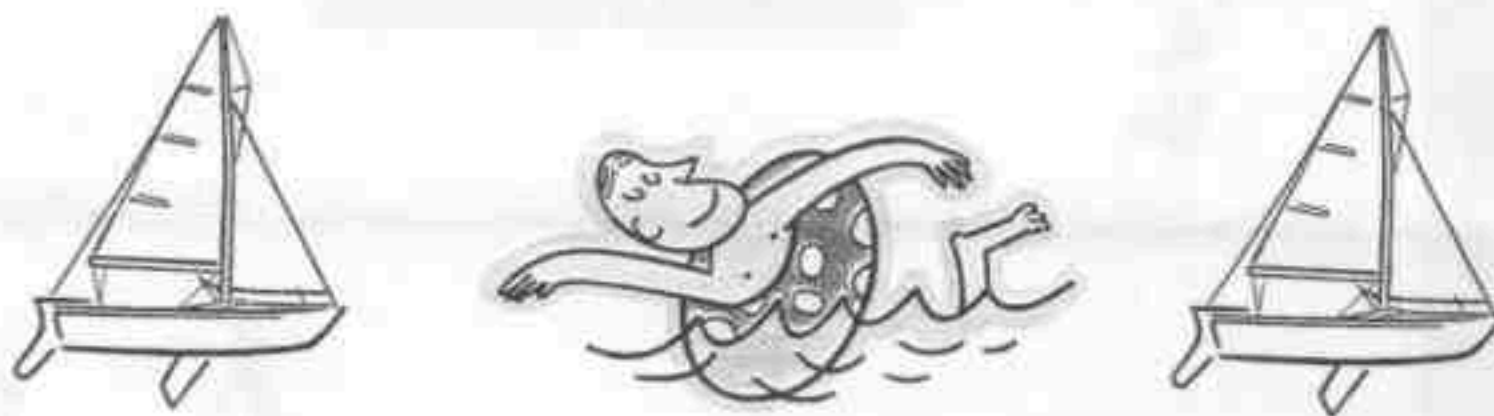
First Leg:

Sail leaves piloted by power boat captain
2nd Sail follows several minutes behind.

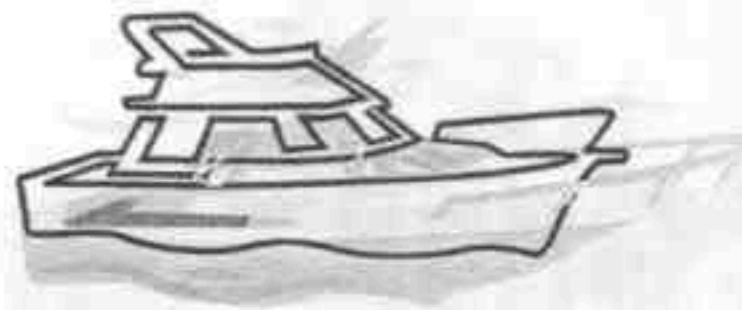


Second Leg:

Powerboat captain overboard
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Man overboard exercise



Powerboat observer on 2nd
Leg for safety



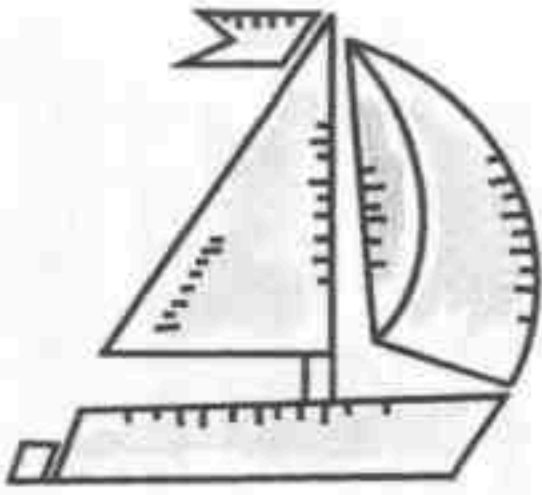
Third Leg:

Powerboat captain to navigate to finish line under the direction of Sail Captain.



Team consists of 2 sail captains, vessels, crew and 1 power boat captain and 1 power boat observer.

The Sign up sheet is on the Sailing board: 7 signed up to date!



Park City Regatta Partners with Connecticut Community Boating

The Park City Regatta, scheduled for **Saturday, July 18**, has a new partner – our new neighbor from across the harbor! **Connecticut Community Boating, Inc. (CCB)**, a non-profit public sailing program based at Seaside Park, is making their fleet of Hunter 140s and Optimists available to introduce a whole new aspect of racing to the Regatta: small boats. The Hunter 140 races (which will be open to junior and adult sailors) and Opti "Green Fleet" races will be sailed on a separate course from the big boats.

"This is an awesome way to bring our community together for a great cause," said **Capt. Chris German, Executive Director of CCB**. "Our fleet is here for everyone to use and we're happy to be able to work with so many of our neighbors to bring a whole new breed of sailing to this event."

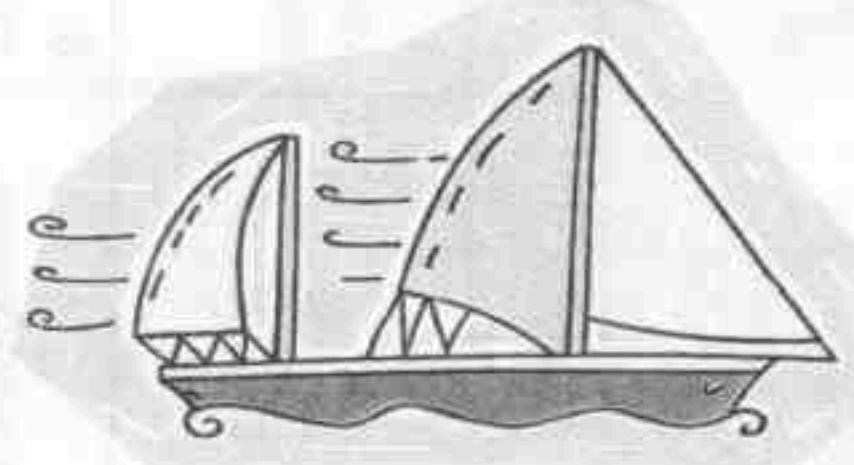
Presented by **FYC, Black Rock Yacht Club and Housatonic Boat Club** and hosted by **Fayerweather**, the Park City Regatta raises funds for the St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation's SWIM Across the Sound. All regatta proceeds support the SWIM Across the Sound's fight against all types of cancer.

Two races are planned (conditions permitting) for PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions, and one-design classes (i.e. J/24, Melges 24, Catalina 30) will have a separate start (with sufficient entries). Six races, which will be sailed in close proximity to Fayerweather Light, are scheduled for the dinghy division. Other one-designs, such as Ideal 18s and Lasers, are also welcome.

The dinghy division will have a smaller entry fee than the big boat divisions (amount to be determined), and all skippers and crews are urged to solicit donations for your boat. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place boats in each division, and the five boats that raise the most funds will receive special awards.

The Skippers Meeting is scheduled for 1000 in the FYC Penfield Room, the Harbor Start is at 1100, and the First Gun is at 1200. A picnic on the FYC lawn kicks off at 1600, with an awards presentation, prizes, raffle, and live music for your dancing and dining pleasure.

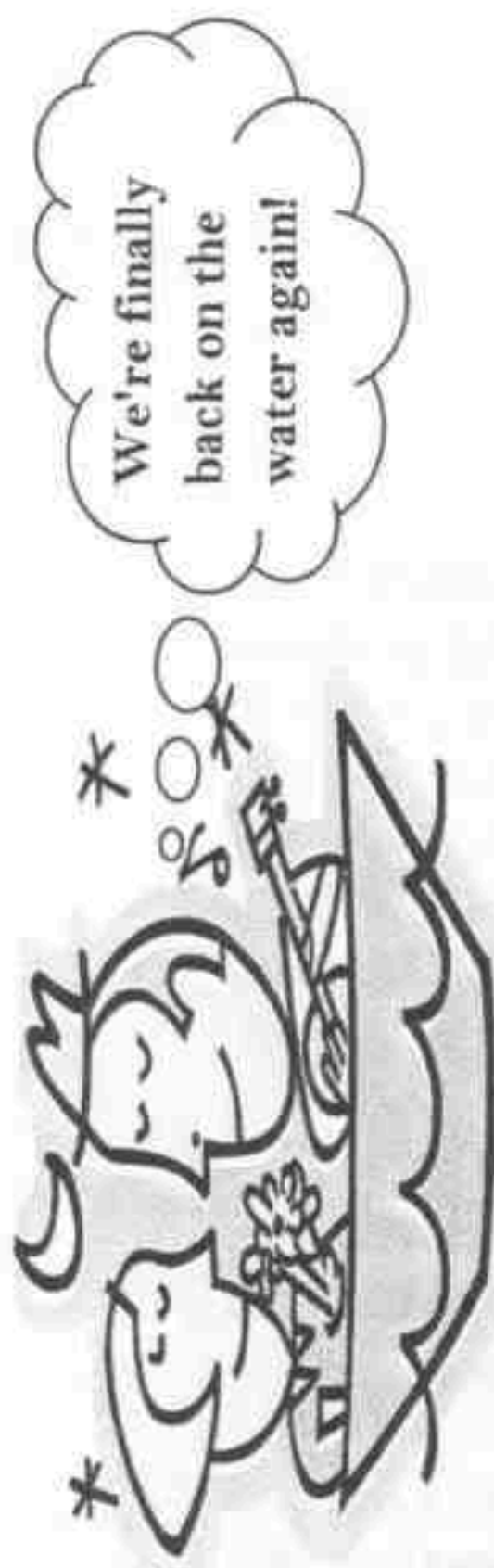
As always, donations to the Park City Regatta are tax deductible. The FYC/ BRYC Invitational Regatta follows on Sunday, July 19, so mark your calendar for a weekend of racing, fundraising and fun! For more information including Notice of Race, entry form and sponsorship form, visit parkcityregatta.com (where you can make a donation with PayPal). To reserve a Hunter 140 (frostbiters, this means you!), contact Capt. Chris German at 203-382-3661. If you have any other questions, please contact **Regatta Chair Betsy Sorensen** at esoren1@aol.com.

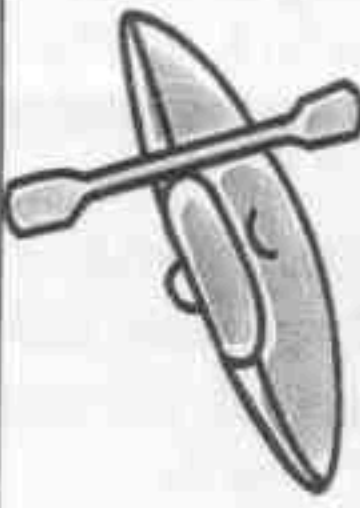
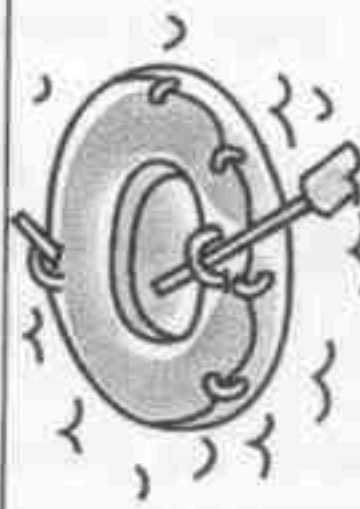




Fayerweather Yacht Club

Calendar of Club Events

June 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11:00-3:00 "Marty Mondays" Begin	2 11:00-2:00 Lunch 7:00 Auxiliary Board Mtg.	3 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Wednesday Night Sailing Series	4 11:00-2:00 Lunch	5 11:00-2:00 Lunch Happy Hour	6 11:00-3:00 Lunch 2:00 Cut-off time for Fluke Tournament Registration
7 6:00-1:00 Striped Bass Tournament; Picnic lunch follows 10:00 Motorcycle Rally & picnic 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Sailing	8 11:00-3:00 "Marty Mondays"	9 11:00-2:00 Lunch 7:00-9:00 Kayak & Canoe Safety Seminar	10 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Wednesday Night Sailing Series 7:00 Auxiliary Potluck Dinner	11 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu 7:00 Fishing Comm	12 11:00-2:00 Lunch Happy Hour 8:00 Gen'l Membership Mtg	13 11:00-3:00 Lunch
14 Black Rock Day** 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Sailing	15 11:00-3:00 "Marty Mondays"	16 11:00-2:00 Lunch	17 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Wednesday Night Sailing Series	18 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	19 11:00-2:00 Lunch Happy Hour	20 11:00-3:00 Lunch FYC's 90th Anniversary Celebration
21 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Sailing	22 11:00-3:00 "Marty Mondays" 7:00 BOG Meeting	23 11:00-2:00 Lunch	24 11:00-2:00 Lunch 6:00 Wednesday Night Sailing Series	25 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	26 11:00-2:00 Lunch Happy Hour	27 9:00 on: USCG Auxiliary Vessel Inspection Day at FYC***
28 6:00-1:00 Fluke Tournament; Picnic lunch follows 11:00-3:00 Lunch 1:00 Sailing	29 11:00-3:00 "Marty Mondays"	30 11:00-2:00 Lunch				

* Weather Permitting

** See Schedule of Events in article

*** Please see article in Foghorn

Dates to Save:

July 11th

Power Boat "Between the Sheets Regatta"

July 18th

Park City Regatta & Cruising Group departs for Block Island

August 1st

Swim Across the Sound Viewing from FYC Deck

August 15th Cruising Group departs for Shelter Island

Sailing Committee

The sailing season is upon us, and there are some wonderful races to be had this summer. We have a very active **Wednesday Night series** which includes one of the few weeknight Spinnaker divisions on the Sound. Not only is this a great way to hone in the sailing skills, but it's also just a laid back sail for those looking to get on the water. The ever popular **Single/Double Hand series** starts **June 7th** and the **Championship series** starts **June 14th**. The racing is very user-friendly and low key. Please don't be intimidated and feel free to join us. Contact me if you have any questions. We would love to have more boats in the racing fleet.

New this year is that the **Park City Regatta** and the **BRYC/FYC Invitational** are now ECSA points events. This should be drawing racing yachts from down the coast and should prove to be a very lively regatta weekend. This is taking place the weekend of **July 18th** and is held for a great cause. See the sailing board for details.

The following weekend is the first **Port Jeff Race**, which is really just a reason to spend the night in Port Jeff. This will be set up in pursuit fashion this year with staggered start with a theoretical single finish time which takes all the guess work out of who's first. It's really more about who can make the fanciest dinner while afloat. Sign up and come along.

Andy Wolf-Sailing Committee Chair

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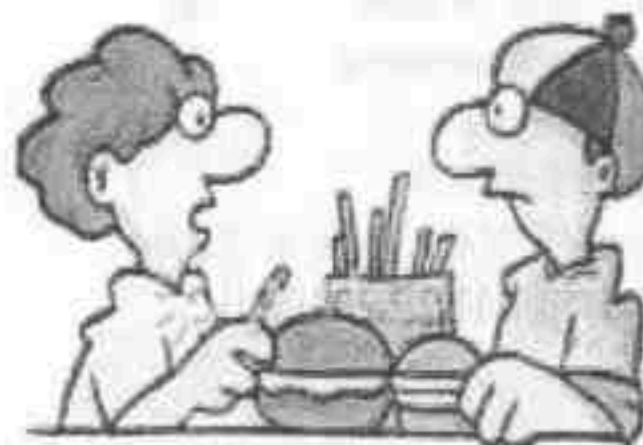
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Has Something Funny Happened To You Recently?

Our Fayerweather membership is composed of many unique individuals who give the Club its zest and camaraderie. Do you have a humorous adventure/story to share, particularly about boating? One of our Life Members with over fifty years of membership (Henry Cornicki—I hope I've spelled that correctly) has asked if members could relay funny incidents for inclusion in *The Foghorn*. I'm ready to listen, especially to funny boating stories that can be put in print. Please give me a call at 259-4106. Thanks!

Sandye



To all of the
Crew who
cooked on Opening Day!!!

Good And Welfare

Welcome new members: Matthew Weiss, James E. Connolly, Joseph Pataro, David Palmer, Frank Labanca, Benjamin Scott Thrush, Ken Terry, Matthew Price, John Lupton, Raymond Peloso, Edward Santandrea, and Holly Bittman.

Congratulations to new Life Member Trevor Roach.

Get well and good health wishes for Bridget McDonald and Ran McNeil.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Earl DeWitt and his family.

We mourn the passing of Club member Fred Reiss and send our condolences to his family and friends.

I would appreciate members' help with information regarding Good and Welfare. Thank you.

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Black Rock Day

The Black Rock Community Council hopes that all FYC members will attend **Black Rock Day** on **Sunday, June 14th**, honoring the memory of Jan Williams of Captain's Cove Seaport. Sponsors of the day include Captain's Cove, Fayerweather Yacht Club, Wheelabrator Technologies, and Bruce and Michelle Hubler. The schedule of events follows:

9:00 a.m.: Run for the Rock 5K Race-starts at SS Norden Club on Seabright Avenue

12:00 Noon: Black Rock Day Parade-from Burroughs Community Center to Ellsworth Field

12:00 Noon: 2nd Annual Bed Race-at Brewster Street Flagpole

1:00 – 6:00 p.m.: Celebration at Ellsworth Field

3:00 p.m.: Saint Ann Church "Concert of Hope"

For more complete information, please see the website at <http://www.blackrockcc.org>

FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DAY AT FYC - SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2009

Once again the **Fairfield Flotilla, USCG Auxiliary** will be helping Fayerweather Yacht Club members be better prepared for a safe boating season by offering **FREE** vessel safety checks on your boat and its equipment on **Saturday June 27, 2009** starting at **9:00 a.m.** at the Club. Since Coast Guard Auxiliary Qualified Vessel Examiners are civilian volunteers, and not a members 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 meet 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. With the average age of boats increasing because of the economy, it's even more important to have a second pair trained eyes looking over your boat.

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 27th, rain or shine.

Ron Willson,
USCG Auxiliary



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NAUTICAL NOTES

In today's economy, we all could probably use a "slush fund" to get us through these difficult times. Are you aware that the existence of this expression is based upon an old nautical practice? The term **slush fund** has been around since 1939. It refers to the waste fat or grease left over from meat boiled down on board commercial or fishing boats. Sailors boiled down and stored the fat remains of their salted beef rations; this was then sold to soap and candle makers. The money received from the sale of the 'slush' was used for the crew's comfort and entertainment. Today, we may have money set aside to use for fun and entertainment—a slush fund.





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Thank You

Very special thanks go out to **Eric Derlega**, a fairly new member of FYC. As the Business Manager of **Paraco Gas Corporation**, 810 Access Road in Stratord, Eric provided the Club with all the propane gas for Opening Day cooking. That was a fantastic thing to do, Eric!!! You have all our thanks for this contribution!!!

Power Boat Committee

The first ever annual "**Between the Sheets Regatta**" promoting S.E.X. on Long Island Sound, is scheduled for **Saturday, July 11th**. Please see our insert on the event in this issue.

Rich Parker-Power Boat Committee

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