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From The Helm

With my boat buried under a foot of snow, it is time to wish my extended FYC family members a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I will keep this short because I know you have better things to do than to read my article during the busy holiday season.

In these tough economic times and in keeping with the Holiday spirit, please consider the talented artisans of the FYC family for any work to be done at your home or workplace. If you are new to the Club and do not know anyone yet, come down to the Club and ask **Dan**, our permittee and bartender -- he knows **EVERYONE**. I know he could direct you to any number of members that could skillfully do the work for you. The renovations at the Club are evidence of the talents of master workers who donate time and expertise in maintaining our accommodations at Fayerweather's exceptional site on the Sound.

The Smedley Library and new ladies' WC are the result of the labors of **Ken Newlands, Jim Connelly, Jeffrey Miller, Russell Dunleavy, George O'Connell, Jim Sorensen** and the planning of **Betsy Sorensen, Tamra Evans** and **Catherine Wall, P.C.** The teamwork and camaraderie that grow as a result of such efforts are thanks in themselves, but our membership offers you its thanks as well.

I know I thanked many last month, but they deserve another round of applause. Our accomplishments could not have been realized without everyone's commitment. It was my pleasure serving with my flag officers: my Vice Commodore, **George O'Connell**; my Rear Commodore, **Jim Sorensen**; and my Board of Governors: **Earl DeWitt, Jim Eagen, Tamra Evans, Jerry Hricik, Wayne Ritchie, Bob Schley, Gary Swanson, Jeff Vangele, and Eric Wuerfele**; to the Treasurer, **Howard Bishop**; Financial Secretary **Sue Kiely**; Recording Secretary **Christopher Carnes**; Fleet Captain **Bob Butler**; Fleet Chaplain **Brian Kelly**; Fleet Surgeon **Dr. Robert Nevins**; Permittee **Dan Conroy**, Dock Master **Lars Christensen**, Bookkeeper **Gail Smith** and to all those who chair and serve on the various committees, **THANK YOU**. Fayerweather is the most remarkable Club on the Sound due to the efforts and contributions of members like you!

HO! HO! HO! Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Ed Manes, Commodore



From the Vice Commodore

I hope all the FYC members had a safe and happy holiday season. I know the events at the Club were quite enjoyable. From the night before Thanksgiving, to the Children's Christmas Party (Russell and I as elves!?!), Wassail Night and finally, our last pint raised with our friends on Christmas Eve. A huge thank you to all who helped! I could not report on New Year's Eve yet because of the deadline of this article, but according to the ticket sales it looks to be another FYC premier event. I am very pleased Rear Commodore **Jim Sorenson** convinced us to bring it back.

"*Along Came Carol*" has tweaked a few things to make your lunch a more enjoyable experience. She is putting all her dishes on china with real silver, as well. She has added more daily lunch specials (have you tried her soups?), as well as added a few promotions for certain groups throughout the week. Check out her postings around the Club or load up the FYC website for more info.

The bar room had a successful 2008. As you have read, we had many fun times throughout the year with most ideas working and a very few that did not. I have learned from those experiences and will continue with this momentum, if re-elected (and assist, if not). I must tell you what made it successful were the suggestions from the membership and the assistance of many past officers. **Much gratitude!** Please keep the suggestions and comments coming.

Finally, I would like to say how enjoyable an experience it has been to work under Commodore Manes. He has put his heart and soul into the Club, and anyone who looks around can see what was accomplished. Obviously his efforts are supported by many others and this past year's officers and B.O.G. has worked, in my opinion, incredibly well together. Thank you all.

Happy New Year and here's to an even better 2009!

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 31st

"Coffee And" 9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 9th

**Annual Election of Officers
and Board of Governors**

**Voting Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
and 5:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.**

General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13th

Auxiliary Meeting and Elections 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 24th

Race Night and Roast Beef Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 26th

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:

Thursday, February 12th: Fishing Committee
meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

From the Rear Commodore

Wow! It's the new year already! What a great year at FYC 2008 was. I thank all the volunteers that helped to make all of our events a success.

Our **Childrens' Christmas Party** was awesome! All of the pictures of the children with Santa are available on the Fayerweather website, thanks to **Mike Andre** and **Earl DeWitt**. A special thanks to **Tom Bobbin**, our incredible Santa, Santa's elves: **Catherine** (Santa's cutest elf), **Russell** (Santa's oldest elf, 250 yrs.), **George** (Santa's biggest elf), and **Megan** and **Alex** (Santa's most energetic elves). It was great to see how well behaved all of the children were.

Wassail Night was another fun event for all, thanks to the eggnog and wassail punch made by Vice Commodore **George O'Connell** and all the food everyone contributed. New Years Eve was another fabulous event for all of you who attended.

For January we will be having **Race Night** on **Saturday, January 24th**. It's only \$8.00 for a roast beef dinner. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m.

I hope everyone has had a chance to see the new upstairs and the new womens' bathroom. Thanks to the efforts of **Ed Manes**, **George O'Connell**, **Tamra Evans**, **Catherine Wall**, **Betsy Sorensen**, **Russell Dunleavy**, **Pat Dower**, **Mike Andre** and **all of our volunteers**, we managed to complete this work at a fraction of the cost. It has been great this year working with Ed and George. We work so well together because we are such good friends. My wife, **Betsy**, and Ed's wife, **JoAnn**, have also been a huge part of every event we have had.

To all of our volunteers: your spirit and your contributions are what make our Club so great! There have been so many who have come forward that it is impossible to mention everyone here, but what you do does not go unnoticed and we thank you.

I would like to see the improvements made to the Club this year continue in 2009. Finally, I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Rear Commodore. It is a great deal of work but, for me, a labor of love.

May the wind stay in your sails and at your back. Happy New Year!

Jim Sorensen - Rear Commodore

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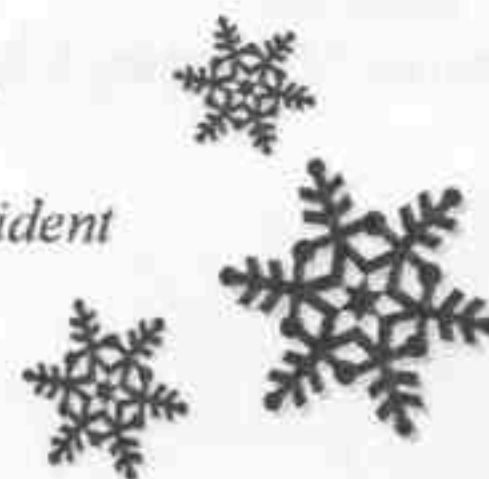
Welcome to the New Year! Hope your holidays were wonderful.

The Holiday dinner was a great success and a good time was had by all.

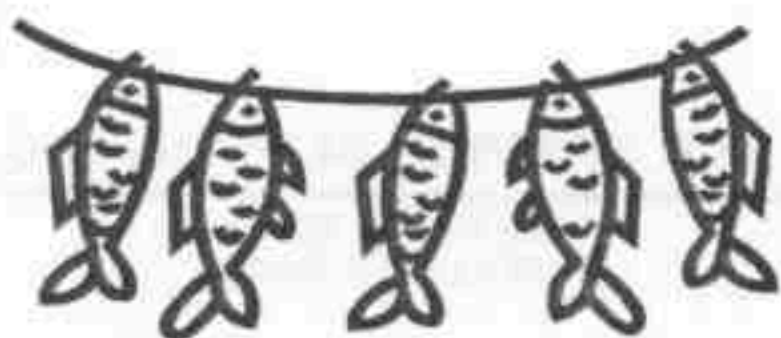
January is Nomination month, so please try to show up for the meeting. If you would like to run for an office or for the Auxiliary Board of Governors, please advise **Donna Palaia** at 333-0442.

See you on **January 13th**.

Sue Callahan - Auxiliary President
203-526-9859



Fishing Committee



Congratulations to the following winners of the 2008 fishing contest:

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: **Mike Herrington** – 6.94

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

We will not be having a fishing committee meeting in January, so our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m.**

“Man can learn a lot from fishing -- when the fish are biting no problem in the world is big enough to be remembered” ~ Orlando A. Battista

I wish everyone a happy and health new year!

Best Regards,
Stephanie Stypinski, Chair



Fleet Captain's Corner

To All: Don't forget that we WILL have our annual 'coffee and ' on **Wednesday, December 31st...NOT N'Years day**, but the Eve of New Years. Bring whatever you like and we look forward to seeing you....

Bob Butler

Membership Committee

Congratulations to **William Churl** and **Duncan Forsyth**, Fayerweather's newest members who were elected at the December membership meeting!

Reminder: Applications for membership are available from the bartender.

The Membership Committee



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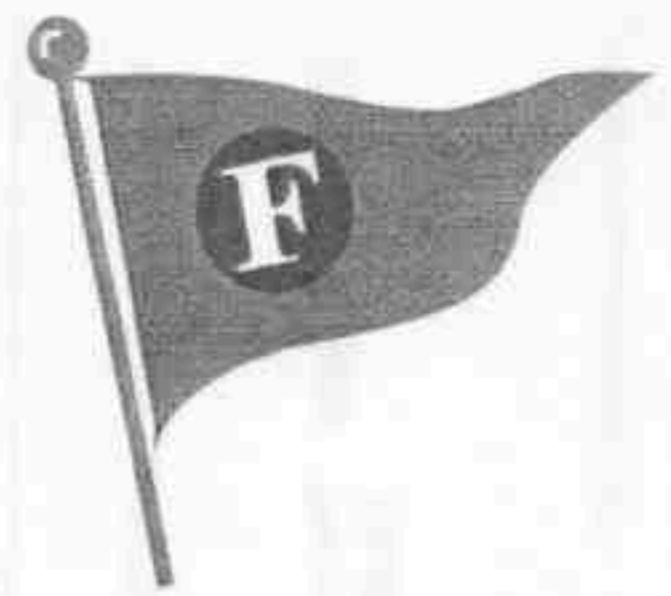
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**Fayerweather Yacht Club
2009 Slate of Officers
for election**



The Nominating Committee has selected the following Club members for the slate of officers for the 2009 election:

Commodore:	Ed Manes
Vice-Commodore:	George O'Connell
Rear Commodore:	Jim Sorensen
Treasurer:	Howard Bishop
Financial Secretary:	Sue Kiely
Recording Secretary:	Abbie Davies

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Board of Governors:	Tamra Evans
	Eric Weurfele
	Geza Yelenik

The Nominating Committee would like to extend sincere thanks to all those who have taken the time to interview for the 2009 slate.

There is still an opportunity for Club members to run for office from the floor the night of the elections.



Fayerweather Yacht Club

January 2009

Calendar of Club Events



Happy
New Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				New Year's Day 1 11:00-2:00 Lunch 5:30-8:30 Dinner Special Menu	2 11:00-2:00 Lunch	3 11:00-3:00 Lunch
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*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. Voting hours are:
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Bring photo identification with you to vote.

Good and Welfare

New members who were introduced at the December membership meeting were **Karen McCaffrey, Frank Hennegan, Ted Werner, and Genevieve Barthe**. We hope to see you at the Club often. Welcome!

Congratulations to new Life Member **Austin Zeppeto**.

We hope that Board of Governors member **Bob Schley** is feeling better in his recovery from surgery.

This year's **Election** of officers and the selection of three new members to the Board of Governors will take place on **Friday, January 9th** at the Club. The **Election Committee** consists of **Bob Butler, Wayne Ritchie, Terry Roach, and Dave Packer**. **Voting will take place** during the following time periods: **11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.** Please remember: You must bring identification with you to obtain a ballot. The results of the election will be announced during the general membership meeting which begins at 8:00 p.m. Members who wish to run for a position "from the floor" should remember to follow the instructions in the Club Bylaws (Article IV, Section 3) which require that nominations for any position other than those suggested by the Nominating Committee be presented in writing to the Recording Secretary at least five (5) days before the election and must include the signatures of five (5) members in good standing. The Secretary will post such additional nominations upon their receipt. No member may run for more than one elective office in any one election. All Members and Life Members in good standing will be eligible to vote.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Good and Welfare by providing information on members and their families who are ill or who have passed away. I am hopeful that one of you in the membership will step up and take over this position, as I have recently resigned from the position.

* Information for the February 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, in Microsoft Word format **ONLY** by email to: sandye.mann@sbcglobal.net Questions? Call 259-4106 evenings. Please contact Sandye about placing ads.

The Foghorn

As the Editor of *The Fayerweather Foghorn* for almost three years, I would like to say thank you to all of you for giving me the opportunity to be a positive "voice" for the Club. During that time period I have tried to make each and every issue interesting to the membership.

I have submitted my resignation as the editor to Commodore Manes and the Board of Governors. I am hopeful that one of you with a computer and some skill with Microsoft Word will consider stepping up and taking over *The Foghorn*. If you have an interest or any questions about what is involved, I would be happy to discuss this with you. Please call me.

In the interim, if there are any questions about ads for *The Foghorn*, please let me know.

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