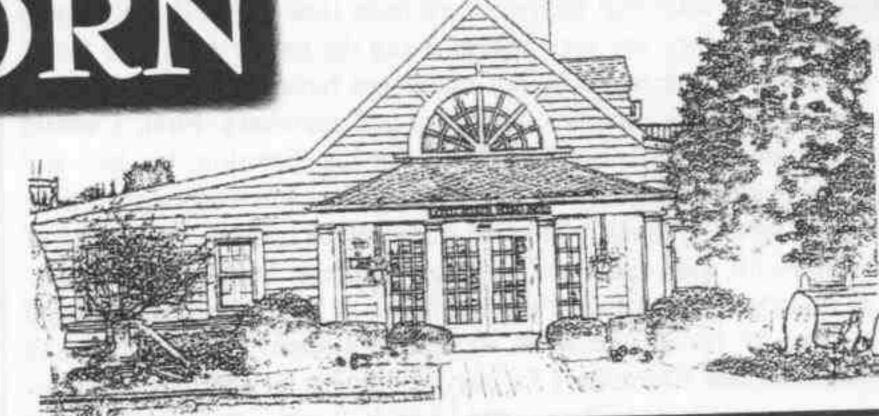


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From the Helm

O! HO! HO! --- MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! December brings the winter solstice, shortened days and long nights but also the brightness and cheer of the Holidays. The year 2009 is coming to end and once 2010 arrives we will be that much closer to opening day and another boating season. With that being said, I guess that means I'm an optimist.

While the economy shows signs of improving slightly, some members are still in need of work. So in the spirit of the holiday, if any work needs to be done around your home, consider giving the work to a Fayerweather family member. If you do not know who might have the proficiency for your task, ask Dan our permittee or any one of our bartenders, they could give some direction in that regard.

I would like to thank Bob Kranyik, Tom Lee, John McArthur, and Bob Butler for their recommendation to rename the Fayerweather launch the "Earl M. DeWitt" in honor of Earl who was a dedicated and committed Fayerweather member. So much was done by Earl in a quiet and unassuming manner, whether taking digital photos, officiating on race committee or working on the computer upstairs in the office. Earl sought no recognition, he just loved the club. So be on the lookout, one day before our opening there will be a day just for the renaming and the launching of the "Earl M. DeWitt". Godspeed, Earl.

The only thing in the works at Fayerweather right now, is the conversion to Quickbooks. Gale Smith and John Koch are working diligently to get the conversion completed by the first of the year. Hopefully this will expedite our bookkeeping and member lists in an effort to bring FYC into the 21st Century.

I would like to take a moment to extend the happiest holiday greetings to the Officers, Board of Governors and all Members of Fayerweather Yacht Club. Hope that we can share a cup of grog on Wassail Night and usher in the holidays on Black Rock Harbor!

Ed Manes Commodore





From the Vice Commodore

Well this will be my last article of the year. As far as what will happen from here, time will tell. I hope you

found that I did try my very best at doing the job as your Vice Commodore. I really enjoyed it, but could not have done it without all of the help from so many co-officers and members. First, I would like to thank Commodore Ed Manes for his direction, his tact and most importantly keeping me focused and calm when times got a little bumpy. Secondly, thank you to all of the other officers and Board of Governors for their guidance and commitment. Some call the positions thankless, but I found the members to be very supportive and very thankful for all the work we did as a team. I would also like to thank the Bar Committee for their commitment and dedication on making my job easier. They come in at 7:30 a.m., on a Sunday, and count every bottle of beer, every bottle of liquor and every snack in the building for inventory. They are: Jim Bruno, Lou Fabion, George Nemeth, Frank Pierwola, and Fran Pierwola. Whoever the next Vice Commodore is, he or she will know immediately how valuable this committee is.

A few items of note: 1) Wassail Night will be on December 19th at 7:00 PM. For those who are new to FYC or have never attended, Wassail is a hot, spiced punch often associated with Christmas. Particularly popular in Germanic countries, the term itself is a contraction of the Middle English phrase "wæs hæil", meaning "be healthy". So come on down, bring an appetizer and raise a glass to your fellow members!

2) We have new sweatshirts and oxfords in the Ship's Store. The logo on the blue pieces really look great with the white outline. I will be putting them up on the website soon for all the out-of-towners to see.

Finally, I wish you and your family a happy & safe holiday season. It has been another great year at FYC. Again, I appreciate everyone's support and kind words over the past two years. There is no doubt, it helped me through my term as your Vice Commodore.

Cheers,

George E. O'Connell Vice Commodore



From the Rear Commodore

November has been a fantastic Month here at FYC. We had a motorcycle rally on a Sunday afternoon that couldn't have been any better. Thanks again to

my loving wife for buying all the food for the barbecue. I'm writing this article on the day of our annual Harvest Dance. Last night we had a great time wrapping and hanging veggies and fruit on the dance floor ceiling. We sold out to 180 harvesters who will be treated to the craziest time at FYC. Once again I would like to thank all the volunteers, too many to name, for all their help.

Towards the end of the month is our Children's Christmas Party on

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 2nd Auxiliary Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 4th
Fishing Committee
Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9th
Auxiliary Christmas Dinner
& Gift Exchange 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 11th General Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19th Wassail Night 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20th Children's Christmas Party 12:00 p.m.

Monday, December 28th B.O.G. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 31st NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!

Weekly Events

FYC Dart League Monday Nights 6:50 p.m.

Thursday Night Dinner
Seatings at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Check website for special menus

Friday Night Happy Hour

-Raw bar, lobster rolls, chowder-Live Music-

Sunday Brunch 11:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m.

From the Rear Commodore (Cont.)

December 20th at noon. Santa will be arriving via the Harbor Master boat with lights, sirens, and of course elves. Those who came last year remember our wonderful FYC elves. We had the biggest, oldest, and cutest elves anywhere. Santa wasn't too bad either! Please fill out the form and drop it off at the bar with \$10.00 per child. Make sure you include the name, age and gender of each child so we can purchase appropriate gifts. Also please try to sign up early so that we have enough time to purchase gifts. We are in need of a volunteer to be our Santa. If you are interested please give me a call. The night before the Children's party on Dec. 19th is Wassail Night. Come down and wrap some gifts and drink some punch.

Finally to end a great year we will once again be celebrating New Years Eve at FYC. The cost will be just \$20 per head which includes hors d'oeuvres and dancing to the music of the Al Ferrante Band. Al is recognized on one of John Mayers albums for teaching him everything he knows. Al has also toured for many years with the Edgar Winter Band. Last years party was a huge success and I'm sure this year will be even better. Tickets available at the bar.

Once again it has been my pleasure to serve as Rear Commodore. Working together again with our Commodore and Vice Commodore has made my job easier and much more pleasant. We work extremely well together as a team and I am very fortunate to have had their assistance in all of my endeavors. I thank Ed and George and all of our FYC members for allowing me to serve. I hope I will be seeing all of you at the club to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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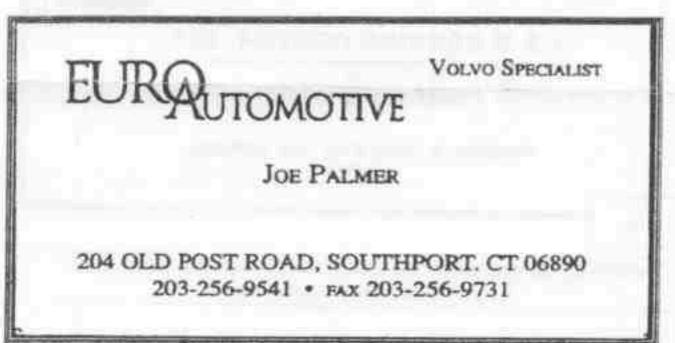
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The Fishing Line

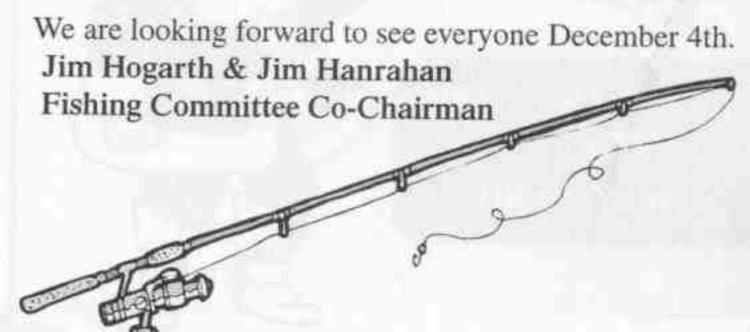
The 2009 fishing season is coming to an end. Our 2009 Awards Dinner is planned for Friday, December 4th at 6:00 PM at the club. Tickets are available at the bar for \$20 per person.

This year's Annual FYC Fishing Tournament standings as of November 22nd are as follows:

Stripe	ed Bass	MS STRIP
1.	Steve Ehrens	34.71 lbs.
2.	Roy Edwards	29.10 lbs.
3.	NO ENTRY	
Bluef	ish	2000年新40
1.	Ed Wargo III	14.45 lbs.
2.	Frank Stirna	14.09 lbs.
3.	Steve Ehrens	13.73 lbs.
Black	Fish	
1.	Eugene Maldonado	8.34 lbs.
2.	Mike Herrington	7.29 lbs.
3.	Stephanie Stypinski	7.15 lbs.
Porgy		
1.	Ed Kasper	2.65 lbs.
2.	Stephanie Stypinski	1.99 lbs.
3.	Frank Stirna	1.92 lbs.
Winte	r Flounder	
1.	Ed Kasper	2.02 lbs.
2.	Ed Wargo III	1.89 lbs.
3.	George Palmgren	1.35 lbs.
Fluke		
1.	Ed Kasper	6.28 lbs.
2.	George Palmgren	5.23 lbs.
3.	Eugene Maldonado	4.41 lbs.

The next Fishing Committee Meeting will be Friday, January 15th at 6:30 PM. We will be planning the 2010 season's tournaments and events.

Tickets are also available to the Interclub Bluefish Tournament Awards Dinner for those who participated in the August 2nd tournament. Please email Jim Hanrahan at jrhiii@optonline.net if interested.



Auxiliary News

November Meeting and Activities

A big thank you to our November meeting hostesses Carol Corbi and Eleanor Anderson who made the most delicious desserts. The table was decorated in a fall theme and the members enjoyed all the treats. The holiday Chinese Auction was a lot of fun. Thank you to all the members that donated the fun and festive items for the auction. We plan on making this an annual event.

Richard Parker won the Auxiliary basket at the Sinatra Night dinner dance in October. Thank you to Holly Bitman and Sue Swanson for selling the tickets. We will donate a portion of the proceeds from the ticket sales to the Club for the Children's Christmas party.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Susan Callahan. Although we know at such a time there is little we can say, we want to let you know that you are in our thoughts. Susan was an active member of the Auxiliary for many years. She also served as Past President and Board of Governors member. Her contributions to the Auxiliary and her friendship will be missed. In lieu of flowers, a donation was made by the Auxiliary in honor of Susan to the education fund for her granddaughter, Morgan Mentes.

Holiday Meeting and Dinner on December 9th for Auxiliary Members Only

If you have not made your reservations by the time you receive this newsletter, it may be too late. The FYC officers and crew will be cooking our meal for this evening and they have requested the final count by December 1. Remember, this dinner is by prior reservation only.

If you wish to participate in the Holiday Gift Exchange, bring your wrapped gift to the meeting. Remember, we have set a minimum of \$15.00 for the gift. Please do not put your name on a tag on the gift. This is a fun and exciting part of the evening so I hope you will all participate

Nominations

If you are interested in running for Auxiliary office for the 2010-2011 club year, contact Rosemarie Quaranto at 259-0697. The slate will be posted in December, elections will be in January so call her immediately if you are interested.

Auxiliary Birthdays

Debbie Rosati - Dec. 13th

Debi Callan - Dec. 14th

Wassail Night Baskets and Tickets

Wassail night is December 19th this year. Board members, Ann Farrington, Debi Callan, Ginny Lussier and myself met at the Club to create 4 baskets for Wassail night. The baskets will include: 1st prize: Wine and Liquor Basket, 2nd and 3rd prizes: Wine Baskets and the 4th prize is a Holiday Theme Basket.

Auxiliary members will receive raffle tickets by mail. Each ticket cost \$1.00. Please try to sell all the tickets you receive as this is our biggest fund-raiser of the year. Ticket stubs and payment should be returned to me by mail in the return envelope you will receive.

You may also turn tickets in at the bar by putting them in an envelope addressed to me. Tickets will also be available for sale at the Bar.

Auxiliary Membership Dues

Membership dues are \$25.00 for current members and \$30.00 for new members. Current members should send a check made payable to FYC Auxiliary by January 1, 2010 to Mrs. Judy Duva, 508 Ruth Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606.

This year there will also be a box at the December meeting for membership dues. Put your check in an envelope and drop it in the box. You may also leave your dues envelope at the bar, they will put it in the Auxiliary mail box.

Remember, membership in the Auxiliary is open to all spouses of FYC members.

Sunshine

If you know of a member that is ill or in the hospital please contact our Sunshine chairwoman, Lynn Sullivan at (203) 372-2981.

I welcome your suggestions, comments or news. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Sandra-Ann Nolfo

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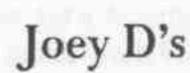


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It's that time of year again!!

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The following positions are available:

Commodore

Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore

Treasurer

Recording Secretary Financial secretary

Three Board of Governors

The Nomination Committee Interview Schedule

December 11th

Interviews from 18:30 to 20:00 Prior

to General meeting

Also 1 hour following meeting

December 13th

Interviews from 15:00 to 17:00

Committee will meet after this meeting

to choose Nominees

The Nominating Committee Members

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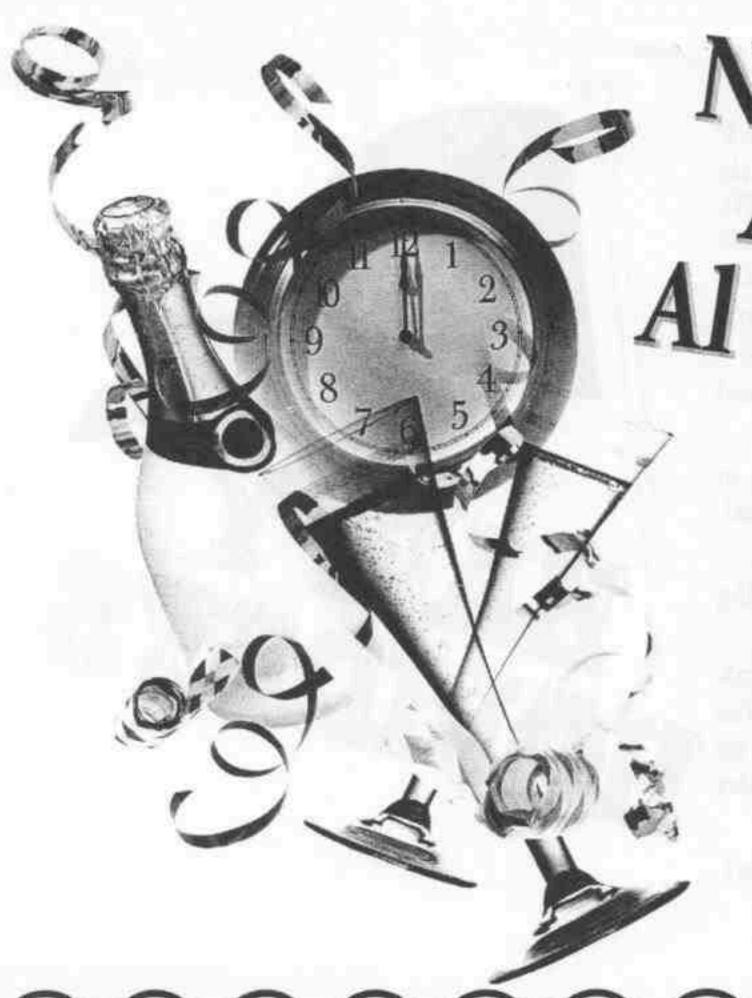
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Food Drive for the Connecticut Food Bank Thank you!

Thanks to all of you who brought food items to the Club for this years Food Drive! I'm proud to say that this year's final number was a whopping 771.5 pounds of food collected! Special thanks go to Tamra Evans, Christian McNeal, Andy Wolf, George O'Connell, and one more unidentified person whose contribution the night of the membership meeting resulted in 10 frozen turkeys; Dave Dinan and Ed Morrison whose contribution purchased 8 frozen turkeys; \$\frac{40}{5}\$ an anonymous contribution of 3 frozen turkeys; and the FYC Auxiliary purchase of 3 frozen turkeys—24 turkeys in all. Special thanks to all the Harvest Dance revelers for the donation of 176 pounds that evening and another special mention must be made of a contribution received from the nice folks at The Fitzpatrick Agency in Bridgeport (many of us have boat insurance policies with them) who sent 42 pounds of food items collected from their staff. Thank you to all of you for your continued support of this worthy project!

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WASSAIL NIGHT!

Dec. 19th at 7:00 PM —

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Congratulations to New Life Member Ken Banks, and Honorary Member Ed Stillwagon.

Get well wishes go out to Bill Nyiri, he is recuperating in St. Vincent's Hospital, and Bud Jordan also in the hospital. We hope you're feeling better and will soon be home.

To Bill Lynk our prayers and thoughts are with you during your long illness.

The officers, auxiliary, and members will miss Sue Callahan, past president of the auxiliary, and her devotion to the betterment of our club. We were shocked and saddened by her untimely passing and send our condolences to her sister Lynn, family and friends.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year!

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