

- Fayerweather Yacht Club - FOGHORN

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From the Helm



Hope everyone celebrated the incoming New Year with loved ones and set the sails for a promising and prosperous course in 2010. I for one partied the night away with my extended Fayerweather family.

My second term is coming to an end and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to make my two years as Commodore of Fayerweather a memorable experience. My intent was to leave you with a short and sweet final Foghorn, to thank everyone that has assisted at all the different events and supported the smooth administration of our club. The trouble is doing so would defeat my initial intent - there are so many individuals to thank.

Stephen Crane from his book "The Open Boat" addresses that issue for me perfectly: "It would be difficult to describe the subtle brotherhood of men that was established here on the seas." I have been inspired and gratified by the support of our Fayerweather members. I've forged friendships and experienced many hours of enjoyment and accomplishment as a result of the efforts of George O'Connell, V.C. and Jim Sorensen, R.C. The FYC Board of Governors has steered Fayerweather with a steady helm.

Fayerweather has been in existence for 90 years and counting. While the Commodores over these many years have had varied backgrounds and experiences the intention for all was to establish a yacht club that retains the maritime history of Black Rock Harbor and advances the causes of man and the sea.

In parting, the words of Henry David Thoreau describe the Fayerweather journey: "We may not arrive at our port within a calculable period, but we would preserve the true course."

Thank you to all!!

Ed Manes
Commodore





From the Vice Commodore

While writing this article I received the news that P.C. Bill Lynk has just passed away. Knowing Bill for many, many years through my father's business and having him as my FYC sponsor, I will truly miss him sitting in that corner barstool whistling away. He would tell stories to the guys at the bar of when I was "still in diapers" and when "your brother had a red afro." I can remember parking my truck on the upper lot one spring afternoon and hearing his laughter all the way across the entire property. I laughed as this tattooed man went towards the kitchen and asked Julio for his ice cream cup ... 15 seconds in the microwave I believe. Some say it is the end of an era. I say the era continues because of Bill's passion for FYC that you can see all throughout the club. Rest well Bill.

2009 ended up very well for the bar and the kitchen. Carol helped us through with her "recession proof" menu in the late winter and spring. We ended up raising our higher end items in the bar by 50¢, but kept the main stays right where they were. You saw some new faces behind the bar, welcome to the FYC family AJ! Our newest 'honorary' member, but always signed in, Jimmy Raw Bar was shucking away with his Friday night crew – Kenny and Ed. Musicians Ryan, Chris and Tom had us all singing along as if no one could hear us. 2009 was a fun year, some obstacles and obviously some great losses to our family, but as always FYC has persevered. It always will. It is just the FYC way.

Happy New Year, to a even better 2010!

A final raise of my pint as your Vice Commodore, Sláinte.

George E. O'Connell
Vice Commodore



From the Rear Commodore

I hope all of our members had a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This being my last article as Rear Commodore, I would like to thank all of you for giving me the privilege to serve. None of my efforts would have been as successful without the help of our many volunteers.

Two years ago when I first started as Rear Commodore my good friend Bob told me all you have to do is ask and people will help. Many times I have walked into the bar to look for help and have never been disappointed. We have a great club with a fantastic group of members who all really care about Fayerweather and the future of our club. Sometimes we might disagree but in the end, we are one big awesome family.

If the Foghorn were a few hundred pages more, I would mention all of the people who have helped over the past two years. Since space is limited I would like to mention a few extraordinary

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 6th

Auxiliary Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 8th

General Meeting 8:00 p.m.

FYC Elections

Voting open 11:30 hrs. till 14:30 hrs.
and 17:30 hrs. till 20:15 hrs.

Wednesday, January 13th

Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Hungarian Night Meeting 8:00 p.m.
(see below for details)

Monday, January 25th

B.O.G. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Events

FYC Dart League

Monday Nights 6:50 p.m.

Thursday Night Dinner

Seatings at 5:30 and 7:30
Check website for special menus

Friday Night Happy Hour

Raw bar, lobster rolls, chowders
-Live Music-

Sunday Brunch

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

FYC Frostbite Racing

Every sunday till May

Calling all Fayerweather Magyars! (Hungarians)



I would like to have a Hungarian Night at FYC sometime in late February or March and need some help. If you have a good Goulash or Paprikash recipe or any other ideas for a Hungarian event please join me for coffee and cake at FYC on Wednesday January 13th at 8 p.m..

E-mail me at GezaY@aol.COM or call me at 203-829-2461 if you have any questions.

Geza Yelenik

From the Rear Commodore (Cont.)

volunteers. I have to start with my wife Bets, who has been my inspiration. She not only helps me with all of the FYC events, but chairs the Park City Regatta as well. Then there's Mike Andre who does all of our flyers, all the graphics for the Club, and the Park City Regatta. Mike always comes through with anything you throw at him. And how about our first lady, Jo Manes, who is always a tremendous help along with her husband, Commodore Manes. They are two of our clubs best assets. Besides my wife, I don't think I could have survived without the help of VC George O'Connell. George has been huge (not just in size) for every one of my endeavors.

At this years Children's Christmas Party, I really saw the spirit of Fayerweather at it's best. Ten inches of snow was not enough to stop any of our moms, dads, grandparents or our great FYC children (75 kids!) from attending. I have to thank our Santa, Mike Roberts, for a great job! Our elves: Russell - Santa's oldest elf, George - Santa's biggest elf, Lori, Meg, and Em - Santa's cutest elves, and AJ and Alex - Santa's most handsome elves. Substituting last minute for the Harbormaster was Scotty-O who brought Santa and his elves in on his sailboat.

When you love your job and the people you are working for, well guess what, you put your all into it. I hope I have served you to the best of my ability. I can only hope that next year will be another great year for the best yacht club on the planet. Keep the wind in your sails and fuel in your tanks.

Signing off for the last time as Rear Commodore,

Jim Sorensen

Rear Commodore

The Fishing Line

The 2009 Awards Dinner was a success with almost 50 members and guests in attendance.

The next Fishing Committee Meeting will be **Friday, January, 15th at 6:30 p.m.** This is our annual planning meeting to schedule 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.

Jim Hogarth & Jim Hanrahan
Fishing Committee Co-Chairman



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Sailing News

Special thanks to everyone who helped make the awards party a fabulous evening, especially Tamra Evans, Catherine Wall, George O'Connell, and Russell Dunleavy who really outdid themselves. Congratulations once again to all our trophy winners!

We are now past the holidays and nestled into winter, which is all the more reason to go sailing. Please join us this frostbite season. Once again we are joining forces with Black Rock Yacht Club for the Ideal 18 series. This will be running with 15 teams on 5 boats from late January through May. If you are interested in sailing please contact me at FYC.Sailing@gmail.com.

Terry Roach is also running his program with the Fayerweather Dinghies every sunday from now until mid-March. Contact Terry ((372-9740) if interested in sailing. The fleet is very welcoming and always looking for more participants. This will be the 43rd year of the program. Also, just for kicks, I'd like to see a resurgence in the Laser fleet. We have some boats available for this, so please let me know.

Happy New Year,
Andy Wolf
Sailing Chairman

By Order of the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection
We can no longer pressure wash boat bottoms on any club property that could deposit bottom paint into the the sea water. Pressure washing is defined as any method of washing that removes bottom paint from the boat bottom.

Wayne Ritchie

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Good & Welfare

The officers, auxiliary and members mourn the loss of Past Commodore **BILL LYNK**. He passed away on December 21, after a long illness. He will be missed at FYC for his dedication and service as Commodore in 1988, 1996, 1997, 1999, and 2000.

Thanks to all this year for supplying information regarding this column. Special thanks to Dan, our bartender, for all his help.

The Club is the place to be in the winter months, come and enjoy the beautiful water views, food, drinks, and most of all the company of fellow members.

HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Sea you at the club,

Dee Powers

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Auxiliary News

Wassail Night Basket Raffle

On behalf of the Auxiliary members I would like to thank everyone that purchased tickets for the raffle. The raffle was a huge success and the winners were:

1st Prize: Barbara Hall

2nd Prize: Donna M. Favreau

3rd Prize: Ed Rickard

4th Prize: Tom Gabriel

Nominations for Auxiliary Officers and Board Members

Nominations for Auxiliary Officers and Board Members are in. The slate is on the bulletin board at the club. The nominee position for *Recording Secretary* is open. If you are interested in this or any position you will have an opportunity at the meeting on January 13th to state your interest. Nominations can be taken from the floor before the voting commences. You may also contact Rosemarie Quaranta at 259-0697 with your intentions to run.

The Nomination Slate is as follows:

President: Sandra-Ann Nolfo, Lynn Sullivan

Vice President: Virginia Lussier

Financial Secretary: Judy Duva

Treasurer: Carrie Shelton

Board of Governors: Deborah Callan, Susan Swanson

Holiday Dinner

The evening was memorable and a lot of fun was had by all that attended. The food was great thanks to our cooks, Jim Anderson and Tom Corbi. Thank you to the FYC officers that pitched in and to Julio for his attention to detail in the kitchen.

Auxiliary Membership Dues

Dues should be paid by January 1st to **Judy Duva**, 508 Ruth Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606. Make your check payable to FYC Auxiliary. \$25 for current members, \$30 for new members. If you joined as a new member after October, your dues are paid up for the 2010-11 year.

Sunshine

Contact *Lynn Sullivan*, Sunshine Chairwoman, at (203) 372-2981 if you know of a member that is ill or in the hospital.

As always, I welcome your suggestions and comments. I will see you at the meeting.

Sandra-Ann Nolfo

Auxiliary President

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Nominating Committee Selection of Officers and Board of Governors for 2010

Officers, (one year term)

Commodore	•	George O'Connell
Vice Commodore	•	Jim Sorensen
Rear Commodore	•	Rich Parker
Treasurer	•	Andy Wolf
Financial Secretary	•	Ken Terry
Recording Secretary	•	Abbie Davies

Board of Governors, (3 year term)

Jim Eagen
Ed Manes
Catherine Wall

**VOTE
FRIDAY,
JAN 8th**

11:30 hrs. till 14:30 hrs.
and 17:30 hrs. till 20:15

The Nominating Committee thanks all of the FYC members who came forward to volunteer their time to better our club. There were many highly qualified candidates and our decisions were not easy.

Anyone wishing to run from the floor can do so by following the rules defined in **Article IV, Section 3 of the By-Laws.**

Voting hours will be Friday 1/8/10, 11:30 hrs. until 14:30 hrs. and 17:30 hrs. until 20:15 hrs. Please note, your FYC identification card or positive identification will be required to receive a ballot.

Article IV: Elections, Section 3. Nominations for any and all elected officers, other than those proposed by the Nominating Committee, must be presented in writing to the Recording Secretary at least five (5) days before the annual election. The Secretary shall post such nominations upon receipt. Each such slate of nominations shall be signed by five (5) members independently of the Nominating Committee. No member may run for more than one one (1) elective office in any one election.

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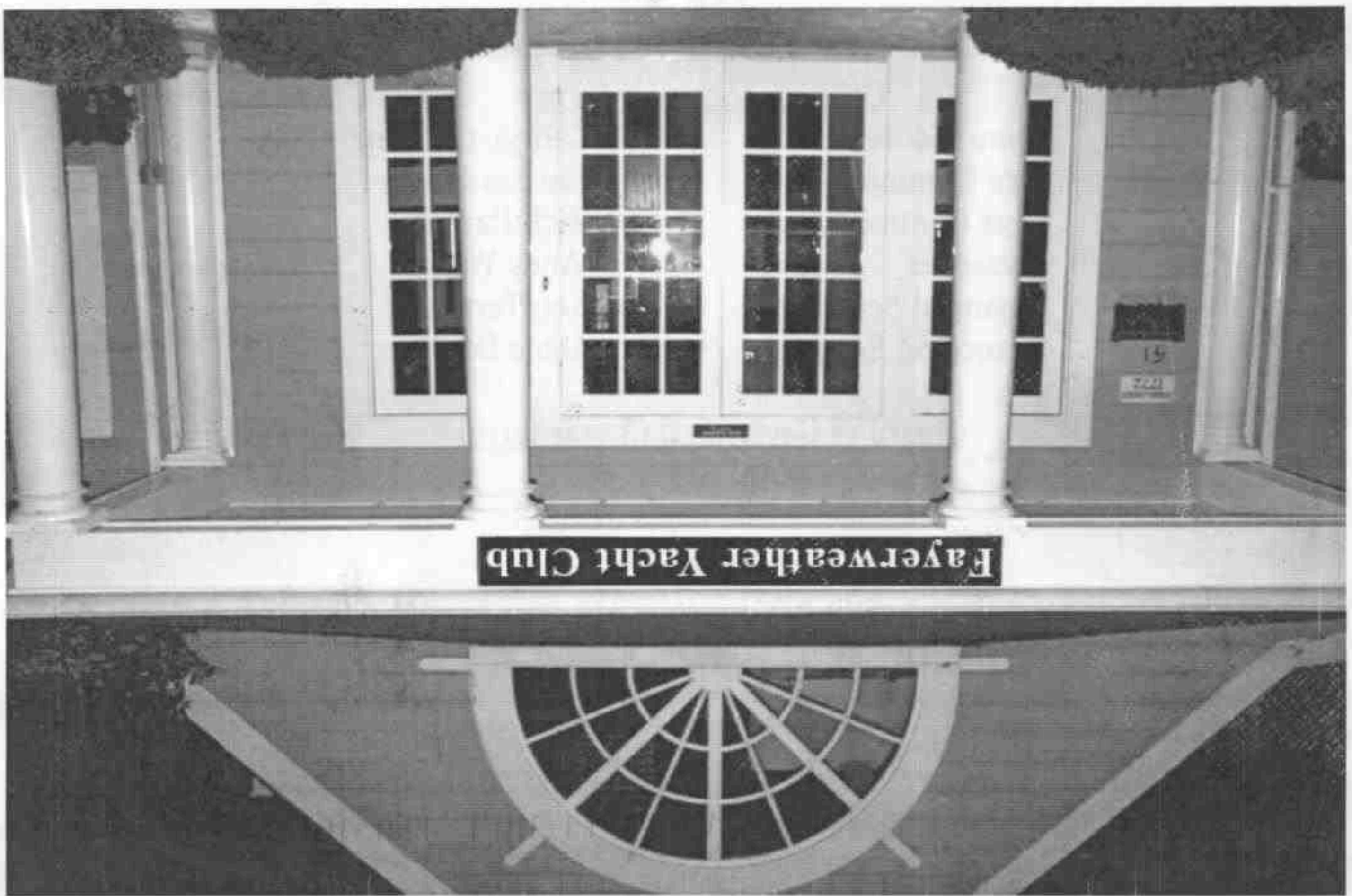


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