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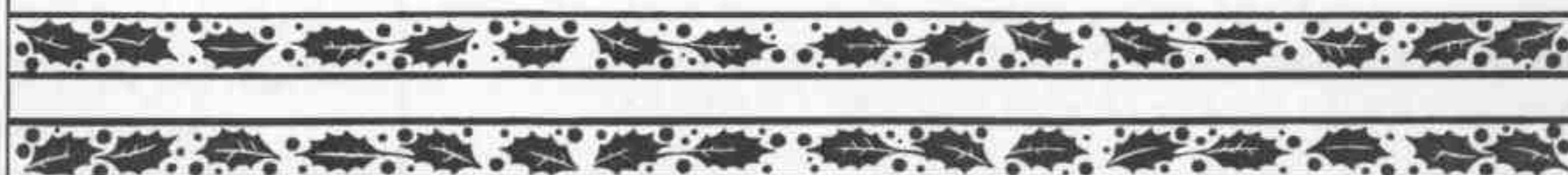
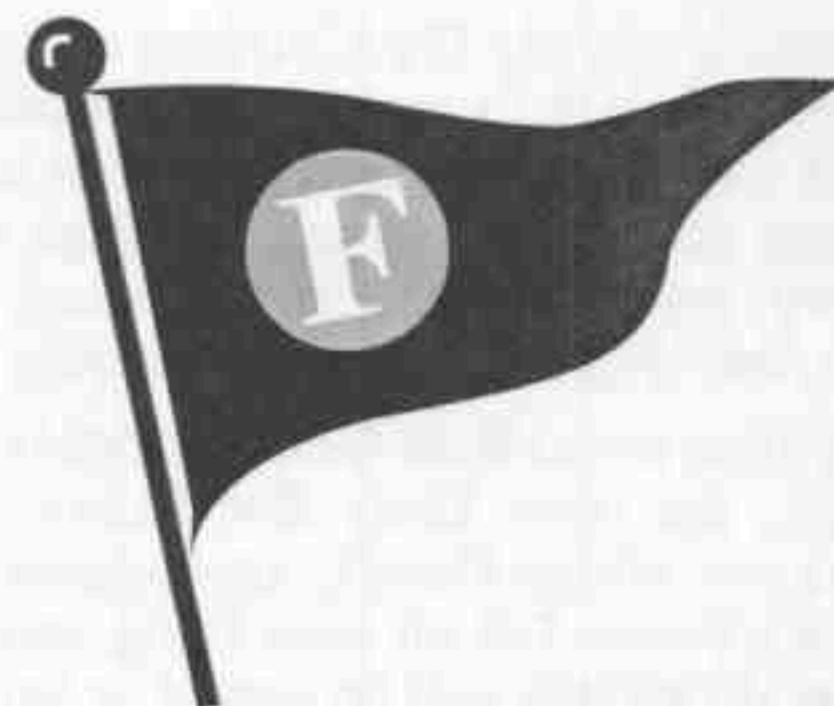
Happy Holidays! This time of year is pretty special around FYC. We just came off of our annual Harvest Dance. Rear Commodore Rich Parker and Carrie did such an awesome job, many people approached me and said it was one of the best one's yet. Indeed it was. That officially made Lori and my New Year's Eve plans pretty easy to decide on - see you at Rich's last party of 2010! But before we get to that last party, we have the Children's Christmas Party on December 12th. Wait till you see the average size (and age) of this year's elves. I think we are going to need more green and red felt.

Since this is my last letter of the year I need to thank all of those who made my life easier to serve as your Commodore. Thank you to all my Flag Officers and Board of Governors for your tireless efforts to make FYC what it is. The progress of this Club has been tremendous and your patience and vision have been an instrumental part in that process. Thank you to the Auxiliary, Dee Powers, Emily Hyde, Lorraine Delvecchio and the so many others who volunteer to keep the club looking great visually either through decorations, flowers, or their generous donations for equipment and furniture. It indeed is also very noticeable that your efforts are what makes this Club very special. Thanks you to all that help setup, prepare and cook at our events. The events have raised money for charities, they have helped get our members up dancing and singing and more importantly, they always have us walking away well fed. I am sure I missed a few thanks, but please know I am very appreciative for everyone's help and guidance.

It's been a great year with many, many fond memories. I wouldn't change this experience for anything. Alright maybe to be the governor of some tropical island. Nah, I like the change of seasons.

Sláinte,

George E. O'Connell
Commodore





From the Vice Commodore

Here we are, December already. With the Holidays upon us, FYC is the place to celebrate. We are still continuing the live entertainment and Swansons Raw Bar on Friday nights. I would like to extend an invitation to all of our members to come down to FYC on December 11th for Wassail Night. This is traditionally a gathering for members to socialize and of course have some of the Wassail. Wassail is an ancient tradition of gathering of friends for a toast. The word Wassail comes from German origin, Waes Hael, which means, Be Healthy. There are several interesting recipes for Wassail and hopefully I will be able to provide a tasty one. I hope to see you all on this fun evening.

On December 10th, our Rear Commodore, Rich, will be looking for some help in wrapping the presents for our Children's Christmas Party. Rich will also be throwing a great New Years Eve party, so there's no excuse for anyone not to get down to FYC at least a couple of times this month. I would like to thank all of our members for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Vice Commodore. I also would like to thank our Commodore George, our Rear Commodore Rich, our BOG, and all of our volunteers who have all contributed to making our club such a great place. Finally I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and a New Year that keeps your sails full and the wind at your back.

Jim Sorensen



From the Rear Commodore

A Fayerweather fall to all of you! The seeds planted earlier in the year brought forth the November Harvest Bounty. Such was the case in our Harvest Dance with over 200 participants and ½ ton of produce. Special thanks to Scott, Jerry and Mark for their efforts in securing a permanent solution to preserve our historic beams. Also I am humbled by the efforts of 40+ members wrapping and stapling produce to the new fixtures on that Friday night. As for the dance – what can I say? Piracy was at an all time high with more than \$500 collected by our Jailer. Look for yourselves on the FYC website and maybe posted in the Post Office (10 Most Wanted).

November also brought the food drive – your donations to the food bank will surely bring a smile to those less fortunate. Every time I enter Fayerweather, I think of how fortunate I am to be able to enjoy the waterfront, food and friends.

Looking ahead: The Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, 12/12 at noon. Children's menu includes the favorites (hot dogs, chicken nuggets and grilled cheese) as well as a special adult luncheon menu. The Santa entourage (some very large elves) will bring gifts to all those good boys and girls. Sign up sheet at the Bar. Your assistance on Friday the 10th for wrapping the gifts would be greatly appreciated.

My final act as Rear Commodore is bringing the WHO to FYC. That's right, the New Years Eve Dance will be performed by the WHO (Wayne Hiller Octet), an orchestra and singer of all your favorite dance tunes. Put on your bling and dance to the swing. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served or bring your own delicacies. Entertainment starts at 8:30PM with a midnight campaign toast. Although most of us will start @7PM to enjoy each others company.

Thank you for the pleasure of being your Rear Commodore,

Rich Parker

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Dec 2nd

General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec 3rd

FISHING AWARDS 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec 8th

Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 11th

Wassail Night 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 12th

Children's Christmas Party 12 p.m.

Monday, Dec 27th

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

Friday, Dec 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Events

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–.

FYC Dart League

Monday Nights 6:50 p.m.

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THE FYC NOMINATING
COMMITTEE WILL BE
INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES
IN THE SMEDLEY LIBRARY
FOR 2011 OFFICER AND
B.O.G. POSITIONS.

THE LAST INTERVIEWS
WILL BE BETWEEN 7-9PM
ON DECEMBER 2.

Fleet Captain's Corner

Back again to the Dock Rules. Last month we went over Rules four, five, six and six A. Now we move on to cover the next three with a review of those already covered (Any review is necessarily a good thing).

Rule Seven: All boats will be tied to Club docks in such a way as to permit others to tie up in a safe and orderly fashion. Dock personnel are authorized to move boats along the dock if required to maintain order.

Rule Eight: Recreational swimming, scuba diving, snorkeling and other in-water activities are prohibited from Club docks.

Rule Nine: No one under twelve years of age may enter the dock area without wearing an appropriate personal flotation device, and must be accompanied by an adult.

Let's look at some apparent violations that have occurred in the past summer or two. Rule One among other things, speaks to the length of time people stay at the docks. Think of the words "Short Term Activities".

Rule Two: Transient dock has a limit of time: One Week.... Here think of OTHERS and their needs.

Rule Three: Again time constraints, i. e. at the main dock max of 24 hours...at the transient dock for 48 hours without charge in the case of disabled boats ONLY. Again, no boat at the transient dock more than seven days.

Rule Four: Think 0900 and remove your vessel.

Rule Five: The ever-lovin' twenty minute rule.

Rule Six: Red line means For Gas Only....**Rule Six A:** Yellow line maximises at twenty minutes and the vessel may never be left unattended during this period.

Comment: The newly added yellow line at the South end of our main dock has been working its magic and all members seem to fairly well heed the warning of the Harbor Commission. Well done.

Additional comment: As result the latest letter from the Harbor Master, I called our own insurance company today and after a five minute conversation was able to get the Bpt Hbr. Commission listed as an additional insured under our policy. No additional charge here and the company will send me my corrected Declaration Page and will send a copy directly to the Bpt. Harbor Commission. This listing of the BHC on our policy will be required before we can receive our mooring sticker for the coming year.

Next month we will complete the Rule Review.....

Bob Butler
268-5775



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Frostbite Racing

We will be kicking off the FYC 2010/2011 Frostbite Racing season, on Dec. 5th. This first day will be a mix of getting the Whaler and other equipment organized and tested, and hopefully some sailing. Remember to bring your fore and aft tiedowns for your boat. As in previous years, we have encouraged new people to join us in this fun. Although the program is built around the Fayerweather Dinghy, we welcome most things that float. If you don't have a candidate machine, we make every effort to get you into a loaner to wet your appetite (hopefully that's all). Come on down and meet a group of really neat people.

Terry Roach

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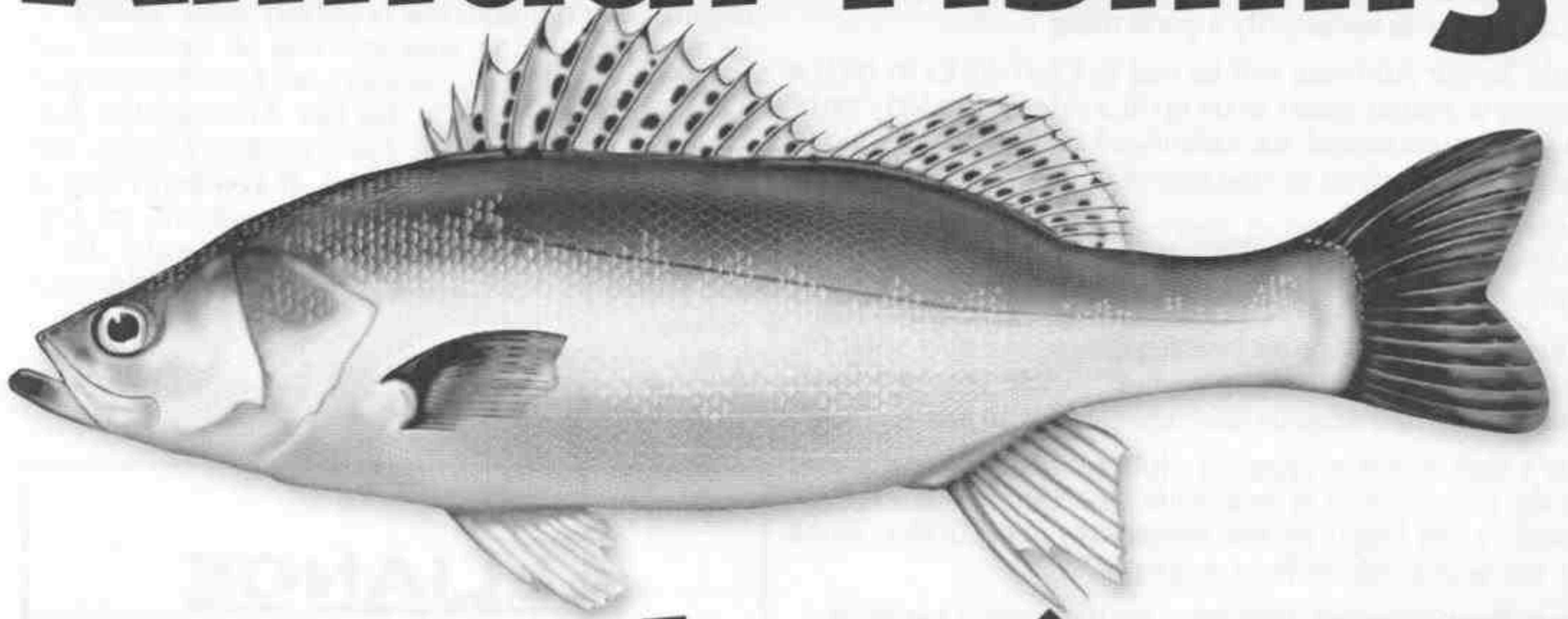
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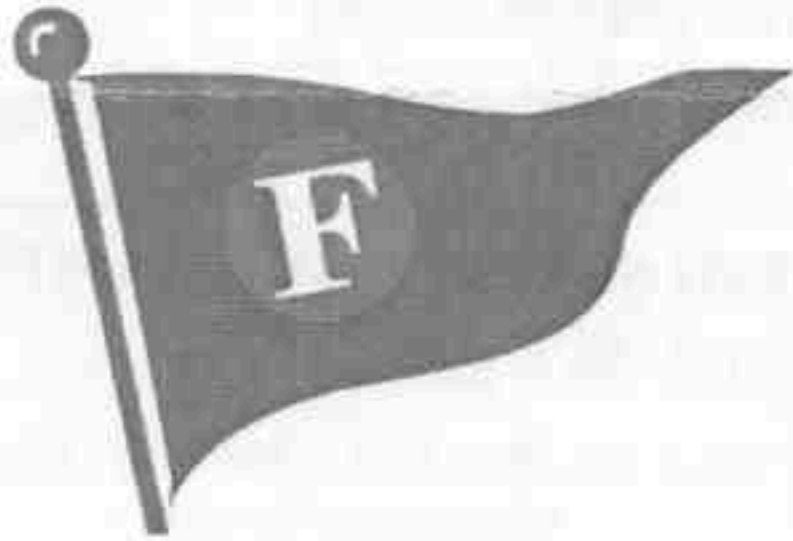


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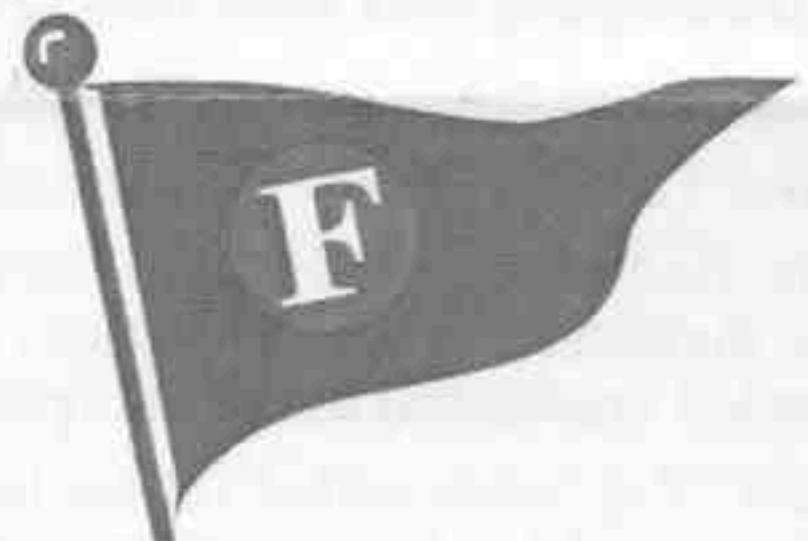
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Awards Dinner



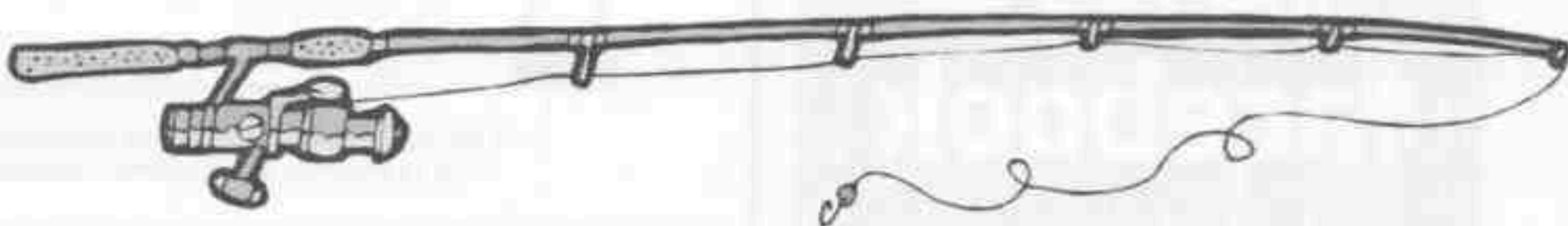
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Good & Welfare

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Wesley Hubler, Karen Andre, Robert Morrison, Gregory
Ragala and Marjorie D'Elia.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Tom and Catherine Bobbin on the birth
of their first child, Trevor Patrick.

FYC will be collecting TOYS FOR TOTS. A toy value of
\$10.00 or more will be appreciated or donations can be
left with the bartender. The collection box will be located
in the front hall. Help us make our first year giving to this
organization a huge success.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party.

Dee Powers
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Auxiliary News

Thank you Eleanor, Carol, and Arlene for the great treats
at our November meeting. Our **Christmas Party** is on **De-
cember 8th**. If you would like to attend please let me know
by December 3rd. The cost is \$15 for steak or lobster. This
year we are doing Toys For Tots instead of the grab bag
gift. The toys must be unwrapped. **Wassail Night** is on
December 11th so please have your tickets returned to the
club by that night. It is a great way to ring in the holiday
season. Dues are due in January. If you are going to mail
them, make sure that you mark the envelopes with a big
AUX of Fayerweather Yacht Club. Elections are in January
and it is a full slate election. If you would like to be put on
the ballot, contact Roe Quaranta at 203 259-0697 so that
she can add you to the slate.

Happy Holidays to all!

Lynn Sullivan

Auxiliary President

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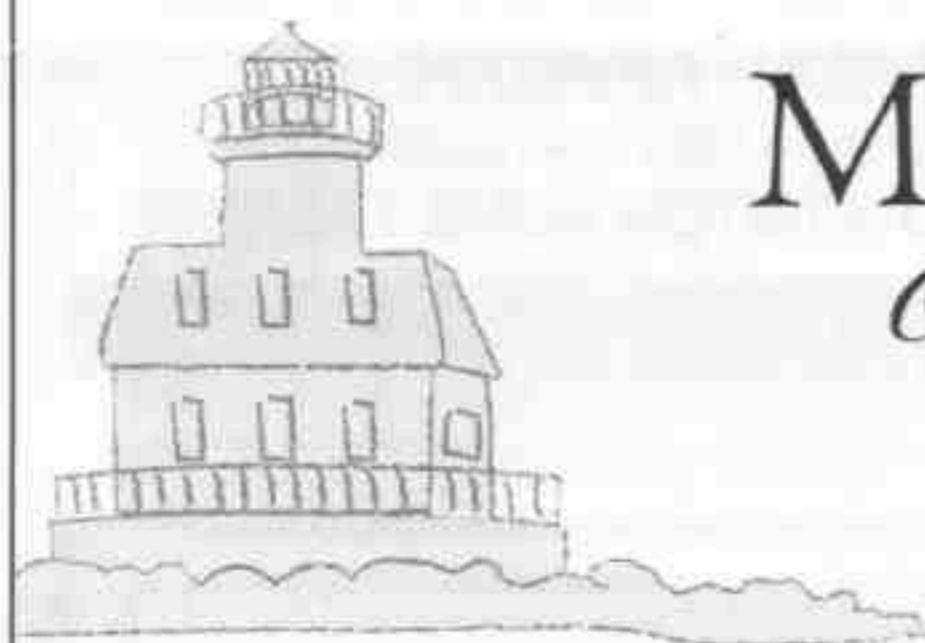
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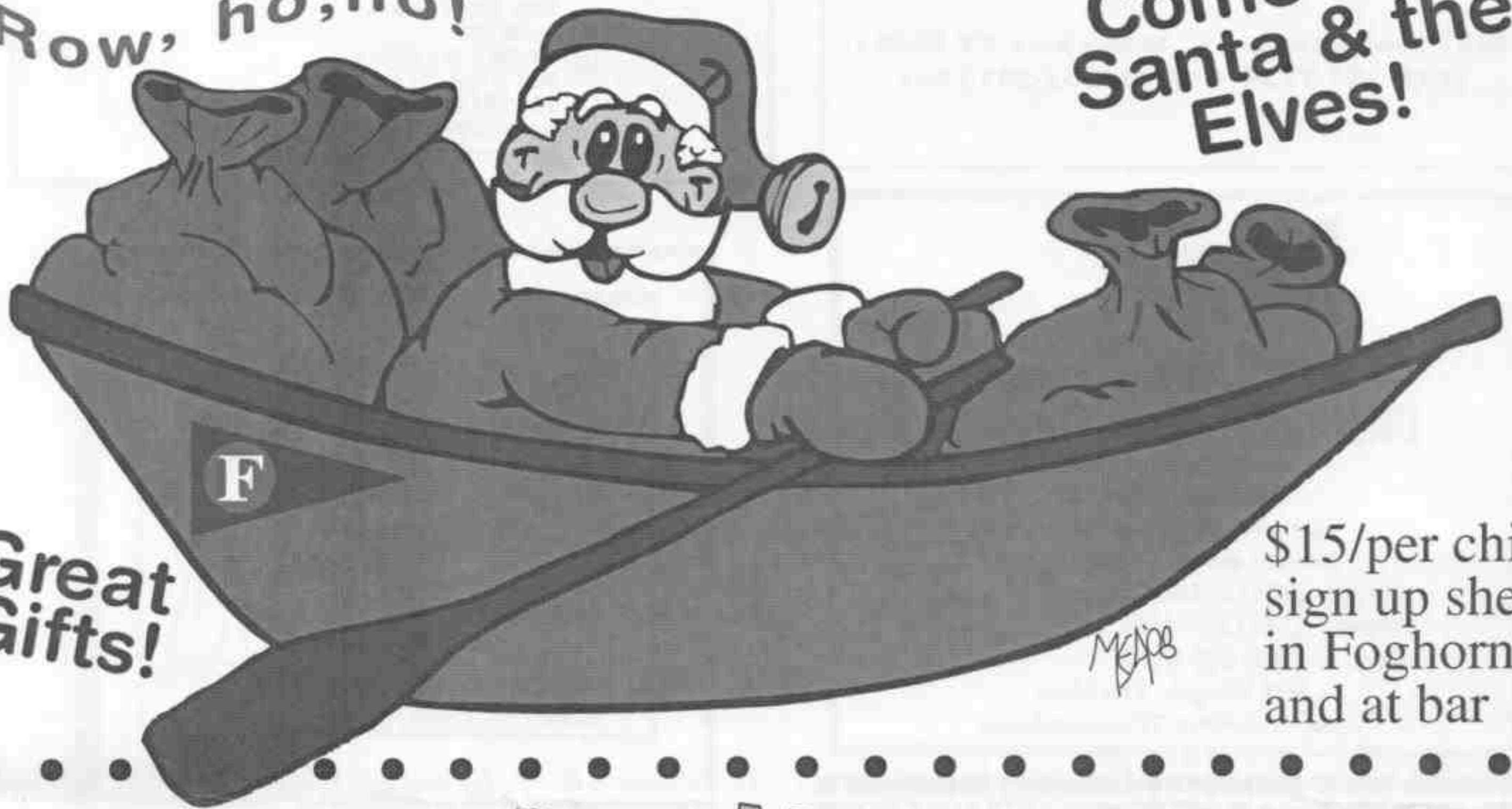
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1) Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Gender: _____

3) Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Gender: _____

2) Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Gender: _____

4) Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Gender: _____

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