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From the Helm

Saint Patrick's Day. The Month of Saint Patrick's Day. Ask anyone who knows me and they will say: "George lives for that day." However, something has been eating at me recently. This week has made me think. There are people in your life that matter. There are people that make you who you are and how you think. In a quick moment those people, or that person, may not be there to bounce your problems off of anymore. Luckily that is not the case due to more people that matter to me. It took me 6 days to figure out my Foghorn theme. I awoke today with it. People at Fayerweather matter. There are numerous people behind the scenes that make FYC run. They don't get paid. They don't ask me to name them in this article. I am not personally asking for a pat on the back. I am asking that you all recognize those who help our Club be what it is – the Officers, the BOG, the guys in the kitchen every event, the Auxiliary, our Good Friday crew, and every person who volunteers for various other events. Together we make FYC, FYC.

Deep thoughts with George O'Connell in now over. Ben Thrush has been amazing so far. He is like the Energizer bunny rabbit. Doesn't he remind you of our past Rear Commodore? Ben has 3 great events for the month of March coming up. Check out the 'EVENTS' calendar online and of course Ben's article. Our Vice Commodore Jim Sorensen has kept the vibe going in the bar as well. Jimmy Raw Bar has been coming every Friday and literally selling out. He now has stuffed clams, stone crab claws and two delicious soups. I think Jimmy needs a new name because Raw Bar just doesn't cut it anymore.

Well anyways, have a great month. Enjoy the 17th. The boat is getting a fresh bottom, the wedding is now 88 days away, and I can't wait until the mounds of snow are gone.

Sláinte,

George E. O'Connell
Commodore





From the Vice Commodore

I have never been prouder to be a member of any club or organization than Fayerweather YC after the events which took place Sunday February 20th. I left the dock at FYC aboard Ken Newlands boat about noon to help with R/C for the Ideal 18's. It was a nice sunny day with 12 to 17 knots of breeze out of the Northwest. We got the races under way a little after 1 p.m. and all was well until the fourth leg of the third race. I saw Chris Gill signaling for assistance. Ken got on the radio and called to the whaler to render assistance and our Commodore George called 911. We had thought that Russell Dunleavy had fallen overboard at first because we couldn't see him on the boat. Chris Anto and my wife Betsy sailed over to the boat while the whaler was seconds away. Russell hadn't fallen overboard but much worse, he had a heart attack. Betsy, who is an RN, jumped onboard and did CPR. The whaler arrived and Russell was transferred by Chris, Betsy, and Greg Wykoff. Greg and Betsy continued CPR while Charlie Gulotta kept a cool hand at the helm and motored to FYC at full throttle. Arriving at the dock Russell was blue with no pulse. Waiting at the FYC dock were Mike Sullivan and Tom Lee with the FYC defibrillator. They got his heart going. The ambulance arrived and transported Russell to Bridgeport Hospital. Betsy went along in the ambulance while Tom Lee followed. The rest of us waited to hear how he was doing. A few hours later we got a call from Betsy letting us know that Russell was stabilized. As I write this article our friend Russell is being evaluated for a quadruple bypass. The doctors told my wife that Russell was alive because of the quick response and the CPR that was started immediately. There were several angels on the water on this day. Angels who are members of FYC and BRYC. I thank all of you who were involved for a valiant and heroic effort to save a friend.

Jim Sorensen



From the Rear Commodore

Thank you to all the members who have come out and supported the recent FYC events at our club, as your participation is truly appreciated. I'm also very grateful to the volunteers who have helped me put these events together. A special congratulations to the following FYC members who cooked up delicious tasting chili and were voted top chefs at our Super Bowl party:

Chef

1st place Russel Dunleavy
2nd place Tom & Ellyn Savard
3rd place Pat Dower

Chili

Game Day Chili
Super Bowl Pumpkin Chili
Chinchilla Chili

Also, the FYC Pool Team was selected after a challenging pool tournament at the club and I'm happy to present the team that will be representing FYC at future yacht club tournaments:

Jim Sorensen	Ty Benham	Ryan Collins	Bob Meeker
Ken Sullivan	Rich Parker	Kevin Kopald	Bill Gilhuly

Great job to everyone and check out pictures of these events at our Fayerweather Yacht Club website.

Coming up in the next few weeks there are a number of great events happening at FYC, so mark you calendar for the following:

Saturday 3/12 – St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. Enjoy the wonderful Irish dinner prepared by Jim Anderson and his fellow FYC cooks while dancing to the music of Colleen and the Boys. The party starts at 6:30pm and tickets are available at the bar for \$18 per person.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 1st

General Meeting • 7:00 pm

Friday, March 4th

Fish Fry • 6:00 pm.

Friday, March 11th

Fishing Comm. Meeting • 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 12th

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance • 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 16th

Racing Rules of Sailing • 7:30 pm

Friday, March 18th

Italian Dinner Night

Saturday, March 19th

Texas Hold'em • 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 26th

Country Western Dancing 6:00 pm

Monday, March 28th

B.O.G. Meeting • 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 9th

Sinatra Night

Saturday, April 23rd

Easter Party

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.

Friday 3/18 – Italian Dinner Night. Come enjoy a mouth-watering selection of delicious Italian foods prepared by Along Came Carol. Tickets are available at the bar and cost \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

Saturday 3/19 – Texas Hold ‘em Poker Tournament. Whether you are a beginner or expert, come down to FYC and play the world’s most popular card game with your FYC friends. The games will start at 3pm sharp with food served to every participant at 6pm. \$10 entry fee per person payable the day of the event.

Saturday 3/26 – Country Western Dancing. Dust off those boots, put on some Wranglers and come learn how to line dance, country swing, square dance and two-step with your fellow FYC cowboys and cowgirls. Members are encouraged to bring their own food dishes for a pot luck style offering. The fun starts at 6pm and tickets are available at the bar for a cost of \$6 per person.

Saturday 4/9 – Sinatra Night. As seen in Las Vegas and all the CT casinos, come down to FYC and enjoy the music of Steve D’Agostino. This is always a great night at FYC, so please try to make this event as you will certainly be happy you did so. Tickets will soon be available at the bar.

Saturday 4/23 – Easter Party. Bring the kids down to FYC and enjoy a full day of easter festivities. Easter egg hunt, raffle, ham shoot, and visit from the Easter Bunny will help make this a great event for the whole family. Tickets will soon be available at the bar.

Visit our FYC website or Facebook page for additional events coming in the next couple of months. Also, stop me at the bar, send me an email or leave me a note regarding any suggested events you would like to see happen at FYC.

Ben Thrush - Ben.thrush@fayerweatheryachtclub.com

Sailing

Butch Ulmer of UK Sails will do a seminar on the Racing Rules of Sailing for us in the Penfield room on March 16 at 1930 hrs. Butch opens the seminar passing out a quiz then he goes over the answers with a Power Point presentation. The seminar ends with Butch fielding any questions you may have. This is a fun way to brush up on the rules for the sailing season. The only charge is someone has to buy Butch a beer. If you do not have a copy of the RRS.2009-2012, it is free with your membership to US SAILING or you can pick up a copy at Landfall Navigation.

Mike Sullivan
Racing Chairman

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Fleet Captain's Corner

Club boats were discussed last month and this issue we conclude that portion of rules pertaining to the use of our skiffs and all Whaler-type vessels we own.

Rule Five: Club boats are for use in Black Rock Harbor only, except for official Club functions. All must be returned to the dock promptly after use. No Club boat may be left tied to a private mooring or dock.

Rule Six: Family members, guests and repairmen may use the launch provided the member notifies the dock person in charge in writing.

Rule Seven: Dock personnel will designate times when only two persons per moored boat will be dropped off or picked up by launch, based on traffic and weather conditions.

Thus we conclude our Dock and Club boat Rules... there are two or three that really require additional reinforcement. We will do a cursory review of these more important rules next month.

Please note that the Shelter and Block Island Cruise Coffee An' is slated for April 9th, 2011. As usual all are invited and the charge remains the same at \$3.00 per person. Time is 0900 to 11:30 hours. Each person should bring something of moderate size for others to eat...we will supply the coffee and tea fixins'.

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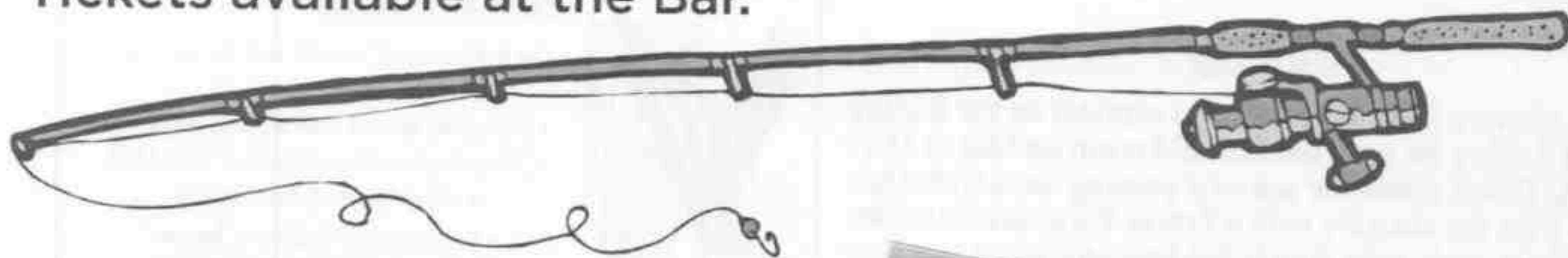
FYC FISHING COMMITTEE

FISH FRY

Fryday
March 4th
6:00pm
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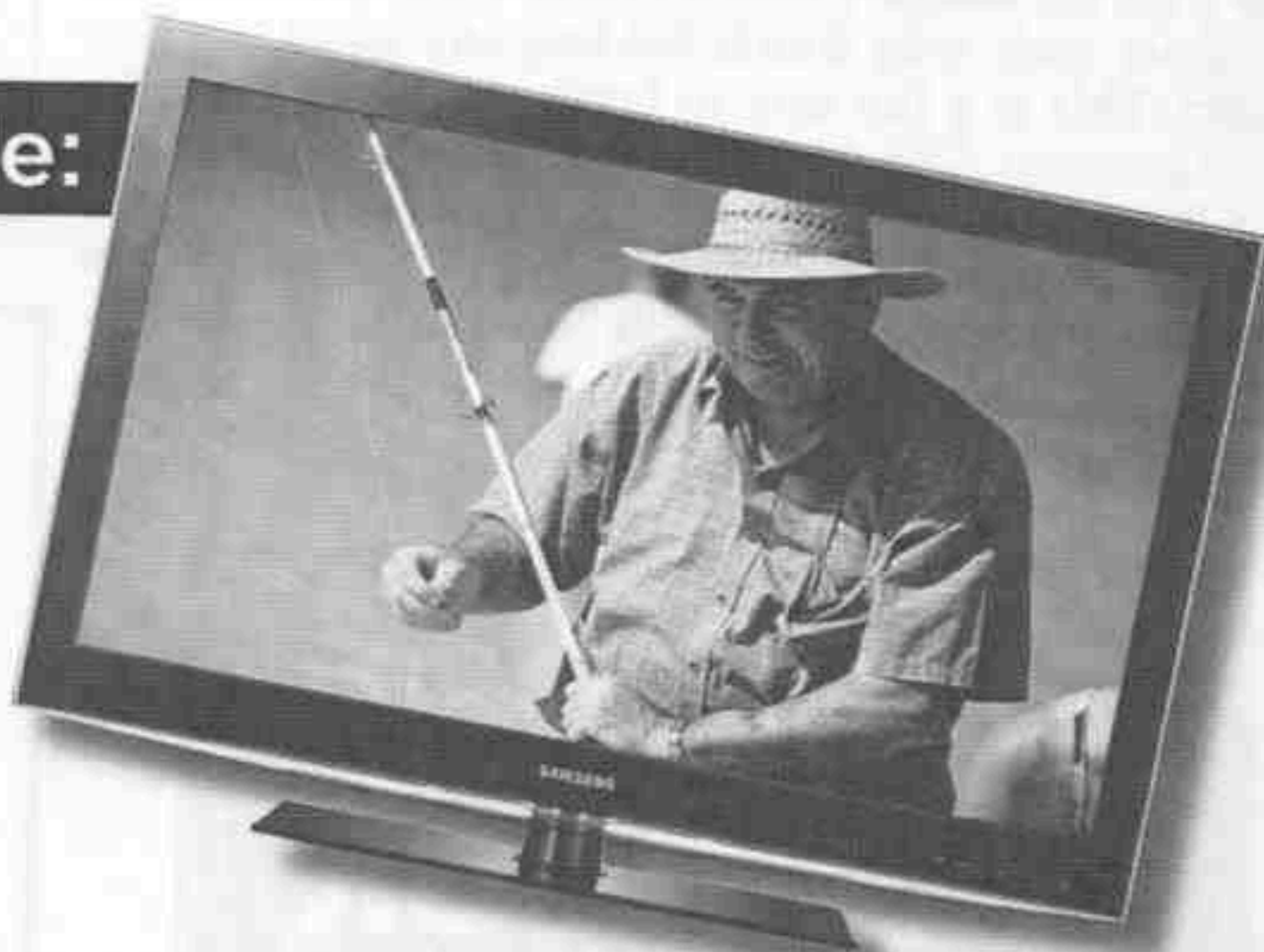
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The Fishing Line

The first Fish Fry of 2011 is on **March 4th**. Tickets are available at the bar. And again this year we will be raffling a 32" Flat Screen HD TV. Ticket sales will start at the Fish Fry for an Opening Day Drawing.

The Tournaments Dates Fishing, Committee Events and the 2011 Annual Fishing Contest Rules are available on the Fishing Committee Board in the bar. Coming soon, check out the Fishing Tab on the FYC Website. We will be in business within the next couple weeks.

The next Fishing Committee Meeting will be Friday, March 11th at 6:30 PM.

Jim Hogarth & Jim Hanrahan
Fishing Committee Co-chairmen

Good & Welfare

Congratulations to Jack Starkey on becoming a life member this past November. We apologize for the delay in recognizing his new status.

The Officers, Members and Auxiliary mourn the loss of life members Donald Schroeder and David Ney. We send our condolences to their families and friends.

Get well wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Donna and Larry Palaia, Denis Rickard and Don Worth.

I appreciate information regarding this column.

Dee Powers
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Auxiliary News

Thank you for all that attended the installion of officers. Welcome Rosemarie Quaranta, Nancy Nadolny, Carrie Parker and Sharon Fabricatore to officer positions of the Auxiliary. Welcome to Trista Donahue for attending the meeting.

This month hostesses will be Donna Palaia and myself. The March meeting will be a chinese auction.

The Fish Fry is Friday, March 4th and the Auxiliary will be selling baked goods. Please bring your goodies to the club by 6 pm.

Our April meeting will be a Mary Kay party by Auxiliary member Betsy Sorensen, so mark your calendars. Our meeting are on the second Wednesday of every month. If you have any questions call me.

Your President,
Lynn Sullivan
203 372-2981

Please note: If you are a member of the Auxiliary in good standing and your spouse should pass away, you still may keep your membership, but you can not join the auxiliary after the fact. You are welcome to apply for membership to the club.

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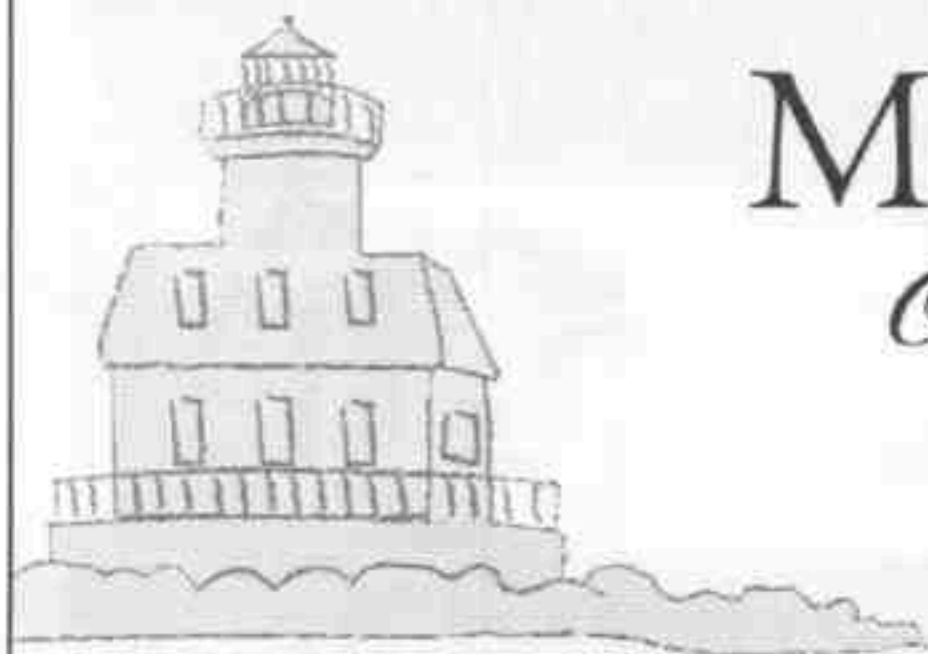


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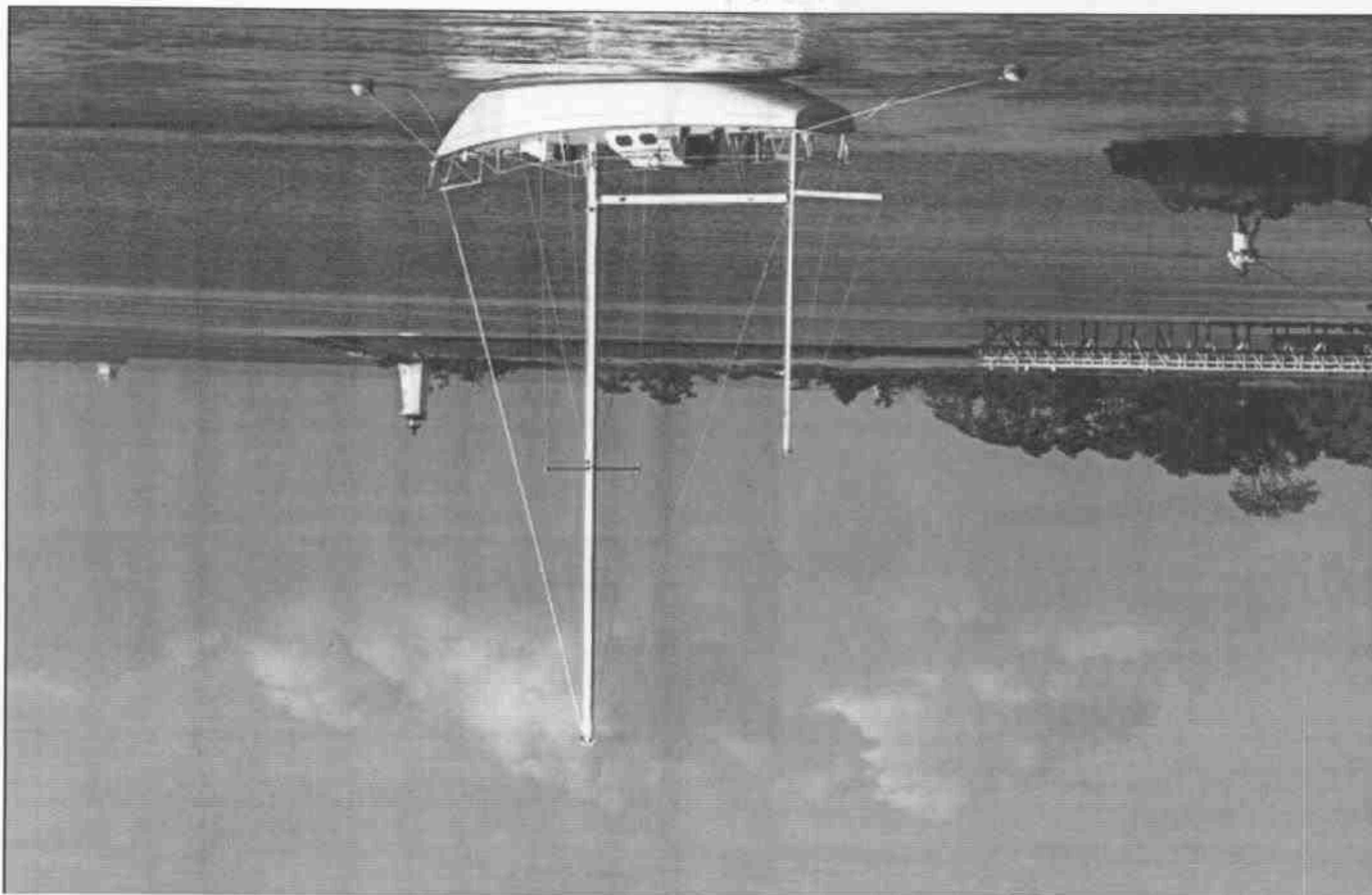


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