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From the Helm

We just came off a Friday that had the thermometer at FYC reading 76 degrees. Spring at FYC is always exciting because it tells me one thing, I better get cracking on Take Time's spring prep work. What is VERY exciting is the new decking that was just installed too. I think the BOG did a fantastic job carefully selecting the right wood and the right contractor and can't believe how awesome it looks. While they were there they also firmed up the under carriage to ensure we have many, many more years of enjoyment of the spectacular views. There are many people who helped in getting this project completed even though some days the contractors were literally out there in the snow. Thank you to Past Commodore Ed Manes and Past House Chair Eric Wuerfele for cracking the whip so it could be ready for the spring days coming our way. Thanks to Current House Chair, Jerry Hogarth, FYC volunteers Mark Berish and Steve Patalano for the many hours and hard work on the railing. If you only knew how much money was saved by keeping this railing and how they stripped, grinded, primed and painted the railings to breathe new life into it. After all my doubts, I was wrong - looks great guys, again thank you.

The next big project will be to find a new concessionaire/caterer for our kitchen. The Board of Governors, through it's kitchen committee, is not taking this selection lightly at all. The kitchen committee has already interviewed 2 candidates but would like to see more come in and see if they might work out for us, and in truth, we work out for them. We have created a RFP (Request for Proposal) and I am able to forward it to anyone you as members might have in mind. Please have them email me at fayerweatheryachtclub@yahoo.com and I will be glad to respond. So far I think I have sent it to 6 total catering companies and expect to have other interview sessions scheduled all April long. As Along Came Carol is finished April 1st, we have a few ideas for Thursday nights to keep having dinner. Please keep an eye out for the dinner menus on the website and on our new FYC electronic billboard in the front hall. Unfortunately, it looks like lunches will definitely be closed for a few weeks until we make our selection. I am working on a solution for that too, but am not sure of the logistics quite yet.

Of course while all this is going on we still have to move forward with our other capital improvements. Sometimes it seems like it is non-stop but while the momentum is with us we must forge on before our BOG members and volunteers get burnt out. The selection of materials and the contractor for the new deck, roof and railings above the Penfield Room are being finalized. Fingers crossed, we hope to have this completed by Opening Day. And finally, the roof and interior work in the upper deck/pool room is in the works as well. I hope you all can see how we want to make sure all members are aware of the necessary improvements being done in a timely manner and that the assessments are being spent with great care and dedication by numerous people. I am quite proud of everyone who surrounds me. They all make me look good.

Sláinte,

George E. O'Connell



From the Vice Commodore

Finally, Spring!!! Time for our annual Good Friday volunteer work day. Come down to our club on Good Friday April 22nd and help us get ready for Opening Day in May. Whether you are a skilled tradesman or someone who can clean or assist, I will find you a task. There's food and beverage of course for all that volunteer.

If you missed out on some of our Rear Commodore's events this winter, there is still time to reprieve yourself. Ben has been bringing our club functions to a whole new level. Texas Hold'em was incredible, with over 50 players contending for the 1st place prize of a 42" flat screen TV for only a \$10 fee which included dinner. Mark Berish proved that he's not just really good at darts as he was the over all winner. Another event which has been huge at FYC is on April 9th, Sinatra Night featuring Steve D'Agostino. Steve has played Vegas as well as Mohegan Sun and is just awesome. This is an event you don't want to miss.

Something that makes me really happy, and at the same time puts tears in my eyes, is the miraculous recovery of our friend Russell. This month on Wednesday night April 20th I have arranged a free CPR/AED course at FYC. This course will be given by Noel Veroba, a club member who owns Orbit Marine and is a certified instructor. Knowledge of operating our club defibrillator and administering CPR could very well prove to be a critical factor in saving the life of a friend or a loved one. I will also arrange a second course if needed to accommodate everyone who would like to learn. The course will be on a first come first serve basis, so sign up at the bar ASAP.

I am in the process of ordering more FYC Jackets which have been a huge success. By Opening Day, there will also be 'children sizes' available and, are you ready, 'infant items'. With the FYC baby boom of late, I think these will be a big hit. I have also ordered FYC first aid kits for your boat or vehicle. If you have an item that you would like to see in our ships store, please let me know.

Our Friday nights have never been better and our Sunday afternoons with the Ideal 18's and the FYC dinks are booming as well. So put the wind in your sails and set a course for FYC. See you soon.

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.

Congratulations to the following FYC members who took home prizes at the recent FYC Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament:

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| 1st Prize: 42-inch LG television | Mark Berish |
| 2nd Prize: 8GB Flip Camera | Jon Baum |
| 3rd Prize: Canon Digital Camera | Kerry Rodgers |

Spring is in the air, the weather is getting warmer and its that dreaded time of year for us to file our income taxes (keep in mind, if you put "the" and "irs" together, it spells "theirs"). What better time to come down to FYC and enjoy some of these upcoming events:

Saturday April 9 – Sinatra Dinner Dance. Put on a Fedora, dust off your dancing shoes and come down to FYC and enjoy Sinatra music with a delicious meal provided by Martha from All in the Family. This event usually sells out, so remember to purchase your tickets at the bar in advance. Tickets are \$20 per person and dinner will be

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 5th
General Meeting • 7:00 pm

Friday, April 8th
Fishing Committee Meeting

Saturday, April 9th
Sinatra Night • 6:30 pm

Friday, April 22nd
Good Friday Club Work Day

Saturday, April 23rd
Easter Party • 12:00 pm

Monday, April 25th
B.O.G. Meeting • 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 4th
Skippers Meeting • 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 14th
Member Cook Night • 5:30 pm

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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served at 6:30pm.

Saturday April 23 – Children's Easter Party. Bring your kids, grandkids, or any kid you can find down to FYC and enjoy a fun filled day with the Easter bunny. There will be a Easter egg hunt, face painting and visit from the Easter bunny for the kids. Not forgetting the adults, there will be Easter drink specials at the bar and a ham-shoot as well. Tickets are \$10 per child and are available at the bar.

Saturday May 14 – Member Cook Night for Families. Come enjoy a delicious kids friendly menu cooked by your fellow FYC members. The evening is going to start at 4pm with games and competitions for the kids and all dinners will be served at 5:30pm. Prizes will be available for the kids and drink specials for the adults. Tickets will soon be available at the bar.

Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering for the upcoming Member Cook Night or if you are interested in being part of any future Member Cook Night as well. Also, visit our website or Facebook page to view pictures from past events and to find additional information about future events at FYC. Finally, 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

Fleet Captain's Corner

As promised in the last three issues of our periodical, I will now do a synopsis of the Dock Rules that seem to give us more problems than the balance of the Rules.

Rule Three: Disabled boats may tie up at the main dock for a period of 24 hours...at the Transient Dock for 48 hours...then the charges begin.

Rule Four: All boats tied to the Main Dock except disabled boats, must be removed by 0900.

Rule Five: The twenty-minute rule...this is the one to watch and the one that seems to get most of our members in trouble.

Special Notice: Under **Rule Two**, the max on the Transient Dock is one week. We give this Rule special treatment for emphasis.

And so ends the trilogy Foghorn relative the Rules...will it do any good? Only proper supervision and member cooperation will tell. We look to our new Dock Master to help our folks do better than has been done in the past.

Look to these dates for what's coming:

April 9th: 0900 to 11:30, the Club Annual Coffee 'An... \$3 each and bring something to share with others.

April 22nd: 0800 to whenever we are finished. The date that some consider 'Opening Day', Good Friday revitalization of the Club and grounds, including but not limited to: Landscape clean-up; painting the necessary; mooring area; locker room, et al.

July 9th: Block Island Cruise

August 6th: Shelter Island Cruise

Any question relative the above, just call me and I'll send you to the source for the proper answer, and I thank you.

Bob Butler - 268-5775

The Fishing Line

Thank you to all that came to the Fish Fry on March 4th and special thanks to the Committee Members who worked the event; Mark Berish, Walt Dobosz, Mike Herrington, Jerry Hogarth, Wally Kimball, Dave Shackett, Gerry Weiss, Dave Farrington and Jim Anderson's Kitchen Crew.

Reminder: Be sure to sign-up for the FYC Annual Fishing Contest at the bar. The fee is \$15.

We are getting close to the drawing for the Toshiba, LCD TV, 32" Widescreen Resolution 1920 x 1080 on Opening Day. Tickets remain available at the bar.

The next Fishing Committee Meeting will be Friday, April 8th at 6:30 PM.

Jim Hogarth & Jim Hanrahan
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Sailing

The FYC Racing Season is almost here. Our Skippers Meeting will be May 4th at 7:00pm in the Penfield Room. This meeting is open to all skippers, crew, and anyone interested in finding out what it is all about.

Mike Sullivan
Racing Chairman

Good & Welfare

Congratulations New Life Members: George Colesworthy, Thomas Lee, Michael Lynders, Louis Roman and Robert Wardman.

Welcome New Members: Johathan Adams, Charles Angotto, III, Maryann Charmoz, Kevin Clark, Andrew Coolsey, William Cotter, Kaitlin Couch, Ann Day, Edwin Hill, Roger Jackson Jr., Anthony Jacozzi, Christopher Jacozzi, Justin Krebs, Cynthia Lambert, Dale Neely Jr., Michael O'Donnell, Celeste Pagano, John Short, John Toal and James Valentine.

Get well wishes and prayers went out to Russell Dunleavy, he is recuperating and back enjoying the club.

The Officers, Members and Auxiliary mourn the loss of member John Rozsa. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

FYC BURGEE STICKERS

For sale at the bar \$3.00, for your cars left bumper and the stern of your boat. The stickers aid in security identification when parking in the club lots or on a mooring. Show pride in the club and purchase a sticker today.

Sea you all on our beautiful new deck, spring is here!

Dee Powers
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Auxiliary News

Thank you goes out to Donna Palaia for the great cakes at the March meeting. We all had a great time at the Chinese Auction. We still need stuffed bunnies for the children's Easter party raffle. Please bring them to the April meeting. Our April meeting will be a Mary Kay Party by Betsy Sorensen. Our hostess's for April are Carolyn Skiba and Judy Duva. We have a few good ideas going on in the Auxiliary so please come to a meeting to find out. Our May meeting will be "Cooking With Barbara". Reminder, our "Getting To Know You" will be on June 14th so please mark your calendar. The Auxiliary meets on the second Wednesday of every month from Jan to June and then from Sept to Dec. If you have any questions please contact me.

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Children's Easter Party

Saturday, April 23rd

12pm - 4pm

Special magic show starting at 1:30pm

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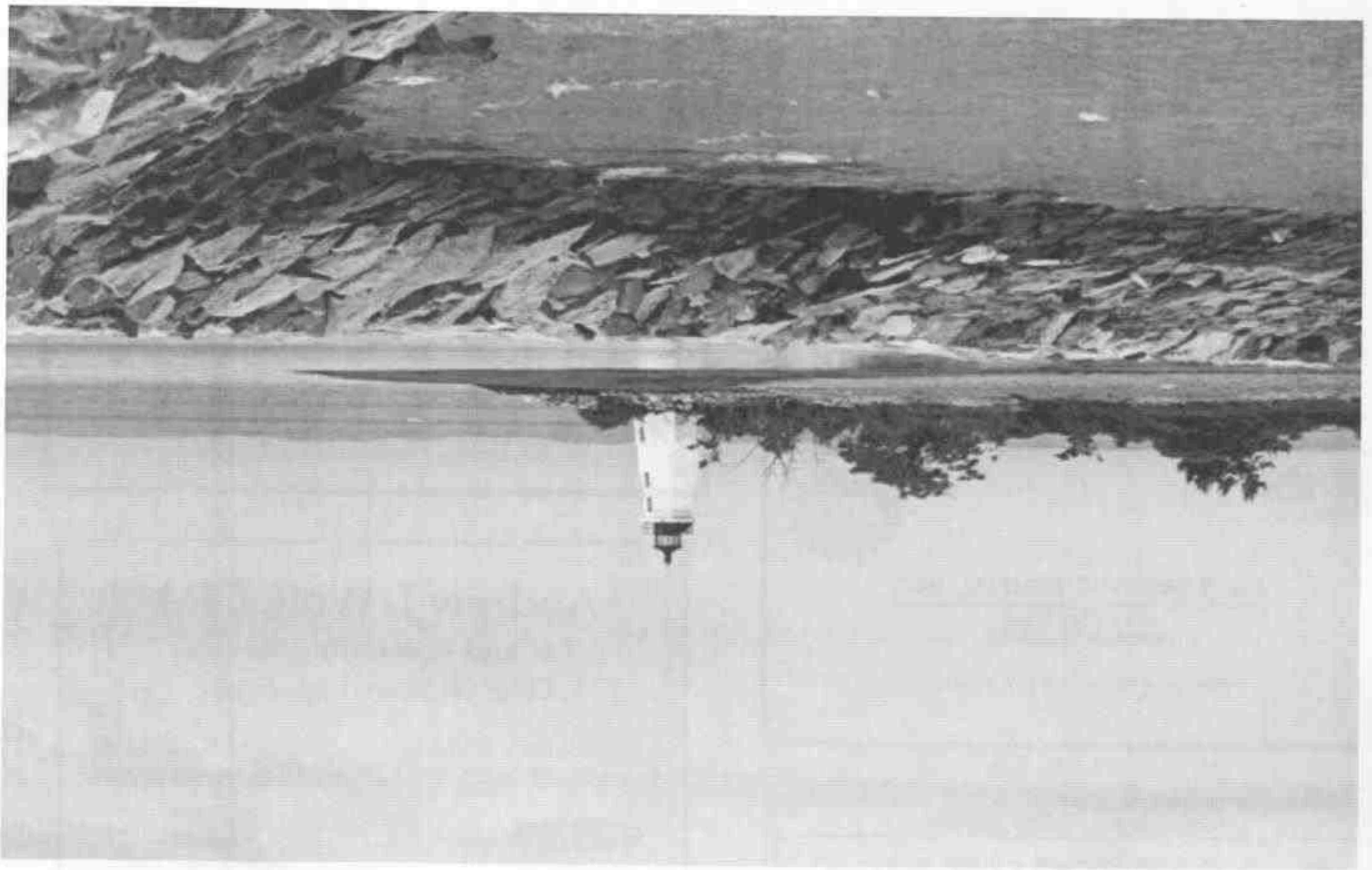


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