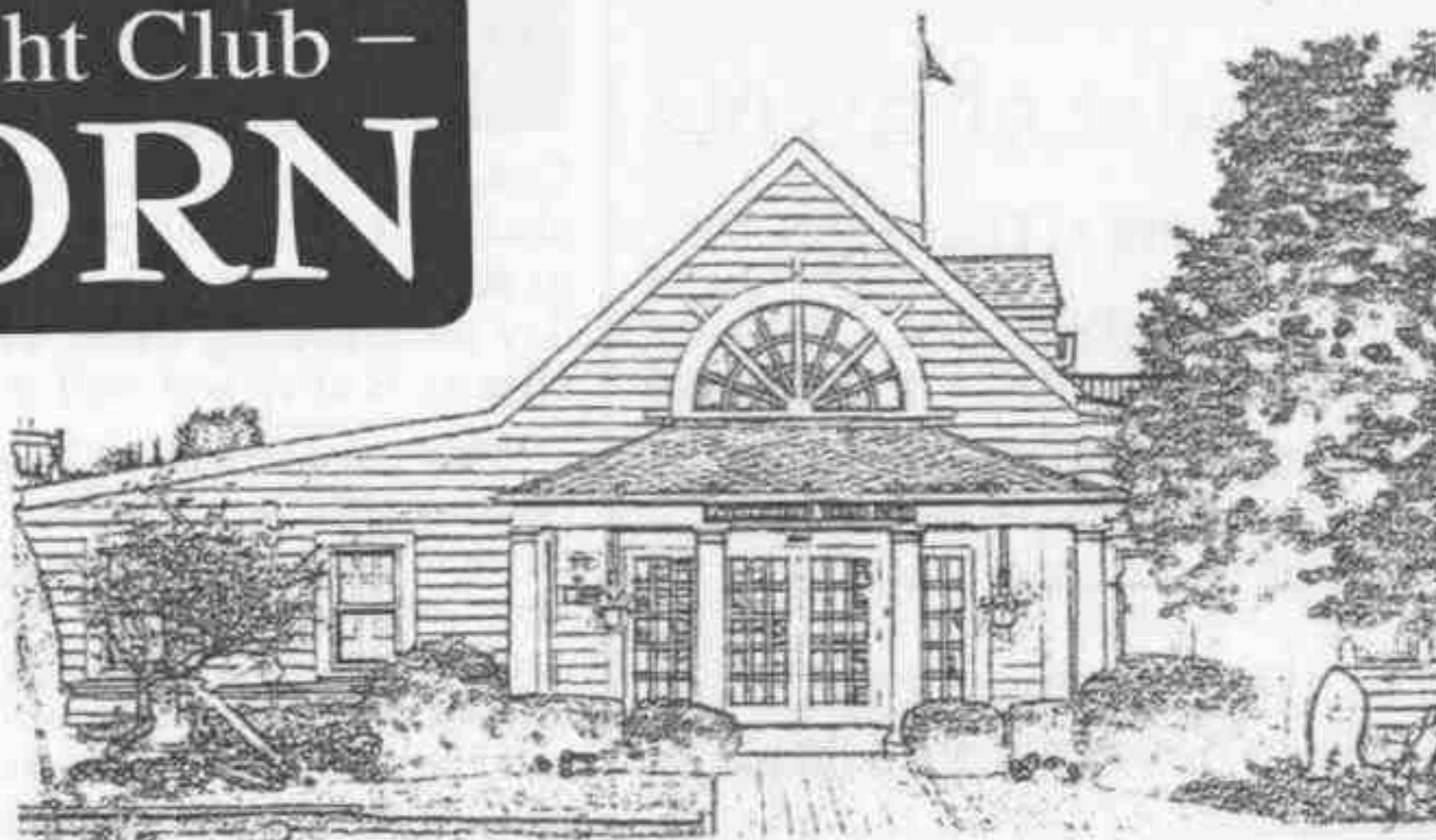


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## From the Helm

Well after that long cold winter, summer is finally here. Maybe the calendar doesn't say it officially, but our Opening Day officially opens the summer season for all Fayerweather Yacht Club members. The new deck looks awesome, new launch is dedicated (Earl M. DeWitt), the new above Penfield Room deck (soon to be named I hope) is almost done, the roofs are almost completely repaired, and the upper deck (pool room) is next on our hit list. Jerry Hogarth, through the diligence also from Eric Wuerfele, has done a spectacular job managing the capital improvement projects so far this year. I keep telling him to slow down before he burns himself out but he just puts his head down and grinds on. Buy Jerry a nice cold beverage (Bud Light please!) next time you see him, it is well deserved!

Sailing and fishing are two great FYC competitive traditions. There are many sailors and fisherman who are always looking for crew or help on their boats. So how can you get involved? Very simple. Just come down on any Race Night Wednesday and ask around if you want to sail. It may not happen that Wednesday, but soon you'll be noticed and will be crewing on a fellow members boat. Asking about fishing? There are plenty of members who go out for tournaments that need bodies. Maybe you just want to go out on an early Sunday morning for fun – there are members looking for a fishing buddy. Ask around the club or email us at: fayerweatheryachtclub@yahoo.com and I will forward it to the Fishing Committee chairs. Remember we aren't always about fishing and sailing. Our Rear Commodore Ben Thrush is always looking for volunteers for his events. Contact him at [Ben.Thrush@fayerweatheryachtclub.com](mailto:Ben.Thrush@fayerweatheryachtclub.com) for more information on his needs. All Ben's events are all about having fun and he even makes the set up parties fun somehow.

Well I am actually typing this from my honeymoon so I better sign off before Lori gets back from her day of pampering. Off to hit the craps table for the night. Lastly, use the Club, come drink a glass of wine on our new deck, come read sitting by the water, come eat some of Lasse's @ FYC phenomenally delicious offerings for lunch, Wednesday Grill Night or Thursday Night Dinners. It is my Club. It is your Club. It is our Club. It is Fayerweather Yacht Club. Hope to see you soon!

Sláinte,  
George E. O'Connell





## Calendar of Events

### **\*\*Notice of Election\*\***

#### **Tuesday, June 7th**

**General Meeting • 7:00 pm  
and BOG Member Election**  
The voting times for this Election  
will be from 5:30pm until 7:15pm.

#### **Friday, June 24th**

**Hunky Turkey Night • 6:00 pm**

#### **Monday, June 27th**

**B.O.G. Meeting • 7:00 pm**

## Weekly Events

### **Thursday Night Dinner**

**Check website for special menus**

### **Friday Night Happy Hour**

**—Raw bar, lobster rolls, chowder—  
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### **Wed Night Racing**

**Race 1 • May 11th  
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FYC Fishing  
Committee  
**Hunky  
Turkey  
Night!**  
Friday,  
June 24th



## From the Vice Commodore

Welcome to June and plenty of good times ahead at FYC. Congratulations to George and his beautiful bride Lori. Our sailing chair Mike Sullivan put on a fantastic Mothers Day Brunch thanks to all our Fayerweather volunteers. We celebrated another opening day remembering those we lost and celebrating those still with us. History is alive and well at Fayerweather.

May gave us our new caterer, Lasses. Our kitchen is now up and running with lunches Tues through Sunday and dinners on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings. The process to retain a new caterer has been long and arduous. We had to review and edit our contract and construct an RFP (Request for Proposal) before any prospective caterers could be interviewed. After our BOG approved the contract and the RFP, we had to schedule and interview prospective caterers. When we got down to the final three, we had trial Thursday Night Dinners. We also provided some member-cooked dinners in attempting to keep Thursday Nights alive. And alive they have been, serving more dinners and drinks than we have in some time. I would like to thank my kitchen committee, Our Commodore George, Jerry Hogarth, Gary Swanson, and Rich Parker for all the time put in behind the scenes in helping me find our great new caterer.

Friday nights are better than ever with Swansons Raw and Hot Bar and music on most Fridays. Check our Fayerweather website for upcoming events and kitchen information. Check out the photo page for recent and past photos from FYC events. Come down on Wednesday to have a bite to eat, come for a sail, or both. We have sailing for all levels, beginner to expert.

Put July 23rd on your calendar for The Park City Regatta. This year we are working on the Park City Regatta web site so that you will be able to donate to a specific boat online. The boats raising the most money will receive awards just as well as the boats that win the races. There will be a picnic and music as well and a special Mount Gay Rum drink. Check out parkcityregatta.com. All the money we raise goes to St. Vincent's Swim Across The Sound

I would like to thank our Ladies Auxiliary, lead by Lynn Sullivan, for providing us with a new glasswasher behind the bar. This will be a welcome addition for all members. We also have installed a new compressor for our walk in cooler in the kitchen. Soon our upper deck above the Penfield Room will have a new roof and railings. Once completed this will be a great place to have a cocktail or two. Finally, I look forward to seeing you at FYC. So, may you keep the wind in your sails and/or your tank full.

**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.

There are fewer events at FYC during the summer months, but our club is still one of the best places to enjoy a nice summer day along the water. If you want to stop by for lunch, enjoy a sunset on the deck or just happen to be in the neighborhood, remember FYC is a fantastic place to relax during the long summer days.



**Friday June 24th - Hunky Turkey:** This is an annual event that serves up a turkey dish like none other. Try to stop by FYC for this event as I promise you will keep it on your calendar for years to come.

Visit our website or Facebook page to view pictures from past events and to find additional information about future events at FYC. Also, I generally send out a weekly email reminding members of upcoming attractions at FYC, so if you don't get this email, send me your email address and I will add you to the distribution. 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

## The Fishing Line

**Congratulation** to Rich Zawadzki who won the 32" Toshiba, LCD TV raffled off on Opening Day.

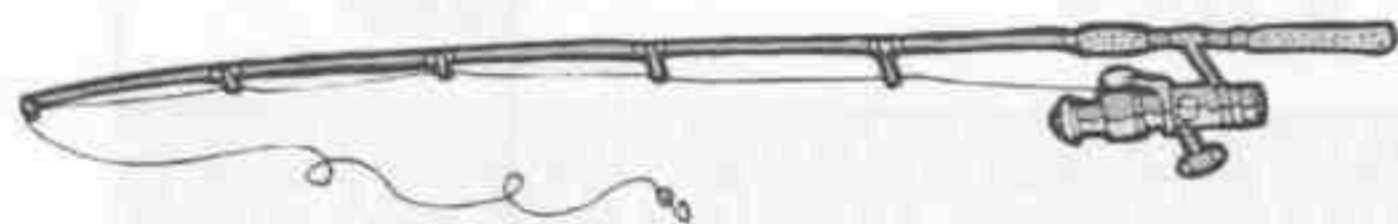
The year's first **Fishing Committee Hunky Turkey** will be **Friday, June 24th** starting at 6:30 PM.

The **Interclub Bluefish Tournament** will be held on Sunday, August 7th. Entry Forms are available on the Fishing Committee Board in the bar. We would like to have a strong turnout for this event. Please contact Jim Hanrahan or Jim Hogarth with any questions.

**Reminder:** Be sure to sign-up for the FYC Annual Fishing Contest at the bar. The fee is \$15. Striped Bass, Bluefish and Fluke have moved into our area of the Sound.

The next Fishing Committee Meeting will be Friday, June 10th at 6:30 PM.

**Jim Hogarth & Jim Hanrahan**  
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Do you know who contributed the greatest number of boats to St. Vincent's Swim Across the Sound in 2010?? Yes!! – FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB!! Last year FYC contributed 15 of the 120+ boats for the annual event. But this year we want to do even better! Boats are needed for the August 6 event to escort swimmers (solo swimmers, 2-person relays and larger relayteams), as guide boats to both protect and direct the day-long swim and as miscellaneous boats for medical, publicity and other activities. Powerboats and sailboats alike will work for all purposes. Furthermore, enjoy a reception and free slip at Danfords Marina in Port Jefferson the night before the swim (August 5), plus the day-ending banquet and Award Ceremony after the Swim at the finish at Captain's Cove Seaport. To enroll as a captain, log on to the St. Vincent's web site at <http://give.stvincents.org/marathon2011>. Any questions contact Mike Herrington at 203-255-0815 or Gibb Colesworthy at 203-913-4119. We look forward to sustaining the FYC leadership in this terrific event, which in 2010 raised \$480,000 for CancerCare and a total of \$2,600,000 for the entire year-round cycle of Swim Across the Sound events and activities.



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## Good & Welfare

Congratulations and best wishes to our Commodore George O'Connell, and his bride Lori Sullivan. They were married on May 21. Cheers.

Welcome New Members: Russell Sexton, James J. Heckler, Jacob Sokol, Theodore Ivanko, David Steffens, Jason M. Corsi, Tim Osborn, Frank Duzy, Frances Schulman and Daniel Clauson.

Congratulations New Life Member Gary Rooney. Congratulations Life Member Douglas Beney.

We are sorry to hear that life member Patricia Hickey is ill, and we send our thoughts and best wishes to her.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** Regarding Life Membership, the By-Laws state: Any member in good standing, after (25) years of continuous membership, will automatically be granted life membership and need not apply by mail to the Board of Governors.

Early Life Membership, any member in good standing, after (15) years of continuous membership, having reached the age of 65 years and is retired, must apply by sending a letter requesting early Life Membership to the board of Governors.

Enjoy your summer at the club.

Dee Powers  
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## Auxiliary News

Thank you MaryAnn, Jill and Judy for the great treats at our May meeting.

Our Pot Luck is on June 8th at 7pm sharp. Please contact Carrie Parker at 203 259-5059 if you are planning to attend. Cut off date is June 3rd.

Our "Getting to Know You" is on June 14th. at 630. Any Auxiliary member from Fayweather planning to attend please contact Donna Palaia at 203 333-0442 or email her at misst1995@aol.com by June 4th.

Enjoy your summer and we will resume our meetings in September on the second wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Hope to see you at the club this summer.

Your President,  
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The approximately 20 minute voluntary check-up is to assure that your boat and equipment meets all state and federal requirements and that everything is in good working condition. During the safety check, the Vessel Examiner will be able to share life saving ideas and will offer helpful hints on how to be a better boater. With the average age of boats increasing because of the economy, it's even more important to have a second pair trained eyes looking over your boat.

If your boat meets all the requirements, it will be awarded a "Seal of Safety" decal that shows law enforcement officers that you are operating a safe boat. Marine law enforcement Officers and the Coast Guard usually respect the "Seal"; thus you may avoid the stress and inconvenience of a random marine boarding that can result in a citation. Many insurance companies are beginning to recognize the "Seal of Safety" and may offer to reduce premiums. But perhaps the greatest benefit of having a Vessel Safety Check performed on your boat is peace of mind; knowing that a small event will not grow into a dangerous emergency because of safety equipment failures. To find out more about what is involved in a vessel safety check, go to [www.safetysea.net](http://www.safetysea.net).

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OF FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB  
SPECIAL ELECTION

The Nominating Committee hereby endorses Jeff Vangele for its slate to fill the vacancy on the Board of Governors left by Catherine Wall's resignation.

The Nominating Committee thanks everyone who stepped forward to interview for these positions. These were extremely difficult choices given the qualifications and level of integrity of all who approached us.

Anyone wishing to run from the floor is heartily encouraged to do so pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws.

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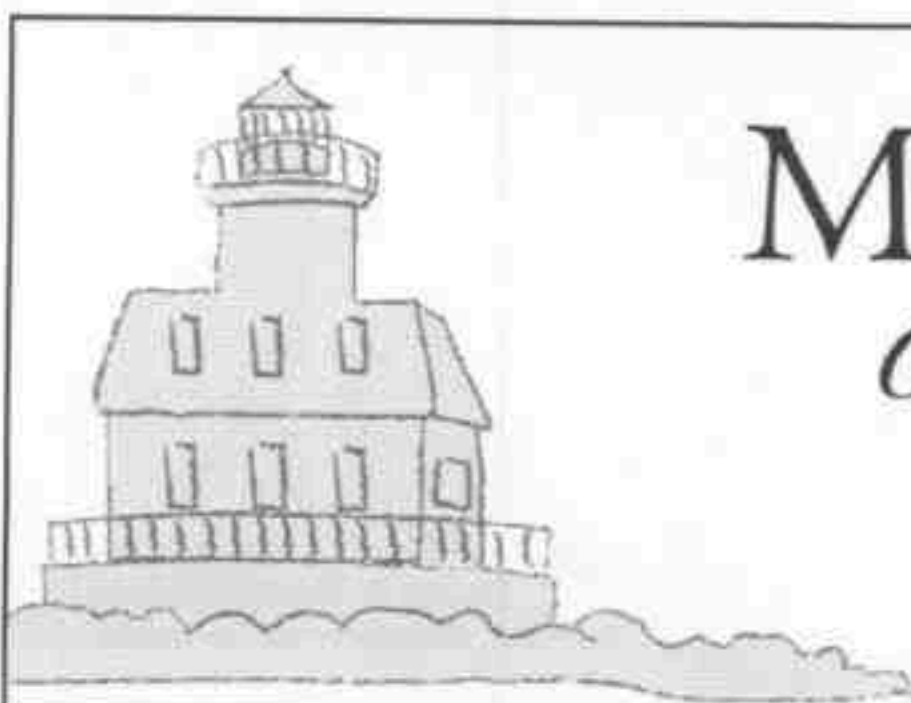
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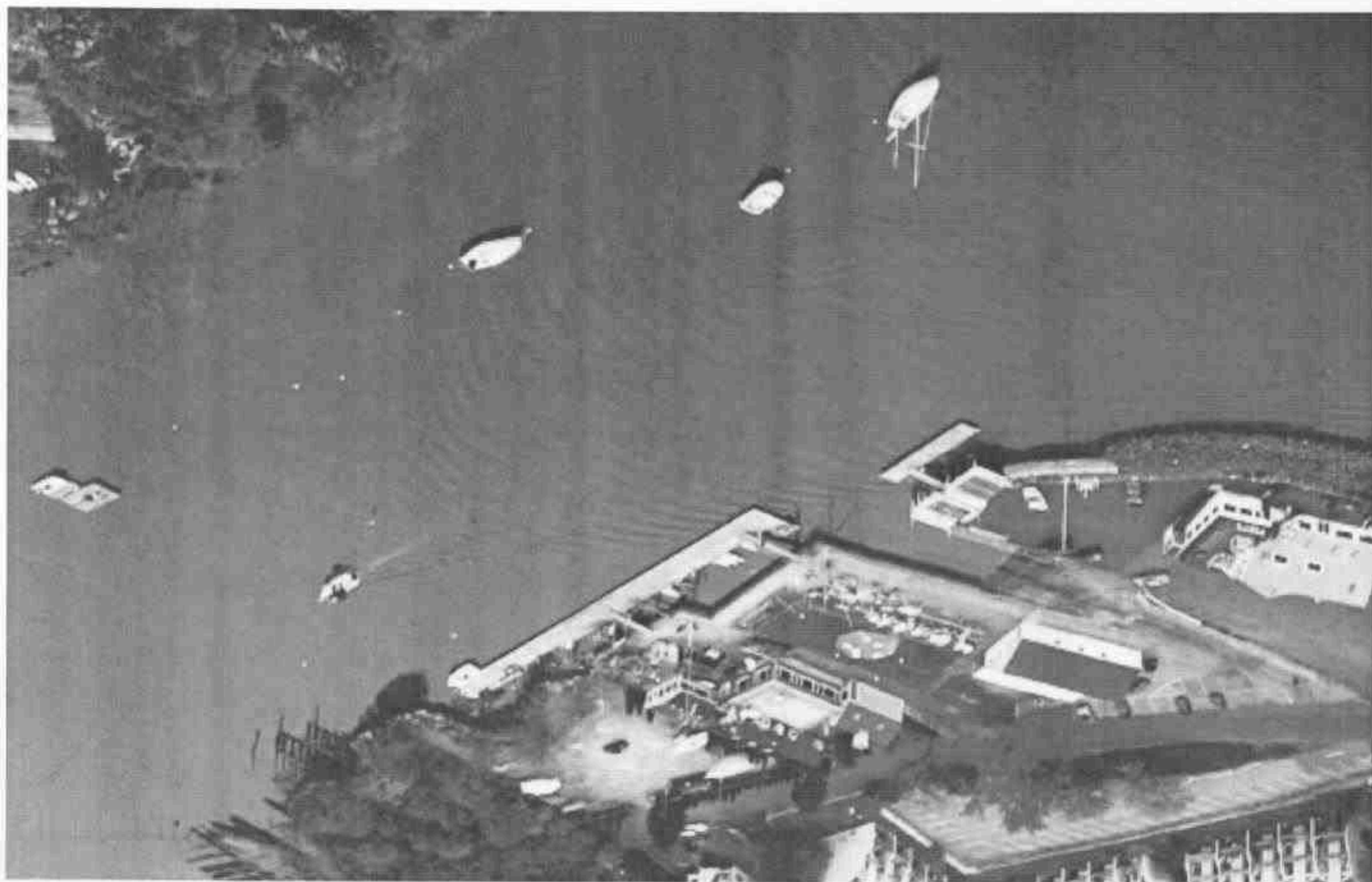
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