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From the Helm

It's June and the boating season has arrived. The mild spring has given us plenty of time to prepare our boats for summer days ahead. We are busily prepping the hulls, fairing, sanding and applying bottom paint. There are others, however, who, for whatever reasons did not. I fell into the latter category. If it were not for Steve Wargo I would still be a landlubber. Just another reason for my love of Fayerweather -members helping members - Thank you Steve!

Opening Day went well with the dedication and hard work of so many volunteers. Our cast of characters assumed their usual duties and posts as they've done for many a year. Bob Butler and Ian Blossom played taps accompanied by Al Namian on drums. Our club historian Robert Kranyk graciously emceed the event. The liver bacon and onions, along with other delicious fare, was prepared by Jim Anderson, Geza and Lindsay Yelenick and crew. I would like to thank the Officers, Board of Governors, Past Commodores and dignitaries who were in attendance to help us celebrate. Our sister clubs from Bridgeport joined in the festivities, including our neighbors in Black Rock Harbor: Vice Commodore Lisa Thornton from BRYC and Commander Rich Iannucci from Port Five.

The Auxiliary contributed desserts and lovely plantings to grace our landscape. Thanks to the decorating and gardening expertise of our Financial Secretary, Dee Powers, the property looks inviting from the land or from the harbor.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard Past Commodore Bill Selski who was elected to the open Board of Governor position last month. We look forward to working with him through the year.

Our docks are beginning to brim with activity and our dock master Scott Orschler is up to the task, ensuring that our docks are in perfect order for the season.

Continue looking on the FYC website for upcoming events and keep informed of the on-going goings-on at the club throughout our favorite season.

Hope to see you at Fayerweather!

Commodore Ed Manes



From the Vice Commodore

Time to enjoy the Summer – Opening Day makes it official. Bring on the BBQ's, Clam Bakes, Summer Concerts, and Good Times on the Water!

Mother's Day Brunch was a tremendous success (167 served). What about Father's Day?

As a gentle reminder – Please return your glasses and bottles to the Bar. Also while on Club property, consumption of alcoholic beverages must be purchased through the Bar according to State Law. Please be aware that you could jeopardize our Liquor License unintentionally.

LuLu's Pad menu is available on the Website. Check out our Thursday Night Dinner, Sunday Morning Breakfast and now **Wednesday and Friday evening selections.**

Make Fayerweather proud! Sport our new 2012 FYC line - shirts, hats, zippered hoodies and more are available at the Ship Store. If you would like something special – please let me know.

Digital Foghorn emails are now implemented. I apologize to those who thought the email blasts were excessive. Those who chose to receive the information digitally, will continue to stay informed of the club dinners and functions while saving the club \$1.25/member/issue.

We still have a number of Mooring and Dinghies unlabeled. I understand that several moorings have been left by former members and should be considered abandoned. We don't want to get your equipment confused with those abandoned. Even if you are not going in this year, please mark your mooring and we will make arrangements for storage.

One final note: Please make sure we have a phone number and emails to contact you – with land lines disappearing, you may be passed over or miss out on important information.

I can be reached via e-mail at rich@Fayerweatheryachtclub.com.

See you at the Club!

Rich Parker



From the Rear Commodore

Well, May was a busy month for events at the club. What, with Cinco De Mayo, Race Night, Mother's Day Brunch and Hunkey Turkey, as well as a great Opening Day, there was hardly any time to catch your breath. So I would just like to say a big thank you to all who came out to support these events, and an even bigger thank you to those members who helped put them together. Give yourselves a big round of applause.

June is the real start of the summer season, so the event calendar leans out a little, and rightly so. Summer is the best season to enjoy the terrific views and social atmosphere that your club has to offer. Make a point of getting down to the FYC and relaxing by the water, and enjoying all that your club has to offer.

Unfortunately, we will need to cancel the mid-June Poker night, but we will have a re-run of this popular event in the fall.

As always, if you have any ideas, specific events, or fun times that you would like to see at the FYC, let me know, and we will try to make them happen.

Slan agus Ceol and a Happy and Safe Summer to All,

Tom Bruton

Tom@fayerweatheryachtclub.com

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June. 5th
General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June. 17th
Father's Day BBQ 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May. 13th
Mother's Day Brunch 12:00 p.m.

Monday, May. 25th
B.O.G. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Events

Thursday Night Dinner
Check website for special menus

Friday Night Happy Hour
–Raw bar, lobster rolls, chowder–
–Live Music–

Wed Night Racing
First Warning Signal 6:50 p.m.

Afternoon
Father's Day BBQ
on the Lawn
Sunday June 17th
2:00pm to 5:00pm

Bring the children,
(at least your favorite ones), down to the
FYC, or better still have them bring you
down, for an afternoon of family fun.
Father/Child BBQ specials.



Fleet Captain's Corner

Without excessive fear of contradiction or census, I am listing here the major cruising dates for our Club.

Block Island pre-cruise meeting will be on Sunday, July one. The reasoning behind the Sunday is activity including July Fourth. Meeting is at the Club at 1930 hours, as usual.

Shelter Island pre-cruise meeting will be on Wednesday August one, again at the Club and again at 1930 hours.

The Block trip departs July 14 and the first stop will be the Ct. River, at North Cove...or Duck Island if that is your preference. The second day we will be at mecca...i.e. Block Island.

The Shelter trip departs August 11 and again the North Cove stop for the night is in order...some may press on to Coecles Harbor and make it the same day. Either way the trip is one not to miss. Please join us if you can...to my best recollection, this year will make the forty-fifth year that we have done this. As with learning a language, repetition is the key.

Dave Riordan has asked me to mention that there are some members who continue to put trailers in the South Yard... they are doing so without permission...they obviously have not read the applicable Rules ...the common sense premise of which is to talk first to Dave Riordan.

As to use of the hoist to put boats in the water, the list of operators has been posted. Only assigned operators can run the hoist. Please call three days in advance of splash date to the operator assigned to your day. At times there is a build-up of folks going in the same day...and this could become problematical.

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Sailing

I would like to thank the 190 members and guests who attended our Mothers Day Brunch, hosted by the Fayerweather Sailing Committee. It was great to see so many family's treating Mom to a day out of the kitchen. It would not have been possible without your support, and our club cooks Russel Dunleavy and Scott Salb, and the help of so many others who setup, served, and cleared tables. As you may not know, this is our effort to help keep Sailing activities self-supportive in the upkeep and replacement of our club equipment, so thanks again.

The Wednesday Night Sailing Series is under way, and this is your chance to come aboard. Skippers are always looking for crew. We invite first timers and old salts not currently commanding their own vessel, to come down to the docks before the boats cast off, no later than 6:00 pm, and ask out loud who needs crew. Someone will help you find a skipper who is short-handed. At Fayerweather we are all about having fun out on the water. This is a great chance to meet other members, learn something new, or help a new skipper navigate the race course.

Mike Sullivan
Sailing Chairman

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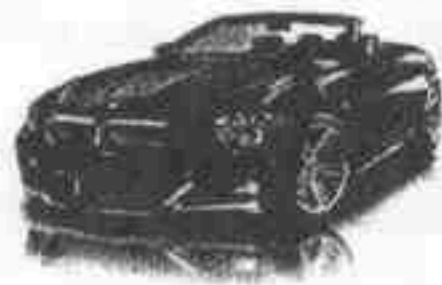
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Auxiliary News

Thanks goes out to Arlene for the delicious cake and pie she brought to the May meeting.

June 13th is our Pot Luck Dinner. Please remember that you may bring your spouse or significant other. You do have to let Judy Duva (203-372-5114) know what you are bringing.

Do not forget that we have been invited to the East End Yacht Club on June 14th at 6:30pm. Please call me (203 372 2981) so I can let them know the number from our club.

The Pot Luck Dinner is our last meeting and then we are off for the summer months and start again in September. Hope you all have a great summer!

Your President,

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There was a song in the 60's that had the line, "you haven't done nothin' that hasn't been done before". Well, the Bishop Cup and Fayerweather Yacht Club have!!!

I'm writing this article now because accomplishments should be remembered long after the fact, so let me give you some recent facts:

In 2010, the Bishop Cup Committee opened the race to clubs that belong to the Commodore's Council. This membership presently includes thirteen clubs in the Fairfield and New Haven counties, from Norwalk to New Haven, and up the Housatonic River to Shelton. This decision was encouraged by the relocation of Pequonnock Yacht Club to New Haven. This relocation created problems for many of the boat owners who wanted to keep their boats nearby, and they understandably joined East End and Miamogue, which meant they had to run for their new club. The Committee didn't want to simply cut Pequonnock out of the race, so we expanded the "residency requirements". Also, at this time, we took into consideration that participation was declining, and decided to allow other clubs outside Bridgeport to participate in the race, with certain conditions. Some of these issues had been discussed many times over many years, but 2010 was when it all came together, when there were entrants from the new Pequonnock Y.C. in New Haven, and entrants from Ischoda Y.C. in Norwalk.

Miamogue Y.C. won the first Bishop Cup Race in 1910. They won the race in 2010.

The 2011 race was run out of Fayerweather, so let me tell you this – I heard nothing but compliments about our club. The bar was friendly, the dock personnel were great, the whole atmosphere of the club was pleasant. Here I must pay an extra compliment to our cooks that day, George Ferrara, Booby Meeker, and Jimmy Hogarth Sr. These guys jumped in to help at the last minute when some problems arose. A very extra, very special thank you to them. Also my own thank you to Laurie in the kitchen for helping me out in a stressful moment. Thanks also to George O'Connell, Jim Sorensen, and Ben Thrush for their help and support. And one more thank you. For a donation of prizes to Fayerweather entrants, a special thank you to Arlene Bartine.

The first race of the second century was won by the new comer – Ischoda Yacht Club. The Bishops Cup now sits proudly in their new bar. Congratulations to them. The victory dinner was held at Ischoda. Congratulations to Bill Zombar (a former FYC member), he's the one whose victory was celebrated.

We had another first at FYC this year. Ronald Wilson, who has been a member for some years, decided to run the race. Ron did well for his first outing, coming in third with 2.03% margin of error. Welcome and congratulations to Ron. I think we'll be seeing much more of him, and his boat Seascope, as he puts on the pressure to bring the Cup back to Fayerweather, and I think he'll also bring in some of his friends.

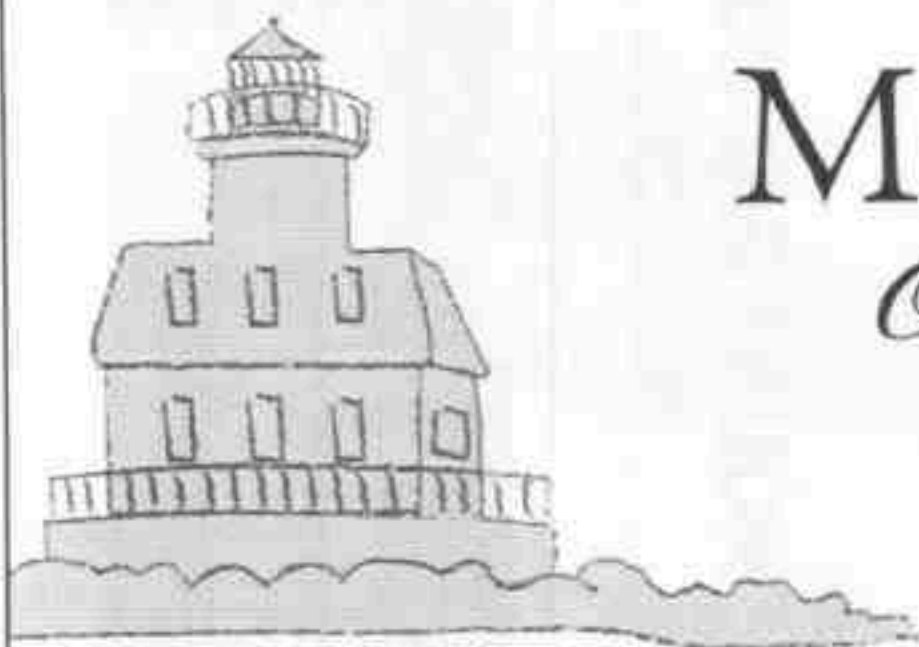
Two of our other entrants didn't fare as well this year, though they know, perseverance, as well as skill, and a little bit of luck, are the factors that lead to victory. Frank Thompson Jr., and John Fiddler – on his sailboat – will also continue to try to bring the Cup back.

Rich Parker, who won the race in 2009, put another first in FYC's history. Rich, like Frank and John, also didn't fare very well this year. But, what Rich did was to be the first to race two boats in the Bishop Cup race. Since he'd recently gotten a sailboat, and a sailboat with the sail down is a powerboat, he wasn't sure which one he wanted to race. So, he chose both. He ran his sailboat, made a turn around, and then ran his powerboat. Though not victorious, a smart move. A first.

The 2012 race is scheduled for August 11th, so get ready. Let's bring the Cup back here to FYC!

Tom Bottillo

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